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## N.E. Wire Technology purchases Montgomery Wire plant

By Jeff Woodburn

LITTLETON – New England Wire Technology Corp, the region's largest manufacturing company, has purchased the former Montgomery Wire building in the Littleton Industrial Park. International Wire Group (IWG), who a few years ago purchased Montgomery Wire and subsequently closed down the operation, sold the empty 84,000 square foot facility for $3.1 million.

Economic development leaders cheered the news.

"This is a big deal," said Brien Ward, a former State Representative and veteran economic development official in Littleton, "New England Wire Technology is a phenomenal company."

He noted that the Lisbon-based corporation knows the building well since they originally built the

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## Cosgriff to leave Lin-Wood at end of year

### *Asks school board not to renew his contract*

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LINCOLN — Michael Cosgriff, the embattled superintendent of SAU 68, the Lin-Wood Public School District, announced last week he was asking the school board not to renew his contract.

On Monday, Cosgriff said it wasn't a resignation but noted it had the same effect. His contract expires in June.

Cosgriff, 61, who has served as superintendent since 2005, has been the subject of a number of heated and well attended school board meetings, during which angry residents posed questions concerning the fate of equipment from the former industrial arts room, as well as his handling of their questions. A petition was submitted to the school board signed by over 100 residents asking the school board to ask for his resignation or to not renew his contract.



FILE PHOTO

**Lin-Wood Superintendent Michael Cosgriff at a school board meeting in November.**

It was hard to continue working in such an environment, Cosgriff said. He said it was time to move on, that the remaining rewards of staying in the job were far outweighed by being away from his partner, who lives in Southampton, Mass., and by the increasingly bitter rhetoric directed at him.

"It's tough living apart from my partner, especially when a significant portion of the population doesn't want me here," Cosgriff said. "The upsetedness started turning the scales."

The questions started at a meeting in September when residents asked what had happened to heavy equipment from the former industrial arts room. They had discovered that equipment had been given to individuals in Lincoln and Woodstock without any kind of procedure or bid process being followed.

At the time, board members told residents the equipment was all accounted for and remained on school property. At a Nov. 23 meeting they conceded it was not, that board policy had been violated and that a member of the school administration had allowed property to be taken. They said the equipment was being recovered. Board members never said which member of the school administration was responsible, though residents pointed the finger at Cosgriff, with several saying they had lost all faith in him.

Such pressure made it dif-

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**Instructor and skier—Kenyon Tuthill, of Dalton, gets a lesson from Instructor Lennie Fillius last Friday at Bretton Woods as part of the mountain's adaptive sports program. Tuthill, who was blinded in the line of duty as a police sergeant in New York, visits the mountain as often as possible. See story on Page A8.**

## School cuts positions, town axes warrant articles to lower tax rate

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LITTLETON - The board of selectmen and the school board both held meetings on Monday to respond to the budget committee's recommendations that the bodies cut roughly $400,000 from their respective budgets. Both worked towards meeting that goal, with the school board cutting an additional $300,000 from its budget, which has already been reduced by over $700,000 from last year, and the town proposing two plans to keep its tax rate level from last year.

The school made an additional $300,000 in cuts at Monday's school board meeting, bringing the total cut from its proposed 2011-2012 budget to just over $1 million. They did this through the elimination of the equivalent of 7.5 more full time positions to add to the eight full time positions they had already eliminated. They reduced the full time equivalencies (FTE) by 15.5 in total through retirements, terminations, and the cutting back of hours and benefits.

"It's unfortunate and sad that we're in this situation, but it's not a situation the board takes lightly," said School Board Chairman Art Tighe on Monday night after the board voted to eliminate the additional positions.

The positions eliminated were a music teacher, support center teacher, playground supervisor, guidance secretary at the high school, technical education teacher, special education case manager, high school/middle school math coach, Littleton Academy custodian, administration assistant for th Career Technical Center and the athletic director, a building and grounds worker, a paraprofessional, and one kindergarten to sixth grade teacher. The middle school librarian is also retiring, and the position is not being filled.

Positions being reduced in hours, benefits, or both are middle school counselor, distance learning supervisor at the high school, and elementary school counselor. Other measures being taken to cut costs include decreased contractual time for occupational therapy, the reduction of special education tuition, and five less extended year days for administration and non-union staff.

The cuts total $1,005,352, on top of the $541,000 and five positions eliminated in last year's budget process.

The administrators present at Monday's meeting

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PHOTO BY MICKEY DE RHAM

**Winter sunset in Sugar Hill, Jan.3**

## NCES cleans up seep, though residents skeptical

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BETHLEHEM–The infamous, unsightly seep caused by leakage from the Trudeau Road landfill is no more.

That was the essence of a report presented to the Board of Selectmen last week by Kevin Roy, general manager of the facility owned by North Country Environmental Services, a subsidiary of Casella Waste Systems, of Rutland, Vt.

The seep, which has become well-known online as a symbol of pollution caused by the landfill was cleaned up by contractors hired by NCES last summer, who removed the unsightly orange seepage which came from iron and manganese coming to the surface and oxidizing. The cleanup was done last summer and took about six weeks, though the permitting through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the cleanup took years, Roy said.

The seep, which is water

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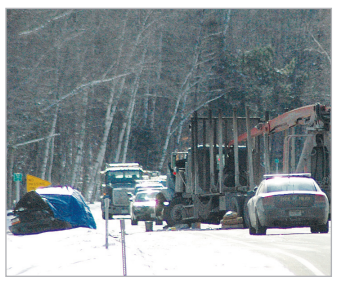
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Local News

# Fatal collision Friday

## *Man and dog die in head on with logging truck*

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ART MCGRATH/THE COURIER

**The scene of a fatal accident on Route 3 in Franconia, Friday. At left can be seen the Dodge Durango driven by George Lacourse, Jr., who drove the vehicle in front of an oncoming logging truck.**

FRANCONIA—Route 3 was closed for more than four hours Friday, after a head-on collision between a SUV and a tractor-trailer truck that took the life of a Whitefield man.

According to State Police officials, George Lacourse, Jr., 54, was killed when at 9:27 a.m. his 1998 Dodge Durango crossed the centerline of Route 3 into the southbound lane, not far from the Bethlehem border, and struck a 2000 Freightliner logging truck driven by Charles Perkins, 64, of North Haverhill. Perkins tried to avoid the collision but was unable to, police said.

Both vehicles received heavy front-end damage and had to be towed from the scene. The Durango ended up in a snow-covered ditch next to the northbound lane.

Perkins was not hurt but a dog in Lacourse's vehicle was also killed.

Route 3 was closed until around 2:30 p.m. as State Police sought a cause for the accident and worked to clear the scene and extract Lacourse from his wrecked vehicle. No cause has been determined yet and the accident remains under investigation. Witnesses to the accident are being sought. Police noted that road conditions and weather were not factors, as it was clear and cold and road surfaces were dry. Alcohol also does not seem to be a factor.

Besides troopers from Troop F and G, responding to the scene were officers from the Franconia and Carroll Police Departments, members of the Franconia and Bethlehem Fire Departments, as well as staff from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

# Family loses home in fire

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BETHLEHEM – A family lost its home in an early morning fire last week but fortunately there were no injuries—even the cat got out.

The Bethlehem Fire Department was called to the home of Donald Flanders, 599 Maple St. at 1:19 a.m. last Wednesday, Jan. 5. When they arrived, flames were shooting up through the roof, according to Fire Chief Jack Anderson. Because of the small size of the dwelling, the fire was quickly contained and fire fighters were able to save some of the family's belongings, but the house was likely a total loss, he said.

When firefighters arrived they were told a cat was still in the building. They were able to find it and rescue it and gave it oxygen when they got it outside.

"It was conscious but barely," Anderson said. "I don't know how we saved it."

Anderson said the cause of the fire is not considered suspicious. It appears to have been an electrical fire which started in the roof, he said.

The fire never went beyond a first alarm fire and was handled by Bethlehem crews with assistance by Littleton, while Twin Mountain and Franconia provided station coverage. There were about 15 to 20 firefighters on hand and they cleared the scene at 2:14 a.m. The Red Cross stepped in to assist Flanders and put him in a motel.

Flanders' mother, Myrtie, was getting ready to move in and a fund has been set up at Connecticut River Bank to assist them. The family had no insurance. The contact person is Joan Iserman, 444-5333.

# Burton honors interns

CONCORD — Since his first term in 1977, Executive Councilor Ray Burton has operated an Intern Program at his State House Office in Concord NH. Since 1977, there have been 135 student Interns who have earned academic credit through this program. Their work consists of working on various projects for the large Northern New Hampshire Council District of 98 Towns and the four Cities of Berlin, Lebanon, Claremont and Laconia spread across the five Northern Counties of Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Belknap and Sullivan. The Interns often represent Councilor Burton's office at legislative hearings and capitol city/government events. Several Interns have also had projects relating to Burton's duties as a Grafton County Commissioner and other Counties in New Hampshire

All of them have gone into public service, such as UNH Intern (1989) Christopher Boothby of Meredith, who just completed 12 years as a Belknap County Commissioner.

Mark Munickello, Keene State (1994) is now a Trade Association Representative for a communications company in Oregon; New England College (1981) Intern Bruce Berke Represents New Hampshire Ski Areas; Laurie Laidlaw (1978) Dartmouth College Intern is now practicing law in New York City; Craig Patte, Middlebury College (1985) is a Trade Association Representative in Washington, D.C.; Whitey Mitchell, West Virginia College (2002) Intern is now in banking in British Columbia, Canada; Sergiue Sirontenko, (2002) from the Russian Tax Institute is now in business in Moscow, Russia; Luke Kraus American University (2009) Intern is working for a Political Action committee and Stefanie Webb, (2009) Plymouth State University Intern now is an administrator at a Mid Western College. Plymouth State University Seniors Nick Casali and Susan Connolly will be starting their internship in this month. The first intern was Scott Pollock from Plymouth State University (1977), who is now in business in Manchester.

"These are but a few of the interns who have evolved into community, government, business and political lives as a part of sharing experiences in New Hampshire State Government for a semester. "It is indeed an honor to come to know them and support their aspirations for their futures," Burton stated.

The Interns and the Program will be honored on Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 5-7 p.m. at a Reception at the Eagle Deli, Concord (across from the NH State House) Everyone is invited. Granite State College President Todd Leach will be a guest Speaker and share his 25 years of experience in higher education and his future projects for the 3,500 learners in the statewide college. For information contact Councilor Burton's Home Office at 747-3662.


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# Corrections

In last week's "School board debates bond payment, institutes spending freeze" story, School Board Member Diane Cumming was incorrectly quoted as saying she was against spending any of the Career Technical Education's (CTE) sending schools' money on the CTE. Rather, Cummings is against spending any of the sending schools' money on the junior high portion of the project. We apologize for the error.

# Gray murderer files motion to change plea

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NORTH HAVERHILL-Anthony Howe, 20, one of the four people to plot and carry out the murder of Christopher Gray in 2008, filed a motion to change his plea from guilty to not guilty last week.

"The defendant was informed that if he withdraws his plea he will be very harshly dealt with by the court and its wrath so to speak," states the motion. "The court can deny the motion to withdraw plea and that will be the end of it. However, Mr. Howe sincerely and honestly believes his appointed attorney was in fact very much ineffective and did not put forth a good faith adequate defense on his behalf."

In December 2009, Howe was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the murder of Gray, a 25-year-old developmentally disabled man who worked as a cashier at the Woodsville Walmart. Gray, a resident of Groton, Vt., was lured to the home Howe shared with Amber Talbot and Timothy Smith – both also convicted of the murder – and brutally strangled and stabbed to death. A fourth party, Michael Robie, Talbot's girlfriend, was also involved in the planning. Investigators said the murder was carried out because Gray had a perceived romantic interest in Talbot.

"First and foremost, the defendant would make it very clear that in no way does he seek to lessen or to minimize the serious nature of the crime that resulted in the loss of life," stated the motion.

Howe claims that his attorney at the time, Claude Buttrey, "put forth an effort to defend Mr. Howe that at best was negligent and ineffective in comparison to the charge of conspiracy to commit murder," according to the court document.

Howe goes on to claim that Buttrey did not meet with the defendant enough times at the county jail to discuss and plan out a solid defense, ask for the defendant's input when negotiating a plea agreement, provide the defendant with all discovery material, and failed to educate the defendant on the process.

"He complied with the defendant's right to adequate legal representation and nothing more," said Howe in the motion. "This by no means is an attack on the person Attorney Buttrey is, but it is a complaint on the representation and defense he put forth for Mr. Howe."

Buttrey had no comment on the allegations.

Gray is the second of Gray's murderers to make a motion to change his guilty plea to not guilty. Smith also filed a motion to change his plea for the reason that his lawyer, James Brooks, did not defend him adequately, and that he was high on cocaine when being prosecuted and therefore did not understand the plea bargain.

The prosecution has filed an objection with the court opposing Howe's motion. Both Howe's and Smith's motions are scheduled to be heard by the court later this month. Should the motions be approved, both men would be tried for first-degree murder, which, in the result of conviction, comes with a sentence of life in prison without parole in New Hampshire.

# Classical series to present music of the French baroque

ST. JOHNSBURY—The Repast Baroque Ensemble, "a graceful, energetic ensemble" (NY Times), will perform works of the masters of the French baroque era with special guest soprano Nell Snaidas on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. at the South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury, presented by the Northeast Kingdom Classical Series.

Playing on period instruments; baroque violin, viola da gamba and harpsichord, musicians Amelia Roosevelt, John Mark Rozendaal and Avi Stein tour the continent performing vivid renditions of music of the baroque era. Joined by soprano Nell Snaidas, whose voice is called "vocally ravishing" by the Times, the St. Johnsbury concert will feature music with a mythology theme. "It's been quite a few years since we've had a baroque concert," said Judith Rankin of the Classical Series, "and we've had many requests for it. These artists will certainly fill the bill."

Tickets will be available at the door or online. General admission is $16; Seniors, $13; Students, $6. In keeping with a wish to make fine music affordable for everyone, the Series offers a low Special Rate of $6 for those on a budget, which can be requested at the ticket table or reserved ahead by calling 626-5993. The church is handicapped accessible via an elevator located at the back of the building. For more information visit www.nekclassicalseries.org or call 748-8012 or 626-9204.

# Courier Almanac

## The word

"It's tough living apart from my partner, especially when a significant portion of the population doesn't want me here. The upsetedness started turning the scales." Lin-Wood School Superintendent Michael Cosgriff speaking about his decision not to seek renewal of his contract, which expires at the end of June.

**See story page A1.**

## Upcoming Meetings

**Special Notice !!!**
Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 10 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**Group:** Littleton Water & Light Commissioner's Meeting
Location: Department's Conference Room
Date: Tuesday, January 18
**Time: 1 p.m.**

**Group:** Supervisors of the Checklist – for corrections or additions to the checklist
Location: Community Center Dining Room
**Date:** Wednesday, January 19
**Time: 7-7:30 p.m.**

**Group:** Board of Selectmen's Meeting
**Location:** Community Center Heald Room
**Date:** Wednesday, January 19
**Time:** 4 p.m.

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Sugar Hill (823-8415)

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- Abbie Greenleaf Memorial (Franconia) (823-8424)
- Littleton Public Library (444-5741)
- Bethlehem Public Library (869-2409)
- Lisbon Public Library (838-6615)
- Haverhill Library Association (989-5578)
- North Haverhill Patten Library (787-2542)
- Woodsville Public Library (747-3483)
- Richardson Memorial Library (823-7001)

## Local bestsellers

Submitted by Jeff Wheeler (Village Book Store)

**Nonfiction**

1. "Shrouded Memories", by Floyd Ramsey
2. "Bad Blood: Freedom and Death in the White Mountains", by Casey Sherman
3. "The Night the Bomber Crashed", by Floyd Ramsey
4. "Logging Railroads of New Hampshire's North Country", by Bill Gove
5. "The Children's Blizzard", by David Laskin
6. "Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories", by Simon WInchester
7. "Franconia Notch History and Guide", by Sarah Welch
8. Just Kids by Patti Smith
9. "Cleo: The Cat who Mended a Family", by Helen Brown
10. "What the Dog Saw: And Other Adventures", by Malcolm Gladwell

**Fiction**

1. "Just After Sunset", by Stephen King
2. "A Reliable Wife", by Robert Goolrick
3. "Pirate Latitudes", by Michael Crichton
4. "Wrecker", by Clive Cussler
5. "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo", by Stieg Larsson
6. "Under the Dome", by Stephen King
7. "The Art of Racing in the Rain", by Garth Stein
8. "Cutting for Stone", by Abraham Verghese
9. "Room", by Emma Donoghue
10. "The Girl Who Played with Fire", by Stieg Larsson

## Five Questions

1. What Celtics star of the 1980s did the Boston Globe say looked like Herman Munster?
2. What method of preserving food did the Incas first use, on potatoes?
3. How many orbits of the Moon were there on the first manned orbit?
4. What southern city does Federal Express channel all its packages through?
5. Which crime series with Telly Savalas was known as The Lion Without a Mane in Germany?

*1. Kevin McHale.*
*2. Freeze-drying.*
*3. 10.*
*4. Memphis*
*5. Kojak.*

# Budget committee suggests preventive measures for potential cut in state funding

## *Recommends roughly $400,000 in cuts from school and town budgets*

By KAYTI BURT
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LITTLETON - The budget committee gave its final recommendations to the school and town last Thursday after months of meetings for line-by-line budget review. With the prospect of a potentially major cut in state aid to local education—up to an estimated $1.6 million—the committee suggested splitting that burden between the three main players: the town, school, and taxpayer.

The budget committee made recommendations for the town to cut almost $400,000 from its budget by maintaining last year's tax rate of $8.04, for the school to plan to cut $400,000 from its budget, and for the taxpayers to raise another $400,000 in appropriations should the shortfall be as drastic as some predict it could be.

"We need to figure that there will be a shortfall of some sort, and plan as a committee how we are going to address that," said Budget Committee Chairman Steve Kelley.

The cut in state aid will come as a result of a $600 million deficit in the state budget. One of the proposed ways to balance the budget is to take money out of educational funding. The state adequacy formula that determines how much each school will get is being recalculated, with some districts getting more and some less.

One of the many formulas being thrown around would translate into the Littleton School District receiving a $1.6 million cut in state funding. Representative Stephanie Eaton presented to the committee that the shortfall will not be as drastic as some predict, but municipal powers continued to plan for any eventuality until they know. The decision will most likely not be made until at least May, but more likely June, said Representative Rusty Bulis at last week's school board meeting.

"We don't want to overreact, but to not react at all is not prudent," said Kelley.

The budget committee's suggestion to split the burden between the three town entities is an attempt to offset that potential shortfall. They used $1.2 million as the estimated shortfall.

"It's all the same pair of pants. It's just different pockets," said Budget Committee Member Stan Fillion during the budget committee's conversation over how the burden should be divided.

Fillion pointed out earlier in the meeting that should the entirety of the cut fall on the shoulders of the taxpayers, it would mean another $2 on the tax rate. He believes that, regardless of what the town and school decide to do this year to keep the tax rate down, the system of ever-increasing salaries and benefits, which is not seen in the private sector right now, cannot be sustained. The cost of labor composes a majority of both the town and school budgets, and realistically that is where cuts need to be made if the tax rate is to be kept down, noted Fillion.

School Board Chairman Art Tighe responded to Fillion's comments by standing by the proposed $15.6 million budget his board and administrators had put together, which included the elimination of the equivalent of eight full-time positions through retirements, terminations, and the cutting back of hours and benefits.

"This board is taking a very strong stance," said Tighe, adding that though the cuts have been difficult, it is time to redefine what are "livable" wages and benefits in an economy where public employees' private counterparts are not getting the same increases each year. The school board cut the equivalent of another 7.5 full time positions at Monday's school board meeting (see article on Page A3).

While the school was recognized by the budget committee for the tough cuts it made in an attempt to downsize its budget, many budget committee members disapproved of a perceived lack of effort on the town's part to do the same.

"I would hope on the town side, we would do more of that innovative thinking," said Fillion, comparing the town's effort unfavorably to the school's.

The town and school have two very unique and different problems, said Budget Committee Member Ed Haines. While the school suffers from a cut in state funding, the town is burdened by an 80 percent jump in debt services. Debt services is driven up significantly by the TransCanada settlement, whose first bond payment, totaling over $500,000 between principal and interest, is hitting the town budget and tax rate this year. The selectmen cut roughly the same amount from elsewhere in the budget to compensate for the debt services increase.

The town's proposed budget ended up coming in at about $6.3 million dollars, up a bit from when it was approved 4-3 by the committee last month. The uptick is due mainly to an increase in the numbers for county dispatch, which were unavailable previously, explained Town Manager Chuck Connell.

The budget translates into an $8.11 town portion of the tax rate, up from $8.04 last year. Unfortunately, this is only one factor in the town's portion of the tax rate. A much more unpredictable factor is the warrant articles approved by the voters, of which roughly $450,000 worth are approved each year. This would bring the town's portion of the tax rate up to over $8.80. The selectmen addressed keeping the tax rate level at Monday's selectmen's meeting (see article on Page A3).

Predicting the effect of warrant articles as accurately as possible, Littleton's total tax rate has been estimated at $23.67, with the town's portion coming in at $8.64, the school's at $11.06, the state education's at $2.46, and the county's at $1.51.

The school's budget hearing is being held at 6 p.m. tonight at the Littleton High School cafeteria. The town's bond and budget hearing will be tomorrow night at the Opera House at 6 p.m.

School Board Member Diane Cummings urged people to present their concerns and suggestion at the budget hearing, rather than waiting until the deliberative session, as to give the board time to process and possibly implement any suggestions.

# Sign up for free Wireless AMBER Alerts™

NEW HAMPSHIRE — As the 15th anniversary of National AMBER Alert Awareness Day approaches on Jan. 13, U.S. Cellular invites customers to sign up to receive free AMBER alerts via text message. Since its inception, the AMBER Alert program has led to the safe recovery of more than 500 children, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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*EDITORIAL*

## The importance of local politics

For the next few months local politics will come to dominate the news and the conversation among many dinner tables. Budgets are being finalized in many towns and soon budget meetings will be held. The first, Littleton's school budget meeting is tonight, followed by the town budget meeting tomorrow. Next week, Bethlehem, the other SB2 town in our coverage area, holds its budget hearing. Then at a fast and furious pace come deliberative sessions and town meetings. Now is the time to pay attention because it affects your wallet and the level of services you receive.

If you are reading the newspaper, then you are probably one of the well-informed voters and this may be preaching to the choir, but that doesn't mean you can't do more. Make sure your neighbors know what they are voting on before voting day – and not just what the issue is, but how it will affect the tax rate. Find out how your fellow citizens are feeling about their tax bills – how much more can they handle? – and take them into account when you are in the voter's box. Most of all, go to your town's deliberative session or town meeting, and encourage people to do the same. Come next tax bill, you may not be happy with the outcome, but at least you will have a right to complain about it.

And have faith that, though your town's decision-makers may make mistakes, they have the best interest of the town and its people in mind, and are doing their jobs essentially on a volunteer basis. Whether you agree with their politics or decision or not, know that that they care about the town and the region – we all do – and that everything that goes wrong in the town is not their fault. So, stop blaming each other. Stop pointing fingers – especially if you are someone who is not informed or not exercising your right to vote. Yes, some of the fault lies in the hands of the town's decision-makers (past and present), but some of it lies in the hands of the voters – both the informed and uninformed – and a lot of it lies above the municipal level.

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*YOUR VIEWS*

## Heads or Tails: Casella's Contradictions

On January 3, 2011, North Country Environmetal Services (NCES) landfill manger Kevin Roy presented the Bethlehem Selectboard with a report on NCES' "aesthetic" remediation of the "Seep." The "Seep" was once a natural spring that poured 50 gallons a minute of pristine mountain water into the Ammonoosuc River. It is now a dirty, red-orange river that discharges 50 gallons a minute of oily muck into the river. This seep flows out from under the landfill and coats the surrounding wetlands, forest floor, and river rocks with orange ooze. NCES attributes the "Seep" to the old, unlined landfill that used to sit on the NCES site. But that unlined landfill was excavated and removed over 18 years ago. The Seep has continued to grow in size since then, not diminish, as one would expect if the source were truly removed.

When asked what "aesthetic remediation" means, Mr. Roy said NCES cleaned up the ooze and made it visually look better. The Seep is still there. It continues to discharge into the Ammonoosuc River. A report on the clean-up by NCES' engineers stated that elevated concentrations of arsenic were found in the Seep. While arsenic is a natural compound, I find it highly unnatural that so much of it goes into the river via the Seep. The report also stated that VOC's (volatile organic compounds) are present, but not at concentrations exceeding laboratory standards. That's odd. NCES sent a postcard to Bethlehem residents last year stating the Seep was so clean you "could drink to that!". The postcard also said there aren't any VOC's in the Seep. They were all gone, thanks to NCES. Last Monday, Mr. Roy made the same statement. When I read aloud from NCES' report indicating the presence of VOC's in the Seep, Mr. Roy responded that those VOC's are from the old, unlined landfill. (The same old unlined landfill that NCES claims they cleaned up, got rid of all the VOC's, and now we can all drink to that) One might as well just flip a coin for NCES' answer: Heads, there's no pollution in the Seep or the river because NCES cleaned

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*LETTERS*

## New Hampshire property appeals process unfair

Hey, New Hampshire property owners, get a load of this. The Board of Taxation and Land Appeals (the BTLA) has ruled that if you appeal your assessments to them, it is perfectly okay for a town or assessor to use comparables against you that are two years and six months past the Assessment Date. You try getting away with that one.

But wait, it gets even more absurd. If you have a view assessment of say, $275,000, as in my case, the town is allowed to take an adjustment of $270,000 to increase the market value of their comparable for its "LACK OF A VIEW."

Can you believe this? The comparable property sold for $475,000, so, the $270,000 adjustment represented 57 percent of the sales price. That adjustment plus others increased the market value of the town's comp to $756,920. Wow! And remember, the New Hampshire DRA and the ASB have never issued a clear and concise definition of what constitutes "a view." What chance does an appellant have when this sort of unfair tactic is permitted?

Let's face it. This perversion of the property assessment appeals process will never change until the public is properly represented on the BTLA with its own share of Public Members, as is the case on the NH Assessing Standards Board.

Frank M. Handibode, Hebron

## Kudos for walking

Every Wednesday morning I walk from Lakeway Elementary to Parker Village to meet several students to walk back to school. This program, called Walk to School Wednesdays has been made possible by a grant with the Safe Routes to School Program. One morning it was raining heavily and as I started out, I thought no one is going to want to walk in this! When I arrived at Parker Village, there was one student standing there under a red umbrella waiting for me. After exchanging our "Good Morning Friend", I looked up and around the corner came all sorts of umbrellas, all sizes and all colors!!!! I ended up with 14 students walking to school with me that day, laughing and enjoying walking in the rain with their umbrellas. This morning was another walk to school Wednesday, it was cold and breezy. As we were walking, a little girl looked up at me and said, "these are the funnest days." I told her I fully agreed and that I was so proud of all of them for being out here in the cold, and doing something healthy for their bodies. Kudos to all of those who make this program possible, and may it have a continued healthy effect for this community.

Yours in Health,
Penny McKinnon BSN, RN
School Nurse,
Lakeway Elementary

## BORN ON THIS DATE (1-12)

76 The Amazing Kreskin, magician

72 William Lee Golden, country singer (The Oak Ridge Boys)

67 Joe Frazier, boxing Hall of Famer

60 Kirstie Alley, actress ("Cheers")

60 Rush Limbaugh, radio talk show host

53 Christiane Amanpour, broadcast journalist

51 Dominique Wilkins, basketball Hall of Famer

47 Jeff Bezos, Amazon.com founder and CEO

45 Rob Zombie, rock singer

43 Rachael Harris, actress

37 Melanie Chisholm, singer (Spice Girls)

29 Dontrelle Willis, baseball player

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1773 The first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.

1932 Hattie W. Caraway, a Democrat from Arkansas, became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. (She had been appointed two months earlier to fill the vacancy caused by her husband's death.)

1945 Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe during World War II.

1948 The Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.

1969 Led Zeppelin's self-titled first album was released.

1969 The New York Jets defeated the Baltimore Colts 16-7 in Super Bowl III at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

1971 The sitcom "All in the Family" premiered on CBS.

1991 A deeply divided Congress gave President George H.W. Bush the authority to use force to expel Iraq from Kuwait. (The Senate vote was 52-47; the House followed suit 250-183.)

1998 Nineteen European nations signed a treaty in Paris opposing human cloning.

1998 Linda Tripp provided Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office with taped conversations between herself and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

1999 The baseball that Mark McGwire hit for his record-setting 70th home run of the 1998 season was sold at auction in New York for $3 million to an anonymous bidder.

2000 The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

2005 Britain's Prince Harry apologized after a newspaper published a photograph of the young royal wearing a Nazi uniform to a costume party.

2006 Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who'd shot Pope John Paul II in 1981, was released from an Istanbul prison after serving more than 25 years in Italy and Turkey for the plot against the pontiff and the slaying of a Turkish journalist.

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Local News

# Planning Board approves Highland Croft blasting

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LITTLETON — The Community House Annex was filled last Tuesday for a three and a half hour Planning Board meeting. The main topic of discussion was the proposed blasting of the Highland Croft knoll, which was eventually approved by the board with four members voting for the project and two abstaining on the grounds that the public was not given adequate opportunity to speak.

Engineer Steve LaFrance, of Horizons Engineering, briefly reviewed the application for the board and public, who have heard it numerous times since the project was proposed last spring.

The work is projected to take at least five years, and will consist of the blasting and removal of one to 1.5 million cubic yards of loam, clay, sand, gravel, and ledge from the site, effectively leveling the 70-foot knoll currently on the property. Owner Richard Gould, of Houston Littleton, LLC, had trouble selling the property even before the historic Highland Croft lodge that sat on the property for almost a century burned down in 2008. Gould hopes leveling the property will make it more attractive to potential commercial developers.

The application for an excavation permit for the project was originally brought to the Planning Board in June, and was approved. It was then appealed by a group of concerned abutters. Six Littleton residents – Jan and Mary Edick, Steve and Stacey Northrop, and Russell and Lucy Magoon – appealed the Planning Board's decision not to rehear the case after the Board's initial approval in June. The appeal was made on the grounds that the Planning Board did not consider the potential regional impact of the project, more specifically the potential contamination of groundwater. The runoff from the knoll flows into the Dells River, which in turn feeds the wetlands at the Dells and the Ammonoosuc River.

Communities that live downstream from the site and that were notified of the meeting include Lisbon, Lyman, Bath, Sugar Hill, and North Haverhill (concerning Woodsville, specifically).

Woodsville responded with a letter to the board, outlining its concern that the project could negatively affect its residents' water supply, specifically by contaminating the Ammonoosuc River with nitrates used in blasting.

"It is my opinion that this project should not happen as set forth," said Bill Harris of Woodsville Water and Light in the letter to the board.

The North Country Council, the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee, and the Connecticut River Joint Commission sent in letters in opposition to the project. Abutter Steve Brandt, who is currently stationed in Germany in the army, also wrote to convey his disapproval of the project that will affect the property he plans to return home to.

"It is clear that this company intends to use this land in an industrial way, not a commercial," read Brandt's letter, a common complaint by people who feel the five-year length of the removal constitutes it as an industrial use, regardless of the fact that Gould wants to later sell it for commercial development. Brandt, as do others, fear the large-scale removal will create too many traffic problems in the area. Brandt estimated 54 trucks per day, or 14,000 per year, from the project.

Much of the lengthy meeting was taken up by presentations from various parties.

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Hydrologist Brandon Kernan, invited by the board, presented on the best management practices his office creates for blasting in New Hampshire. Kernan prefaced his presentation with the fact that worldwide very little data exists as to how blasting work effects groundwater quality and quantity. While he did say that the nitrates used in blasting can present a significant health risk to infants, the substance rapidly dilutes in water and therefore does not affect groundwater permanently or very far from the source.

"If we thought there was no way to control that risk, the permit wouldn't have been issued," said Kernan.

Scott Hogan, attorney for the group of abutters who have appealed approvals of the project, reminded the board of concerns originally laid out by town counsel, Jay Whitelaw, in regards to the project. Measures to take before moving forward with approval included finding out how the material will be removed and processed, and considering further traffic and hydrogeological study.

GeoInsight Environmental Strategy and Engineering, of Manchester, was hired by a group of concerned residents to do a presentation on the potential risks. Andrea Kenter and Darrin Santos, of GeoInsight, determined that further hydrogeological study could predict how nitrates would behave if they should seep into the groundwater.

"In our head, science is key," said Kenter. "More knowledge is better."

Sanots explained how groundwater moves through fractures in the bedrock, and that the Ammonoosuc fault extends right through the area, a fault line which could be highly fractured by the proposed blasting.

Kenter said a study, depending on what was being analyzed, could take anywhere from three months to a year.

LaFrance rebutted residents' concerns by listing the measures his client had taken to address them. During the course of extensive conversations addressing the blasting concerns, said LaFrance, Gould has developed a groundwater management plan that incorporates Littleton Water and Light's specific concerns into his application, including the installation of retention ponds that will address the redirection of runoff.

As for the request for hydrogeological study, LaFrance said he didn't know what further study would tell his client that he doesn't already know: this project has potential risks, as does any project. In addition to the plan already in place, Gould suggested that he could test the Dells Brook every seven days for contamination if necessary to keep the residents of Littleton safe.

"Do I think that anything's going to happen? I don't," said LaFrance. "Do I think there's a risk? Yes."

Following the presentations, little time was remaining for public input from the audience, including the presentation of a petition opposing the project with 168 signatures that Abutter Mary Edick brought to the meeting to present. A motion to continue the issue was voted down by the board.

"I'm not going to be misled to make a decision that I can't even discuss and ask questions on," said Planning Board Member Arwen Mitton. "That's irresponsible."

The board initially voted to approve the project with Chairman Charlie Ryan, Ed Boynton, Rod Trahan, and Val Poulsen voted for, Linda MacNeil voting against, and Mitton abstaining. However, after most of the room had cleared out, the board continued discussion on the issue, having not officially closed the meeting and having forgotten to include conditions for the approval.

A handful of residents were present to see the board vote, this time four approving and two abstaining – Mitton and MacNeil. The approval was made with the conditions that Gould provide a performance bond that would cover the replacement of the town's Brickyard well if damaged, test several DES-designated public wells every two weeks, and test Dells Brook every seven days.

# *Living on Earth* host Steve Curwood to speak at Franklin Fairbanks Award ceremony

ST. JOHNSBURY—The Fairbanks Museum celebrates two influential personalities who have changed the way many people think and live. Preservation Trust of Vermont Executive Director Paul Bruhn and award-winning environmental journalist Steve Curwood, host of Living on Earth, will come to St. Johnsbury on Sunday, Jan.23. Steve Curwood will launch a new William Eddy Lecture series with a public conversation about his dedication to environmental journalism. Paul Bruhn will be honored for his decades of commitment to historic preservation with the 2011 Franklin Fairbanks Award.

The program begins at 2 p.m. in the North Congregational Church on Main Street in St. Johnsbury, followed by a reception in the Museum's main gallery. The Award ceremony honors the strength of the Museum by recognizing the extraordinary people who bring its programs and exhibits to life and celebrates those individuals whose work inspires us in the spirit of Franklin Fairbanks. This celebration is open to everyone.

The Fairbanks Museum is honored to welcome Steve Curwood, whose weekly environmental news program, Living on Earth, is distributed by Public Radio International. Every week Living on Earth's news, features, interviews and commentary cover a broad range of ecological issues. The show airs in 9 of the 10 top radio markets and reaches 80 percent of the US.

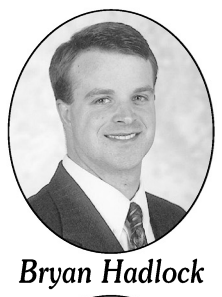
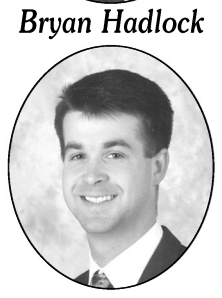
Curwood created the first pilot of Living on Earth in the Spring of 1990 and the show has run continuously since April 1991. Today, Living on Earth with Steve Curwood is aired on more than 300 National Public Radio affiliates in the USA. His investigative journalism was honored in 1975, when he shared the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service as part of the Boston Globe's education team. Steve Curwood is also the recipient of the 2003 Global Green Award for Media Design, the 2003 David A. Brower Award from the Sierra Club for excellence in environmental reporting and the 1992 New England Environmental Leadership Award from Tufts University for his work on promoting environmental awareness. He is president of the World Media Foundation, Inc. and a Lecturer in Environmental Science and Public Policy at Harvard University.

Curwood said, "Thirty years ago, when the first Earth Day rallies got underway, I was slow to get in line. …. By Earth Day 1990, my own young son was telling me that environmental change was the most important, under-covered story going. And I realized that he was right." When he describes his broadcasts, he makes clear, "Living on Earth doesn't advocate any particular point of view, except that our relationship to our environment, and what we do to it, is as important as any other part of our lives. And it's our job to bring you the information you need to make the choices that will determine our future."

Curwood will deliver the first 2011 William Eddy Lecture, which invites scholars and speakers to challenge and redefine our understanding of the world and of ourselves.

The 2011 Franklin Fairbanks Award will recognize the leadership of Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation

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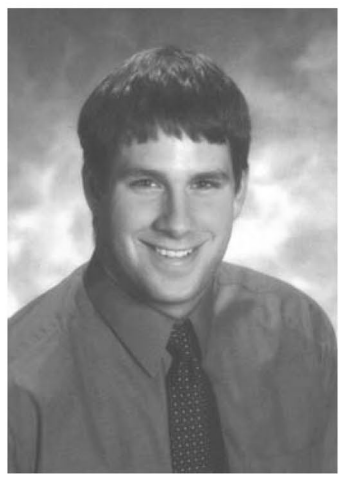
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Police & Court / Local News

# Police kept busy over New Year's

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LITTLETON – The New Year's weekend turned out to be a busy night for the police, with many arrests stemming from several incidents.

Melanie Larson, 18, Littleton, was arrested Jan. 1 on Main Street for acts prohibited. She was released on $750 bail and is to be arraigned March 1.

Shannon L. Richardson, 18, Littleton, was arrested Jan. 1 on Main Street for acts prohibited. She was released on $1000 bail and is to be arraigned March 1.

Spring Hawkins, 25, Littleton, was arrested Jan. 1 on Main Street for acts prohibited. She was released on $1000 bail and is to be arraigned March 1.

Richard Green, 20, Dalton, was arrested Jan. 1 on Cottage Street for the unlawful possession of alcohol. He was released on $500 bail and is to be arraigned Feb. 1.

James Veigue, 20, Whitefield, was arrested Jan. 1 on Cottage Street for the unlawful possession of alcohol. He was released on $500 bail and is to be arraigned Feb. 1.

Andrew Wright, 18, Littleton, was arrested Jan. 1 on Cottage Street for the unlawful possession of alcohol and acts prohibited. He was released on $500 bail and is to be arraigned Feb. 1.

Craig Stebbins, 19, Lancaster, was arrested Jan. 1 on Cottage Street for the unlawful possession of alcohol. He was released on $500 bail and is to be arraigned Feb. 1.

Jean-Mark Trebuchon, 24, Littleton, was arrested Dec. 31 on Main Street for operating without a valid license and was released on a summons, with an arraignment date to be set later.

Katerina M. Sourgiadakis, 20, Littleton, was arrested Dec. 31 on Meadow Street for transportation of alcohol by a minor. She was released on $500 bail and is to be arraigned Jan. 18.

Scott E. Landon, 39, Littleton, was arrested Dec. 29 on Union Street for disorderly conduct. He was released on $500 bail and is to be arraigned Jan. 18.

An 11-year old male was arrested 10 p.m. Dec. 27 on Maple Street for disorderly conduct.

The following crimes are under investigation by the Littleton Police:

Theft from a motor vehicle and vandalism, on Pleasant Street Dec. 30; and disorderly conduct on Union Street, Dec. 29.

**Haverhill**

Robert Soto, 46, Wells River, Vt., was arrested Dec. 30 on warrants from Concord and Littleton District Courts. Soto was released on $800 bail (Concord) and $220 bail (Littleton) and is scheduled to appear in Littleton District Court on Jan. 26 and in Concord District Court on Feb. 1.

Randall Wells, 22, Warren, was arrested Dec. 31 on a warrant from Lebanon District Court and for possession of a controlled substance. Wells was released on $500 personal recognizance bail (Lebanon) and $500 personal recognizance bail (Haverhill) and is scheduled to appear in Lebanon District Court on Feb. 14 and in Haverhill District Court on Feb. 28.

Keisha Hobbs, 18, Haverhill, was arrested Jan. 3 on a Haverhill Police Department warrant for simple assault. Hobbs was released on $300 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in Haverhill District Court on Feb. 14.

Meagan Gregory, 21, Lisbon, was arrested Jan. 4 on a Haverhill Police Department warrant for simple assault and harassment. Gregory was released on $300 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in Haverhill District Court on Feb. 14.

**Troop F**

Jonathan Dragonas, 25, Amesbury, Mass., was arrested Dec. 30 on Interstate 93 in Lincoln for possession of controlled drugs and will be scheduled for arraignment at a later date.

State Police are investigating a report of Simple Assault at a residence on Cemetery Road in Bath alleged to have taken place New Year's Eve. The investigation is on-going and an individual was transported to the Grafton County House of Corrections for Treatment and Services after he was taken into Protective Custody.

# Man dies in driveway after accident

By ART McGRATH
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SUGAR HILL — A resident died in his driveway after being dropped off by a tow truck that brought him from the scene of an accident.

At 3:45 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4, Charles Chase, 74, was in a single-car accident on Interstate 93 in Lincoln. Chase was driving north when he lost control of his 2005 Jeep Liberty on the snow and ice covered roadway. The jeep vehicle drove into the median sideways and rolled over once. Chase told rescue workers that he did not suffer any injuries during the crash.

Plymouth Towing towed the vehicle from the scene and transported Chase to his house in Sugar Hill at approximately 6:40 p.m. As Chase was walking to his house from the tow truck he collapsed. The tow truck driver called 911 and was talked through how to perform CPR, which he did until EMS responded and transported Chase to Littleton Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"The tow truck driver really went above and beyond the call of duty. Everything that could have been done was done," according to Sugar Hill Police Chief Dave Wentworth.

The Sugar Hill Police Department and the New Hampshire Medical Examiner's Office are conducting an investigation as to the cause of death.

# I-93 speeder fined hundreds

By KAYTI BURT
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LITTLETON - A 17-year-old girl was found guilty of reckless operation for driving over 100 mph on Interstate 93 on Sept. 16.

Tiegan Gilmore, of Littleton, was found guilty of reckless operation for driving over 100 mph on Interstate 93 on Sept. 16. Gilmore was fined $620, and had her license suspended for 60 days for the offense. Gilmore also had a speeding complaint placed on file without finding for one year for going 54 mph in a 30 mph zone on Meadow Street, also on Sept. 16.

Matthew Blodgett, 25, Lisbon, was found guilty of driving or operating under the influence of drugs/liquor for a Nov. 25 incident in Sugar Hill. He was fined $620, and his license was revoked for 9 months and the completion of a driver intervention program.

Kevin Foder, Sr., 44, Tuckerton, NJ, had a complaint placed on file without finding for driving after revocation or suspension of license.

Justin C. Miller, 22, Littleton, was found guilty of criminal trespass after entering the home of Jasmine Gustaveson on Fox Ridge Road in defiance of an order to leave personally communicated to Miller by Gustaveson. Miller was fined $372 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on the condition of one year's good behavior.

Christina Natola, 19, Littleton, was found guilty of driving without a valid license for an Aug. 20 incident on Meadow Street in Littleton. She was fined $124.

Eric M. English, 18, Littleton, was found guilty of simple assault for a March 6 incident in Littleton when he punched Cameron Alfieri in the face. He was fined $372.

Bernard Glynn, 33, Woodsville, was found guilty of theft of services for a July 31 incident when he drove away from the P & D Quick Stop in Lisbon without paying for gas. Glynn was fined $186, plus $25.57 in restitution for the gas.

Michael J. Hallock, 27, Chester, Vt., was found guilty of issuing bad checks for a 2002 incident at Lahout's Country Clothing when Hallock wrote two bad checks totaling $487.06. Hallock was fined $948, $700 of which was suspended, as well as restitution.

Jonathan Hogan, 27, Littleton, was found guilty of transporting alcoholic beverages for an Aug. 12 incident. He was fined $248.

Clayton Herbert, 54, Landaff, was found guilty of reckless operation for a Nov. 7, 2009 incident when he crossed into the breakdown lane repeatedly on Main Street in Littleton, and nearly struck a telephone pole. Herbert was fined $620, and had his license revoked for 60 days.


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# Silsby pleads guilty to negligent homicide for 2009 fatal accident

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**Diane Silsby of Lunenburg was sworn in by her attorney Mark Sisti on Wednesday morning in Coös Superior Court before she pleaded guilty to three class B felonies of negligent homicide in the July 3, 2009, deaths of her daughter, Nicole, her mother, Leona Dunn, and Rachel Metivier of Lewiston, Maine, a passenger in another car. She used an Alford plea on these three charges, and she did not plead guilty to three Class A felonies of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Those charges were dropped.**

LANCASTER — Diane Silsby of Lunenburg, Vt., stood with her hands clasped together during a Wednesday morning hearing in the Coös County Courthouse in front of Superior Court Judge Peter Bornstein and three times replied "guilty" to Class B felony negligent homicide charges stemming from a July 3, 2009, triple fatal vehicular accident in Randolph.

The 42-year-old woman, represented by attorney Mark Sisti, took the plea offer made by county attorney Robert "Bob" Mekeel under an Alford plea. Defendants using an Alford plea do not admit the acts for which they are accused and continue to assert their innocence but do admit that sufficient evidence exists with which the prosecution could likely convince a jury to find them guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Silsby did not admit guilt to the three charges of class A felonies of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

She will likely be sentenced during the week of Jan. 31 to three concurrent sentences of 12 months, including counseling, in a women's House of Corrections, with her in-jail incarceration likely reduced for good behavior with some time to be served in her own home.

Silsby was initially indicted by a Grand Jury on Nov. 16, 2009, on six counts of negligent homicide, but the three Class A felonies were dropped at the hearing.

Silsby's daughter, 15-year-old Nicole Silsby, and her mother, 83-year-old Leona Dunn of Lancaster, both passengers in 2007 Nissan Altima that Silsby was driving, died in the head-on accident on Route 2 near the Bowman height of land at about 5 p.m. on the start of the July Fourth weekend.

Twenty-six-year-old Rachel Metivier of Lewiston, Maine, a passenger in a Ford Explorer driven by her boyfriend, Christopher Caron, also of Lewiston, also died at the scene.

Silsby, Caron, Caron's child, and Metivier's child survived the horrific accident.

It took rescuers an hour to extricate Silsby from her vehicle. She was severely injured and airlifted to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon.

Neither driver has any memory of the accident.

County attorney Mekeel reviewed salient testimony that would have been presented to a jury trial.

Silsby was driving west, returning from a shopping trip to Berlin-Gorham, which included lunch at the Northland Dairy restaurant. Only a few days prior to this, she, her then-husband Jason, and their two teenage children had returned to the area to live after her husband completed his military career.

State Police Trooper Amanda Johnson of Troop F found no evidence of alcohol consumption at the restaurant or any purchase at a state liquor store or any alcoholic beverage container in her vehicle.

Caron, who was seriously injured, did not have a valid Maine operator's license and was driving east from a trip to Clark's Trading Post and other tourist attractions. At first he gave contradictory testimony to the state police as to whether he was driving.

Medically trained personnel on-site did not detect the smell of alcohol on Silsby's breath after she was removed from her vehicle, although the helicopter pilot says he did detect the smell.

Routine lab work done at DHMC two hours after the collision recorded a 0.11 blood alcohol level.

One hour and 42 minutes later — 3 hours and 42 minutes after the crash — Silsby's blood alcohol level was measured at 0.03, however.

The state is troubled by the disparity, county attorney Mekeel said.

Silsby reported that she had consumed no alcohol but had taken cough and-or cold medicines.

Caron's blood test, drawn two-and-a-half hours after the collision, indicated the presence of amphetamines, cannabinoids, and Oxycodone.

Although the state police concluded that the accident was Silsby's fault, defense attorney Sisti arranged to have another report done by accident reconstruction expert and retired Concord police officer Carl Lakowicz of Northpoint Collision Consultants. Lakowicz concluded that Silsby's actions were consistent with evasive maneuvering to avoid an unknown highway hazard and that it appeared that Caron at the last minute had turned his steering wheel to the left into Silsby's oncoming vehicle.

Although witnesses said they saw Silsby's car cross the double-yellow line, at least one witness reported that Caron swerved his 2004 Explorer inappropriately toward Silsby's vehicle.

County attorney Mekeel told Judge Bornstein that he had spoken with Metivier's bereaved mother on Jan. 3 for an hour-and-a-half and that she accepted the plea as the best result that could be reached in the tragedy that had resulted in the death of her daughter. He also reported that he had spoken with Nicole's dad, Jason Silsby, who was recently divorced from Diane Silsby.

He told Mekeel that he is still angry at his former wife and believes that a two-year sentence would have been more appropriate.

Judge Bornstein meticulously reviewed with Silsby and her lawyer in an effort to ensure that she understood the use of the Alford plea process and understood the terms of the plea agreement and the various rights that she was agreeing to give up, such as confronting witnesses and to appeal.

Attorney Sisti said, "I think she is making a very intelligent decision here today."

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2011 story times begin Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m. for Toddler Tales and Thursday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. for Preschool Story Time. Join Steffaney in the Corey Children's Room for stories, fingerplays, music and crafts.

The Friends of Littleton Public Library sponsor the Chess Club, which meets Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the McLure Program Room. All ages and levels are welcome.

Holiday Wish Tree Books for the children's collection were presented by Robert Moore: "Ten On the Sled" by Kim Norman; Maryanne Rennell: "Unwind" by Neal Shusterman and "Pigling: a Cinderella Story," by Ralph Martin and Anna T. Martin; "Totally Joe" by James Howe; "Three Little Kittens" by Jerry Pinkney; "Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas," by Jane O'Connor; "Elsie's Bird" by Jane Yolen; "Curious George Plants a Tree" by Robert and Barbara Enderson and Mary and Jan Edick; "Here Comes the Garbage Barge" by Jonah Winter and "The Junkyard Wonders" by Patricia Polacco; "If You Are Reading This It's Too Late" by Janet Hill and Ed Martin; "The Kingfisher Atlas of World History" by Don and Louise Coleman; "A Pig Parade Is a Terrible Idea" by Michael Ian Black and Cathy and Stan Parker: "Children Make Terrible Pets" by Peter Brown and Ainsley and Holden Larsen; "Ali Baba: Fooling the Forty Thieves, an Arabian Tale " by Marie Croall, "Tintin, Volume2" by Herge and "The Name of This Book Is Secret" by Pseudonymous Bosch.

To celebrate their grandchildren, Connor, Libby and J.J. Hamilton, Sandra and Dick Hamilton presented three books to the children's collection for the holiday season: "Sylvia Long's Mother Goose and "Under the Snow" by Melissa Stewart and "Drummer Boy" by Loren Long. Karen Zumbrunn presented "If You Lived 100 Years Ago" by Ann McGovern and "If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War" by Kay Moore. In memory of Butch Smith George, Janice Kirk donated "It's Christmas, David" by David Shannon, "Brontorina" by James Howe and "Tiny Little Fly" by Michael Rosen.

Donations to the Angela Hall Memorial Fund were made by Robert and Jeanne Bruno and Alan and Andrea Hall. Bonnie Story made a donation in memory of Margaret Beere. Donations to the Garald "Butch" Smith Memorial Fund were made by Cathy and Stanley Parker, Rita and William Holmes, Melanie Harding, Beth and Bruce Perlo, Sally and Ron Lennard, Ben and Jennifer Kalainoff, David and Gina Lennard, Brent Lennard and Angela, Jim Klein, Jack Klein and Becky and Bob Funk.

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Introduction to Genealogy Research Online will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6:30-8 p.m. You can go to Access Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest to begin researching and documenting your family tree.

Local history author and historian, Larry Coffin, will explain how online genealogy programs are rich tools for finding family history documentation and surprising nuggets of interest. The Bradford Public Library's new Research Center provides free links to online research sites. If you have a laptop, you might want to bring it to the program but it is not necessary.





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Local News

# Adaptive sports program strong at Bretton Woods

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BRETTON WOODS - For the volunteers at the Bretton Woods Adaptive, the program is more than a hobby; it is a calling. The adaptive sports program's cluttered office is full of winter sports gear, but it is really the volunteers' enthusiastic spirit that fills the room – each and everyone of them happy to be part of a program that allows physically and developmentally disabled people the equipment and instruction to ski down a mountain.

"Some organizations don't teach, they just do rides, and that's fine if that's their mission, but that's not what we do," said Peter Connell, one of the most enthusiastic volunteers of the group.

"The mission of the program is to teach anyone how to ski," said Connell. "We hope it leads to a more independent life – not just for individuals, but for families."

Connell has been volunteering for the adaptive program since its inception in 2000. He learned how to ski through an adaptive sports program himself. After making it through Vietnam relatively unscathed, Connell lost his leg in a jeep rollover at Fort Knox. When he learned how to ski after the accident, the adaptive instructor who taught him told him the lessons cost nothing save for the promise that Connell teach someone else. Thirty years later, Connell continues to honor that promise.

Bretton Woods' adaptive sports program operates year round, offering everything from golf to kayaking to hiking – everything the resort offers – but the program's inspiration and most popular offering remains its skiing instruction.

"Almost every student is going to be different," said Connell.

Last year, the program taught 500 lessons for diverse students, ranging from the autistic to a woman with brittle bone syndrome to veterans with various war injuries.

"The word adaptive says it all," said Volunteer Carl Schafer. "There is all kinds of equipment that we use to adapt to the situation."

Equipment ranges from traditional skis, boots, and poles, to sit ski equipment, outriggers (forearm crutches with skis mounted on the bottom), and sliders (walkers mounted with skis), to name a few. Students – both local and tourists – call in and give medical information and the program goes from there, adapting a program to fit each student's unique situation.

The program also serves 21 local students, part of schools' winter sports programs that come to the mountain once a week.

"They come up with their school groups, and they're not segregated," said Volunteer Miriam Russell.

Last Friday, Bethlehem Elementary School visited Bretton Woods for its weekly program. One of its students has cerebral palsy, which includes paralysis. The student skis on a sit ski bucket mounted on two skis with articulated mechanisms that allows the instructors to steer it, explained Schafer.

"We take her on the mountain. She absolutely loves it. You can tell by the smile on her face," said Schafer.

Schafer said one of the best parts of the lesson is seeing the student's fellow classmates welcome her to the mountain.

Schafer said volunteering for the adaptive program is incredibly gratifying – you can go home at the end of the day physically exhausted, but smiling nonetheless. Schafer was a late comer to the sport, learning how to ski after his retirement when he moved to the area.




Kayti Burt/The Littleton Courier

**The Bretton Woods Adaptive Program finishes up a lesson on the mountain last Friday. From left to right: Peter Connell, Phil Krill, Lennie Fillius, Kenyon Tuthill, and Carl Schafer.**

"By starting to ski later in life, it became a passion," said Schafer. "Then, to get involved in a program like this is doubly rewarding."

Schafer was encouraged into the program by his neighbor, Phil Krill, who also learned to ski after retirement. Krill was one of the pioneering forces of the adaptive program at Bretton Woods. Krill's son, an avid sportsman, was left paralyzed from the waist down following a snowmobile accident 15 years ago.

"I didn't know anything about disabilities until my son was injured," said Krill. Now, Krill's son is the director of the adaptive sports program at Loon Mountain. He was the one to encourage Krill and his wife to get involved when they moved to the area ten years ago.

"Every mountain needs a program," said Krill.

Adaptive skiing is not a recent development in the industry, explain Connell, who said this is a common misconception for those new to the sport.

"It's been around for at least 50 years," said Connell, pointing to a newspaper article on the wall that chronicles some the first strides taken in adaptive skiing in Europe.

Adaptive skiing began with injured veterans from World War II who yearned to ski again despite their injuries. In 1942, the first adaptive skiing contraption was designed by German Franz Wendel, a disabled war veteran himself. Wendel attached a pair of crutches to short skis allowing him to ski down the mountain. Ten years later, adaptive skiing came to America when Korean War Veteran Bob Engelien opened the American Amputee Ski School in California based on the ski lessons he had received in Germany after losing his leg in the war.

But it was the 10th Mountain Division, prominent during World War II, which truly pioneered adaptive skiing in America, specifically Instructor Jim Winthurs. Winthurs started an adaptive skiing program at Donner Summit in California, dedicating his life to adapting ski techniques and equipment for disabled skiers.

"If it weren't for [the 10th Mountain Division], the ski industry wouldn't be what it is today," said Connell.

The Bretton Woods Adaptive Sports program maintains that connection between adaptive skiing and veterans. Next month, they will be holding their annual Veterans Appreciation weekend where veterans can ski for free.

"We're seeing a lot more amputees, traumatic brain injuries, results of war," said Schafer.

Lennie Fillius manages the veterans fund created this year to allow veterans the opportunity to utilize the program's services free of charge. The program also has a fund for local families who cannot afford the cost.

"As you know, non-profits across the board are taking a hit in this difficult economy. This makes the Veteran's Fund even more of a necessity here in North Country," said Fillius.

The adaptive program is hosting two veterans' events this winter: Veteran's Appreciation Days on Feb. 5 and 6, and the National Wounded Warrior Project, on March 24.

Kennion Tuthill is a Navy veteran, but was injured in the line of duty as a New York police sergeant. Tuthill, who now lives in Dalton, has been skiing with Bretton Woods Adaptive since March 2008, he said last week after a two-hour lesson. Tuthill, blind save for some opacity in his right eye, skis down the mountain with very little help from the adaptive volunteers – only a blocker who makes sure other skiers and snowboarders are aware of his presence, and someone to call commands of "left," "right," or in an emergency, "down" to Tuthill.

"I love it. I absolutely love it," said Tuthill who said he comes as often as he can get a guide.

"It's a wonderful program. It gets you outside. I've made a lot of new friends. It's all good," he added.

Tuthill, who wrote a thank you haiku now famous in the adaptive office, cannot say enough about the volunteers who give their time for the program.

"What can you say?," asked Tuthill. "These people are so kind and generous with their time. It's added so much to my life."

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Local News

# Selectmen presented options for town building use

By KAYTI BURT
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LITTLETON - Marghie Seymour stepped out of her selectman shoes briefly at last selectmen's meeting to present to the board on behalf of the Town Building Renovation Committee. The presentation did not include any recommendations, but rather outlined the different options the commission has identified for potential future uses of the town building.

"That building represents a lot to the town of Littleton. It's the anchor of Main Street," said Town Building Renovation Committee Member Steve Kelley, highlighting the importance of the 115-year building to the community.

The town building is currently being occupied by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce on the ground floor, and the Littleton Area Historical Society in the basement. The Chamber pays $6,420 per year, a decreased rent in exchange for the promotional services it provides for the Opera House performance venue. The historical society does not pay rent, but contributes to the building's electric bill.

The town is responsible for the heating, cooling, and general maintenance of the building. It also pays a bond taken out for recent renovation of the building. A majority of the building remains unoccupied and largely in need of further renovation. The Town Building Renovation Committee is charged with developing a plan for the building's development.

The first option Seymour presented was to renovate the Cottage Street level and to move the town offices, currently located on the top floor of Laconia Savings Bank, into the town building. The town is in the first year of a seven-year lease with Laconia Savings Bank that requires the town to pay $8,100 in rent per year and $6,000 for snow removal.

Kelley pointed out that the town is paying well below market value price for the space. However, he continued that the town will not be in that position forever.

"The one overriding consideration in my mind is there will be a time when we move out of Laconia Savings Bank, and there won't be a place cheaper than the town building," said Kelley.

Seymour predicted that option one would cost around $600,000 in the short term for the renovation and moving of the town offices, and would cost over $1 million over a seven-year period factoring the bond that would most likely be required for such a cost.

A second option would be to completely renovate and lease the Cottage Street level. This would cost a projected $348,000 over seven years, factoring in a bond for the costs and the revenue from tenants. Seymour and Kelley also expressed concern that leasing the space might take money away from other leasers in the community.

A slight variation on that plan would be to minimally renovate the Cottage Street level, and to look for a 50 percent lease of the space. This option could include lower lease rates with incentive for the leasers to further renovate the space. Seymour estimates this option would cost around $300,000 over seven years, including a bond.

Another partial option is to renovate the fourth floor offices. This alternative would cost about $40,000 a year, and would most likely not require a bond, but bring in roughly $16,000 per year in revenue, Seymour projected.

Seymour also presented the plan of doing nothing, which is the option the town is taking now. To continue to do nothing would cost $746,000 over the next seven years, Seymour projected. Costs include the existing bond, as well as maintenance costs.

The final option would be to sell the building, said Seymour.

Jim Alden, of the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce, questioned Seymour's choice of including the existing bond payment in the seven-year projections. Alden felt the inclusion skewed the results, and made certain cash positive options seem otherwise.

"I put them in there because I think people have a right to know how much that building is costing us," said Seymour, adding that, because of the bond, there are no cash positive options.

According to Seymour's projections, the options would cost the town between $300,000 to over $1 million over the course of the next seven years.

# Revaluation criticism continues

## *Boynton calls for new revaluation*

By KAYTI BURT
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LITTLETON - Resident Bruce Hadlock continues to press the Board of Selectmen over what he says was mismanagement of taxpayer's money for the town wide revaluation conducted last year.

The $745 million appraisal, determined by Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) and Vision Appraisal, has been unpopular with many residents since its inception who don't see the logic between their property values going up and the decline of the housing market, but Hadlock's concerns center around the legality of the revaluation itself. He claims that the warrant article, which was approved by a special election following its initial denial at last year's town meeting, was not strictly abided by.

Hadlock first brought this issue up at an earlier selectmen's meeting last month, bringing to attention a line in the article that states: "The results of this town-wide revaluation will be effective on April 1, 2011."

As a response to Hadlock's complaint, Town Manager Chuck Connell requested confirmation from the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) that the town operated within legal parameters. In a statement released on Dec. 20, Connell outlined DRA Property Appraisal Division Director Stephan Hamilton's response.

"The limitation placed on the Selectmen by the wording of Article 9 was not legal and therefore not enforceable and the Selectmen were duty-bound to complete the Reappraisal as the DRA required in 2010 with an effective date of April 1, 2010," wrote Connell in the statement. Town-wide revaluations are required every five years by both the New Hampshire Constitution and state law, and Littleton's last revaluation was conducted five years prior.

Despite DRA's affirmation of the town's actions, Hadlock remains upset. He believes that, even if the town had the legal right to conduct the revaluation, it did not have the right to take the funds raised by the warrant article.

"You've spent $35,000 out of the trust fund that was illegal," said Hadlock at last Wednesday's selectmen's meeting

The warrant article allowed the removal of $35,000 from the Town-Wide Assessment Expendable Trust Fund, and $90,000 from current year taxation. Hadlock argued that, if the warrant article is illegal, as he claims, then the removal of those funds were illegal. He said that the money should have either come completely from the general fund, or the selectmen should have drafted a separate warrant article to allow the removal of funds as carried out.

Bolt said that the selectmen were identified as agents of the capital reserve fund, and, therefore, had the authority to remove the funds for the purpose of the town-wide revaluation.

"The only issue that was wrong in that article was the date," said Connell on Thursday, adding that the date issue has long since been cleared up by the DRA as the town originally verified its position a year ago.

Later in Wednesday's selectmen's meeting, Selectman Ed Boynton brought up the revaluation again, this time calling into question its results, which he said are too high. He motioned to conduct a new town-wide revaluation to be handled by Avitar Associates of New England. He proposed offsetting the projected $138,450 cost by reducing the budget by that amount.

The motion was not seconded by either Bolt or Selectman Marghie Seymour. Connell called the motion illegal, saying that any such proposal had to be reviewed by the DRA before being approved by the town.

"There's always going to be people who are unhappy with their valuation," said Seymour.

# Profile School students visit Burlington, Vt.




Courtesy Photo

**Members of the Profile School's Travel and Photography Club on a trip to Burlington, Vt., last month.**

On Saturday, Dec. 18, Profile School's Travel and Photography Club students traveled to Burlington, Vt. to visit the ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center and the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts to see a performance of The Nutcracker.

The ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center is located on the shore of Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vt. ECHO is committed to educating visitors on Ecology, Culture, History and future environmental Opportunities through a wealth of displays, hands on exhibits for all ages and educational programs. Club members were able to observe different kinds of aquatic life and habitat in the Lake Champlain, view the Indigenous Expressions: Native Peoples of the Lake Champlain Basin exhibit, experience being a Watershed Weather Reporter in a TV studio, explore Frogworld and even learn about Champ, the Lake Champlain sea monster.

Travel and Photography club members then walked a few blocks to the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts to see the opening matinee performance of The Nutcracker. For the last five years, the Vermont Ballet Theater has performed The Nutcracker at the Flynn Center. This performance combined many talented dancers of all ages with wonderful sets and beautifully crafted costumes to bring story to life.

The Travel and Photography Club would like to thank the teachers, parents and community members for their continued support and interest in our club, allowing us to continue to explore palaces of interest and photography.

For more information on the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, visit http://www.echovermont.org. For more information on the Flynn Center, visit http://www.flynncenter.org/. For more information on Profile School's Travel and Photography Club, view student photographs and read about our past trips, please visit our webpage located at http://www.profile.k12.nh.us/ under the clubs link.





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# The Rest of the Story

## MEETINGS

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took the news of the significant cuts in stride, saying that it will be difficult, but that they understand it is necessary. Still, many noted it will mean a decrease in services.

"Kids will not get the same things that they're getting in the school without the same programs," said Lakeway Principal Rick Bidgood.

The school board voted unanimously to approve the cuts, save for a vote on the elimination of the buildings and grounds position, which split the vote, with Diane Cummings and John Simon voting to eliminate the position, and Rodney Edwards and Ann Wiggett voted against elimination. Tighe broke the tie, voting for the elimination of the position.

The board also voted to expend $195,000 from a capital reserve fund designated for the maintenance and expansion of the CTC to pay the CTC portion of the bond payment for the new CTC/Middle School. They voted to fund the middle school's portion of the bond through a separate warrant article.

The school board presents its budget at the Littleton High School cafeteria tonight at 6 p.m.

While the school board made labor cuts from its budget, the selectmen worked to reduce its budget without terminating one of its 50 employees while taking the budget committee's recommendation in stride.

"I'm not sure that any further cuts are not going to be detrimental, but I'm not willing to deal with the repercussions if we don't," said Selectman Marghie Seymour who feared that, if the selectmen did not cut more from its already barebones budget, then the cuts would be made for them on the deliberative session floor.

The budget committee's recommendation to the selectmen was specifically to keep the tax rate the same as last year, at $8.04, which equates to almost $400,000 in cuts. With the proposed town budget as originally approved by the budget committee, the tax rate would come out somewhere around $8.11 without warrant articles, $8.55 with the inclusion of roughly $60,000 in warrant articles.

Using a combination of suggestions from all three selectmen and Town Manager Chuck Connell, the selectmen managed to come up with two proposals that would meet the budget committee's recommendation of keeping the tax rate level from last year without eliminating any positions.

"I think there is a path to $400,000 without layoffs," said Chairman of the Select Board Ron Bolt.

Both contingencies include giving up two of the four warrant articles the selectmen had previously voted on supporting. They will continue to support warrant articles asking for $35,000 for new town computers, which have been causing significant difficulties with their frequent crashes, and $28,000 for a new generator for the fire department. These articles, if approved, will be offset by removing their equivalency from this year's surplus, which goes into the undesignated fund balance.

The other two warrant articles, $106,000 for the renovation of South Street sidewalk and $80,000 towards a mandated emergency radio conversion that must be completed by 2012, will not be supported by the selectmen. Police Chief Paul Smith said he could put off the purchase of a new police cruiser for another year (the traditionally annual purchase was also foregone last year), reducing the budget by another $33,000. Combined with the elimination of $250,000 worth in warrant article appropriation, this reduction translates into roughly 33 cents from the estimated tax rate, bringing it down to $8.11.

The final seven-cent, or $60,000, reduction will be achieved one of two ways, suggested the selectmen. The first option is to make it up through a series of service cuts that may include the elimination of seasonal employees, welfare services, the exterior washing of the Opera House, or an across-the-board percentage cut to all town departments.

The second is to ask the union workers to forgo their three-percent raise this year, which the town would then follow suit by also eliminating the three-percent raise they were planning to match for all non-union workers. Bolt stressed that the town will just be asking the union for the compromise, not going back on any agreement reached during negotiation.

"Are we crossing any lines?" asked Highway Department Director George Chartier on the subject of why these cuts were necessary. "The people knew what they voted for, and they were approved."

The town will present its budget at Thursday night's bond and budget hearing to be held at 6 p.m. in the Opera House. The town's proposed budget now stands significantly less than its default budget, which will be enacted should the proposed budget fail.

## PURCHASE

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facility and then sold it to Montgomery Wire.

Greg Eastman, President of the Littleton Industrial Development Corporation (LDIC), said this is great news for Littleton, the industrial park and the local economy. "In this economic time," he said, "it is very encouraging that a local company is investing in the industrial park."

Andy Smith, the owner of Peabody and Smith Real Estate, acknowledged that his firm brokered the sale along with CB Richard Ellis, of Manchester.

"I'm delighted that it's back in the hands of a neighbor," Smith said, "and that it can serve their future growth plans and increase the health of the industrial park."

Officials from New England Wire did not return calls for comment before this paper went to press Monday evening.

Locally owned and with deep roots in Lisbon, New England Wire Technology Corp is the region's biggest and the state's 31st largest manufacturing employer. They employ 330 people according to the NH Business' Book of Lists 2011. It is widely assumed that they will slowly expand into this new space. New England Wire Technology provides and assembles multi-conductor cable, litz wire, flat braided wire and custom cables.

## COSGRIFF

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ficult to do his job, Cosgriff said. With his impending departure, he said he hopes that some of the rhetoric can be toned down and that for his remaining months he can help the school prepare for responding to bills in the Legislature that might affect school funding.

The controversy that has swirled around him for the last few months took him by surprise, Cosgriff said.

"I feel like the proverbial deer in the headlight or a one-term Democratic Congressman defeated by a Tea Party candidate who suddenly doesn't know what he will be doing," Cosgriff said.

The statement wasn't entirely rhetorical, as Cosgriff said he is not sure what he will do at the end of year. He said he will be "pursuing other options," which may include returning to the classroom as a science teacher. He said he is almost to retirement age and that it is time to start concentrating on what is most important, including "going home every night to be with the one I love."

Serving in Lin-Wood was not all bad for him, however.

"I am very, very happy to have served here…there are some really spectacular people here," Cosgriff said.

Some people said they were glad to hear Cosgriff was leaving.

"I'm really pleased and think it's a smart move for him professionally," said John Ham, of Lincoln, one of two people who first brought up the issue of the missing industrial arts equipment back in September. "I haven't heard any negative feedback from anyone."

Judy Boyle, chairman of the Lin-Wood School board, agreed Monday the board would have to do a search for a superintendent but noted there has been no meeting since Cosgriff's withdrawal of his request to have his contract renewed, and thus could not comment on it.

The board was scheduled to meet last night but the matter was not on the agenda.

## NCES

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coming from an underground spring mixing with iron and manganese is located on property adjacent to the landfill on property owned by Dan Tucker, about 300 to 400 feet his property. Tucker said he was satisfied with the work NCES did to clean up the site, which had begun showing the orange contamination around 1984, he said.

"They did what they had to do. I'm satisfied with it," Tucker said.

The site is located near the banks of the Ammonoosuc River.

The seepage came from the site where there originally was an unlined landfill. When NCES bought the property less than 10 years ago, it removed all the material from the unlined landfill and moved it to a lined landfill on the site. Roy said that when the material was removed oxygen mixed with the iron and manganese in the ground, accelerating the oxidation process. Water leaking from the site mixed with it, spreading the orange discoloration.

"This was an aesthetic remediation," Roy said, "and it went quite well."

The remediation cost around $500,000. Of that, $300,000 was for the cleanup itself and the remaining $200,000 was for permitting and oversight, Roy said. The actual remediation took 15 days, while the prep work took three weeks. The cleanup after the remediation was done took about a week, Roy said.

Work began July 20 with an initial construction survey and was completely done on Sept. 18, when a final construction survey was done and the project closed.

NCES has launched a campaign informing people about their work cleaning the seep, including mailing out a 12-page flyer and showing a 30 minute documentary on the project on Channel 2. Copies of the film were also sent to various lawmakers, officials, and members of the media.

Jeanne Robillard, a former chairman of the town's Select Board wrote a statement (see guest column on page A4) the day after Roy's presentation disputing his account.

"NCES attributes the 'Seep' to the old, unlined landfill that used to sit on the NCES site," Robillard wrote. "But that unlined landfill was excavated and removed over 18 years ago. The Seep has continued to grow in size since then, not diminish, as one would expect if the source were truly removed."

Robillard also said Roy contradicted himself. She said Roy said there were no VOCs (volatile organic compounds) leaking from the site because NCES cleaned it but if there is pollution it came from the old, unlined landfill, not the existing facility.





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# ACT names new board member and officers

BETHLEHEM – Tony Ilacqua of Littleton has joined the board of directors of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT). Tony and his wife Carol conserved their 100-acre property with ACT in 2009. ACT also named its officers for the year.

ACT is the North Country's locally based non-profit land conservancy. It encourages land conservation as an integral part of the region's growth and future well-being. It achieves its mission through education and by working with private landowners and communities to conserve places with ecological, historic, community, or scenic values.

"I joined the board for the same reason we conserved our land," Ilacqua said. "I want to continue in the best way I can to help ACT achieve its goals of protecting habitat for wildlife and land for people. This work has to happen all over the world, and we can't just talk about it, we have to do something about it."

Early in his career, Ilacqua was a merchant marine. After leaving the sea and settling in the mountains, he established himself as one of this region's tireless advocates for conserving natural resources. He founded the Littleton Energy Conservation Committee and was a co-founder of the Littleton Transfer Station, which he managed for 19 years. Ilacqua served on the N.H. Waste Management Council as well as the North East Resource Recovery Association Board of Trustees.

Rufus Perkins is ACT's board president. Perkins is a retired economist with Arthur D. Little, Inc., working extensively in the Middle East and Europe. Perkins and his brother and sister conserved their family property on Bronson Hill in Sugar Hill with ACT in 2009. The land is permanently conserved for public use and enjoyment, and offers some of the most splendid views of the Franconia Range to be found. Perkins is an avid cross-country and downhill skier, and enjoys all the many activities of maintaining his land.

Vice president is Chuck Phillips of Franconia. Phillips is a principal/partner with Sapience Organizational Consulting. He works with corporate and not-for-profit clients, including international environmental organizations, on strategic change management, improvement initiatives, and training and development. He is an ardent traveler, birder, photographer, and fly angler.

Christine Latulip, a Littleton native who has worked more than 30 years in community banking, is ACT's treasurer. Latulip is currently vice president at Union Bank. She describes her board work as a personal quest to link for-profit business acumen with non-profit ideals. She also serves as treasurer of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. in Littleton. Latulip is a proud member of the Appalachian Mountain Club's Four Thousand Footer Club.

Secretary of ACT is Lynn Kenerson of Sugar Hill. Kenerson has lived in the North Country since 1994, working for the ski school at Cannon Mountain and raising her family. The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission was her introduction to volunteering for local non-profits. She has also served as an officer of the Lafayette Regional PTO, and is a founder of the Gale River Cooperative Preschool. Kenerson has been a member of ACT's board since 2000. She and her extended family were among the founding members/contributors to ACT.

ACT's other board members are James Seidel, Ned Cutler, Doug Evelyn, Marghie Seymour, and Rosalind Page. Seidel spent a long career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and he serves on the Lyman Conservation Commission. Cutler, who serves on the Easton Conservation Commission, restores and refinishes furniture. In a previous life Seymour ran the Littleton Transfer Station, and she is now an attorney. Page runs a land surveying business. She and her partner, Tom Simpson, conserved a portion of their land on Pearl Lake in Lisbon with ACT. Evelyn and his wife Martha, who live in Sugar Hill, donated family land to ACT in 2007. Evelyn is retired from heading operations at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., but continues to consult on a variety of museum projects around the world.

For more information on ACT, please visit www.aconservationtrust.org. Its offices are at The Rocks/North Country Community Development Center in Bethlehem, and ACT can be reached at 823-7777.

# Pork supper at Congregational Church

LITTLETON — The Mission Committee of the First Congregational Church of Littleton will sponsor a Roast Pork Supper on Saturday, Jan. 15, in the fellowship hall of the church, which is located at 189 Main St. in Littleton.

The menu will feature herb roasted pork, garlic mashed potatoes, peas, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, assorted beverages, cakes and pies for dessert. There will be one seating, at 5:30 p.m.

Seats may be reserved by contacting the church by telephone 444-3376 or via e-mail fstcong@ncia.net or you may pay at the door.

The supper will also feature a silent auction, with a multitude of donated gifts, crafts, services and food items upon which to bid.

Half of the net proceeds of the supper and silent auction will go to benefit Habitat for Humanity, Ammonoosuc Region, with the remaining proceeds supporting other missions of the church. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. This Habitat for Humanity affiliate was formed in March of 2008 and is a mission supported by the First Congregational Church. In 2009 they built their first house in Littleton, NH and are now building a second house in Whitefield, NH. Their goal is to build one house per year in their affiliate area. To accomplish this they are in need of land, materials, volunteers and monetary donations. For more information on the Ammonoosuc Habitat for Humanity you are encouraged to visit their web site http://www.ammonoosuchabitat.org. For more information on the First Congregational Church, please visit the web site http://www.1stconglittleton.org. Come on Jan. 15 to help us support this worthy endeavor.

For questions or to volunteer to help with the fund raiser, contact Bob and Alice Muh, 444-5228, muhfamily@roadrunner.com or Lars and Cynthia Nielson, 444-1339, cnielson37@gmail.com

# Cabin fever

Winter is here! The big storm on Dec. 27 certainly made that clear. So

what do you do when you're not a skier/snowboarder, the temperature drops and the snow blocks the door? This is a wonderful time to hole up inside and create. Or gather with friends over a cup of tea, a little gossip, and a little handwork. The Classroom at the Old Mill Studio in Whitefield may have the solution to cure your cabin fever with their new class schedule, now available for pick-up or a phone call to receive a copy via snail mail.

The Classroom offers classes in pottery, basket weaving, button-making, writing, drawing, soft pastel painting, soft toy making, quilting, several sewing /quilting clubs. and more.

If you are ready for a new skill, but aren't prepared to commit to a lot of

time, consider the Cabin Fever Crafts series. A new craft will be presented

each month. Each project will be finished by the end of the second session.

The class fee of $32 will cover instructions for two sessions, materials,

use of tools, that cup of coffee/tea, and the camaraderie of like-minded people. This series is appropriate for parent/child teams, teens or adults.

January's craft is a small (6" x 10") market basket. The class will meet on

Jan. 13 and 27, 6-8 p.m. Marjorie Goodson will guide students through the

properties of reed, the basic layout, weaving steps, and rim construction. The understanding of these beginning steps will prepare students to take

advanced basket classes or to read the directions of other baskets so you can work on your own.

In the coming months, Cabin Fever Craft explorations include Black LineDoodles in Feb., Clay Bowls in March and Stained Glass suncatchers in April. Other crafts under consideration may cover papier-mache sculpture, polymer buttons and jewelry, beading, needle felting, linoleum block prints -- what would you like to do? What tickles your fancy? Call the Classroom at the Old Mill Studio for more information or to register: 837-8778.

## VIEWS

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up the old, unlined landfill that caused it; Tails, yes-there is pollution, but it's from the old, unlined landfill (the one they cleaned-up…) not NCES. Does Casella honestly think Bethlehem residents won't catch on to the flim-flam of these blatant contradictions?

In a legal brief filed last month in Merrimack Superior Court, the Department of Environmental Services (DES) states "contaminated groundwater flows away from the landfill in a northeasterly direction toward the Ammonoosuc River." So while NCES is patting itself on the back and boasting about their "aesthetic" clean up of the Seep and the river, did this clean-up stop the pollution? No. It's still there. The DES has said the Seep will deteriorate again. Furthermore, there are still elevated levels of VOC's in landfill test wells that indicate pollution from NCES is spreading. Casella may send Bethlehem residents an expensive mailer saying they've cleaned up all the pollution at the landfill and that it isn't leaking. But it's just another flip of the coin.

Jeanne Robillard
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# Community



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**Backstage at Twelfth Night—The members of the Littleton High School Drama Club circle up before their performance of Twelfth Night Saturday night. See more pictures from the performance on the Littleton Courier's Facebook page.**



JEFF WOODBURN/THE COURIER

**Grafton County was well represented at Governor John Lynch's historic inauguration ceremonies at the State House last week. Rep Edmond Gionet, of Lincoln, Executive Councilor (and Grafton County Commissioner) Ray Burton, of Bath, and Grafton County Commissioner (a Littleton native) Michael Cryans of Hanover, were among the many who attended. For more inauguration news and photos go to www.WhiteMtNews.com.**



KAYTI BURT/THE LITTLETON COURIER

**Diner's coffee chronicled—Littleton Co-Owner Patti Williford pours a Chronicle cameraman a cup of coffee last Thursday when the New Hampshire feature news show visited the diner.**




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**Redington Street Bridge—Construction crews finish up some last minute work on the Redington Street Bridge last week before taking a break on the project until spring.**



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**On stage at Littleton High School—Allison Marsh, playing Viola/Cesario, and Hannah Smith, playing Olivia chat it up during last Saturday's evening performance of Twelfth Night, put on by the Littleton High School Drama Club. See more photos from the performance on the Littleton Courier Facebook page.**


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Local News

# Successful reception to support Councilor Burton's Intern Program

CONCORD — Since his first term, Councilor Ray Burton has operated an intern program at his State House Office in Concord. A reception to benefit the Intern Program was held on Wednesday, Jan. 5 in Concord. All contributions from the reception will support the intern program.

Granite State College President Todd Leach was the guest speaker. He shared his 25 years of experience in higher education and his future projects for the 3500 learners in the statewide College.

"This intern program was initiated in my first term in 1977 and has been of great value to the 143 interns who have earned academic credit by participating in N.H. State Government for a semester," Burton stated.

Many have gone into public service, such as 1989 intern from the University of New Hampshire, Christopher Boothby of Meredith who just completed 12 years as a Belknap County Commissioner. More recently, Stefanie Webb, 2009 intern from Plymouth State University, is now an administrator at a Mid Western College.



State Representative Gene Chandler, Councilor Ray Burton, former intern Ben Kane, Betsy Miller and Todd Leach, President of Granite State College and guest speaker for the event.

Burton added, "These interns have gone into community, government, business and political lives and it is indeed an honor to come to know them and support their aspirations for their future."

For information, contact Councilor Burton's office at 747-3662.

# NH the Beautiful, Inc. awards grant to Lincoln/Woodstock

EPSOM—Lincoln/Woodstock was awarded $2,895 to help the town with the purchase of 1,000 14-gallon recycling bins. The award was presented to Paul Beaudin, solid waste/transfer station manager, by John Dumais and Dennis Nesbitt of NH the Beautiful (NHTB). Also present were Jim Fadden, solid waste board Chair, Peter Moore, selectman and Marilyn Weir, Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA). "These bins will be given to residents to assist in their recycling efforts", said Paul Beaudin. NH the Beautiful applauds Lincoln/Woodstock for their aggressive recycling program.

NH the Beautiful, Inc. (www.nhthebeautiful.org) is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983 and supported by the soft drink, malt beverage and grocery industries of New Hampshire. By offering municipal recycling grants (over $2.5 million) and signs, anti-liter programs and technical assistance to recycling programs, NHTB is a unique organization that represents a voluntarily-funded alternative to expensive legislation intended to achieve the same end results. New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. is now supporting the NRRA School Education Program (the Club). The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (www.nrra.net) is administrator for the New Hampshire the Beautiful programs.

# *Lincoln – Woodstock Food Pantry*

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK — The Lincoln-Woodstock Food Pantry is located at the Father Roger Bilodeau Community Center, 194 Pollard Road in Lincoln. The Food Pantry supplies food and necessary household items to families in need in the Lincoln-Woodstock community. The Food survives by the generosity of our community members, with food support from USDA Commodities Foods and the County Farm stand.

The Lincoln-Woodstock Food Pantry's November & December donations came from: Price Chopper & community members who filled 4 boxes of food at the Lincoln Store, The Lin-Wood Class of 2014, Head East Salon patrons, Lisa & Robert Viveiros, Myles & Donna Quail, Annual Turkey shootout at Truant's Tavern, Richard Spadoni, Randy & Ronda Kilansowski, John & Donna Currier, Pemi Valley Church, Northway Bank, Doris & Robert Mollica Jr., Wayne & Linda Baltzer, Paul & Judy Tetley, Walter & Marise Wrye, J.W. Patterson, Malone, Dirubbo & Company and many other community members that have donated food and money to support this community-wide program. We would like to thank all of your for your support!

# *Jerry Jam to celebrate in 2011*

BETHLEHEM—The 2010 Jerry Jam celebrated both the life and music of Jerry Garcia and Copper Cannon Camp; New Hampshire's only free summer camp for low income youth. Attendees enjoyed ten bands playing throughout the August weekend and Copper Cannon received part of the proceeds from the music festival.

Jerry Jam began with a small group of friends paying tribute and celebrating the life of Jerry Garcia. As the annual event grew in popularity, it evolved into a 3-day music festival. Following in Jerry's own philanthropic nature, founder Dan Webb believed Copper Cannon Camp would be a great non-profit to be the beneficiary from this year's event.

This past summer's festival was the 15th annual Jerry Jam held at the beautiful Toad Hill Farm in Franconia. This was the fourth year at its present location. It was made possible through countless volunteers and the dedication of a small group of friends. Through the event, $3,050 was donated to Copper Cannon Camp.

Since 1963, Copper Cannon Camp has been providing a free summer camp to New Hampshire's low-income children. Over 20,000 children have had a chance to experience the wonders of the natural world around them, three meals a day and a life-changing week in the White Mountains. Last summer, 45 of those children came from Bethlehem, Littleton, Lisbon or Franconia.

For more information about Jerry Jam, contact Dan Webb at 252-1036 or visit their website at www.jerry-jam.com. Additional information about Copper Cannon Camp is available on their website at www.coppercannon.org or contacting them at 823-8107.


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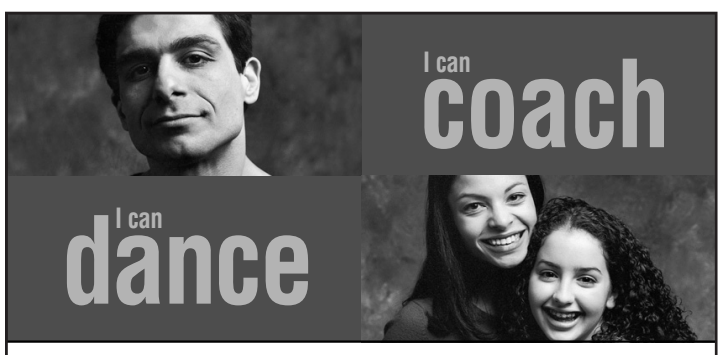
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# Obituaries

## Katherine Bell Grapes, 97

WHITEFIELD — Katherine Bell Grapes was born Nov. 30, 1913 in Lyndonville, Vt., the second of three daughters born to Frank Oliver Grapes, and Matilda(Tilly) Marcel-Strew Grapes.

On June 1, 1935, she married Harold Francis Mundell. They had two children, Harold William, and Nola Faye.

She cherished her role as mother and homemaker. She worked for a time as an aide in a nursing home, and did Artex parties. Her hobbies were all kinds of crafts and handiwork. She loved games and was well known for her ability in playing Chinese checkers, her favorite game. But her main interest and love was for her ministry, teaching others about the Bible as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, which she faithfully did for over 50 years.

She died Jan. 1, 2011, at age 97, surrounded by her loving family, in the Morrison nursing home, Whitefield.

Survivors include her sister, Hazel Veinot of Brookfield, Mass.; her son and daughter-in-law Harold and Yvonne Mundell of Lunenburg, Vt.; her daughter and son-in-law, Nola and Jim Chamberlin of Florida.

Also, ten grandchildren and their spouses: Tammy and Allan Forbes and Dawn and Stephen Cartwright of Lancaster; Wendy and Brian Colby of Lunenburg, Vt.; Paul and Cindy Mundell of Groveton; Amber and Lonnie Chase of Whitefield; Douglas Clark, Cindy Willey, James Clark, Matthew Clark, and Benjamin Clark, all of Florida. Also numerous great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and all her many friends who fondly called her "grammy."

There are no calling hours. A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lancaster. Burial will be in the spring at the family's convenience.

## Cecile Blanch Fillion Cloutier, 84

WHITEFIELD — Cecile Blanch (Fillion) Cloutier passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, 2010 at the Morrison Nursing Home in Whitefield, after an extended illness.

Born on June 10, 1926 in Berlin, New Hampshire to Alderic and Antoinette Fillion, Cecile was a lifelong resident of Berlin. Cecile was an excellent student, known for her penmanship. After the onset of World War ll she was needed at home to help support the family and worked at Ben Evans Department Store and also in the towel room at the Cascade Paper Mill.

On June 14, 1947 Cecile married Real Cloutier of Berlin and devoted the rest of her life to her family, her home, her friends and her church. Cecile especially enjoyed entertaining family and friends at home on Maple Street and at the family camp at Cedar Pond in Milan, NH. For several years, after her husband's retirement from the Woodlands Credit Union, she and Real enjoyed winters in Florida with other snowbirds from the Berlin area. Cecile was especially fond of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She treasured the many happy memories she had of times spent together over the years. Cecile was known as an avid card player and also enjoyed shuffleboard during winters in Florida. She also enjoyed knitting and creating beautiful cross-stitch pieces.

Cecile was predeceased by her parents Alderic and Antoinette; her husband of 55 years, Real in 2002; her sister Florence (Fillion) Nault and brothers Maurice and Romeo. She is survived by her brother , Father Normand Fillion of Tewskbury, MA; three sons, Raymond and wife Sarah of Lyman, Roland and wife, Priscilla of Rocky Hill, Conn. and Robert and wife Sharon of Monroe; 7 grandchildren: Christine, Kathy, Brian, Philip, David, Anne Marie and Addie, as well as six great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday Jan. 5 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Littleto. Internment will be at the convenience of the family in the spring. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Cecile's memory to the Morrison Nursing Home 6 Terrace Street in Whitefield, New Hampshire.

## Hazel (Dorry) "Grammy" Pihl, 86

Hazel (Dorry) "Grammy" Pihl, 86, Littleton, passed away at Lafayette Center in Franconia on Jan. 3, 2011. She was born in Hopkinton in 1924 to Howard and Lela (Weeks) Dorry.

Hazel attended Concord public schools and graduated from Hancock High School in 1943. She earned an Associated degree from Hesser Business College in Manchester, in 1944. She was a secretary for the Goodell Co. in Antrim. After many moves throughout New Hampshire she settled in Littleton where she worked for Littleton Regional Hospital in the Kitchen, as a clerk at J.J. Newberry's and at the Hobbit Hole in Littleton.

Hazel was very active in family life, taking special interest in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to knit and was an avid quilter. She went to many quilt shows and won many awards. She was very active in the V.F.W. Woman's Auxiliary in Bennington, NH when she lived in Antrim. In her later years putting puzzles together was a great hobby she enjoyed.

Hazel is survived by two sons, Howard Pihl of Goffstown, and Allen and his wife Laura Pihl of Whitefield, three daughters, Laura and her husband Ron Camp of Titusville, Fla., Sandra and her husband Tank Sylvestre of Littleton, and Marcia Pihl of Lyme. Nine grandchildren, Timi and her husband Jim Duguay of Lebanon, Thaddeus and his wife Samantha Smith of W. Stewartstown, Tonya and her husband Paul Pinkham of Bethlehem, Kristen and her husband Pat Avery of Bath, Alana Pihl of Boston, Mass., Olivia Pihl of Whitefield, Terry Camp of Cocoa Beach Fla., Nataile Bidwell of Rockland Fla., and Daniel Camp of Viera Fla. 17 great-grandchildren, including her very special great-grandson Cote Smith, nieces and nephews including a very special niece Cathy Fargo of Manchester.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, a sister Pearl Wolfe of Manchester, and two brothers, Roy and Earl Dorry.

Friends and family are invited to gather at Ross Funeral Home, 282 West Main St. Littleton, NH on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 from 2-4 p.m.. Those who wish may make donations in Hazel's memory to AutismSpeaks.org on their website or by mail to Autism Speaks, 1 East 33rd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016 or to the March of Dimes at their website modimes.org or by mail to March of Dimes, 10 Ferry St. Suite 419, Concord, NH 03301. For more information or to leave a private note of condolence for the family please go to www.RossFuneral.com

## Senior Menus

### Littleton Area Senior Center
### Menu for Jan. 12-Jan. 19

WEDNESDAY— Beef stew with carrots and green beans, Mandarin salad, biscuits, strawberry sundae. The Bone Builders meet at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Music with Charles on piano begins at 11 a.m. Grocery Bingo begins at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY–Chicken cordon bleu, garlic mashed potato, asparagus, peanut butter squares. The Bone Builders meet at 8:30 a.m., Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar clinic opens from 11 a.m.-noon. Lifeline Presentation begins at 11 a.m. Food raffle takes place at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY—Stuffed cabbage casserole, salad, dessert. 50/50 raffle begins at 12:30 p.m. Mountain Man storyteller begins at 1 p.m.

MONDAY— Center closed for Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY—Ham, cheese, macaroni casserole, green beans with diced tomatoes, pineapple upside-down cake. The Bone Builders meet at 8:30 a.m. Music with "Sweet Jamm" begins at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY—Baked haddock with lemon pepper, herbed potato wedges, broccoli florets, coleslaw, tapioca pudding.

### Horse Meadow Senior Center

WEDNESDAY— Italian beef sandwiches, French onion soup, salad, dessert. The Bone Builders meet at 9:30 a.m. The Writers Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Music with Phyllis & John begins at 11:15 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY—Roast turkey, potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert. Art class with Barb begins at 9:30 a.m. The Craftroom opens at 9:30 a.m. Computer Users Group meets at 10 a.m. Music with Ethel Cooper begins at 11:15 a.m. Line dancing with Paul begins at 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY—Cream chipped beef with egg, potato, cornbread, vegetable, salad, dessert. The Bone Builders meet at 9:30 a.m. Music begins at 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY—Center Closed. Civil Rights Day.

TUESDAY—Chicken stew with dumplings, salad, dessert. Coffee shop open from 8:30-10 a.m. Wii from 8:30-10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY—Meatloaf , mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert. Foot clinic (by app't.) begins at 9 a.m. The Bone Builders meet at 9:30 a.m. The Writers Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Music with Phyllis & John begins at 11:15 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m.

### Whitefield Senior Center

WEDNESDAY—Pork chops with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, chocolate mousse.

THURSDAY—Cheeseburgers, sweet potato, fries, broccoli, salad, cookies.

FRIDAY—Blueberry pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fruit.

MONDAY—Center closed. Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY—Chicken Alfredo over linguini, spinach, roll, Jell-o.

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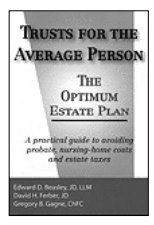
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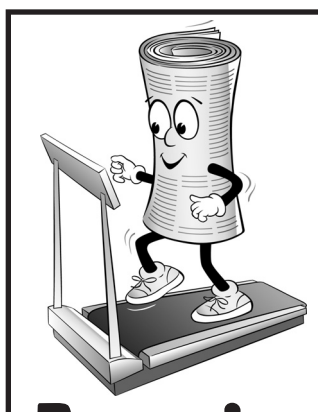



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# Obituaries

## Correction

In last week's Littleton Courier, the pictures of Marguerite Harris and Marianne Harriman were accidentally reversed. We are running the obituaries again with the pictures in the correct order. We apologize for the error.

## Marianne Neidermeier Harriman, 81

LITTLETON — Marianne Neidermeier Harriman 81, formerly of Littleton, died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at the Grafton County Nursing Home, North Haverhill, after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Munich, Germany, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dittesberger) Neidermeier. She met her future husband, Francis, while he was in the Air Force stationed in Germany and came to the United States in 1948 where she was married to Francis on Oct. 23, 1948. They shared 55 years of marriage before Francis passed away. She liked playing Bingo. She also enjoyed knitting, snow machining, gardening, cooking and baking. She loved to be with her family and share in family outings. She was a good friend to many and



Marianne Neidermeier Harriman

will be greatly missed by all who loved her. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis S Harriman in 2003, and also by her parents and two sisters in Germany.

She is survived by her son, Joseph and daughter-in-law, Jean, who live in Littleton. She has 2 granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister in Massachusetts and numerous nieces and nephews in Germany, Massachusetts and Virginia.

Services will be held in the spring at the Wheeler Hill Cemetery, Littleton. The family requests that donations be made in Marianne's memory to the Littleton Public Library, 92 Main Street, Littleton, NH 03561. The Ross Funeral Home, Littleton Chapel, has the privilege of these arrangements. To offer your condolences to the family please visit www.rossfuneral.com.

## Muriel M. Straw, 86

SANDUSKY, OHIO--Muriel "Lyndy" Straw, age 86, passed away in Firelands Hospital on Dec. 31 after battling Parkinson 's disease for the last few years. Lyndy was born on Aug. 1, 1924 in Bellows Falls, Vt. Her parents, Francis E. and Margie S. Mayette lived in Charlestown, NH where Lyndy grew up and graduated high school. Fifteen years later, she was joined by her brother Duane. A few years later at a Fellows Gear Shaper dance, Lyndy met her husband Robert "Bob" Archie Straw. For the next few years, the couple lived in Sugar Hill, and Manchester, Vt., where they had their first and only child, Gary Robert Straw. A year later, they settled down in Brownsville, Vt., where they purchased the Brownsville General Store. Here they lived for many years running the store. Bob joined the volunteer fire department and Lyndy started a dance studio above the store.

Lyndy's infinite love of dance and children brought children from all over the area to attend her dance classes. She also traveled to different schools to provide lessons. Even today, you will find people in the area that remember her classes and the dance school's Gala Events complete with incredible costumes. Besides



Muriel M. Straw

dance, Lyndy loved to snow ski, go camping and fishing, swim, go boating and later on attend antique car rallies with Bob and their 1929 Pontiac. In 1956, they purchased property in Goshen, NH on Rand Pond where the entire family helped build a small camp.

When the developers of Mt. Ascutney ski area purchased the land near Brownsville in the late 1960's, Bob became the general manager while Lyndy and Gary became ski instructors. Lyndy's personal touch at the ski area was apparent with the holiday events and pageants and costumes that were part of the resort's activities. Eventually, the Straws sold the general store, left Mt. Ascutney and later on moved to their Rand Pond camp year-round in 1978. The Goshen area became home to them where they were active in local events and the Goshen Community Church.

On Dec. 30, 1990, Bob passed away from a heart attack. Lyndy stayed in Goshen keeping active in area events, traveling to visit her son and grandchildren, going to Scotland and taking a Tall Ship cruise from Boston. A few years later, she found companionship with longtime Charlestown resident Norman Cobb.

Lyndy is survived by her only son Gary R. Straw and his wife Diane, grandchildren Gary Straw II and Megan Straw and a great-granddaughter Addyson Straw, all who reside in Ohio and her brother Duane Mayette and his family.

In Lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Goshen Community Church, Route 10, Goshen, NH 03752.

Visiting hours will be Friday, Jan. 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home, 42 Main Street in Newport. A memorial Service will be Saturday, Jan. 15 11 a.m. at Goshen Community Church, Route 10 in Goshen.

For more information or to send a condolence, please visit the Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home at www.newtonbartlett.com.

## Marguerite Harris, 88

LITTLETON – Marguerite Harris, age 88, passed away on Dec. 27, 2010 at the Lafayette Center in Franconia.

Marguerite was born on April 4, 1922, a daughter to the late Frank and Blanche Boutet, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. She was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and attended Beauty School in Boston, Mass.

Marguerite began her career as a beautician in Nantucket, Mass. prior to moving back to Littleton, where she continued as a beautician and finally opened her own shop in her home on School Street, which she ran until she retired. She enjoyed going to Ogunquit, Maine beaches.



Marguerite Harris

Surviving family members include her husband, Ralph Harris, her son Jason Taylor and Susan Tann of Haverhill; her step-children, Scott and Deb Harris of Nashua, Tally and Bob Parker of Raymond, Maine; grandchildren, Kerri and Joel Horne of Ellsworth, Maine, Katie and Jason Leveille of Bridgton, Maine, Kristin Harris and fiancé, Ryan Prokop of Londonderry, Shawn Harris of Nashville, Tenn., and two great-grandchildren, Sam and Luke Horne. She was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Francis Boutet, and a nephew, Michael.

Arrangements and care have been entrusted to the Pillsbury Phaneuf Funeral Homes. For more information, go to the obituary section of our website at www.pillsburyphaneuf.net.

## Theresa M. Clothey, 59

FRANCONIA – Theresa "Terri" Clothey, age 59 formerly of Whitefield, died on Dec. 22, 2010 at the Lafayette Genesis Center in Franconia, with family and friends by her bed side.

Born in Salem, Mass., Terri was the wife of the late James Clothey of Whitefield. She was the daughter of Irene (Lynch) Marchand and the late Hector "Chubby" Marchand. She attended Salem schools and received her nursing certificate from Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in Boston. Terri held various nursing and medical administrative positions in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, her more recent position with Morrison Nursing Home of Whitefield.

The owner and co-proprietor of "A Different Path", a Native American jewelry, fine arts, music and artifacts business located in Littleton, Terri with husband Jim, had met many customers who were interested in Indian culture. Through Pow Wows and re-enactments, Terri and Jim were able to share their knowledge of the rich culture of our country's indigenous peoples, making new friends from around the globe. Although hampered by her illness with MS, Terri always surrounded herself with Indian artifacts and music. A print "Wise Spirit and the Ash", created by Michael Eastman, depicting Terri of her basket weaving craftsmanship, was always hanging on the wall in her room at the Lafayette Center. Terri, having been a resident at the Lafayette Center for the past four years, had developed long term friendships with the Center's staff. Their service and dedication for all of the Lafayette patients is exemplary to all long-term care facilities in the Northeast.

In addition to her mother Irene, Terri is survived by one brother, Hector Marchand and his wife Colette of Upland, Calif.; also the late John Marchand of Salem, Mass.; two sisters, Luanne Anzivino and her husband Peter of Holliston, Mass. and Louise Fields of Peabody, Mass.; two nephews, David Marchand of Upland, Calif. and Brent Marchand of North Andover, Mass.

SERVICES -- Per Terri's wishes, her private memorial service was held with family in Massachusetts. An Indian cultural spring/summer gathering to celebrate her life will take place in 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lafayette Genesis Center, C/O Carole Bogut, Activities Fund, 93 Main Street, Franconia, NH. 03580.

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Trust of Vermont, for his lifetime contributions to the preservation of the character and quality of Vermont's communities. The Franklin Fairbanks Award honors an individual who has enriched our awareness and understanding of the natural world through contributions in the arts, humanities and sciences.

For over 30 years, Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont, has been one of the most influential and successful voices for the distinctive Vermont character. Under Paul's leadership, the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV), drawing upon its close affiliation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and generous support and encouragement from the Freeman Foundation and many other donors, has transformed the way Vermonters think about preservation. PTV has distributed grant support to every corner of the state for community preservation projects, for visionary initiatives, and for emergency response to protect fragile infrastructure and unique working landscapes. Each of these investments has also engaged communities in deeper understanding and appreciation of their heritage, from historic barns and diners to vital downtown centers and of the lifestyles these assets support.

Charlie Browne, executive director of the Museum praises Bruhn's vision, "From the hallways of Congress to the untrammeled hills of the Northeast Kingdom, he has called upon us all to recognize, preserve and put to creative use the working landscapes, historic streetscapes and authentic vision and craft of Vermonters and their communities. His is neither a nostalgic nor an insular view of Vermont but instead a far reaching vision that seeks to honor and preserve our unique assets."

In recognition of his effective leadership, persuasive influence and dedication to clear principles, Paul has received numerous awards, including the President's Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Richard Carbin Award from the Vermont Land Trust and the Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership from Smart Growth Vermont.

The Franklin Fairbanks Award Ceremony is a time to celebrate the many people whose vision, dedication and talents carry the spirit of Franklin Fairbanks's vision and help us understand the world around us through welcoming new Fairbanks Fellows. Please join this celebration of the life of the Museum.

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# A Murky Topic: Sediment

By David Deen

When our rivers turn muddy and murky, few people think about what is going on in the riverine ecosystem. That added color is sediment. Sediment is soil, sand, gravel, stones and organic material being transported downstream by the force of the water. In nature, rivers move only two things from upstream sources: water and sediment.

Sediment comes from several sources. One source is the river itself. Increased flows cause increased friction between the water and the sides and bed of a river. The water scrapes the particles of soil, gravel and rocks loose from their resting places. Bed load is the sediment the water plucks from the bottom of the river. Bed load particles move by rolling, sliding or hopping down river along the bottom. Stand next to a stream during high spring flows and you can hear the rocks 'clicking' against each other. Lighter particles of the fine sand, silt and clay size are transported as suspended load higher in the water column.

The other major sediment sources are overland flow and storm water runoff. Both transport dislodged soil particles down slope to a river. Depending on the intensity of the rain the soil particles can either be moved by sheet flow as water flows over land surface equally in all places or in channels that form and sweep the particles into a gully. Gully flows that collect sheet flow also move sediment off the bottom and sides of the gully in addition to what came off the land or parking lot. A double whammy!

An increase in flow increases the ability of the water to carry sediment accordingly. It's a matter of physics and there are equations that calculate the amount of sediment a river can move at a particular flow. The equations not only predict the amount of sediment but where it likely will be deposited within the river channel. When human activities create sloping impervious surfaces like rooftops and parking lots that will not absorb water, those surfaces quicken storm water flows to waterways. The increased speed with which the water gets to the river increases river flows more quickly and that increases the erosive power of the river.

As you might expect the more force the water has the larger the sediment particles; e.g. flood flows can move boulders. Conversely as the flow levels drop the sediment drops out of the water starting with the biggest particles first. These patterns of erosion and deposition are critical to the health of a river, especially the locations where the sediment is dropped as the flows lower. Where sediment is deposited determines where there will be riffles, pools, runs or point bars formed in the river. The deposition also determines where aquatic insects and other macroinvertebrate life lives, where fish spawn and where they grow to maturity.

People usually don't distinguish between natural and human influenced sediment releases and if they do they question why one is OK and the other causes problems. In a natural experience, as the water level rises, the amount and size of the sediment increases and then decrease as the water level drops. Sediment settles out in predictable places in a river and natural deposition of sediment creates a diversity of the river bottom conditions. If a sediment release happens when there is no high water the sediment settles out in the wrong places and causes embeddedness meaning habitat destruction.

Embeddedness is a word used to describe the degree to which gravel, cobble and boulders are buried into the silt, sand or mud of a stream bottom. As a river bottom becomes embedded the open area under rocks, cobble and gravel, the essential habitat for macroinvertebrates and fish for shelter, spawning, and egg incubation decreases. Embeddedness is usually a result of large-scale sediment movement and the more embedded a river is the less healthy it is for aquatic species.

If sediment is released during regular or low flows, sediment drops out of the water column in the wrong places especially the fine materials like silt. This situation can spell doom for aquatic species. Accumulation of sediments in the wrong places in a river increases the embeddedness of a river and that leads to a decline in biodiversity within that reach of river. Fine sediments fill the spaces between gravel and cobble decreasing spawning areas for fish and the habitat for macroinvertebrates that serve as food for many fish species because fine sediment can cover the natural bottom and cut off water circulation and therefore oxygen to fertilized eggs and all other aquatic species that would normally live there.

Sediment is one of the largest sources of pollution in our nation's rivers. The effects of human factors that can affect the amount of river sediment include changes in the river itself by construction of dams, gravel extraction, thoughtless stream alteration, inappropriate land use and unnaturally higher flows caused by climate change. The changes in these conditions alter the yield of water and sediment in our rivers and not always for the better.

David Deen is River Steward for the Connecticut River Watershed Council. CRWC has been a protector of the Connecticut River for more than half a century.


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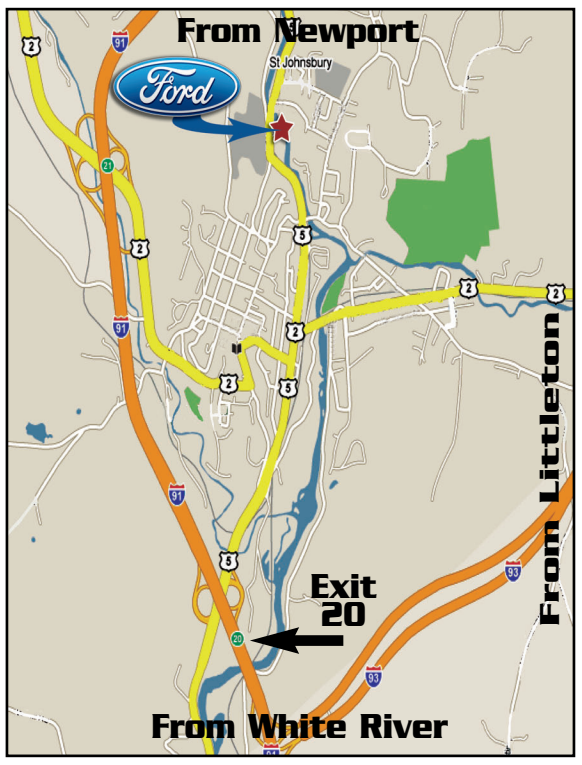
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**Profile's Logan Slattery catches air during a giant slalom run at Loon Mountain Friday.**

# Lin-Wood boys sweep

By CHARLIE LENTZ
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LINCOLN — With a blast of youth Lin-Wood dominated last Friday's boys high school ski meet — sweeping both the morning and afternoon team competitions at Loon Mountain. Lin-Wood freshman Chris Hyland led the way with the best clockings of the morning's two-run, giant-slalom competition. Hyland also finished second overall in the afternoon's single-run GS race.

"The hard work that the team has been putting in showed today," said Lin-Wood coach Aaron Loukes. "Chris has been skiing really well in training and it was great for him to put two good runs together."

The boys state meet is scheduled for February on Profile's home hill at Cannon Mountain. Profile coach Steve Roberts said Lin-Wood will likely be a tough competitor this season.

"They look hot. Those boys look really good. They've got some good young skiers," Roberts said. "I thought we could give them a little bit more of a run. I say if they congeal up they're going to be tough to beat."

Hyland's clocking in the first run of the morning was

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# Woodsville boys beat Blue Mountain

By CHARLIE LENTZ
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WOODSVILLE — An undermanned Woodsville lineup got off to a slow start against Blue Mountain Saturday — scoring just two points in the opening quarter. But it's how the Engineers finished that mattered. After tallying just one bucket in the first eight minutes — Woodsville played near-perfect basketball en route to defeating Blue Mountain 50-32.

The Engineers trailed 6-2 after the first quarter but outscored Blue Mountain 20-10 in the second frame to take control. Senior forward Cayman Belyea scored 13 points in the second quarter and gave Woodsville the lead for good (14-12) after sinking a pair of free throws with 4:29 left before halftime.

Woodsville led 22-16 at the intermission and extended its margin to 33-21 after three quarters. Woodsville had a good inside-outside mix against Blue Mountain. Belyea scored 15 points, senior guard Jeremy Benjamin finished with nine points on three clutch three-pointers — and senior guard David Wright added 14 points.

The Engineers were able to hit the big shot when needed. Woodsville was missing junior forwards Jordan Wilson and Andrew Dockham from the lineup but was able to compensate with a complete effort.

"Jeremy (Benjamin) struggled in the first half," said Woodsville coach Jamie Walker. "At halftime I said 'Shooters keep on shooting. If you're open, shoot it.' There's no sense in stopping what you do best. (Benjamin) just continued shooting and he found his stroke a few times."

Benjamin nailed a three-pointer with 7:36 left in the third quarter to give Woodsville a 25-16 lead. Benjamin then sank a trey with 3:40 left in the third quarter to stretch the cushion to 28-19.

"Benjamin's too good of a shooter to miss six, eight in a row," Walker said.

The outside game opened up the inside game for Belyea, who scored eight of his 15 points from the foul line.

"If we get one or two guys hitting threes, the defense extends and makes it a lot easier for (Belyea)," Walker said. "We ran a couple of post-up plays for him. He got to the line, made some baskets. If we're making some shots and the defense has to extend, it makes it much easier when we're cutting on our offense for Cayman (Belyea) and Tyler (Reney) to get those inside layups."

In Wilson and Dockham's absence, the Engineers got contributions and minutes from junior forward Heath Page, junior guard Austin Albro and freshmen guard Joe Abrahamsen.

"It's only going to help us down the road when Andrew and Jordan get back. It's not going to be a new thing to them now that they've played a couple of games with these guys gone they're getting into the flow a little bit," Walker said. "They're getting into the pace of the game and it's just going to help them."

**Blue Mt. 6-10-5-11 — 32**
**Woodsville 2-20-11-17 — 50**

**Blue Mt.**
Chris Sevigny 1 1-3 3, Kyle Farqhuarson 1 0-0 2, Brandon Flood 2 5-7 10, Dillon Williams 1 0-0 3, Damian Smith 3 0-0 7, Eddie Soucie 3 1-2 7. Totals 11 7-12 32.

**Woodsville**
Cayman Belyea 3 8-11 15, Jeremy Benjamin 3 0-0 9, Tyler Reney 1 2-4 4, David Wright 4 5-6 14, Joe Abrahamsen 0 2-4 2, Austin Albro 2 -1 6. Totals 13 18-26 50.




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**Woodsville's Heath Page, white jersey, goes up for a shot against Blue Mountain.**

# *Lin-Wood girls dominate Loon ski meet*

By CHARLIE LENTZ
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LINCOLN — There's no place like home. Loon Mountain is the base for the Lin-Wood girls ski team and the Lumberjacks used their own backyard to dominate last Friday's high school ski meet.

Lin-Wood senior Liza Tetley skied the two fastest giant slalom runs of the morning competition to help the Lumberjacks take the a.m. team competition. Tetley had the second fastest clocking of the afternoon's single-run, giant-slalom event to help the Lumberjacks escape with an afternoon team tie against the Profile girls.

In the morning competition, Lin-Wood junior Kelsey O'Rourke finished third to help the Lumberjacks capture the team title. Lin-Wood's Pearce Bourassa was fourth in the morning event. Lin-Wood senior Renee Kenney took 14th in the morning.

"Liza (Tetley), Kelsey (O'Rourke) and Pearce (Bourassa) in the top five was great for the team," said Lin-Wood coach Aaron Loukes. "Renee Kenney had her best result finishing 10th in the afternoon."

Lin-Wood needed every good performance, the Lumberjacks edged Profile 385-380 in the morning's team standings. Woodsville finished third. Littleton finished 11th.




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**Lin-Wood's Karragen Boyle competes at Loon Mountain Friday.**

Profile junior Paige Roberts finished second among the individual competitors in the morning. Tetley finished the first morning run in 28.8 seconds, edging Roberts (29.06) by just over a quarter-second. Tetley improved during her second morning run with a clocking of 27.47 seconds. Roberts' second morning run was 28.47.

Roberts raced to the fastest afternoon giant slalom run, covering the course in 28.38 seconds to best second-place finisher Tetley (28.68). O'Rourke finished third in the afternoon with a time of 29.5. Lin-Wood's Bourassa was fifth and Kenney took 10th place in the afternoon. Lin-Wood and Profile both finished with 384 points in the afternoon team competition. Woodsville finished fourth. Littleton finished 11th.

Profile's Mora Peterson took fourth in the afternoon. Profile's Hadley Starer finished seventh followed by

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# Late run lifts Lisbon

By CHARLIE LENTZ
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LITTLETON — After playing like they were stuck in mud in the first half — then rallying to take a lead in the third quarter — Littleton tantalized its home crowd by getting within a bucket against Lisbon early in the fourth quarter Friday night at Littleton High.

But Lisbon held on when it mattered and knocked off the Crusaders 50-37 at Littleton High's gymnasium. The Crusaders recovered after falling in a deep hole early. Littleton trailed 25-14 at halftime but outscored Lisbon 15-8 in the third quarter to get within striking distance.

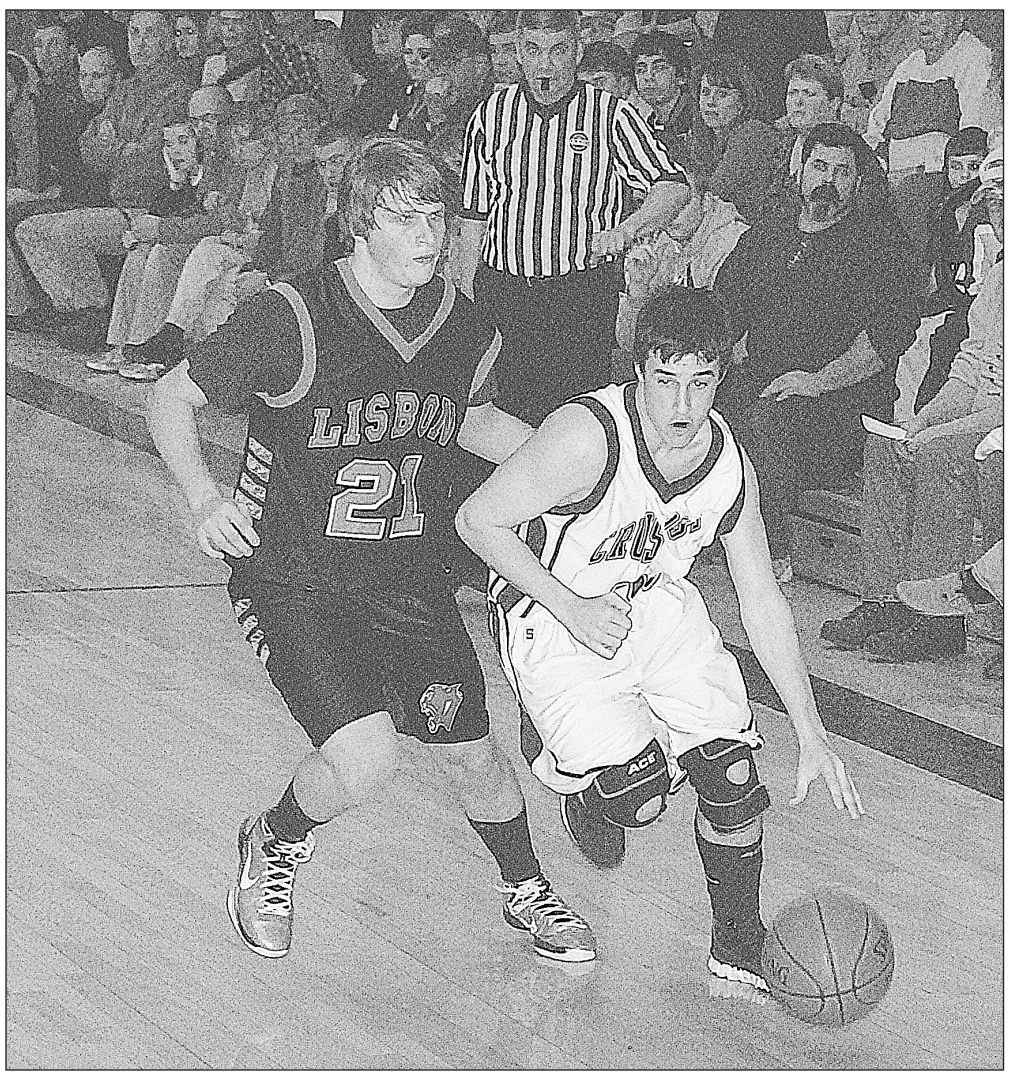
The Crusaders led 29-27 after junior Jesse Ledoux sank a three-pointer with 2:02 left in the third quarter. But a 6-0 Lisbon run to finish the third frame gave the lead back to the Panthers for good although the Crusaders would not quit.

Littleton senior guard Maddox Morneau canned a three-pointer with 7:06 left in the fourth quarter and the Crusaders trailed 34-32. But Lisbon responded with a 12-0 run to put the game away. Sophomore forward Mike Heath capped the surge with a pair of free throws to put Lisbon ahead 46-32 with 2:09 remaining.

Littleton could not overcome its slow start.

"That's two games in a row we've come out and scored 14 points in the first half, dug ourselves a hole," said Littleton coach Trevor Howard. "Tonight we actually got over the hump and even took the lead in the third (quarter). I don't know if we ran out of gas or ran out of offense."

Senior guard Jake Clement led Lisbon with 21 points. Senior forward Jamsie Myers added 10 points and Heath chipped in eight points. Junior guard Sam Brammer led Littleton with 14 points. The Panthers experience inside was too much for Littleton.



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**Littleton's Maddox Morneau, white jersey, tries to get past Lisbon's Dylan Chase.**

"We've struggled so far at end-of-quarter situations. I give Lisbon credit, they're a good team," Howard said. "They made big shots when they had to. We had all the momentum in our gym, I expected it to continue. We were that close to maybe pulling out an upset, we'll keep working."

Lisbon coach Les Poore was pleased his Panthers handled Littleton's comeback effort but wished it wasn't necessary.

"Luckily, we persevered tonight. I give Littleton credit. Their speed got to us a little bit," Poore said. "We found a way to win. It's just not pretty the way we're playing right now because we're just not taking care of the ball. We're getting the ball in some of the right players hands and they need to step up their game. Right now we just have a long ways to go.

"I like the way we played. But when the momentum starts going downhill for us somebody needs to fix it. We had different guys step up tonight at key times and we need to keep doing that."

The stretch run of the season approaches. Poore said the Panthers have much to work on before the Division IV state tournament arrives.

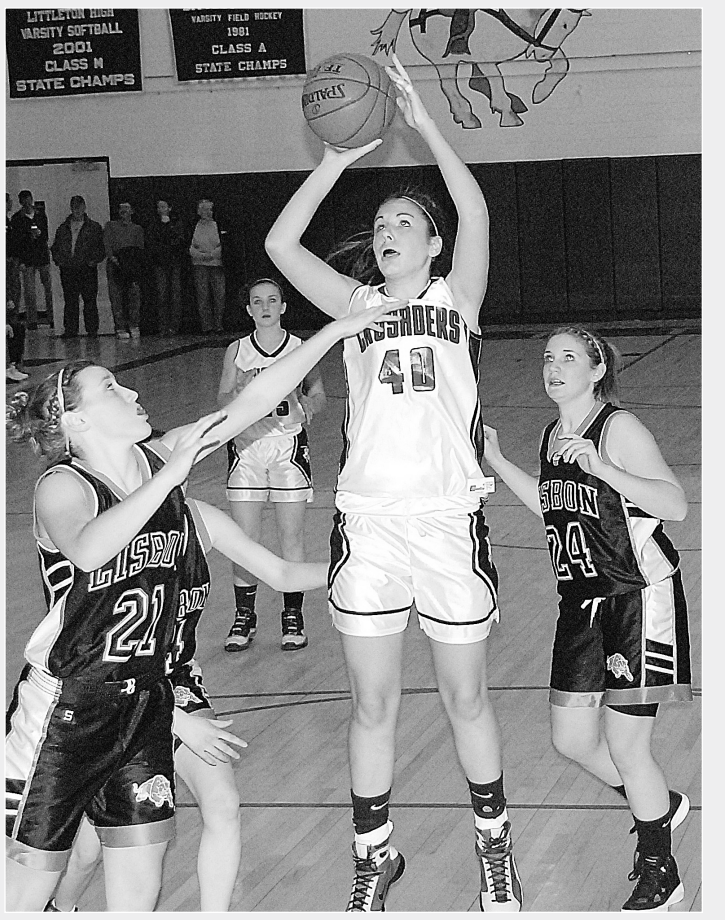
"I'm not happy with the way we're playing," Poore said. "I think, veterans at this level are just making silly mistakes. We have to correct it."

**Lisbon**

Jake Clement 8 3-7 21, Dylan Chase 3 0-0 6, Mike Heath 3 2-4 8, Jamsie Myers 4 2-5 10, Aaron Thompson 2 1-2 5. Three-point goals: Clement 2. Totals 20 8-18 50.

**Littleton**

Josh Bogardus 0 2-6 2, Nick Whipple 3 3-5 9, Jesse Ledoux 1 2-2 5, Maddox Morneau 1 0-0 3, Sam Brammer 5 3-3 14, Tom Quillin 1 0-0 2, Kyle MacKay 1 0-1 2. Three-point goals: Ledoux, Morneau, Brammer. Totals 12 10-17 37.




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**Littleton's Alyssa Keefe goes up for a shot against Lisbon.**

# Littleton girls head down stretch

By CHARLIE LENTZ
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LITTLETON — After early-season losses to Groveton and Colebrook, Littleton seems to be gaining momentum as the second half of the season heads down the stretch. Littleton defeated Lisbon 45-28 last Friday to lift its record to 4-2.

The Crusaders used a half-court pressing defense to open up a 26-13 lead at halftime and extended the margin to 38-19 after three quarters.

Junior forwards Alyssa Keefe (13 points and 13 rebounds) and Taylor Glidden (10 points) led the Crusaders.

"I thought Taylor Glidden came in and gave us a huge spark off the bench shooting," said Littleton coach Dale Prior. "I thought Alyssa Keefe had an outstanding game tonight."

Although Lisbon is inexperienced and has a roster filled with underclassmen, Prior said they can't be overlooked.

"Lisbon works hard and we had to match that intensity. I know they're young but you know what, the Lisbon kids always work hard," Prior said. "I just thought our pressure forced them into mistakes that we either converted into points or we just got more possessions out of it."

Junior point guard Julia Winn added nine points.

"I thought Julia did a great job of getting it to the right spots. We've still got some things to work on, don't get me wrong," Prior said.

Kylee O'Shana led Lisbon with nine points. Littleton's defense held Lisbon junior guard Jill Fifield to one point and sophomore point guard Hannah Champagne to three points.

"They're better than we are, there's no question about that," said Lisbon coach Paul Tetrault. "The only thing that bothered me was we played right into what they wanted to do. They're an uptempo team and the only way you can beat an uptempo team is with discipline. If you allow them to run the floor, get their looks, and give up 20 offensive rebounds, you don't have a shot."

Tetrault expects his Panthers to recover down the stretch run of the season.

"I thought we worked hard. We were scrappy. We're still maturing and there's some situations where do some ill-advised things. We haven't got to the level where we can regroup as a unit on the floor," Tetrault said. "Littleton is a solid club. They've got a lot of weapons. They made us work. I can see right now, as a measuring stick, we're not to the level where we need to be based on the fact that under pressure we revert back to old tendencies."

**Lisbon 8-5-6-9 — 28**
**Littleton 12-14-15-4 — 45**

**Lisbon (3-4)**

Shannon McGrath 2 0-0 4, Rachels Brooks 1 0-1 2, Hannah Champagne 0 3-8 3, Jill Fifield 0 1-2 1, Tori Rosebush 1 0-0 2, Sydney Clement 3 0-0 7, Kylee O'Shana 4 1-2 9. Totals 11 3-5 28.

**Littleton (4-2)**

Lindsey Glines 3 1-2 7, Kally Lavoie 3 0-0 6, Julia Winn 4 1-2 9, Taylor Glidden 5 0-4 10, Alyssa Keefe 6 1-2 13. Totals 21 3-10 45.

## LIN-WOOD GIRLS

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teammate Kirsta Tortorice in eighth place.

Woodsville's Louisa Noble was the top finisher for the Engineers in the morning, taking 16th place. Woodsville's Katie Bazzell skied to an 11th-place finish in the afternoon.

The competition this season seems to be a replay of last season when Lin-Wood and Profile battled back and forth during the regular season before Profile won the state meet on its home hill at Cannon Mountain. This year's girls state meet is scheduled for Loon and Lin-Wood will be trying to win its third state title over the past four seasons.

Profile coach Steve Roberts looked forward to another challenge from the Lumberjacks this season.

"Another battle — we were a little flat this morning, I've got to take some responsibility. I've got to take a little bit of the blame," Roberts said.

But the season is still young and plenty of adjustments lie ahead.

"We need to start with the No.1 slot and work our way from there," Roberts said. "Mora (Peterson) had definitely a better run on her third run today, maybe a little bit of an off day for her. Carson Holmes had a wonderful day today."

Profile's skiers will likely have to be at their best when the Lumberjacks reconvene at Loon for the state meet in February. For now, the next regular-season meet is set for Wildcat on Friday — count on another battle between Lin-Wood and Profile.

"It's Yankees-Red Sox, whatever you want to call it. It's a friendly rivalry. I don't see it really stopping," Roberts said. "Next stop Wildcat — we'll see how we do in slalom. I like our chances in slalom."

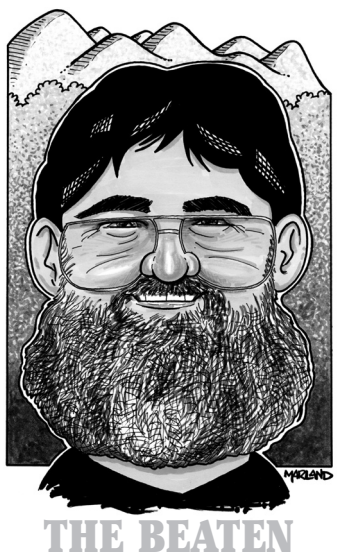
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Sports

# Changing trail conditions are the winter norm



THE BEATEN PATH

Mike Dickerman

Probably more so than any other time of the year, trail conditions in the mountains of New Hampshire are truly at the mercy of the weather gods during the winter season. It's no stretch, in fact, to say that trail conditions can change drastically not just overnight, but in the course of just one or two hours.

The big winter variable, of course, is snow. There can be way too much of it, or not anywhere near enough. It can also be soft and mushy, powdery, or somewhere in between. And depending on many variables, such as recent snowfall history, location, and the amount of human use, the trails themselves can be icy, hard-packed, or untrod upon.

Probably the ideal winter trail conditions consist of 3 to 5 inches of new powder atop a previously packed-out travel way, four feet or so wide. This allows for one's snowshoes (or boots) to have something to grip onto, while at the same time not requiring a herculean effort on the part of the lead hiker, whose responsibility is to "break" out a new path through the fresh snow. From a temperature standpoint, I also like to see the thermometer remain in the 15-20 degree range, especially if there's any serious uphill walking involved. Anything warmer and I tend to overheat a bit; anything colder and I feel obligated to retain several layers, even when climbing.

I realize, of course, that everyone has a different tolerance level, so what may be comfortable for me may not be comfortable for my climbing partner. That's one reason why it's so important in winter to dress in layers, and to use these layers to regulate one's comfort level.

Temperatures at or above the freezing mark (32 degrees), while nice when standing atop a summit or during a rest break, are simply too warm for me when I have to climb, and the resulting softening of the snow in the warmer air can turn a previously fine trail into a mealy mess. As one would expect, the midday hours are typically the hottest (a relative term, I realize, considering the season) of the day, so on reasonably warm winter days, that's when the snow tends to soften up the most, especially at the lower elevations or on south-facing slopes. As the day wears on, the sun begins to set, and the temperature starts to cool down again, the snow will often re-harden. For those reasons, I try and plan my hikes accordingly, ascending during the cooler morning hours and descending during the cooler late afternoon hours. If I've planned things out well, I benefit, too, by reaching my destination during the warmest hours of the day. This is where I'm likely to take my longest break of the day; and definitely so if the weather proves accomodating.

Over the last few weeks we've certainly witnessed a perfect example of how conditons can change rapidly the during the winter season. Take the week between Christmas and New Year's, for example.

As most readers probably know, the post-Christmas snowstorm dumped varying amounts of snow across the Granite State. While lots of places in the lower half of the state received six or so inches of snow, we hit the jackpot up here in the White Mountains where as much as three feet of powder fell in the higher elevations, and a good 18 inches acummulated even in some of the northern valleys. (For the record, I received 17 inches at my Littleton home.)

The timing, of course, couldn't have been better as far as winter sports enthusiasts were concerned. Ski resorts throughout the state, and especially in the White Mountains, entertained record numbers of holiday week skiers in the days immediately following the storm. Out on the hiking trails, meanwhile, snowshoers happily trudged their way uphill through mounds and drifts of the light, white powder, and even though hikes that normally took an hour to complete suddenly took twice as long to finish, it was winter tramping at its finest. Then as vacation week progressed and more and more hikers took to the woods, the packed out trails were in near perfect shape as temperatures stayed relatively cold and little meltdown or hardening of the trail surfaces occurred.

It was a totally different scenario by New Year's weekend, however, as milder conditions suddenly prevailed and the once powdered snow consolidated into heavy, wet mush. Where two days earlier snowshoe-clad hikers were able to easily plow their way over and through the powder, they were now sinking knee deep with practically every other step. Hikes that were a delight to undertake on Thursday were midwinter nightmares 48 hours later. This resulted in innumerable hikers suddenly having to face the realities of the conditions and either abandoning completely or altering significantly their best laid plans for the day. (A case in point is Ryan Meltz of Milford, the winter peakbagging speed record-holder who chose the holiday week to try and shave a few more minutes off his existing mark. He breezed through the early part of his latest record attempt, thanks in part to teams of hikers who broke out trail in front of him. But once the weather turned, even packed out trails were tough to negotiate. Ultimately he gave up his quest after "bagging" 28 of the state's 48 high peaks.)

When it comes to winter hiking, I guess my best advice for folks is that they should choose hikes suitable for the prevailing conditions, knowing as well, though, that they should be prepared for anything and everything. Because when it comes to winter hiking, you can never know for sure what you'll be up against.

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# Profile nordic skiers excel at Gunstock

GILFORD — Profile participated in the Coaches Series race at Gunstock Saturday. The race was a New Hampshire qualifying race for the New England and J2 teams. For younger skiers it's a real mental test since there are over 600 skiers from over 30 teams in New Hampshire.

This is a series of two races: a five kilometer skate and classic (held at the White Mountain Regional High School on Jan. 22) divided into three divisions based on skill. There is a high school A and B level, and a middle school race. The A race is for more experienced skiers. In the boys 5K A race, Profile's Cam Johnson finished 76th in 17:08 in a field of 140 skiers. Profile's Ian Bolton placed 102rd in 18:47, and Neville Morris finished 105th in 18:52.

In the girls A race Profile's Isabelle Eyman placed 79th in 21:50. Grace Lavoie finished 96th in 23:03. Emmy Roy was 98th in 23:06 and Kelsey Ford was 118th in 26:01.

In the middle school race in a field of 52, Profile's Sam Crosby was 14th in 20:09. Chris Seely was 18th in 20:27. Jared Gunter was 20th in 20:38. Jack Greene was 24th in 22:08 and Dodge Garfield was 39th in 27:57.

In the middle school girls race in a field of 48, Profile's Erica Seely was fifth in 22:17, Elyssa Anneser was 22nd in 28:30 and Marianne Hansalik was 24th in 29:57.

The B races were cancelled due to hazardous conditions late in the day.

"Under hazardous conditions, I was proud of how our skiers performed. They came out bound and determined to put down a good time and be very competitive," said Profile coach Ted Gardner. "They worked together as a team by sharing information about the course conditions, which helped everyone be safe and aggressive."

Profile also competed in a race at Bretton Woods on Jan. 4 hosted by Inter-Lakes. All Division IV Teams (Hopkinton, Moultonborough, Derryfield, Inter-lakes, Sunapee, Gorham) and Plymouth were present. It was a fast course with a few hills and a long downhill towards the end. The Profile girls placed third overall and the boys were fourth. In the girls race (out of 45 skiers), captain Isabelle Eyman placed 10th in 21:01, Grace Lavoie was 12th in 21:34 and Emmy Roy finished 15th in 22:05.

Other results: Maddie Hesler was 26th (24:05), captain Kelsey Ford was 30th (24:46), Rachel Johnson was 31st (25:02), Erica Seely was 32nd (25:03), Elyssa Anneser was 41st (29:35), Sacha Bays was 45th (44:08). Seely and Anneser, who are middle schoolers, were petitioned up to race at the high school level.

In the boys race (out of 73 skiers), captain Cam Johnson finished 23rd in 18:26, Captain Neville Morris was 30th in 18:44 and Ian Bolton was 31st in 18:45. Sam Crosby placed 35th in 19:27 and Luke Anneser was 41st in 20:16. Other results: Jared Gunter finished 44th in 20:40, Nick Christofferson was 52nd in 22:10, Chris Seely was 56th in 22:40, Taylor Boucher was 69th in 26:53, Jake Rivers was 71st in 27:33 and Spencer Shanshala was 72nd in 33:12. Seely, Gunter and Crosby were petitioned up to compete at the high school level.

"This was an excellent way to start the season," coach Gardner said. "I know everyone was nervous and it wasn't what they were expecting for our first race. But everyone did a great job and I was pleasantly surprised at how well the girl's team did. There is more work to be done and I look forward to seeing more improvement as the season goes on."

## LIN-WOOD BOYS

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27.27 seconds. White Mountain Regional's Keeghan Odell finished second individually with a first run of 27.58. Hyland (26.87) also edged Odell (26.95) in the second GS run of the morning.

Lin-Wood cemented its team victory in the morning with Lumberjacks eighth-grader Ryan Clermont taking fourth place and freshman Bailey Clermont capturing fifth place. Eighth-grader Bryce Gillen finished eighth in the morning.

Lin-Wood won the morning event with 386 points. Gorham was second with 356 and Profile finished third (348). Woodsville finished sixth and Littleton was 10th.

In the afternoon's single-run giant slalom competition, White Mountain Regional's Odell placed first overall in 27.26 seconds. Hyland (27.74) took second in the afternoon event. Lin-Wood won the afternoon's team standings with a total of 384.5. Profile (350.5) was second and Gorham (350) finished in third place. Woodsville finished fifth and Littleton took 10th.

Lin-Wood's Ryan Clermont finished fourth overall in the afternoon's individual standings. Gillen finished sixth and Bailey Clermont took seventh for the Lumberjacks.

Profile eighth-grader Logan Slattery finished sixth in the morning event and took seventh in the afternoon. Profile's Tyler Doyle (13th place in the afternoon), Ryan O'Hara (14th place in the afternoon), along with Nick Robie (23rd) helped the Patriots take second in the team standings in the afternoon.

The boys state meet is scheduled for February at Cannon Mountain, Profile's home hill. Lin-Wood has made an early statement and will apparently be ready to take on Profile. The Patriots will be ready and waiting.

"They've got to come to Cannon for the state meet," Roberts said. "So we'll see."


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Sports

# Colebrook boys nip Lisbon at buzzer

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LISBON — Colebrook's Dylan Leach was all alone at exactly the worst time for Lisbon. With just one second left on the game clock, Leach broke free under the hoop and kissed a short shot off the glass to give the Mohawks a 35-34 victory over the Panthers Jan 4 at Lisbon Regional.

Lisbon senior guard Dylan Chase had put Lisbon up 34-33 with a bucket off a steal by teammate Jamsie Myers with 1:50 left. But on the game's final play, Colebrook's Bryan Griffin found Leach for the game-winning hoop.

"We didn't deserve to win tonight," said Lisbon coach Les Poore. "This is a game that we gave away. Just made a critical mistake at the end of the game defensively and we paid for it."

Although the Panthers played solid defense until the final play, coach Poore said Lisbon's offense didn't do its part.

"We should have been in the 50s. We literally missed 12 layups. They were in positions to make plays and we didn't make plays," Poore said. "If our upperclassmen aren't going to make plays then it's going to be ugly games like this. We had guys who should have been in double figures and it's frustrating."

Colebrook lifted its record to 5-0. Lisbon went 4-2 through its first six games. Coach Poore said the Panthers missed an opportunity to knock the Mohawks from the unbeaten ranks.

"We're playing against a team that we know is scrappy. They're undefeated," Poore said. "We've got to win at home. We didn't play well tonight. We didn't deserve to win. We missed an assignment defensively and they win at the buzzer. Games happen like that. I thought this was a game that we would eventually take control of because of our size. But we just couldn't finish.

"It is what it is. We outshot them. We outrebounded them. They had more turnovers. But we didn't shoot and when you don't shoot you end up in games like this. You let teams stay in and that's what happens. I'm disappointed. It never should have happened but it did."

**Colebrook**

Justin Biewenski 1 0-0 2, Bryan Griffin 2 2-2 6, Alex Hibbard 0 1-2 1, Tyler Griffin 6 3-6 15, Dylan Leach 1 0-0 2, Andrew Hicks 4 0-0 8. Totals 14 6-10 35.

**Lisbon**

Jake Clement 3 4-4 10, Andrew Knighton 2 0-0 5, Dylan Chase 1 0-0 3, Mike Heath 2 0-0 4, Jamsie Myers 5 2-4 12. Totals 13 6-8 34.




CHARLIE LENTZ/THE COURIER

**Lisbon's Dylan Chase goes up for a bucket against Colebrook.**

# Lisbon girls fall to Colebrook




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**Lisbon's Jill Fifield drives to the hoop against Colebrook.**

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LISBON — Colebrook's experience outlasted Lisbon's youth movement in a 50-38 victory over the Panthers. The Mohawks lifted their record to 6-0 with the win over the Panthers Jan. 4 at Lisbon Regional. Colebrook coach Steve Cass knows it's only a matter of time before Lisbon gets better but the Mohawks have the better team for now.

"They're young and I knew they'd have a rebuilding year," Cass said. "They've got some kids that hustle. Next year and the year after they're going to be a dangerous team. They're going to be a real dangerous team."

For now Colebrook answered every challenge posted by Lisbon. Colebrook broke to a 25-13 lead at the half and stretched the margin to 39-23 after three quarters.

Although Lisbon has five freshmen (Shannon McGrath, Kayla Fifield, Sydney Clement, Olivia Myers and Becca Daniels) who play significant minutes, coach Paul Tetrault said he knew Colebrook would be tough to knock from the undefeated ranks. But he said that doesn't mean the Panthers were outclassed.

"They're a good club, well coached, but we could have won this game," Tetrault said.

The Panthers showed their stuff early in the fourth quarter, outscoring Colebrook 12-4 over the first six minutes of the final period. Lisbon shaved a 39-23 deficit down to 43-35 on a pair of foul shots by sophomore point guard Hannah Champagne with 1:48 left in regulation. Colebrook five foul shots in the final 1:21 to hang on to the victory.

"We had to foul and hope they missed their free throws down the stretch," Tetrault said.

Coach Tetrault said the Panthers have to stop falling behind early.

"I thought we played very poor defense at the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter. That cost us, they went on a pretty good run there," Tetrault said. "If we would have played the whole game with the urgency that we came out in the fourth quarter we would have been OK."

Tetrault is look for complementary scorers to help out junior Jill Fifield and Champagne with the offensive load for the Panthers (3-4 through seven games).

"What I've been preaching to these kids all along is, it can't be just two kids looking to take the shots," Tetrault said. "We've got to get kids to honor more than Jill and Hannah. That's the key."

And yet Tetrault knows the future is bright.

"I think we're improving. Of course I'm never happy. I think we need to get tougher defensively," Tetrault said. "I thought we did a good job running the floor tonight. It's the little things that make big things happen. There's still a couple of little things that we're not doing. We don't have the heart right now to play playoff basketball on the defensive end. The offensive end, we're getting there. There's still a ton of upside for this team."

And the freshmen class should only get better.

"They're making some mistakes but we're getting them on the floor. We've been working pretty hard. Hopefully in the playoffs we'll surprise somebody," Tetrault said. "We need some of older girls to step up one more step and we'll be OK."

**Colebrook 12-13-17-8 — 50**
**Lisbon 5-6-12-15 — 38**

**Colebrook (6-0)**

Kristen Call 5 3-6 16, Chelsea Brooks 1 4-8 6, Josee Bruneault 4 1-3 9, Leah Raymond 1 1-4 3, Katelyn Bouchard 6 1-2 15. Totals 17 10-23 50.

**Lisbon (3-4)**

Shannon McGrath 2 0-0 4, Rachels Brooks 2 0-0 4, Hannah Champagne 3 2-2 9, Kayla Fifield 1 0-3 2, Tori Rosebush 1 0-0 2, Jill Fifield 5 5-12 15. Totals 14 7-17 38.

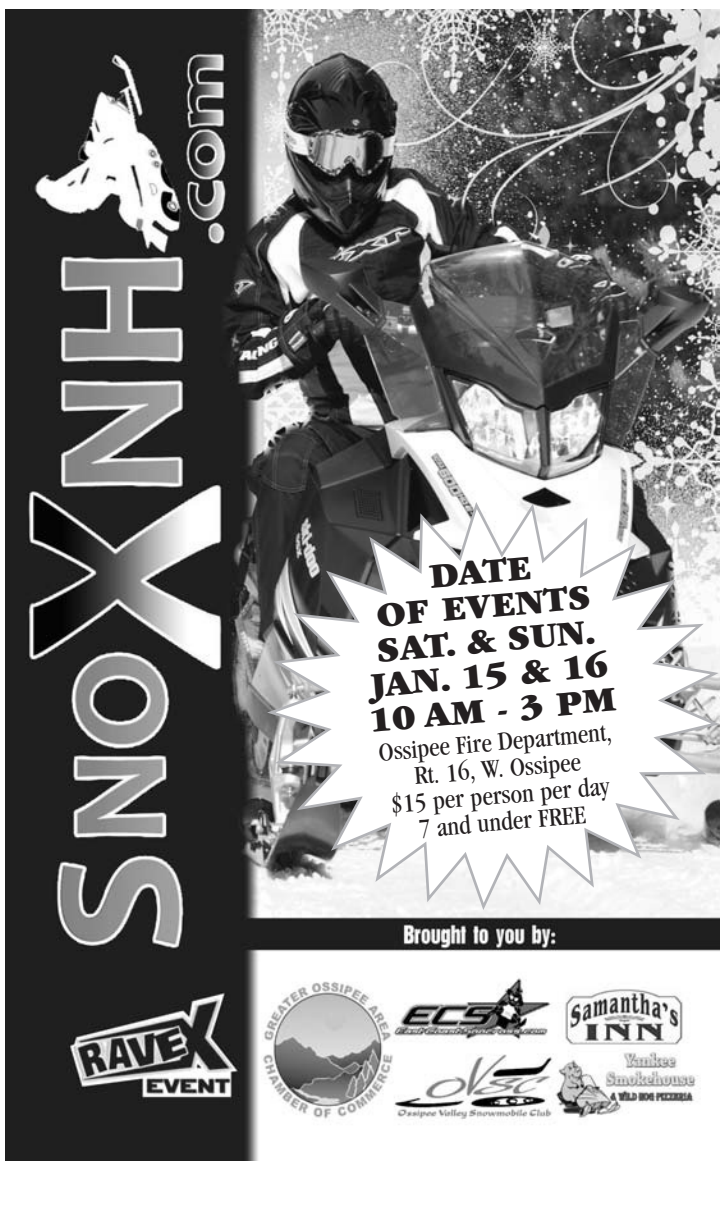
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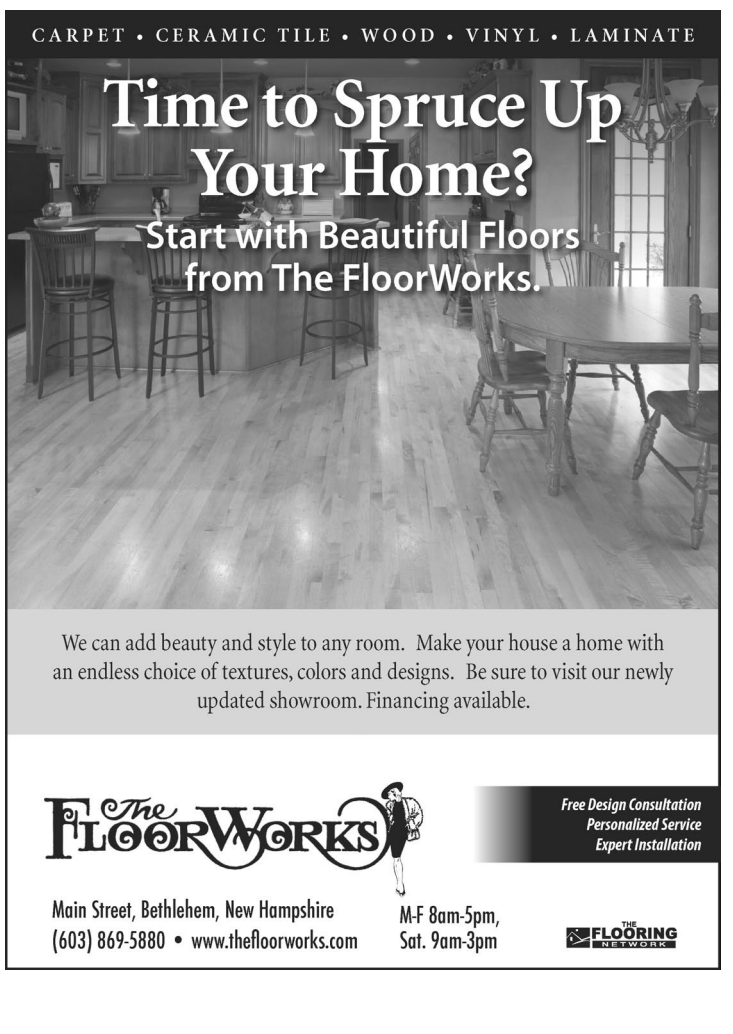
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Sports

# Moultonborough girls defeat Profile

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MOULTONBOROUGH — Profile senior Alex Wessels scored a team-high 12 points but the Patriots fell to Moultonborough 58-28 last Friday night. Profile trailed 31-12 at the half and could not recover.

"We had a lot of wide-open opportunities to score," said Profile coach Chris Cook. "We couldn't get anything to fall."

The Patriots (1-6 through seven games) travel to Colebrook this Friday.

**Profile 4-8-5-9 — 28**
**Moultonborough**
**10-21-15-12 — 58**

**Profile**

Cher Christnacht 0 1-4 1, Nicole Compo 0 1-6 1, Kate Austin 1 0-0 2, Mika Dickinson 1 0-0 2, Olivia Cunningham 2 4-4 8, Alex Wessels 6 0-0 12, Nicole Knowlton 1 0-0 2. Totals 10 6-14 28.

**Moultonborough**

McDonald 5 0-0 12, A. Fuller 3 4-6 11, Welch 2 0-0 4, Vehlein 2 0-0 5, M. Fuller 5 3-4 13, Thompson 2 1-4 7, Hale 2 1-2 6. Totals 21 6-19 58.

**Littleton 48, Gorham 18**

GORHAM — Julia Winn scored 11 points and Dori Horne and Alyssa Keefe each added nine points to help Littleton defeat Gorham 48-18 last Thursday. Winn finished with eight steals and dished out five assists. Littleton coach Dale Prior said Horne made three steals and he credited her with playing solid defense and being aggressive offensively.

**Littleton 8-15-13-12 — 48**
**Gorham 2-2-9-5 — 18**

**Littleton**

Lindsey Glines 2 1-8 3, Dori Horne 4 1-2 9, Sydney Pinard 0 0-1 0, Maggie Hadlock 2 0-0 4, Julia Winn 5 1-3 11, Taylor Glidden 3 0-3 6, Chynna Lowe 1 0-0 2, Bianca Verret 0 0-1 0, Ashley Hayward 1 0-0 2, Alyssa Keefe 4 1-2 9. Totals 22 4-20 48.

**Gorham**

Coloumbe 0 1-1 1, Montminy 2 0-2 5, Steward 1 0-0 2, Cloutier 1 0-0 2, Vaillancourt 0 0-2 0, Holmes 2 0-2 4, King 1 0-0 2, Bisson 1 0-0 2. Totals 8 1-17 18.

**Pittsburg 31, Profile 17**

PITTSBURG — Profile stayed close early but Pittsburg used a 13-7 fourth-quarter run to defeat the Patriots 31-17 Jan. 4. Senior forward Olivia Cunningham scored a game-high 10 points for Profile.

**Pittsburg 8-2-8-13 — 31**
**Profile 4-2-4-7 — 17**

**Profile**

Julia Eyman 1 0-0 2, Nicole Comp 0 3-4 3, Olivia Cunningham 5 0-0 10, Alex Wessels 1 0-0 2. Totals 7 3-4 17.

**Pittsburg**

Dewitt 4 0-0 8, Kelsea 3 0-0 9, B. Judd 2 4-4 8, Ormsbee 1 2-3 4, Kearney 1 0-0 2. Totals 11 6-10 31.



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**Woodsville's Chris Roy races in the giant slalom at Loon Mountain last Friday.**



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**Lin-Wood's Ryan Clermont races in the giant slalom at Loon Mountain last Friday.**



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**Littleton's Chris Hill competes in the giant slalom at Loon Mountain last Friday..**


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Whether we are cognizant of it or not, every day we face risk. Just walking down the stairs is risky as we could fall and sprain an ankle. Driving a car is risky as we could be in an accident that damages the car or causes injury to ourselves and our passengers. We understand though that risk is just a part of our daily lives and we do what we can to control it, we may choose not to drive on snowy days and we may choose not to store items on the stairs that we could trip over.

We also face risk when making investment decisions, although we may not always be aware of what that risk is. There are many different types of investment risk and every investment has some type of risk associated with it. The key to managing our investment risk is to understand our investment objectives, choose a risk level that is acceptable and that we can live with, and then monitor the investments on an ongoing basis and make any necessary adjustments as the environment changes.

Did you know that purchasing a certificate of deposit (CD) has risk? One wouldn't think so, as the value of the CD is generally guaranteed by the FDIC, which is essentially a form of insurance. So, what kind of risk could a guaranteed investment possibly have? The two predominate risks associated with CD's are inflation risk and liquidity risk. A CD possibly has inflation risk because while you will receive a positive return on your investment, after factoring inflation and particularly after factoring in inflation and income taxes, your net return could possibly be negative. Also, a CD is a somewhat illiquid investment because if you need access to the cash you could be subject to an early withdrawal penalty. So, yes, while there is little risk of loss of principal, there are other investment risks associated with a certificate of deposit investment.

At the other end of the investment spectrum, I think we are all aware of the market risk associated with stock investments. When our stock investment drops 40 percent in a short period of time just due to economic and market conditions we certainly are not going to be happy. But, clearly, that is a risk we take by investing in the stock market. Does that mean we choose not to invest in the stock market at all? For some folks, yes, it does mean they are choosing not to make that stock investment because they are not comfortable with the risk of loss of principal and that is okay because they have assessed the risk and made a conscience decision not to assume that risk.

However, there could also be a potential risk by not investing in the stock market for long-term objectives. If the only investment owned was CD's, how much more money would need to be saved and invested in order to achieve a financial goal, say retirement? Since we know CD's have inflation risk and longer term they generally have a lower expected rate of return than stocks, we probably would need to save quite a bit more in order to achieve our objectives.

So, does it make sense to add a different type of risk to our portfolio by investing somewhat in stocks and somewhat in CD's and other things? Is it worth taking the risk and hedging our bets by assuming some market volatility risk and some inflation risk because we might be more likely to achieve our goal with some stock market exposure than with no stock market exposure?

I haven't discussed it here but bonds, international stocks, international bonds, currency, real estate, gold, commodities and other investments all have their own risks associated with them. The more we understand these different risks the better we can choose to manage our overall investment risk in a way that hopefully helps us achieve our financial goals and still allows us to sleep at night.

*Cynthia V. Taradash, financial advisor, holds a Certified Financial Planner certificate and is the owner of CVT Financial Planning.*

## Local retailer among nation's elite

LITTLETON — Sew Much More, on Union Street, recently received an Elite Retailer of the Year award from Jim's Formal Wear in Trenton, Ill. Jim's is the largest formalwear distribution network in the U.S. with over 5,000 independent retailers. They provide tuxedo rental services for weddings, prom and black tie events. The award is based on the rental volume, order accuracy and exceptional customer service.

Sew Much More has been renting tuxedos from Jim's since 2009. According to Steve Davis, president and chief operating officer for Jim's, "Our Elite Retailers of the Year recipients are among the best when it comes to men's formalwear rental and sales. They are extremely focused on the customer for the most important events in their lives. We're proud to have retailers like this in out nationwide network."

## Small business tax preparation workshop offered at WREN

BETHLEHEM — On Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Linda Snow, CPA of Snow Consulting and Tax PLLC, will offer a Sole Proprietor (Schedule C) Workshop at WREN.

This comprehensive class is specifically designed to provide business owners (sole proprietor or a sole member limited liability company (LLC)), with a complete understanding of their reporting and record-keeping responsibilities as they relate to completing the Schedule C for tax purposes. Business owners will work from their most current Profit and Loss Statement or most current Schedule C.

Topics covered will include tax reporting requirements, record-keeping responsibilities, business deductions and tax credits available, health insurance, HRA and HSA benefits and deductions retirement plans and estimated tax payment obligations.

Linda has 20 years of experience working with New Hampshire based small business owners.

The cost of the workshop for WREN or former Microcredit NH members is $65 and non-members, $100.

Snow Consulting & Tax, PLLC is a newly formed professional consulting and tax firm. The firm was created, established and developed from the owner's 20 years of experience working with New Hampshire based small business owners.

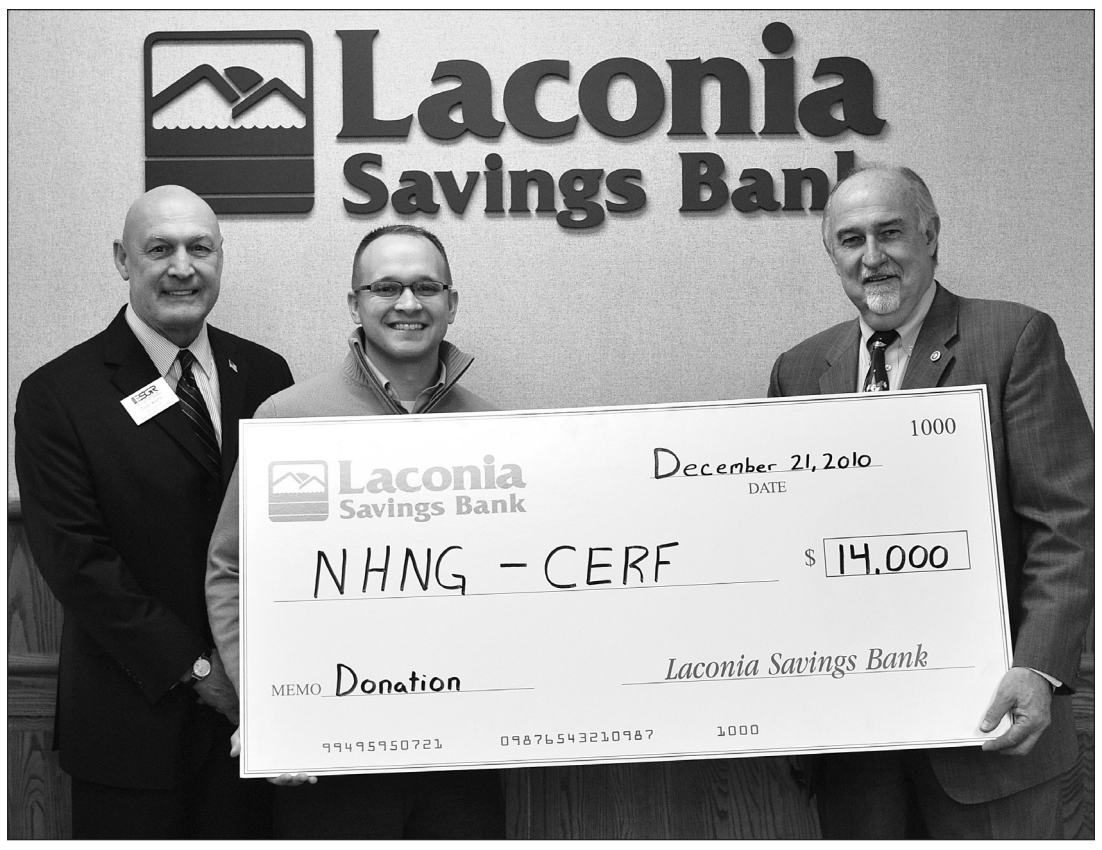
Linda Snow, sole member, began her career within the commercial construction industry. For nine years, she served as the Assistant Treasurer of the family owned business (her father's company). In Jan. 1990, she began advancing her career into public accounting. Linda worked for five and a half years for a Concord based public accounting firm, working full time, and earning her Bachelor's of Science degree in Accounting and her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certificate by the end of 1994. In June 1995, Linda started her own Concord, NH based CPA firm, which specialized in working with small business owners throughout the state of New Hampshire. After ten years, she sold the CPA firm to begin a new opportunity with her husband. They started a residential excavation company serving the New Hampshire community. After establishing her husbands business and attending to some personal goals, Linda began a career opportunity within the publishing industry. Linda was the Controller and Treasurer for Yankee Publishing, Inc. located in Dublin, New Hampshire for three years. Yankee Publishing is the publisher of the Old Farmer's Almanac and Yankee Magazine, a 75-year-old family owned business. During her employment with Yankee Publishing, Linda transformed the Information Services Department (Accounting and Information Technology). She reduced the workforce by two employees, streamlined procedures and processes, reconfigured the information technology structure and security (with the assistance of IT consultants) and led the department into a true "team" spirit environment. Upon completing her professional goals at Yankee Publishing, she resigned her position to begin the consulting firm, Snow Consulting & Tax, PLLC.

## *Laconia Savings Bank donates $14,000 to assist military families*

NORTH COUNTRY — Laconia Savings Bank would like to thank its employees and local businesses who donated the 120 items that were auctioned off in this year's Holiday Auction. The $14,000 in proceeds from the Holiday Auction was donated to the New Hampshire National Guard's (NHNG) Chaplain Emergency Relief Fund (CERF).

In the three years that Laconia Savings Bank has supported the CERF program, they have donated more than $35,000 to the national group which was founded in 1990 and provides grants for rent and mortgage payments, heating fuel and other utilities, car repairs and insurance, medical bills and prescriptions, among other needs.

"It's a pretty significant part of our budget," said Brent Boorsma, a trustee of NHNG-CERF on Tuesday morning, as he received a giant novelty check from Lou Guevin, executive vice president of Commercial Services at Laconia Savings Bank. "This donation gives CERF the flexibility to respond immediately to a serviceman or woman or their family member who is in a dire situation." Tuesday's gift, he added, represented about 25 percent of the total awards for 2010.




**(Left to right) :Ted Kehr, State Chairman of Employer Support for New Hampshire National Guard and Reserve; Brent Boorsma, Trustee Chaplain Emergency Relief Fund; Lou Guevin, Executive Vice President of Commercial Services at Laconia Savings Bank.**

Guevin, who himself is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, said that as a community bank with a statewide presence, supporting a program like CERF, helps the broadest range of New Hampshire residents which is reflected in Laconia Savings Bank's mission.

"Laconia Savings Bank is a special bank," said Ted Kehr, who is State Chairman of the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program and who in 2009 bestowed upon the bank his group's "Above and Beyond Award" for supporting employees who are in the military. At present, Ralph Wegner, Laconia Savings Bank's Information Security Coordinator, is serving overseas with the 197th Field Artillery, which mobilized on Sept. 11.

To learn more about the New Hampshire Chaplin's Emergency Relief Fund, go online to www.nh.ngb.army.mil/support/cerf.


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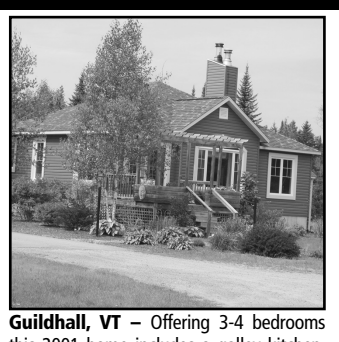
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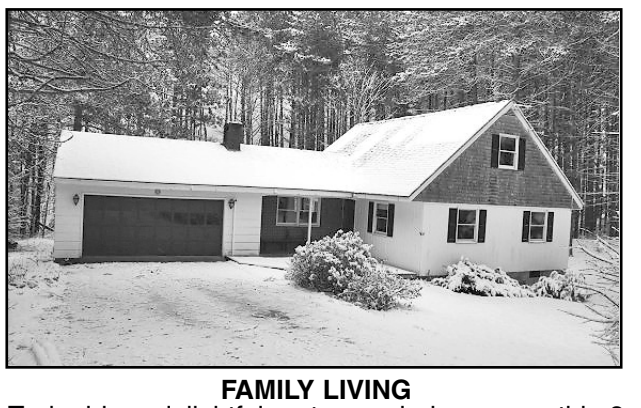
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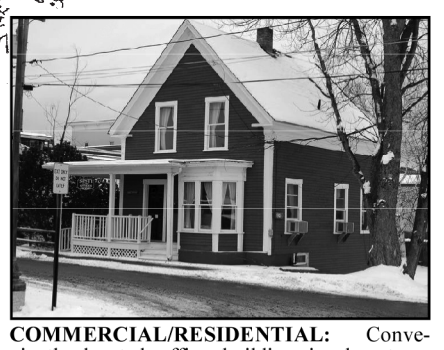
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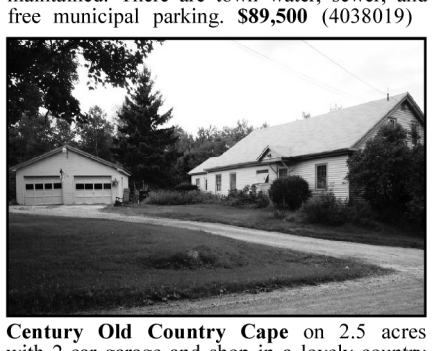
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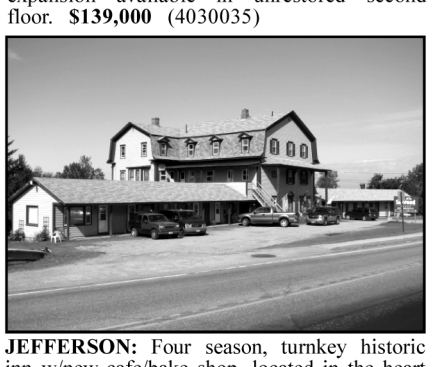
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**JEFFERSON:** Four season, turnkey historic inn w/new cafe/bake shop, located in the heart of the White Mtns. This charming property has a large pond, year round brook, mountain views, beautiful garden and fruit trees all on +/-5 acres, plus a barn and storage building w/fenced pasture to add to the family atmosphere of the property. There are 19 rental units divided between short and long term rentals including motel units. This is a great family business opportunity w/supporting rental income. **$359,000** (2735517)



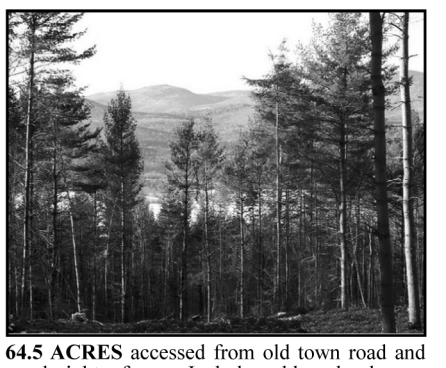
**LANCASTER:** Well established commercial property on nearly 1 acre, located in a high traffic corner lot location. Property is currently rented including a 2 bedroom apartment on the second floor. Convenient access from Summer Street or Main Street. **$229,000** (4031035)



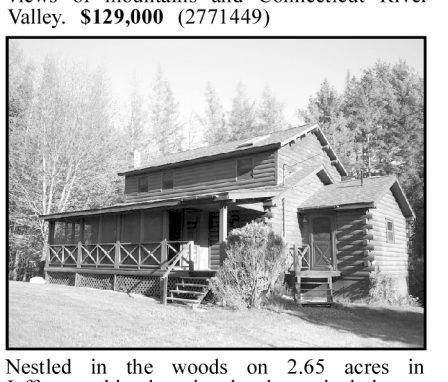
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**JEFFERSON:** This charming 1860 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath farmhouse has been nicely renovated with ceramic tiled kitchen and bath, radiant floor heating throughout the 1st floor and a 4-season sunroom. The living room has beamed ceilings, pine floors and a fieldstone fireplace. **$159,000** (4017866)



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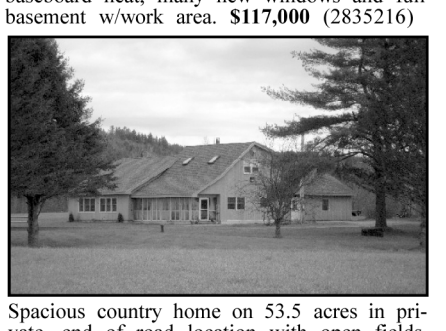
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**PART-TIME OUTLET SALES ASSOCIATE**

Our Outlet Sales Associates are the primary link between Garnet Hill and our customers. This position is responsible for assisting our customers in a friendly, knowledgeable and efficient manner; handling customer transactions accurately; and upholding the goals of the Firsts and Seconds Store by supporting and maintaining a positive atmosphere of outstanding customer service and teamwork at all times. The qualified candidate will have excellent communication skills, be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays, and have a strong desire to work in a fast-paced team environment.

Stop by to fill out an application or submit a résumé with cover letter to humanresources@garnethill.com or mail to:
Garnet Hill, Inc. • 231 Main Street • Franconia, NH 03580 • 603.823.5545

Opportunity

## Whitefield Public Works Department
## Mechanic/Operator/Laborer

The Town of Whitefield is accepting applications for the position of **Mechanic/Operator/Laborer**. The applicant will be required to perform difficult technical work in the maintenance and repair of automotive, construction and maintenance equipment.

Applicant is required to have completed education with major course work in automotive mechanics or related field and/or a minimum of 3 years extensive experience in the maintenance and repair of automotive and/or construction equipment. SAE certification and experience in heavy equipment operation, general summer/winter road maintenance preferred. Must possess or be able to possess an appropriate CDL-B license.

Will be required to be on call, work nights and weekends when needed, perform manual labor, and be able to lift a minimum of 70 pounds. The successful applicant will have the ability to complete essential job functions, with or without accommodations, as determined by medical exam, pass an alcohol and drug test, and a criminal history/motor vehicle record check.

Applications can be picked up / dropped off at the Whitefield Town Office 38 King Square Whitefield, NH 03598. Position open until filled.

The Town of Whitefield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Garnet Hill, located in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire, is a fast-growing, high-end multichannel marketer specializing in original designs in clothing and home decor. Our employees are creative, hardworking, fun loving, and absolutely passionate about what they do.

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The qualified candidate will possess 5+ years of facilities maintenance experience and a knowledge of OSHA, state and other safety regulations. Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint) is required. Must have the ability to delegate effectively and possess strong communication, prioritization and organizational skills. This position requires a flexible schedule and on-call availability.

Please send your resume, cover letter and salary requirements to humanresources@garnethill.com or mail to Human Resources, Garnet Hill, Inc., 231 Main Street, Franconia, NH 03580 603.823.5545

Opportunity

## Cottage Hospital

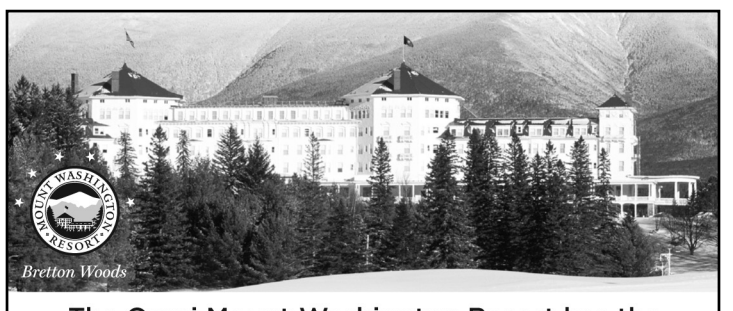
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- **Laboratory Supervisor:** Full time with benefits. Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology with MT registry.
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- **Respiratory Therapist:** Full time with benefits. Graduate of AMA accredited respiratory care program, NH license, CRT and/or RRT certification, BLS required.
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Food & Beverage Supervisor (Ski Area Seasonal)
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Assistant Food & Beverage Manager
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**PART-TIME**

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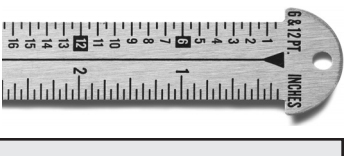
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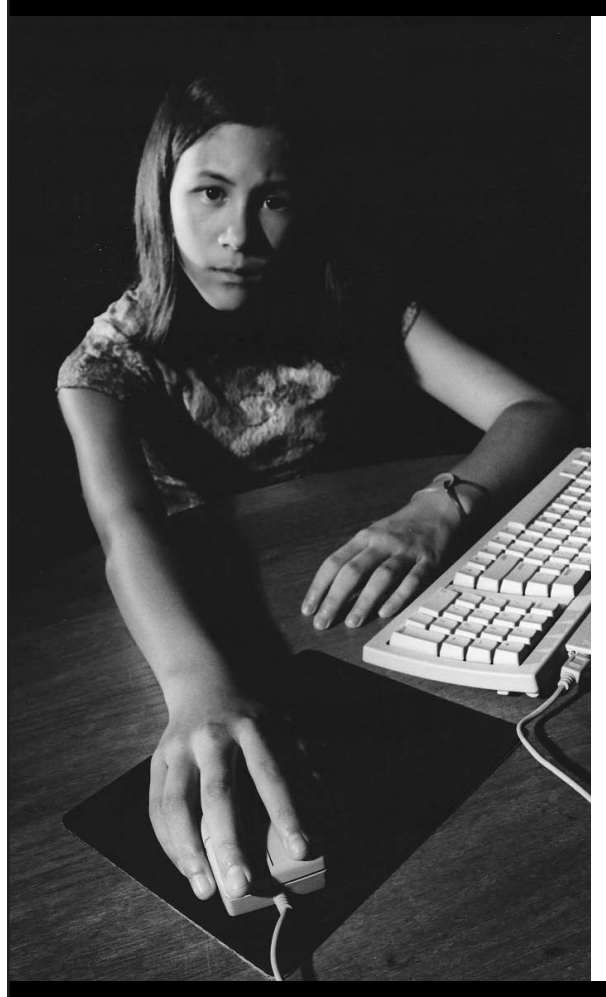
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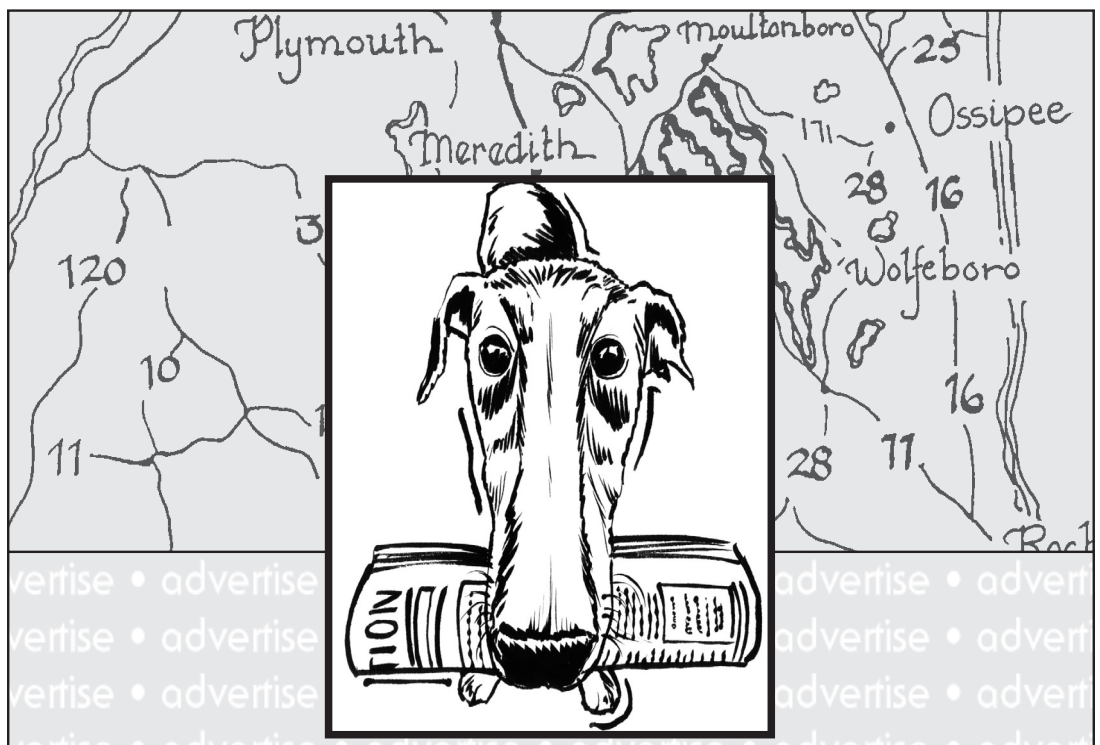

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## TOWN OF LYMAN
**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST WILL BE IN SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 7 P.M. - 7.30 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL**

James Madru, Annie Baker, John Murray

## PUBLIC HEARING

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, the Bethlehem Board of Selectmen will hold the annual Budget Hearing at the Bethlehem Town Building meeting Room located at 2155 Main Street for the purpose of discussing and seeking comment on the proposed 2011 expenditure budget.

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
### Transfer Station RFB

The Town of Bethlehem is seeking vendors to bid on solid waste removal & recycling for both the temporary and permanent Transfer Station. An XL spreadsheet needs to accompany the vender's bid. Please e-mail the Selectmen's Office so that a copy of the XL sheet can be e-mailed to you. The e-mail address is tobeth@roadrunner.com.

Bids are due to the Selectmen's office by 4:00 pm on January 17, 2011. Please address bids to Bethlehem Selectmen's Office, PO Box 189, Bethlehem, NH 03574. Please mark bids "Transfer Station Solid Waste Removal and Recycling".

The Bethlehem Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS: BETHLEHEM, LAFAYETTE, LANDAFF, LISBON, PROFILE

### ABSENTEE VOTING AS PROVIDED UNDER RSA 60:32

Any voter who expects to be absent from the place where he/she is qualified to vote on the day of an annual election of officers, or who by reason of physical disability is unable to vote in person, must apply in writing for an absentee ballot using either the printed form prepared by your school district clerk or a written statement declaring absentee ballot be mailed to you.

No application shall be issued after 11:00 a.m. on the day immediately prior to election.

No absentee ballot shall be accepted by the clerk after 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately prior to election.

## Town of Lincoln - Planning Board Notice of Public Hearings
### Proposed Amendments to the Lincoln LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE

Public hearings will be conducted at the Town Hall Conference Room, 148 Main Street, Lincoln, New Hampshire on

### Wednesday, January 26th, 2011 at 6:00PM

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the following amendments to the Lincoln Land Use Plan Ordinance proposed by the Planning Board:

1. To amend Article VI-B (Lincoln Sign Ordinance) to include:
   a. Square foot limitations for awnings
   b. Definition for the word "sign"
   c. Exempting portable signs and banners from obtaining a permit so long as they are in conformity with the Land Use Plan Ordinance.
2. To amend Article V Section G to allow sale of firewood as an allowed accessory use to residential and commercial entities
3. To amend Article V Section A (Parking Requirements) to include a requirement for Accessory Apartments.
4. To amend Article VI Section B #2 to include "elderly or disabled housing" to the Land Use Schedule
5. To amend Article IV to include definitions for the following:
   a. Single Family Detached Dwelling
   b. Multi-family dwelling
   c. Setback
   d. Public Waters
   e. Reference line
   f. Sign
   g. Elderly Housing
   h. Disabled Housing
6. To amend Article V Section I (Fences).
7. To amend Article VI-A Section G #1 to have the correct section letter attached to it.
8. To amend Article VI Section 4 of the dimensional chart to allow greater flexibility for development in the Village Center.
9. To amend Article VI Section E #7 (Shoreline Protection District) to reflect State Statute.

The amendments are proposed for actions by voters of the Town of Lincoln by use at the 2011 Town Meeting, to be held on March 8, 2011.

Working copies of the proposed amendments will be on file at the Town Hall prior to the hearings. Copies of the final text of the proposed amendments may be obtained at the Town Hall after February 1st, 2011 and will be available for review at the polls on March 8, 2011.

## NOTICE
### TOWN OF FRANCONIA ZBA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall concerning an application by O.J. Robinson for an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements concerning Article III, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant is asking for a permit to build a house on a corner of Lafayette Road and Route 116 (Tax Map 24, Lots 2 and 2-1) and further to allow this lot to be sold off separately from Lot 2.

Chairman, Board of Adjustment

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #35 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF BETHLEHEM, LAFAYETTE, LANDAFF, LISBON AND PROFILE

### "DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS OF SPECIAL ARTICLES FOR THE WARRANT"

In accordance with RSA 197:6 upon the written application of twenty five or more voters of the school district, you may present to the School Board a petition of a special article which will be inserted in the school district warrant. The deadlines for these petitions are as follows:

Bethlehem: February 07, 2011
Landaff: February 07, 2011
Profile: February 07, 2011
Lafayette: February 07, 2011
Lisbon: February 07, 2011

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF THE LITTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Littleton School District operates under the non-partisan ballot system for the election of school officials: A Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer for terms of one year; two School Board Members for a term of three years each.

The School District Clerk will prepare the ballots and all candidates for office shall file their declarations of candidacy or petitions of nomination with the School District Clerk between the dates of January 19 and January 28, 2011.

Blanks for candidates will be furnished by the School District Clerk, or School Administrative Unit #84, 102 School Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

## NOTICE
### TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF LYMAN, NH

Any legal voter of Lyman who wishes to file a declaration of candidacy for the following town offices may do so between January 19 – January 28, 2011 at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours of Mondays 8-3:30pm, Wednesdays 8-3:30pm and Thursdays 8-1:30pm.

**OFFICES AVAILABLE FOR FILING:**

**(1) Selectman . . . . . 3 yr term**
**(1) Selectman . . . . . 2 yr term**
**(2) Planning Board . . . . . 3 yr term**
**(2) Board of Adjustmen . . . . . 3 yr term**
**(1) Trustee of the Trust Funds . . . . . 3 yr term**

Carol M. Messner, Town Clerk

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF LITTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 8, 2011 LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Littleton School District Annual Meeting, to be held at the Littleton High School Gymnasium, 159 Oak Hill Avenue, Littleton, NH 03561 on the **eighth** day of February 2011 being Tuesday, at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 P.M.) and (if needed) the **tenth** day of February being Thursday at six o'clock (6:00 P.M.) in the evening (to be held at the Littleton High School Cafeteria). The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

*SECOND SESSION*

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Littleton School District Annual Meeting, to elect School District officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Littleton Fire Department, 230 West Main Street, Littleton NH, on the **eighth** day of March 2011, being Tuesday, at eight o'clock in the forenoon (the polls are to be open at 8:00 A.M. and may not close prior to 7:00 P.M.).

Littleton School District School Board:

Art Tighe, Chair
Diane Cummings, Vice Chair
Rodney Edwards
John Simon
Ann Wiggett

## NOTICE
### Town of Lincoln SUPERVISOR'S OF THE CHECKLIST

The supervisors will be in session for corrections to the checklist **January 18, 2011** from **7:00-7:30 PM** at the Lincoln Public Library on Church Street

**No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day.**

*Supervisors of the checklist*
*Janet Peltier - Carol Riley – Joan Hughes*

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

The Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, operates on a non-partisan ballot system. Persons interested in filing for the following offices may do so from **January 19th** through **January 28th, 2010.**

**Town Clerk . . . . . .1 year term**
**Tax Collector . . . . . .1 year term**
**Selectmen . . . . . .3 year term**
**Town Treasurer . . . . . .1 year term**
**Overseer of Public Welfare . . . . . .1 year term**
**Library Trustee . . . . . .3 year term**
**Trustee of the Trust Funds . . . . . .3 year term**
**Board of Cemetery Trustee (1) . . .3 year term**
**Zoning Board of Adjustment (2) . . .3 year term**

and such other offices as may be required by law.
Please file with the Town Clerk during office hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1:00pm
Monday Afternoon 4pm to 6pm
Friday Afternoon, January 28th, 3pm to 5pm

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### *Cooking*
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3. Keep combustibles—such as curtains or drapes, clothing, packaged foods and trash—away from stoves.

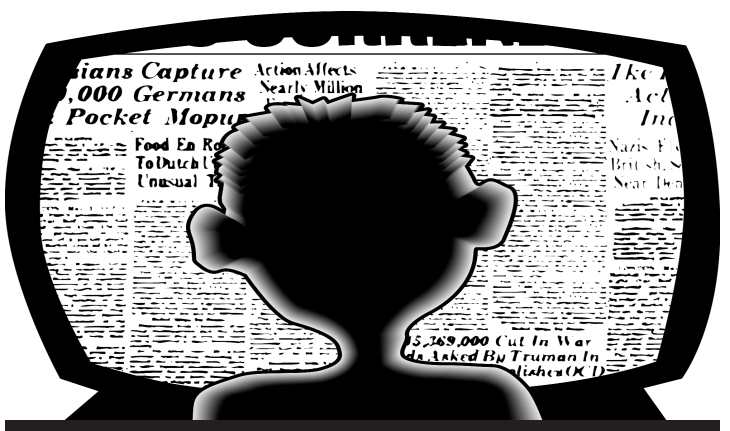
### *Heating*
1. Have your furnace or heating system checked by a competent service company at least once a year.
2. Take special care with fireplaces. Use a screen to prevent sparks from flying and be sure the chimney is unblocked and free of excessive creosote accumulation.
3. Keep combustible items away from all heating units.

### *Electrical Distribution*
1. If there is any sign of electrical trouble, shut off power to the circuit and have it checked by an electrician.
2. Check cords and plugs frequently for signs of broken insulation or frayed wires.

### *Appliances*
1. Don't overload dryers and be sure to remove lint regularly.
2. Check your appliances at least once a year to see that they are clean and functioning properly and that insulation has not broken or cracked.
3. Buy appliances having Underwriters. Laboratories or other nationally recognized testing laboratory approval.

*For more information on how to prevent fires in your home, call the local fire department.*

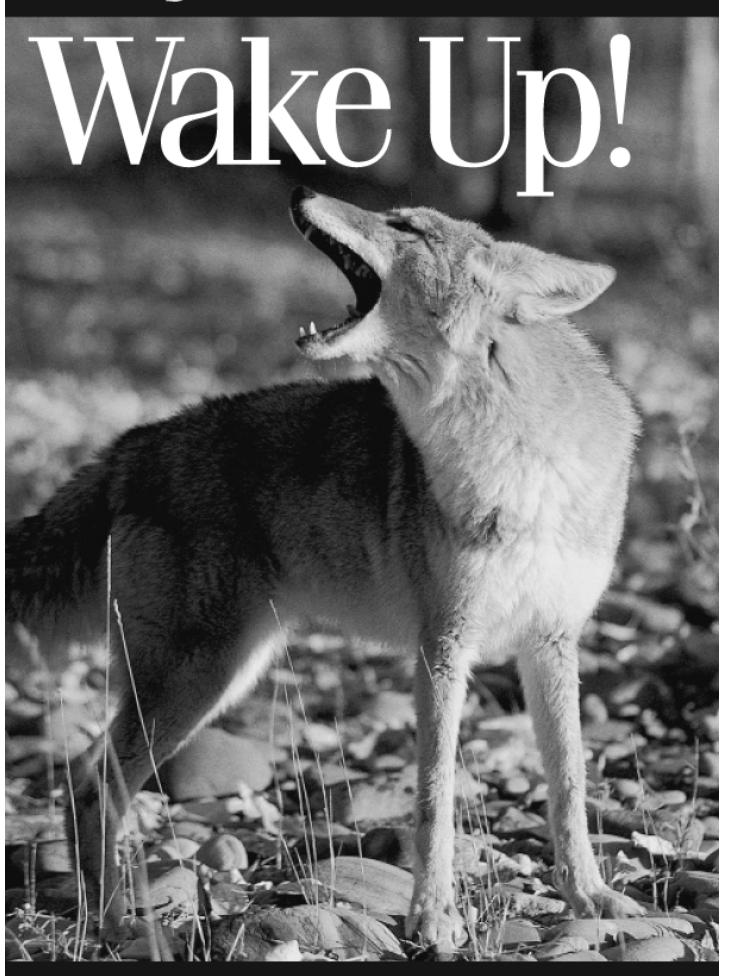
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## NOTICE TO WOODSTOCK
### Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Woodstock will be in session at the Town Office on Lost River Road to make additions and/or corrections to the checklist on:

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011**
**7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Change in party registrations will also be accepted.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Doris Roth
Sherry Hoover
Cynthia Thomas

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lafayette Regional School District operates under the non partisan ballot system for the election of school officials: a Moderator for a term of one year, one School Board Member from the preexisting district of Franconia for a term of three years, and one School Board Member from the preexisting district of Easton for a term of three years.

The School District Clerk will prepare the ballots and all candidates for office shall file their declarations of candidacy or petitions of nomination with the School District Clerk between the dates of January 19 to January 29, 2011.

Blanks for candidates will be furnished by the School District Clerk, or White Mountains School Administrative Unit #35, 262 Cottage Street, Suite 230, Littleton, New Hampshire.

Amy Venizia, Clerk
Lafayette Regional School District

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF LANDAFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Landaff School District operates under the non partisan ballot system for the election of school officials: A Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, for a term of one year; one School Board Member for a term of three years and one School Board Member for term of two years.

The School District Clerk will prepare the ballots and all candidates for office shall file their declarations of candidacy or petitions of nomination with the School District Clerk between the dates of January 19, and January 29, 2011.

Please be aware the election of School District Officials for 2011 will take place at the Landaff Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Blanks for candidates will be furnished by the School District Clerk, J. Denise Cartwright, Landaff; or White Mountains School Administrative Unit #35, 262 Cottage Street, Suite 230, Littleton, New Hampshire.

J. Denise Cartwright, Clerk
Landaff School District

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
## NOTICE
### Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Bethlehem will be in session for voter registration, party changes or other changes to the checklist on in the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall Building on:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011**
**from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Marilyn Johnson
Stephen Oliveira
Barbara Waites

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## PUBLIC NOTICE
### To the Residents of the Town of Lincoln Notice of Public Hearing

The Lincoln Municipal Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Lincoln Town Hall to present the annual budget

and

If needed, a second public hearing will be held Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference room of the Lincoln Town Hall for further discussion on the annual budget.

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**VAN HOUTEN,** Franklyn B., late of Bethlehem. David G. Van Houten, 649 Cherry Valley Rd., Bethlehem, NH 03574 Executor. Case #315-2010-ET-00490

**McFARLAND,** Harold A., late of Bethlehem. Natalie I. McFarland, 876 Brook Rd., Bethlehem, NH 03574 Executor. Case #315-2010-ET-00584

**MOODY,** Gail, late of Easton. Christy Thornton, 285 St. John's Pl. #56, Brooklyn, NY 11238 Executor. Daniel Thornton, 1040 Lost River Rd., Woodsville, NH 03785 Resident Agent. Case #315- 2010-ET-00590

All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them for payment and all indebted to make payment.

Dated at Haverhill on the 31st day of December A.D. 2010 BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

/s/ Rebecca R. Wyman
Register of Probate

## SPECIAL NOTICE
### TO LANDAFF SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU ARE ON THE CHECKLIST FOR THE UPCOMING ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOWN MEETINGS.

**REMINDER: THERE IS ONLY ONE CHECKLIST**

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF LISBON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lisbon School District operates under the non partisan ballot system for the election of school officials: A Moderator for a term of one year; Two Board Members from the pre-existing town of Lisbon for terms of three years; and One Board Member from the pre-existing town of Lyman for a term of three years.

The School District Clerk will prepare the ballots and all candidates for office shall file their declarations of candidacy or petitions of nomination with the School District Clerk between the dates of January 26 and February 6, 2011.

Blanks for candidates will be furnished by the School District Clerk, Kathleen Stevens, Lisbon; or White Mountains School Administrative Unit #35, 262 Cottage Street, Suite 230, Littleton, New Hampshire.

Kathleen Stevens, Clerk
Lisbon School District

## NOTICE
### TO THE VOTERS OF THE LITTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

Any legal voter of the Town of Woodstock who wishes to file a Declaration of Candidacy for the following Town Offices may do so from **January 19 through January 28, 2011** at the Woodstock Town Office. The Office is open from **8:00 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.** Monday through Friday.

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| **1** Selectman | 3 year term |
| **1** Fire Chief | 1 year term |
| **1** Library Trustee | 3 year term |
| **1** Trustee of Trust Funds | 3 year term |
| **1** Cemetery Trustee | 3 year term |
| **1** Cemetery Trustee | 2 year term |
| **1** Cemetery Trustee | 1 year term |
| **2** Budget Committee | 3 year term |
| **1** Budget Committee | 2 year term |
| **2** Planning Board | 3 year term |
| **1** Floodplain Board of Adjustments | 3 year term |
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| **1** Floodplain Board of Adjustments | 1 year term |

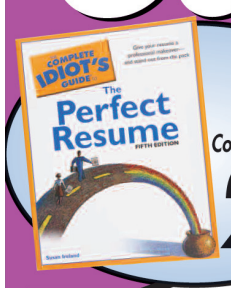
All candidates for the above positions will be voted on at the polls on Town Meeting Day, March 8, 2011.

If you have any questions, please call the Woodstock Town Office at 745-8752.

Judy Welch, Town Clerk

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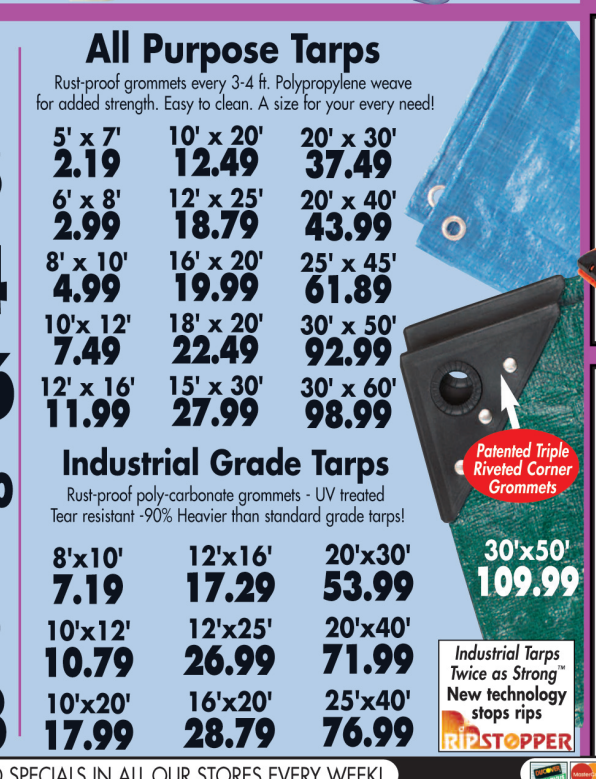
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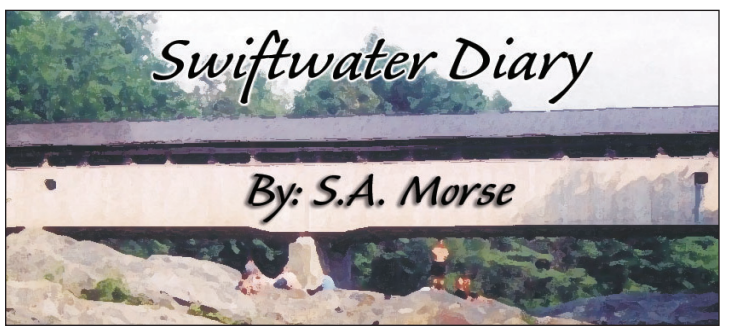
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# Spotlights

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# Barefoot in the snow

It was reassuring this Christmas to see the grandchildren still walking barefoot in the snow between the houses. Practical and sensible. My mother would have none of it: thought we were abusing our children – her granddaughters – by letting them do this. No harm done, and the floors are warm.

The sight makes me recall Peggy Paddon stepping out into the cold night Labrador snow from her warm house in stocking feet to show me the way to another house.

And that brings to mind Tony Williamson's story, also from North West River, when one evening he saw Joyce Michelin sink with her snowmobile through the ice. She bobbed up; he offered help; Nope, she replied, and dived back in. After several more dives when she came up for air, he asked, "What's the problem?"

"Goddam bottle of Scotch down there somewhere. Gotta get it."

She got it.

I liked Joyce even more after hearing this story.

Before the blizzard and with the snow still cold we stole a march and got all the way up to the top of our woods against James Roy's, where a big oak snag had finally got loose from its hinge high up and was safe to cut up and take down. We'd been waiting many seasons to get there, and we cleaned it up, even though Anne's chain saw got clogged. Gordon pulled and piled while we cut. When the road was cleared we drove though with the tractor and cut the big fallen leverwood as well. Coming back down the Old Main Road we took out a nice hitch of four long oaks that had been curing for a few years. Gordon the seaman swiftly put a half hitch of chain around each log so they couldn't come loose. There they lie by the woodpile, buried deep now.

Anne and Sophie hauled themselves with loppers and saws all the way up the Pine Tree Trail, where the loaded pine branches had drooped down into the road. I'd been wanting a clearing crew there for the last two years; didn't have to ask, they saw and did.

The half a foot of early snow made for good skiing so I went out to the long ridge of the near hayfield and set a track that spiraled in eight ellipses till it couldn't get any tighter and you had to escape by coming home. This turned out to be rather fun. You got a gentle downhill where you could glide with double poling, another stretch for good level striding, a gentle climb that kept up the stride, and a sharp turn into the next glide. Others enjoyed it too, until the blizzard hit.

Two of the Boys took a walk down to Swiftwater Village. They made the round trip up past the old Corner Store site, the Grange Hall, the old school where I spent part of second grade, the Wilson Bridge road now gated to keep out the vandals, Arthur Young's former shingle and cider mill and house where Irene was once a baby crawling about the floor as we played cards, up the hill on 112 where the horse Rabbit

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## Make every bite count

# Pairing food and wine




By Orlo Coots

Doing a wine dinner presents a very interesting challenge in having to properly match wines with the food menu. There are several ways to approach wine and food pairings, whether it is at a restaurant or enjoying the proper wine with your dinner at home. The first step is to decide on the food to be served. At the Inn, I always start with the food. It is much easier for our wine expert and me to match wine to food than food to the wine. If you will be doing multiple courses, make sure to start with lighter flavors and work your way up to bigger, bolder flavors, then end with sweet dessert. The wines will progress the same way and the flavors from the earlier foods and wines will not overpower the following courses.

Once you have the foods decided upon, then comes the tricky part of matching the wines. Of course, the most important choice is to make sure to drink what you like. If you prefer a particular wine regardless of the food you are eating, by all means drink that. There is absolutely nothing wrong with drinking a light white wine while eating a steak, just as there is never an issue with drinking a big cabernet sauvignon with a piece of light fish. What matters most is that you like how your wine tastes. However, to make every bite count, by matching the flavors and characteristics of the wine to the flavors of the foods, I think that you can more fully enjoy how certain wines pair with some foods.

Now that you have decided to try to match wines to your foods, the most basic guideline to follow is light foods with light wine and heavy foods with heavy wines. But you must also keep in mind the accompanying ingredients. For example, a Sauvignon Blanc goes very nicely with a piece of fish with a light sauce. However, if you were to add tomatoes and a rich lobster stock to the sauce, a medium bodied red wine like a Pinot

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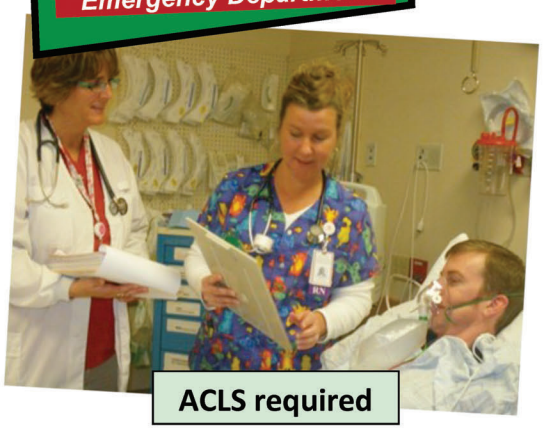
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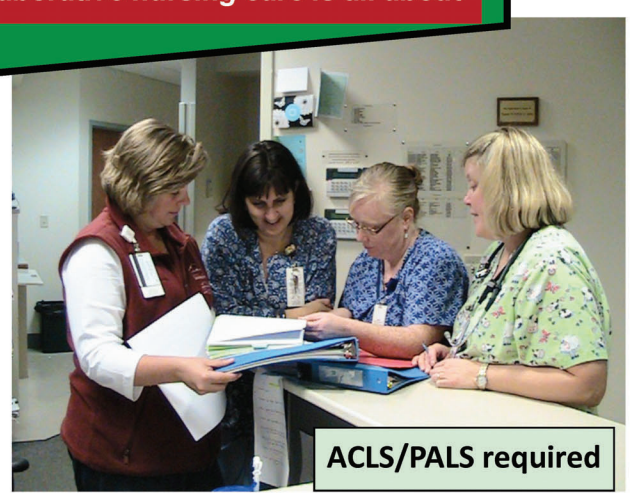
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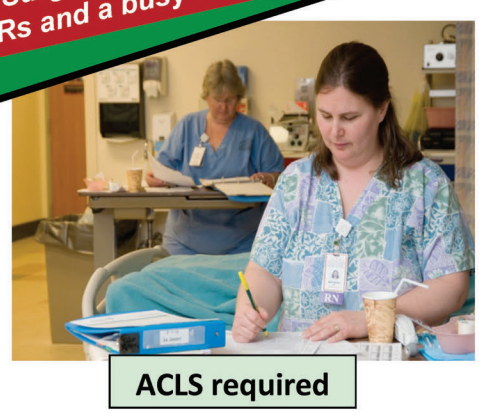
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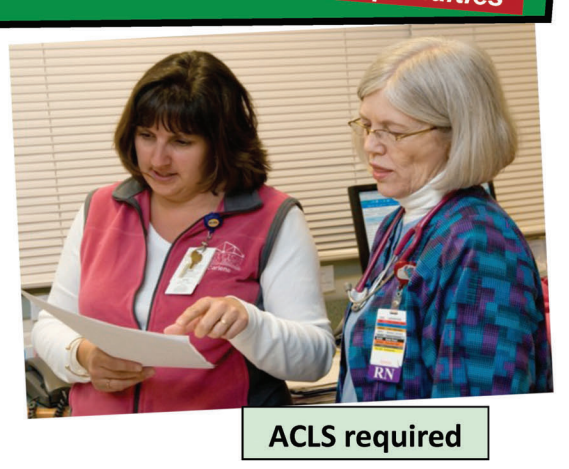
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Soul singer Bettye LaVette to play in St. Johnsbury Jan. 15

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt.—Rolling Stones lead guitarist Keith Richards is among hundreds of prominent music stars who recognize reigning soul diva, Bettye LaVette, as a one-of-a-kind talent.

like Bettye LaVette's, there's a freedom of movement and emotion, which is rare," Richards said in a recent interview. "Put me in the fan club!"

The Minneapolis Star Tribute writer Jon Bream has also praised soul singer LaVette, asking audiences to "Imagine Otis Redding's pleading style, with Tina Turner's leathery lungs, delivered with more emotion than Janis Joplin."

New York Times head music critic Jon Pareles added, "Classic soul singing doesn't get any better."

Grammy nominated soul singer Bettye LaVette will perform an exclusive northern New England performance at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15 at Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury Academy. Special guests, The Jennifer Hartswick Band will open the show, performing Hartswick's powerful and distinctive style of jazz standards, gospel, funk, pop and R&B.

A celebrated veteran of 40 years in the music business, Bettye LaVette combines her distinctive soul sound with strains of the blues, rock n' roll, funk, gospel, and country music. She recorded her first R & B hit single, "My Man – He's a Lovin' Man" in 1962, at the age of 16—and her second Top 40 hit, the 1965 single, "Let Me Down Easy," is considered one of the greatest soul recordings of all time. LaVette's talents were immediately recognized by Otis Redding, Ben E. King, James Brown, and others, who took her on the road. During the late 1970's, she



COURTESY PHOTO
**Soul singer Bettye LaVette**

appeared alongside Honi Coles and Cab Calloway in the smash Broadway hit, "Bubbling Brown Sugar." In 2005, LaVette was tapped to perform on the hit CD, "I've Got My Own Hell to Raise," alongside other leading women singer-songwriters including Dolly Parton, Aimee Mann, Sinead O'Connor, Lucinda Williams, and Joan Armatrading.

LaVette's eclectic style made it difficult for record companies to pigeonhole her—but she is finally reaping the musical accolades that she has always deserved, bringing down the house at the 2010 Kennedy Center tribute to The Who, with her spellbinding rendition of "Love Reign Over Me." Likewise, LaVette's stunning take (with Jon Bon Jovi) on Sam Cooke's classic hit, "A Change is Gonna Come" at the 2009 Obama inaugural, and her 2010 appearance with Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr at Radio City Music Hall in April.

"Ms. LaVette is one of the greatest soul singers in American music history," writes music scholar Rob Bowman, "possessed of an incredibly expressive voice that one moment will exude a formidable level of strength and intensity and the next will appear vulnerable, reflective, reeking of heartbreak."

Northeast Kingdom native, Jennifer Hartswick, will open the Jan. 15 concert with her band. Hartswick is one of the most exciting, best-kept secrets in jazz today. A skilled trumpeter and versatile vocalist, Hartswick is well known by some audiences for her long association with Phish lead player, Trey Anastasio. Her soulful, dynamic performances leave audiences breathless. From jazz standards to gospel, funk, pop and R&B, she is a captivating and evocative performer who is graceful, powerful and emotive in any musical terrain.

The Bettye LaVette/Jennifer Hartswick Band concert is being produced by Kingdom County Productions working in association with Catamount Arts. Reserved seat tickets are available at Catamount Arts, 115 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury or by calling 802-748-2600 during box office hours of 1 to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Tickets are also online 24/7 at www.catamountarts.org.

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For more information, contact series producer Jay Craven at 802-592-3190 or jcraven@marlboro.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO
**Buster Keaton's version of the fall of the Roman Empire is depicted in 'Three Ages' (1923), a classic silent comedy to be screened with live music tomorrow night at the Flying Monkey in Plymouth.**

## Silent comedy 'Three Ages' in Plymouth tomorrow

PLYMOUTH—Stone-faced silent clown Buster Keaton takes to the big screen again with a showing of his feature film 'Three Ages' (1923) on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performing Arts Center in Plymouth. The program, accompanied by live music, will also include several Keaton comedy short films released before he made the jump into full-length feature films.

The program starts at 7 p.m. Admission is $5 per person. The films will be accompanied by live music by local composer Jeff Rapsis. Dinner is also available for patrons who arrive early at the Flying Monkey, 39 South Main St., Plymouth, N.H. For more information, call 536-2551 or visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com.

Keaton, one of the silent film era's great comics, was known for his ingenuity with gags, acrobatic stunts, and his trademark dead-pan manner. In dozens of films made throughout the 1920s, Keaton made audiences around the world laugh while never cracking a smile himself. He was among the first actors and directors to move comedy out of the confines of the stage and use cinema to expand it to a massive scale, using film to do battle with ocean liners, railroad locomotives, cyclones, and hordes of policemen ready to give chase to his hapless everyman character.

Keaton was raised as part of his parents' knockabout vaudeville act, in which he was included shortly after being born in 1895. His birth name was "Joseph," like his father, but Buster earned his nickname at an early age from magician Harry Houdini after the young Keaton fell down a flight of stairs unharmed.

Buster joined the film industry in 1917, when a friend introduced him to Fatty Arbuckle, then one of the nation's top movie comics. Keaton signed on with the Arbuckle troupe, putting his comic and acrobatic skills to use as he learned the then-new art of making motion pictures.

Keaton branched out on his own in 1920, producing a series of popular short comedies that were recognized for their brilliance, originality, and physicality. By 1923, he was ready to take the leap into much riskier feature film production, but hedged his bets by making 'Three Ages' as a kind of test.

'Three Ages,' a loose parody of the then-famous D.W. Griffith drama 'Intolerance' (1916), weaves together similar love stories told in three different epochs: the Stone Age, the Roman Age, and "Modern" (1920s) times. If the feature showed signs of failing at the box office, Keaton could always split it up into three shorter films to be released separately.

But the picture was a success, due primarily to inspired comic touches in all sequences that still shine through to audiences today. 'Three Ages' thus launched Keaton's spectacular run of classic comic features that lasted until the industry's transition to sound pictures in 1929.

After his starring career ended, Keaton continued to work as a sought-after gag man and cameo performer. After successfully battling alcoholism, he emerged in later life as an elder statesman of comedy, performing widely on early television shows and on European and American stage tours. He died in 1966.

Three Ages' is the latest in a series of monthly silent film screenings at the newly renovated Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performing Arts Center. The series aims to recreate the lost magic of early cinema by assembling the elements needed for silent film to be seen at its best: superior films in best available prints; projection on the big screen; live musical accompaniment; and a live audience.

"These films are still exciting experiences if you show them as they were designed to be screened," said Rapsis, accompanist for the screenings. "There's a reason people first fell in love with the movies, and we hope to recreate that experience. At their best, silent films were communal experience very different from today's movies—one in which the presence of a large audience intensifies everyone's reactions."

For each film, Rapsis improvises a music score using original themes created beforehand. None of the the music is written down; instead, the score evolves in real time based on audience reaction and the overall mood as the movie is screened.

## North Country Chorus presents Madrigal Dinner 2011

MONROE--Tickets are still available for the 30th Annual Madrigal Dinner presented by the North Country Chorus. It will be held on Jan. 14, 15, and 16 at the Town Hall in Monroe. Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

This show revisits Elizabethan England and follows the trials and tribulations of William Shakespeare as he attempts to write a play about Robin Hood. Guests are treated to a sumptuous feast and an evening's worth of lighthearted entertainment including music, magic, drama, and dance.

Music will be directed by Alan Rowe of St. Johnsbury. Monroe native Edith Anne Emery and her team of scullery wenches will prepare a delicious full-course meal. The production is under the direction of Woody Starkweather of West Danville, Vt.

Tickets for the Madrigal Dinner are $25 per person and are available by advance sale only. Full tables of 10 seats are available for $200 for Friday only. To order tickets, please print the order form available at www.northcountrychorus.org, or send your first and second preferences for date, a check or money order payable to North Country Chorus, and a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to Marcia Bridge, PO Box 254, Groton, VT, 05046. Please include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

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## Short Story Writing Workshop at the Village Book Store

LITTLETON-The Village Book Store is pleased to offer a short story writing workshop taught by Becky Cummings. In this five-part workshop, participants will write a short story by focusing on character development. Becky will guide participants as they create characters and examine the goals and the obstacles facing each character.

Classes will take place on Mondays beginning Jan. 31 and continuing through Feb. 28, from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The $30 class will be held in the Village Book Store, which is located at 81 Main St. in Littleton. Registration is required; please call Melissa at 444-5263 for more information or to register.

Becky Cummings is an enthusiastic teacher who has taught creative self expression for the last 15 years. From boarding schools in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, to the inner city programs for men and women in addiction recovery, to summer art camps in the suburbs, Becky helps create a space of community and collaboration. To learn more about Becky visit her website www.createcollaboratecont.com.

## Bernard Rose in piano recital Sunday

SUGAR HILL—This Sunday, Jan. 16 in the Sugar Hill Meeting House, pianist Bernard Rose will be presenting a program that will include three magisterial and complex works: Johann Sebastian Bach's Partita No. 2 in C minor, the Beethoven Piano Sonata in E flat Major, Opus 81a, also known as "Les Adieux," and Robert Schumann's Symphonic Etudes, in celebration of the 2010 bicentennial of the composer's birth.

Rose has been a member of the North Country Chamber Players for over 30 years and is currently the group's director of programming. He has performed a number of well-received recitals here in the past including several performances of Bach's Goldberg Variations. His playing in performances across the country has been described as "filled with delicacy and polish. Every phrase...executed with beautiful tone and exquisite pianism" (Kenneth Bartlett, Goleta Valley Today); "clarity, power and intelligence…the final fugue had an elevated nobility" (Time Page, NY Times); "He was 'something else.' His assignment was formidable and he dispatched it with scarily-easy skill" (Earl George, Syracuse Herald-Tribune).



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But it's time to move over, schussers and gliders, because winter in this wonderland is not just for skiers anymore.

"Of course, the White Mountains will always be synonymous with skiing and snowmobiling in the winter, but there are also plenty of activities and adventures for folks when they are off the mountain," said Jayne O'Connor, president of White Mountains Attractions Association. "For Christmas vacation visitors in the region, there are plenty of options for being outside, inside, through the woods and above the ground."

Two new attractions this winter are mountain coasters at Attitash and Cranmore ski areas. Both offer a twisting, turning ride down the mountains and the speed is controlled by the rider.

"For the non-skier, it's as thrilling as a run down the slopes and the riders can see the same winter scenery," O'Connor said. "What is nice is that young children can ride with their parents, too."

Tis the season for sleigh rides, offered by the Omni Mount Washington resort, the Franconia Inn, and in Waterville Valley, among others. For a truly unique winter experience, take a horseback ride or sleigh ride at the Farm by the River in North Conway.

Who doesn't remember being a kid at Christmas vacation and exasperated parents saying something about them climbing the walls? They can do just that, at the indoor climbing wall at Great Glen Trails in Pinkham Notch.

Reach soaring heights with zip line rides at Loon, Wildcat and Bretton Woods ski resorts, as well as at Alpine Adventures in Lincoln, which also offers snowmobile adventures.

Railroad fans this year can climb aboard the Conway Scenic Railroad throughout the Christmas vacation week, and New Years Eve, and, if you make reservations early, there's the very popular Steam in the Snow day on Jan. 2, when the steam locomotive #7470 takes a scenic ride through the Mount Washington Valley.

Other activities available over the Christmas vacation week include racing over the snow landscape on a dog sled, offered by Muddy Paw kennel in Jefferson; taking a Snowcoach ride up the Mount Washington Auto Road, weather and conditions permitting; ice skating, indoors in Waterville Valley and at outdoor rinks, weather permitting, in Bethlehem, Franconia and at Loon Mountain, and mountain tubing at Loon, Cranmore, Bretton Woods and the Great Glen Trails.

For information about winter activities in the White Mountains, the visitors center is located off exit 32 on Interstate 93 in North Woodstock; visit www.visitwhitemountains.com or call 800-346-3687.

White Mountains Attractions, founded in 1958, is the marketing association for the White Mountains region.




Courtesy Photo

**Koren Superchi, RN, CMSN, Nurse Manager at LRH and Mike West, LNA**

# LRH LNA Mike West receives a certificate of appreciation

LITTLETON – Littleton Regional Hospital's (LRH) Mike West, LNH recently was recently presented with the NH Celebrates Excellence in Caregiving Award, LNH recognition in honor of Nursing Assistant Day. Each year the NH Board of Nursing invites health care facilities across the State to nominate an LNA who demonstrates outstanding service to their patients, hard work and a strong commitment to their role as licensed nursing assistants.

Littleton Regional Hospital nominated Mike West, LNA who has been with LRH for more than three years. Koren Superchi, RN and nurse manager for medical surgical units and obstetrics at LRH states, "Mike is a dedicated LNA who brings a level of professionalism and compassion to everything that he does for patients and their families at LRH. We are truly fortunate to have someone like Mike on our staff."

# Patterson gets certification in Computed Tomography

WOODSVILLE--Elizabeth Patterson, RT (Radiologic Technologist) at Cottage Hospital has recently been certified in Computed Tomography (C.T.) by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, ARRT. In earning this credential, she adds the initials "[CT](ARRT)" after her name.

Liz graduated from the Radiology Imaging program at Lebanon College, and earned her first ARRT credential shortly after joining the Cottage Team.

ARRT´s credential assures patients that Registered Technologists who conduct medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures have completed the prescribed educational preparation, passed the appropriate exam, and pledged to abide by stringent ethics requirements — all of which assist them in delivering safe and effective patient care. ARRT ensures their continuing education and ongoing ethical compliance by requiring annual registration of certificates.

ARRT, The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, promotes high standards of patient care by recognizing individuals qualified in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, ARRT tests, certifies, and annually registers more than 250,000 radiologic technologists across the United States.

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# LRH Welcomes New Physician Assistant - Certified

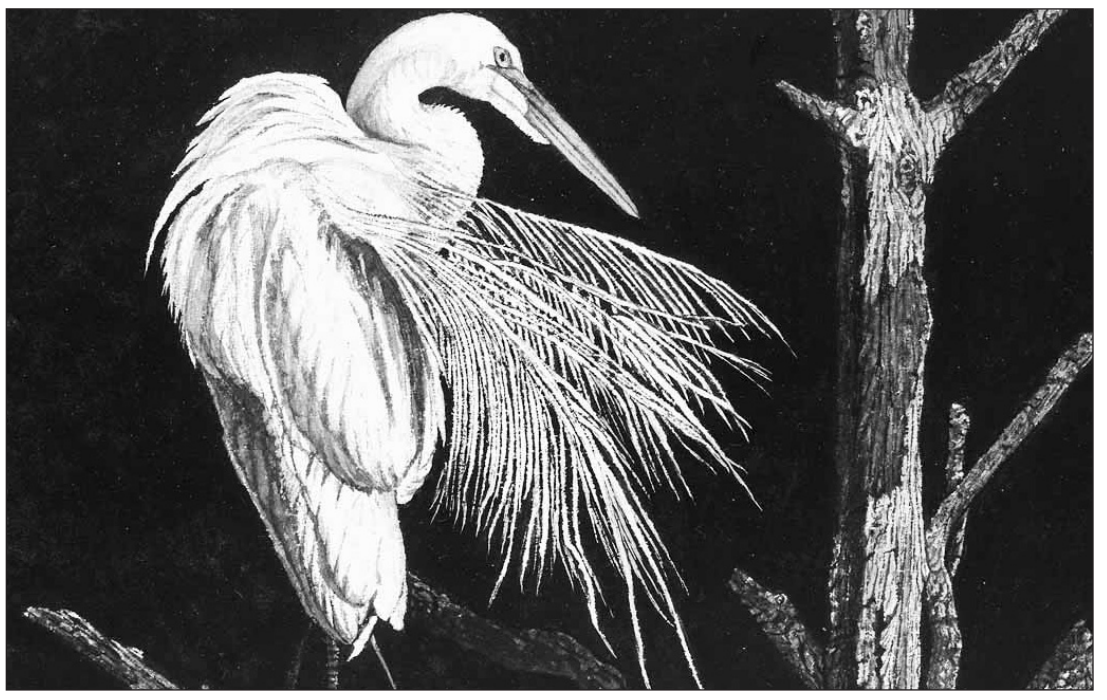


LITTLETON – Littleton Regional Hospital (LRH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert M. Paul, PA-C to Littleton Orthopedics. Prior to joining LRH, Rob completed an intense clinical rotation schedule at several hospitals and private practices in Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey including Christiana Hospital, Christiana, Del.; Mark Penta, Wilmington, Del.; St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Phyllis James, New Castle, Del; Dr. Pascale Bastien, Delran, NJ; Four Seasons Hospice, Elkton, Md. and Dr. Dave Bhyavin, Dover, Del.

Paul completed his undergraduate studies at San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif and completed his Master of Medical Science - Physician Assistant Program at Arcadia University, Del. Paul is Board Certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, Inc. He is also certified by the American Heart Association as a Health Care Provider, Basic Life Support and Provider of Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

Paul holds a Student Membership with the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Paul and his wife, Monica and daughter Sophia are pleased to be living in Northern New Hampshire as it brings them closer to family. Paul said he feels privileged to work alongside Dr. Lon Howard at Littleton Orthopedics.



Courtesy Photo

**White Igret**

# Local artist accepted to Vermont Watercolor Society

Local wildlife artist, Jeanette Fournier, has recently been accepted as a member of the Vermont Watercolor Society. Founded in 1995, the Vermont Watercolor Society is dedicated to promoting an awareness and appreciation of watercolor art by providing opportunities and venues for participation, education, fellowship and exhibitions.

Her work often reflects close up and intimate portraits of animals, which can be found in our backyards here in the White Mountains as well as wildlife from New England and beyond. Upon seeing her art, people often mistakenly think they are looking at a photograph but a closer look reflects a distinct painting style not commonly found with watercolor. Her art can be seen locally at The ArtWorks Gallery on Main Street in Littleton and The Gallery at WREN on Main Street in Bethlehem.

For more information about Jeanette Fournier and Nature's Way Studio, please call 616-9994 or visit her online studio at www.jfournierart.com.

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# *Strengthening your community in a tough economy*

(NAPSI) — According to a recent survey by MerchantCircle.com, the largest online network of business owners, about 42 percent of local merchants believe the current economy is weaker now than 12 months ago.

Improving your community is an important part of rebuilding the economy and is easier than you may realize. Here are three ways you can help your local community bounce back from the recession and thrive.

• **Shop locally.** Local shops create employment and self-employment; then these people spend in the local economy. Research shows that for every $10 spent in an independent shop, $25 is generated for the local economy.

• **Volunteer.** Check the local paper or websites such as VolunteerMatch.org to learn what you can do to help your local schools, libraries, charities and community centers.

• **Staycation.** Save travel expenses and strengthen your community by enjoying a staycation or weekend getaway at home. Discover all the local treasures including parks, museums, theaters and unique shops.

An easy way to find businesses in your community is through www.MerchantCircle.com, an online network of over 1.3 million local businesses. When you visit the site, you can search for businesses and service providers, get coupons, read reviews and learn about special events and offers. The MerchantCircle.com "Answers" service lets you get free expert advice from local businesses in your community and around the country.

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# Tips to help keep your pets warm and safe this winter

(NAPSI) — -The cold-weather months aren't just hard on humans. Pets can also be affected by the chilly temperatures.

Keeping pets safe and happy when it's cold is a major concern for all pet owners. Marc Morrone, renowned pet expert and host of Hallmark Channel's "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone" (airs weekdays at noon), is a modern-day Dr. Dolittle and Martha Stewart's go-to guy in the world of four-legged and winged beasts, from dogs to cats and rabbits to parrots.

On his show, Marc reveals what viewers need to know about caring for their pets, and below are Marc's top tips for winter pet care:

• When fitting dogs with boots and sweaters, make sure to practice inside your home first. If your pets aren't comfortable walking around the house in their gear, they will not be comfortable in the outdoors.

• Don't forget about the wild animals in the winter. Placing a bird feeder outside your window can mean the difference between life and death for a little songbird.

• Keep antifreeze out of reach of pets. It is extremely toxic. Marc cannot stress that enough.

• If you live in an apartment building or co-op, petition the board to only use pet-safe deicer on the sidewalks and courtyard walkways throughout the winter.

• If you own a reptile, keep extra heat lamps on hand during the winter months in case one blows out during a holiday or snowstorm and you can't get out to replace the bulb.

• In the winter, dry air causes dogs and cats to shed quite a bit. To combat this, brush your pet daily and add raw flaxseed oil to your pet's food (1 teaspoon for every 10 lbs. of your pet's weight). This will help reduce dryness of the skin.

In every episode of "Petkeeping with Marc Morrone," customers stop by with pet in hand seeking Marc's advice on every topic from common cat/dog misconceptions to how to keep children and pets safe and happy while living under the same roof. This season, he looks at plus-size pets, baby pets, older pets, high-maintenance pets and more. He made his national TV debut in 1998 on Martha's show after she spotted him on a New York cable access show. The author of five books, Marc also writes a syndicated pets column for Newsday, hosts "Ask Marc, the Petkeeper" on Martha Stewart Living Radio and has a weekly show on News 12 New York called "Animal Island."

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- **LEGO Club,** 3-4 p.m. for all ages, however children under 8 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. Weeks Memorial Library, 128 Main St., Lancaster. For more information, call 788-3352.
- Foot Clinic, 10 a.m.-noon, at Lincoln Green. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 444-5317.
- **Breakfast Club,** a chance to sew, share with others or just socialize. Most Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Terry Flaherty or Donna Stalaboin are often available to help. Call ahead if special or very specific guidance is needed (small charge for those unique needs). Coffee, tea and camaraderie available. For more information, call Old Mill Studio, Whitefield at 837-8778.
- **Throwing** B, 1-4 p.m. with Allison Dodd. First of a six-week class. This class covers it all, from basic throwing skills to creating advanced forms and applying surface designs. Tuition $180, $30 materials. To register, please call Littleton Studio School at 444-1066.
- **Yoga in the Gallery,** every Wednesday and Monday, 5:30-6:45 p.m. with Katrine Barclay. Drop-ins welcome. WREN, 2011 Main St., Bethlehem. For more information, please contact Katrine at 823-7441.
- **Basket weaving classes,** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Third Wednesday of each month. At the end of the class, you may go home with a basket! The cost of the class is $40 and tools are provided. To register, visit www.lisbonartsgallery to download a form or call 838-2300. Pre-registration is required. The ARTS Gallery, Lisbon.
- **Meditation for relaxation**, and every Wednesday, 6-7:15 p.m. with Cindy Noyes, Drop-ins welcome. Grove Street, Littleton. For more information, please call Cindy at 616-8827.
- **AMC 2011 International Dinner**, 6 p.m. and every Wednesday through March 30. Dinner prices, $21 adult AMC members, $23 adult non-members. Dinner packages available for $64 per person, which includes dinner, presentation, lodging at Joe Dodge Lodge, breakfast and a trail pass at Great Glen Trails. Child rates are available. Programs follow dinner and are free and open to the public. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 466-2727.
- **Music**, and every Wednesday beginning at 9 p.m. DJ, Cannon Mountain View Motel and Tavern, Main St., Franconia. For more information, please call 823-8077.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

- **Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic,** 11 a.m.-noon. Littleton Senior Center. For more information, please call 444-5317.
- **Brown Bag Lunch Series,** noon-1 p.m. and each 3rd Thursday of each month. A great way to break up your day. Bag up your lunch and come to WREN, Main Street, Bethlehem.
- **Cheese class and tasting**, and every Thursday, 5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Littleton Food Co-op, Corner of Cottage St. & Route 302. For more information, please call 444-2800.
- **Small Market Basket,** part of the Cabin Fever Craft series, that chance to learn something new without committing to lots of time. For young child/parent teams, teens, adults. This class will present basic basketry techniques in two sessions, Jan. 13 and 27. 6-8 p.m. Marge Goodson, instructor. $32. For more information, call the Old Mill, Whitefield at 837-8778.
- **Jewelry Fundamentals, 6-9 p.m**. with Jean Matray. First of a six-week class. Explore the fundamentals of metalsmithing and jewelry making, including soldering, sawing, piercing, forming, filing and texturing with stamps and hammers. Tuition is $185, $45. To register, please call Littleton Studio School at 444-1066.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

- **Senior Meals,** every Friday 8-10 a.m. Suggested donation of $3, ages 60 and over, under $6 for ages 59 and under. Highland House, 30 Highland St., Whitefield. For more information, please call Maranda at 752-3010 ext. 18.
- **Open House,** and every Friday, 1-3 p.m. Please stop by the Mittersill Alpine Resort, 193 Mittersill Rd., Franconia. Ticket drawings to win a free weekend stay. For more information, please call 823-5511.
- **Madrigal Dinner,** at 6:30 p.m. and Jan. 17 at 4:30 p.m. This show revisits Elizabeth England and follows the trials and tribulations of William Shakespeare as he attempts to write a play about Robin Hood. Town Hall, Monroe. Tickets are $25 per person in advance only. Full tables of 10 seats available for $200 for Friday only. For more information, please call Marcia Bridge at 802-584-4194.
- **Contra Dance,** 7:30-10:30 p.m. and every 3rd Friday of each month. Professional band and caller. Come for the music, come to dance. No experience necessary, children welcome and donations appreciated. Franconia Town Hall. For more information, please see Franconia web page at www.franconianh.org.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

- **"Your Best Life, Your Best Year",** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. An all day workshop with Katrine Barclay of Wellness at Work. For more information, please call Katrine at 823-7441 or WREN at 869-9736.
- **Teen Throwing,** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with Cecily Yarosh. For ages 13 +. First of six-week class. Learn how to throw on the potter's wheel! Cecily will teach centering, throwing skills, and glazing techniques. Tuition $150, materials, $30. To register, please call Littleton Studio School at 444-1066.
- **Cloisonné Weekend Workshop,** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with Marcia Rae. Cloisonné is an art in which glass enamel is fused on metal in a kiln to create colorful patterns. One or more pieces of jewelry may be made. Tuition $145, materials $25. To register, please call Littleton Studio School at 444-1066.
- **Bingo, games** begins at 2:30 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. American Legion Post #68, Littleton.
- **Roast Pork Supper**, 5:30 p.m. Cost is $11 for adults and teens, $4 for children 5-12. Children under 5 yrs are free. Delivery within Littleton and take-out are available. Seats may be reserved by contacting the church at 444-3376 or you may pay at the door. Dinner to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church of Littleton.
- **Bettye LaVette,** 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating, $34, $29, $24. Students $18. Tickets may be purchased by calling Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury at 802-748-2600 or 24-hr online at www.CatamountArts.org
- **Live music,** 7:30-10 p.m. every Saturday. Enjoy the musical flair with fine but casual dining! This week, Matt Tellier. The Beal House, Littleton 444-2661.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

- **Lancaster Farmers' Market,** 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine, Lancaster Town Hall. Jewelry, wool artistry, local produce, baked goods, jellies, jams plants, cut flowers, wood work, basket maker, meats (pork, lamb and beef) and more! For more information, please call 788-3391.
- **Beginning Pottery,** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for children, teens, adults. Four sessions each class, and Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, Hand building and introduction to the potter's wheel, includes glazing and information about firing. Susan Gradual, instructor. $55 (clay, glazes, firings included) For more information, call the Old Mill, Whitefield at 837-8778.
- **Eskimo Luncheon,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. $10 per person. BBQ steaks on the grill, salads, baked beans and desserts. American Legion Post $68, Littleton. For more information, please call Barbara at 444-4802.
- **North Country Chamber Players** presents Bernard Rose in piano recital at 3 p.m. at Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. Tickets will be sold at the door for $20, students free. For additional information, please call 444-0309.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17

- **Mocha Joe Mondays**, stop in on Monday morning for a free cuppa "Joe" from Vermont coffee roaster Mocha Joe's. Only while supply lasts. St. J. Food Co-op, 490 Portland St., St. Johnsbury Vt. For more information, please call 802-748-9498.
- **Beginning Bear,** 9 am-1 pm. A fun first step in toy-making! This simple 14" teddy bear is made with just two pattern pieces. Personal step-by-step instructions for cutting, sewing and stuffing make it possible for all levels of ability. Rebecca McGovern, instructor; $35 + items from supply list. For more information, call Stitch at the Old Mill, Whitefield at 837-8778.
- **Cooking class demo,** 5-5:30 p.m. and every Monday. Featuring local chefs who will share some of their secrets on how to make nutritious, affordable meals using some local ingredients. Free and all are welcome to attend. Littleton Food Co-op, Corner of Cottage St. and Route 302, Littleton. For more information, please call 444-2800.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

- **Music**, and every Tuesday, 8-11 p.m., Matt Tellier performs. Cannon Mountain View Motel and Tavern, Main St., Franconia. For more information, please call 823-8077.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

- **LEGO Club,** 3-4 p.m. for all ages, however children under 8 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. Weeks Memorial Library, 128 Main St., Lancaster. For more information, call 788-3352.
- **Yoga in the Gallery**, every Wednesday and Monday, 5:30-6:45 p.m. with Katrine Barclay. Drop-ins welcome. WREN, 2011 Main St., Bethlehem. For more information, please contact Katrine at 823-7441.
- **Quilting with Photographs Workshop**, 6-8-p.m. with Sally Syren in the classroom at WREN. Series runs from for 3 consecutive Wednesdays. For more information or to register, please call WREN at 869-9736.
- **Meditation for relaxation**, and every Wednesday, 6-7:15 p.m. with Cindy Noyes, Drop-ins welcome. Grove Street, Littleton. For more information, please call Cindy at 616-8827.
- **Music**, and every Wednesday beginning at 9 p.m. DJ, Cannon Mountain View Motel and Tavern, Main St., Franconia. For more information, please call 823-8077.

# ONGOING MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

**Please contact *The Courier* about any changes, 444-3927.**

## HEALTH RELATED AND SUPPORT GROUPS

- **ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics",** 3rd Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m. At Littleton Regional Hospital, Conference Rooms 1 & 2. CALL LINDAT AT 869-3653.
- **Bereavement support group**, 1-2:30 p.m.,1st and 3rd Tues., at North Country Home Health & Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton; call 444-9221 or 444-5317.
- **Diabetes Support Group** meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at the Littleton Area Senior Center, from 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Support Center at Burch House**, ongoing support group for women and teens; call 444-0624.
- **NAMI support group for families living with mental illness,** 7-9 p.m. 1stTuesday of each month, at All Saints' Parish House, School Street,Littleton; 823-5374.
- **New mothers' group**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, every Wed., Littleton Regional Hospital; 444-9335.
- **Breast cancer support group/Rally Round,** 5-6:30 p.m., 2nd Thurs. monthly, North Country Home Health, 536 Cottage St., Littleton; 869-5441.
- **Sight Services for Independent Living,** vision rehabilitation group, 1-3 p.m., 2nd Thurs. even months, at Community House, Littleton.
- **AA meetings**:
  - St. Catherine's Church, Highland Street, Lisbon. Mon. & Wed. 7-8 p.m.; 838-2852.
  - Littleton Congregational Church, M-F, noon and Sat., 7:30 p.m . Wed., 8 p.m. ; 444-3376
  - Methodist Church Parish Hall, Littleton, Thurs., 8 p.m., 12-step; 444-5567.
  - Littleton Hospital, Sat., 8:30 a.m., AA 12-step study group; 444-9000.
  - St. Rose of Lima Church, Littleton, Sun. 6:15 p.m., discussion 7:30 p.m.; 444-2593.
  - United Methodist Church, Woodsville, Fri., 8 p.m., discussion; 747-3122.
  - Community Baptist Church, Whitefield, Tues., 8 p.m.; 837-2469.
- **Al-Anon meeting**, St. Johnsbury Al-Anon 7 p.m., every Tues.,Thurs. Kingdom Recovery Center (Dr. Bob's birthplace) 297 Summer St.
- **Al-Anon meeting**, 10am Saturday Uniteraian Universalist Church Cherry St.,
- **Al-Anon meeting**, 7 p.m., every Tues., at First Congregational Church on Main St., Littleton; 444-3376.
- **Cloverleaf Drop-In Center peer support outreach**, 3-9 p.m., Sun.-Thurs., and 1-9 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 241 Cottage St., Littleton; 444-5314.
- **Al-Anon meeting**, 7 p.m., every Sun., at Old Mill Studio in Whitefield; call 837-2083 for more info.
- **Littleton Peer Support Group**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, 46 Cottage St., Littleton, tel./fax 444-5344. We are geared around Mental Health and Recovery. To EMPOWER and facilitate groups. To give tools so you can be self sufficient. All programs are free.
- **Reiki healing**, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tues. each month; donation, $15, at Thyme to Heal Herbals, 113 Main St., Lisbon; 838-5599.
- **Caregiver Support Group**, 10-11:30 a.m., third Thursday of every month at the Lyndonville, Vt., United Methodist Church (handicap accessible). Call Riverside Life Enrichment Center at (802) 626-3900 or 1-866-926-3900 for more information.
- **Survivors of Suicide Peer Support Groups—Plymouth Region SOS Group**, meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning in March at the Starr King Universalist Fellowship. Contact Marcia VanderMast at 764-4352, evenings.
- **North Country SOS Group**, meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Family Resource Center, Gorham. Contact Diane Bunnell at 752-5984, evenings. SOS is for those who have lost a family member, friend, or co-worker to suicide.
- **White Mountain Dowsers**, The second Monday of the Month (except June-Aug Call for info) at the Starr King UU Church at 101 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth, NH. For info call Sandi Ruelke at 603-444-5494 or Suzanne Schwartz at 603-726-3874. Meetings start at 6 p.m. $5 donation.
- **Spring herbal workshop series, 10 a.m., every Saturday**, material fee may apply, see specific workshop and registration required, at St. J. Food Co-op, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 802-748-9498.
- **Chair Yoga for Wellness,** 1-2 p.m., Mondays, Littleton Area Senior Center. Appropriate for all ages. Improve flexibility, balance and ability to reduce stress. Call Katrine with questions at 823-7441.
- **Meditation class**, Learn to quiet the mind and the ancient art of breathing techniques to help reduce stress.The cost is $8 per class and group rates apply along with a military discount! Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:15PM. Grove Street, Littleton. Please call Cindy at 603.616.8827 for directions and more details.
- **Intuitive Channeling Group Sessions**, 6-9 p.m., explore the benefits of Intuitive Channeling & Reiki in a compassionate and nonjudgmental environment, at Neskaya, Franconia; 249-6444.
- **Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group**, 2nd Wed. every month, 6 p.m., at the Ammonoosuc Community Health Center, 25 Mt. Eustis Rd., Littleton. Jackie 616-1468 or Steve 444-2464 X9123.
- **Cancer support group**, for cancer patients and their families, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m., at Cottage Hospital, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville; 747-9156.
- **Diabetes support group**, for people with Diabetes and their families, 2nd Monday of every month, March-December, 7-8:30 p.m., at Cottage Hospital, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville: 747-9313.
- **Childbirth education classes**, at Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Cottage Hospital Birthing Center, at 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville; 747-9145 Call for availability.
- **Gentle Morning Wake-up Yoga** ,Tuesdays, 8:30-10 a.m. All Saints Parish Center 35 School Street, Littlton. For more information, please call 444-1039 or email to AGTJ@msn.com.

## FOR SENIORS

- **Overeaters Anonymous Meeting,** Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church House, School Street, Littleton. Call 444-6541.
- **Whitefield Senior Center Meals,** noon, Mon. at Highland House and McIntyre Apts.; Wed. at McIntyre Apts.; Mon., Wed., and Thurs., at McKee Inn, Lancaster, 837-2424. Alternates Friday between McIntyre and McKee.

## EDUCATIONAL

- **Literacy program, 7-9 p.m.,** Mon. and Thurs., N. Woodstock Town Office; call 745-9971.
- **Toddler Tales, 9:30 a.m**., Wed., at Littleton Public Library, Main St.; 444-5741.
- **Pre-school Storytime, 9:30 a.m.**, Thurs., at Littleton Public Library, Main St.; 444-5741.
- **Pre-School Storytime,** 2 p.m., every Thursday, activities and social interaction, at Lincoln Public Library. 745-8159 or library@lincolnnh.org.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

- **Littleton Area Historical Society,** open Wed. only, 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m., or by appointment, at 120 Main St. (Community House); 444-5816.
- **Franconia Heritage Museum,** 1-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday , Memorial Day through Halloween, other times by special request call 823-5000.
- **Dalton Historical Society, 7 p.m.,** first Thurs., at Dalton Town Hall; call 837-9120.
- **Sugar Hill Historical Museum,** Closed for the season. For information, donations, and special tours, please contact Director/Curator Kitty Bigelow at 6030-823-5275 or kittyh41@gmail.com
- **Bethlehem Heritage Society Museum,** Main Street, open daily, July 1-Labor Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Meetings held in the Visitor's Center the third Friday of the month at 7 p.m.; call 869-3330 or 869-3409.

## CULTURE & RECREATION

- **Spanish class** every Wednesday from 3 to 4 pm at Wendle's café. 297 Main St., Franconia, NH.$10 each class. New students always welcome. Please call if interested: Isabel, 823-8163 isabelwm@gmail.com.
- **Live performances**, movies and children's events, at Colonial Theatre, Main St., Bethlehem; 869-3422, www.bethlehemcolonial.org.
- **World dance**, 6-7:30 p.m., every Wed., 6-8 p.m. every Sun., at Neskaya, 2243 Profile Rd., Franconia; all dances are taught, donation $0-$10; 823-5828.
- **The Arts Gallery**, 28 Main St., Lisbon, fine art of the North Country.
- **Catamount Arts films**, 7 p.m. weeknights, Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Sat., 7 and 9 p.m., and Sun., 1:30 p.m.; 1-888-757-5559.
- **Fraternal Order of Eagles**, Sunday Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon, Adults $6,Children $3; Penny Social every 2nd Sunday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday,Bingo at 6 p.m., doors open at 4 p.m.; Fri., Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight; 444-5795.
- **Littleton Squares classes**, 7 p.m., Thurs., at Lakeway Elementary School, Union St., Littleton; 444-6985.
- **Alumni Hall,** year-round center for the fine & performing arts; heritage interpretive center; Conn. River Byway Visitor Center (June-Oct). Hall also available for event-rental. 75 Court St, Haverhill; 603-989-5500. alumnihall@charterinternet.com; www.alumnihall.org"
- **Littleton Quilt Guild,** 7 p.m., 3rd Thurs., at Littleton Community House Annex off Main St.; 444-7760.
- **T'AI CHI CLASSES,** every week Mondays 5:30 - 7 p.m. , Wednesdays 4:30 - 6 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, Littleton, Call Maggie 444-5515 or Paul mtnrvrtaichi@msn.com. Beginners always welcome.

## VETERANS

- **Rep. of State Vet Council** available 1st and 3rd Fri., **8 a.m.-noon**, American Legion Post, 4 Ammonoosuc St., Woodsville, and 2nd and 4th Fri. at N.H. Employment Security Office, Littleton. Call 444-2971 for appointment.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **The Dinner Bell** Meal will be served at 5 p.m. every Tuesday (except July &Aug.) at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 35 School St., Littleton. All are welcome to this free community supper, which is sponsored by our organizations, churches and schools.
- **Cheese Classes** Thursday at 5 p.m. -- Free cheese tasting and class at the Littleton Food Co-op. Cheese "guru" Lauren leads participants through an exploration of the history, taste, and serving techniques of a different cheese each week. All are welcome! Visit www.littletoncoop.org <http://www.littletoncoop.org> or call 603-444-2800 for more information.
- **Emergency Food Cupboard, 9-10 a.m**., each Tues., Thurs.,Sat., 35 School St., at All Saints' Church, Littleton.
- **Good Neighbor Food Pantry, 1-4 p.m**., every Tues. & Wed., at Franconia Community Church of Christ; 823-8421.
- **Friday night suppers, 6 p.m.**, at Littleton VFW, 600 Cottage St.
- **Littleton Conservation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.**, 2nd Mon., Littleton Area Senior Center off Cottage St.
- **Ammonoosuc Valley Softball board meetings, 7-8 p.m.,** 2nd Wed., public session at Littleton High School.
- **Civil Air Patrol**, Mt. Washington Flight, 6:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tues., CAP hangar, Mt. Washington Regional Airport, Whitefield.
- **The Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee Meeting,** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., held on 1st Wednesday each month, at the North Country Council in Bethlehem. All meetings are open to the public.
- **Easton Conservation Commission monthly meetings,** 8 a.m., 3rd Friday of every month, Easton Town Hall, 1060 Easton Valley Rd., Easton. For more information, please call 823-5008.

*North Country Notebook*

# Getting into the serious part of winter's store of wood



By: John Harrigan

For many people this is the season of Yuletide gift-giving and greetings, and for extravagant celebrations welcoming in the New Year. For me it's the beginning of the Season of Singed Eyebrows.

For the first part of winter, what I call Lazy Winter, between the first of October and the advent of Christmas, I burn not-so-serious wood in the outdoor furnace---junk stuff collected from blowdowns and the like, cut up and picked up from along fence lines and woods roads. It tends to be---well, junk, because it's the softer wood that's likely to be toppled by wind. Poplar, spruce and fir make up most of the lot, hauled in a small trailer behind the tractor and piled haphazardly around the furnace. And because that part of the heating season is relatively mild, I don't tend to run big, hot fires. Just enough fire, as the old-timers would say (I am not one, yet, I think) to take the chill off. A chill fire.

That all changes between the Winter Solstice and New Year's Eve. That's when I'm about out of junk wood and ready to dive into the good stuff, and when things start to get serious.

What I call the Piggy Bank,

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(John Harrigan photo)

**Into the Piggy Bank we go---no more dragging and cutting on demand. The wood shed contains the serious wood for serious weather.**



(Karen Harrigan photo)

**The eyebrows are pretty scraggly. What's behind the eyes may be downright scary.**

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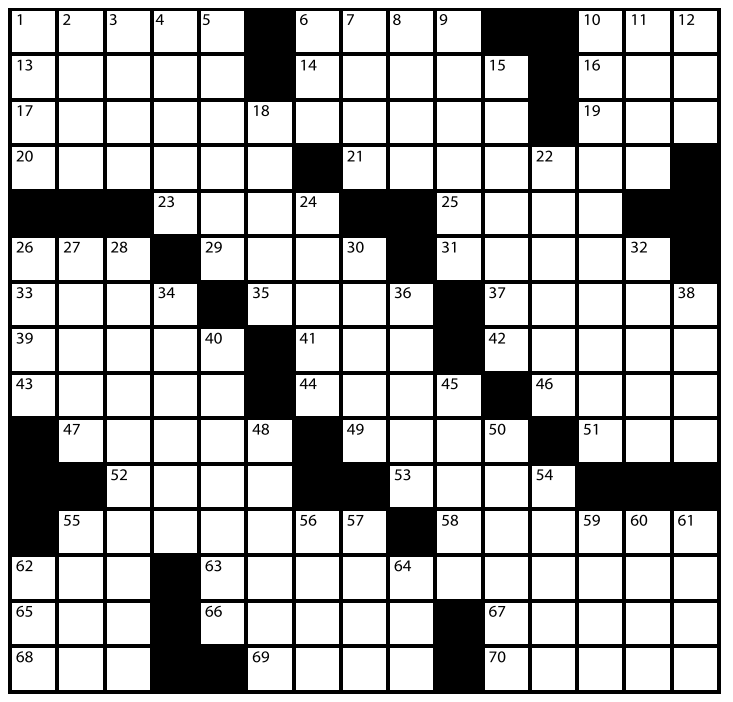
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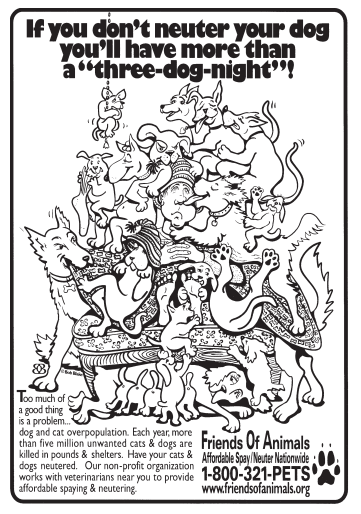
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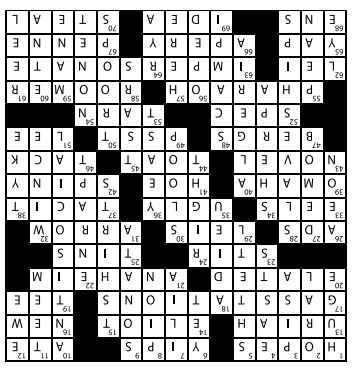
**Across**
1. Aspirations
6. Barks
10. Absorbed, as a cost
13. Dickens's ___ Heep
14. "Four Quartets" poet
16. "What's ___?"
17. Place to buy car fuel (pl.)
19. Athletic supporter?
20. Flying high
21. Site of Disneyland
23. Ado
25. Anchovy containers
26. Infomercials, e.g.
29. Island rings
31. Cupid's projectile
33. Congers
35. Hideous
37. Implied
39. 1935 Triple Crown winner
41. Clod chopper
42. Having thorns
43. Romance, e.g.
44. Exactly
46. Approach
47. Floating mass of ice (pl.)
49. "Check this out!"
51. "Malcolm X" director
52. Particular, for short
53. Mountain pool
55. Exodus figure
58. Tenant
62. "Fantasy Island" prop
63. To pretend to be
65. Big, fat mouth
66. Silly trick
67. Pasta choice
68. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
69. "I had no ___!"
70. Appropriate

**Down**
1. Bigger than big
2. Face-to-face exam
3. Galileo's birthplace
4. Bridge positions
5. "Fiddler on the Roof" setting
6. "Are we there ___?"
7. Hip bones
8. Subatomic particle
9. Beethoven's "Moonlight ___"
10. Unfriendly toward others
11. Abound
12. "Concentration" pronoun
15. Vacation souvenirs
18. "Farewell, mon ami"
22. Absorbed
24. "Amen!"
26. Long, long time
27. To discharge from the armed forces
28. Vessels for transporting human property
30. Fore-and-aft-rigged vessel
32. Flinch
34. Guide
36. Bakery supply
38. Kid
40. "The Plague" setting
45. Autocrats
48. Seafood dish
50. Soldiers
54. Fair-sized musical group
55. Song of praise
56. Kind of column
57. "Catch!"
59. Challenge for a barber
60. "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
61. Casting need
62. Alkaline liquid
64. Handwoven Scandinavian rug






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**Office phone:** 823-8421
**Email:** franccc@myfairpoint.net
**Web site:** www.franconiachurch.org
**Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs. 1-5pm
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am
**Choir Practice:** Sun. 9:30am, Thurs. 7pm
**Good Neighbor Food Pantry Hours:**
Tues. & Wed. 1-4pm
**Pastor:** Barry Jacobson

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*Roman Catholic*
*Main St., Franconia • 444-2593*
**Mass:** Saturday at 6 p.m.

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### JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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*(Conservative Congregational Christian Conference)*
**Worship Service:** 8:30 a.m.
**Children's Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
**Weekly Bible Studies**
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## LINCOLN

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
*Roman Catholic*
*Church St., Lincoln • 745-2266*
**Saturday Mass**: 5:00 p.m.
**Saturday Confessions:** 4-4:45 p.m.
**Sunday Mass**: 9:30 a.m.
**Daily Mass:** 8 a.m. Mon., Tues. & Fri.; 5 p.m. on Thurs.
**Eucharistic Adoration:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon. & Wed.
*Pastor: Rev. John B. MacKenzie*

## LISBON

### LISBON BIBLE CHURCH
*Non-Denominational*
*21 Woolson Rd., Lisbon • 838-6184*
**Sunday School**: 9:15 a.m.
**Worship Service**: 10:30 a.m.
**Wednesday Prayer Meeting**: 7 p.m.
*Pastor: Russ Wing*

### CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
*Episcopal*
*School Street, Lisbon*
**Sunday Worship**: 9 a.m., and coffee fellowship
*Pastor: Rev. Todd Hall*

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
**Sunday School:** (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.
at Lisbon Regional School Library
(Nursery, Children's Church up to age 8)
**Sunday Evening Study**: 6 p.m. in private home
**Wednesday Prayer Meeting**:
6:30 p.m. in private home
**Friday**: SonShine Club (Oct.-Apr.) up to age 12)
*Pastor: Tracy Davis, 838-5138*

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH
*Roman Catholic*
*Highland Ave., Lisbon • 747-2038*
**Lord's Day Mass**: 9 a.m.
*Pastor: Reverend Daniel J. Sinibaldi*

## LISBON-LANDAFF

### THE SHARED MINISTRY
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and children's Sunday School
**Prayer Groups:** As scheduled
**Bible Study:** Weekly at the Parsonage
*Pastor: Rev. Lyn Winter*
838-5008 (Parsonage)
pastor@thesharedministry.com

## LITTLETON

### CHRIST CHURCH
*Anglican • 74 Cottage St., Littleton*
*603-444-0002 (church) or 603-788-4171 (rectory)*
**Holy Eucharist:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.
*Rector: The Rev. Curt Hanners, Ph.D*

### ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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*35 School St., Littleton • 444-3414*
*email: allstslittleton@allsts.org*
**Holy Eucharist**: All welcome to
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. service
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**Men's Breakfast**: 8 a.m., 2nd Wed. every month
**Dinner Bell:** Tuesdays at 5 PM
**Office Hours:** Mon.–Wed., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 9 AM to Noon
**Rector:** *The Rev. Kurt Wiesner*
**Secretary:** *Patricia Laurino*

### CROSSROADS CHURCH
*Bible-Based*
*1091 Meadow St., Littleton • 444-2525*
**Contemporary Sunday Worship**: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery care provided. Children's ministry and education.
**Bible Study**: Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
**Time for Women:** 3rd Wed. of month, 6-8 p.m.
***Pastor:*** *Mark Clements*
**Website:** www.crossroadsoflittleton.com
**Email:** mark@locustcreekblog.com

### FAITH BIBLE CHURCH
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*355 Union St., Littleton*
**Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.**
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Music: blend of traditional & contemporary
Children's Church: age 4-Grade 4 @ 11 AM
Sunday School for all ages - @ 9:30 AM
**Adult Ministries & Small Groups:**
For Bible Study and encouragement
For Men & Women/Singles & Couples
**More information: www.nhfaith.com**
**Contact us:** secretary@fbc-nh.org
**Call: 444-2763**
***Pastor:*** *Rev. Mac Starring*

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
*189 Main St., Littleton • 444-3376*
*Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*
*Email: fstcong@ncia.net*
*Web: www.1stconglittleton.org*
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.
**Saturday:** 7:30 p.m., AA Meeting
**Monday-Friday:** Noon AA Meetings in Church Hall
**Tuesday:** 7 p.m., Al Anon Meeting
**Wednesday:** 8 p.m., Big Book AA Meeting
*Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington*

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
*18 Main St. Littleton • 444-5567 • lfumc18@yahoo.com*
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 12 noon
**Sunday Worship:** 8 and 10 a.m.
**Sunday School:** 10 a.m.
(Nursery care provided at 10 a.m.)
**Wednesday:** WOW Worship, 6:30 p.m.
**Thursday:** AA, 8 p.m.
*Pastor: Rev. Robert K. Schneider, 603-444-2152*

### LIGHT OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP
*Advent Christian Church • 45 Lafayette Ave.*
*(next to Littleton Water & Light and Littleton Millworks)*
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. and Bible teaching.
Young children attend **Sunday School** during the message; nursery and childcare is available.
**Men's & Women's Encouragement Group:**
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
**Wednesday Sing & Study:** 6 p.m.
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**Sunday School:** 10 AM
**Morning Service:** 11 AM
**Evening Service:** 6 PM
**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
**Dinner on Grounds:** 1st Sunday of month with no Evening Service
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**Email:** pastorlittletonbiblebaptist@gmail.com
**Web site:** littletonbiblebaptistchurch.org

### NCUUS (North Country Unitarian Universalist Society)
*A Liberal Religious Community*
*P.O. Box 884., Littleton 03561*
***Information:*** *603-991-3133*
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**Second Sunday Services**: 4:00 p.m.
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*Roman Catholic*
*High St., Littleton • 444-2593*
**Masses:** 4 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

### WHITE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
*70 Redington St., Littleton, NH 03561*
*603-444-6517 • Pastor: Jim Anan*
**Sunday Services**: 10:00 a.m.
**Wednesday:** Bible Study at 6:45 p.m.
**Friday:** Catalyst Youth at 7:00 p.m.
**Lifeworks Christian Counseling:**
by appointment call 444-6517.
For our weekly Life Groups contact the church for more information on times and days.

## SUGAR HILL

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPEL
*Episcopal • Rte. 117, Sugar Hill, NH*
**Sunday Services:** 10:00 a.m. *in* July,
August & the 1st Sunday in September
**Holy Communion:** 1st Sunday of the month
**Morning Prayer:** other Sundays
All are welcome. Refreshments following service.

### SUGAR HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
*Non-denominational • Pastor: Ned Wilson*
*Rt. 117, Sugar Hill • 823-9908*
**Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.
**Child Sunday School:** 10 a.m.
**Sunday Worship**: 11 a.m.

## WHITEFIELD

### TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
*25 Lancaster Rd., Whitefield*
**Services:** Sunday at 9 a.m.
*Pastor: Rev. Kelley Harvell*

### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
*(Meeting in the McIntyre School Apts. Auditorium)*
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**Worship Service:** 11 a.m.
Call for locations of weeknight Bible studies
*Pastor: Rev. Daniel Boyce* • 603-846-5400
victorybaptistchurchnh@gmail.com

### WHITEFIELD COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
*27 Jefferson Rd., Whitefield • 837-2469*
*Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30-11:30 a.m.*
*www.cbc1816.org • email: cbc1816@myfairpoint.net*
**Sunday Worship & Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.
**Bible Study:** Wednesday nights, 7:00 p.m.
**Men's Breakfast:** 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m.
**Ladies' Circle:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00 p.m.
**Outreach ministries:** Friends-N-Neighbors Thrift Shop and Food Pantry, 837-9044
*Pastor: Rev. Clifford W. Vendt*

### WHITEFIELD ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
*3 School St., Whitefield • 837-8849*
**Sunday Schedule:**
**9:00-10:00 AM Christian Education Classes**
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*Junior & Senior High Class meet in parsonage*
*Children ages K-5th grade meet in parsonage*
**10-10:25 AM - Coffee Fellowship**
**10:30 AM - Morning Worship:**
Sermon Series on The Biblical Teaching of God's Sovereign Grace
*(Nursery available – newborn-5 years)*
**6:00 PM - Evening Workshop**
Study and discussion on the morning's teaching
**6:00 PM - Youth Group** 6th-12th grade

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**Sunday Service**: 9:00 a.m.
*Priest in Charge: Teresa Gocha*

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*Rte. 3, Woodstock • 745-6241*
*(1½ miles north of Exit 30*
*or 4 miles south of the light at Rte. 118 & Rte. 3)*
**Wednesdays:** Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m.
**Sunday Service**: 9:00 a.m.
*Pastor: Rev. John Muehlke Jr.*

## WOODSVILLE

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
*Roman Catholic*
*21 Pine St., Woodsville, NH*
**Lord's Day Masses**: Sat. 5:00 p.m.;
Sun. 7:15 a.m.; Sun. 10:45 a.m.
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Sat. 4:00-4:45 p.m.

## ST. JOHNSBURY, VT

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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# The Rest Of The Story / Arts & Entertainment

## America's First Forester

**By David Falkenham, UNH**
*Cooperative Extension*
*Grafton County Forester*

It is hard to imagine that by 1850 an estimated 75 percent of New Hampshire land was cleared for agriculture. By the early 1900s, much of the northern forest was being cut at an unprecedented rate to provide timber for the growing nation. These large cuts were unsustainable and often resulted in huge fires started by old logging railroads. Much of the White Mountain National Forest was clear-cut and burned around the turn of the century.

Today, a walk in the woods will tell you a different story. Over 85 percent of New Hampshire is forested, making it the second most forested state in the union. The timber industry is the third largest industry in New Hampshire and many million cords of wood are commercially harvested each year on public and private lands. Thousands of people travel to New Hampshire every year to enjoy our natural resources.

Forestry is the science of managing land for a sustained yield of timber products. It was created in Europe and brought to America over 100 years ago by a man named Gifford Pinchot. Pinchot studied forestry in Nancy, France, since no universities in the U.S. offered a forestry program in 1885. During his studies he became a convert to the practice of selective harvesting of timber resources. Pinchot graduated in 1891 and returned to the United States to apply his newfound passion.

Pinchot was appointed as the chief of the U.S. Division of Forestry in 1898 and by 1901, he was a trusted friend of Theodore Roosevelt. After his inauguration as president in 1901, Roosevelt held a meeting with Pinchot to begin planning a national conservation policy. The two men worked closely together and in 1905 Pinchot became the first chief of the new United States Forest Service.

Pinchot restructured and professionalized the management of the National Forests and greatly increased their number and area. Together with President Roosevelt, 150 national forests covering 172 million acres had been created by 1910. Under Pinchot's leadership, the US Forest Service developed a strong utilitarian philosophy that forests could produce timber products and be maintained for the use and enjoyment of future generations. Pinchot phrased this philosophy as "The greatest good for the greatest number, in the long run," emphasizing that forest management consists of long-term decisions that affect all people.

There is some debate over who was the "Father of American Conservation": George Bird Grinnell or Gifford Pinchot. I would have to say that Grinnell was the first person to popularize the importance of conservation and Pinchot was the first person to utilize science to put conservation to work. Pinchot believed that conservation and forest management went hand in hand. Pinchot practiced an unrelenting concern for the protection of the American forests. His scientific principles of systematic forest management helped guide the conservation of our forests in a very utilitarian way, which benefited all people and helped build the quickly growing nation.

After his term as Forest Service Chief, Pinchot lived an activist lifestyle and continued to provide leadership in the management and protection of our forests. Over the last 100 years, many men and women have been trained in the science of forest management at universities across the country. Foresters have learned how to cut trees for our present needs while simultaneously growing trees for future generations. For most foresters the greatest challenge is how to use, protect and enhance all of the forest's attributes that we "the greatest number" enjoy every day. Without the actions of Gifford Pinchot, this science, philosophy and lifestyle would be very different today.

## NCN

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the big woodshed that sits a few feet from the furnace, is full of three-foot lengths of birch, beech, maple and ash. Okay, there are a few softwood pieces in there for when I almost lose a fire and need to get it going again, fast. Even though these major pieces of hardwood are not split (and there is a reason, as in "minimum handling"), this is dry wood. It is serious wood for serious weather.

It was something like 8 degrees the other morning, the kind of temperature that means I have to load the furnace every 12 hours. But I had to go downtown that day, and so flung the firebox door open to toss in a few pieces for good measure. A fireball erupted. Think "Blazing Inferno," or every other firestorm movie you've ever seen.

This is maybe why I seem to need fewer haircuts during winter, and why, when Traci (Hawes) Scherer considers trimming my eyebrows at The Hair Company, I couldn't blame her for thinking "What's to trim?"

*(This column runs in a dozen weekly papers covering the northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. John Harrigan's address: Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576, or hooligan@ncia.net)*

## SWIFTWATER

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to French Pond Road and back onto Goose Lane past the cemetery and thence home.

At supper they asked us to guess which of the following encounters they experienced was not true, and we guessed a few, all wrong, for all their supposedly unlikely stories were in fact true. These included three occasions when somebody not best fit for the job (illness, wounds, age, fatigue) was trying to shovel out from the blizzard, so they happily did the shoveling three times. One was the encounter with the gate on the Wilson road. There was a long-legged beagle and a fluff-ball blue-tick hound. The final unlikely but true story was a picture of a 14-foot python wrapped around the shoulders of a girl in a matching camo swimsuit, posing for a swimsuit calendar.

The welcome news of the season included at least three economically and spiritually uplifting items. First, Jan Warner took her Gallery Restaurant over by the Interstate off the auction block and sold it to Paul Sarkis, who knows the business and will keep it going and also let her keep cooking without the pain in the neck part of the management. With Paul comes some of the Eastern Mediterranean dishes that have become welcome in our land (and homes) these past decades.

Next, the Bath Village School got national attention for excellence, particularly in dealing brilliantly with a large proportion of disadvantaged children. Don't we know. When some of our gang went south some years ago they found themselves faced with a year of stuff they'd already learned in Bath.

Then a nice article appeared about the Swiftwater Way Station, our own deer checking station and all-around versatile shop and fuel station where the bright and hard-working owners have built themselves a great place to trade at a perfect site: last store till North Woodstock going one way, and nearest coming this way.

The economy is bad, but around here people are still eating out and learning well and traveling.

The mental holiday images here on Goose Lane include the labyrinth in the deep snow behind the house, the redpolls among the chickadees and red squirrels at the feeders, Merlin the cat sleepily supervising afternoon tea from the top of the ice box (reefer to you maybe), wild games and puzzles, 15 pies at Boxing Day, and a skilled mother teaching her son the elements of fencing, masks and all, out in the snowy car park. They worked on the lunge.

*S. Morse writes his Swiftwater Diary from Goose Lane Farm in Swiftwater.*

## ADAIR

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Noir will actually be a great choice. The old rule of white with fish and red with meat is a great place to start, but do keep in mind what else will be on the fish or meat.

If you are going to do a spicy dish, this will certainly determine what type of wine you choose. Certain wines more perfectly complement the spiciness of certain dishes, just as the spiciness can bring out the good (or bad) flavors of the wine. A slightly sweet Riesling or Gewürztraminer is a very good choice for spicy foods.

The best way to find the best pairing for your food is to do a little Internet research. There are hundreds of websites that can guide you to the right match. Simply Google the name of the dish and add "wine pairing" and you should have several hundred links to choose from for a suitable wine choice.

If you are planning a special dinner, another option is to test the dish beforehand with two or more wines. Yes, this can be time consuming or costly, but you get to sample wines and make sure you know how to prepare the dish before the big dinner. Sounds good to me! Make sure to taste each wine without the food first, then, taste each one after taking a couple of bites. See how the flavors all come together (or not, if they are the wrong choices).

Now, if you already have a special bottle of wine, you can always match a food with that. The bottle may have some basic suggestions. If not or if not enough information is provided, go to the winery's website and look up that wine. There will probably be some more detailed suggestions on what to have with the wine. The next step is to Google the name of the wine and add "food match". There should be plenty of links to follow.

Remember- wine and foods go great together, so do not get too intimidated with finding the perfect wine to drink with your meal. Focus on flavors and characteristics of the foods, do some research, ask questions at the wine store or even call a Chef. I have taken many phone calls and emails from family, friends and strangers asking for advice on what to drink with a particular dish or what to eat with a particular wine.

With all of the wines out there to choose from, it can be somewhat daunting, but drink what you like, like what you drink and make every bite count.

**Poached Pears with Spicy Honeyed Vermouth Syrup**

This dessert is very easy to prepare, looks fancy and difficult and matches very nicely with a sweet dessert wine like a sauterne or late harvest Riesling.

6 servings
1 bottle dry white vermouth
1/2 cup honey
1/2 teaspoon black pepper (preferably freshly ground)
1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger
1 cinnamon stick
6 pears, preferably Bosc

In a sauce pan deep enough to hold the pears, add all ingredients except the pears. Bring to a boil, then, turn to low simmer.

Peel pears, leaving whole with stems intact and cut out core. A melon baller works best to core from the wide, bottom end for this.

Put pears into pot, turn up heat slightly, cover and cook pears until soft enough to easily pierce thickest part with a knife, approximately 20-25 minutes. You can do the pears in batches if needed.

Remove pears from syrup to cool.

Once all pears are cooked, reduce liquid uncovered until it is a thick golden syrup. Let cool.

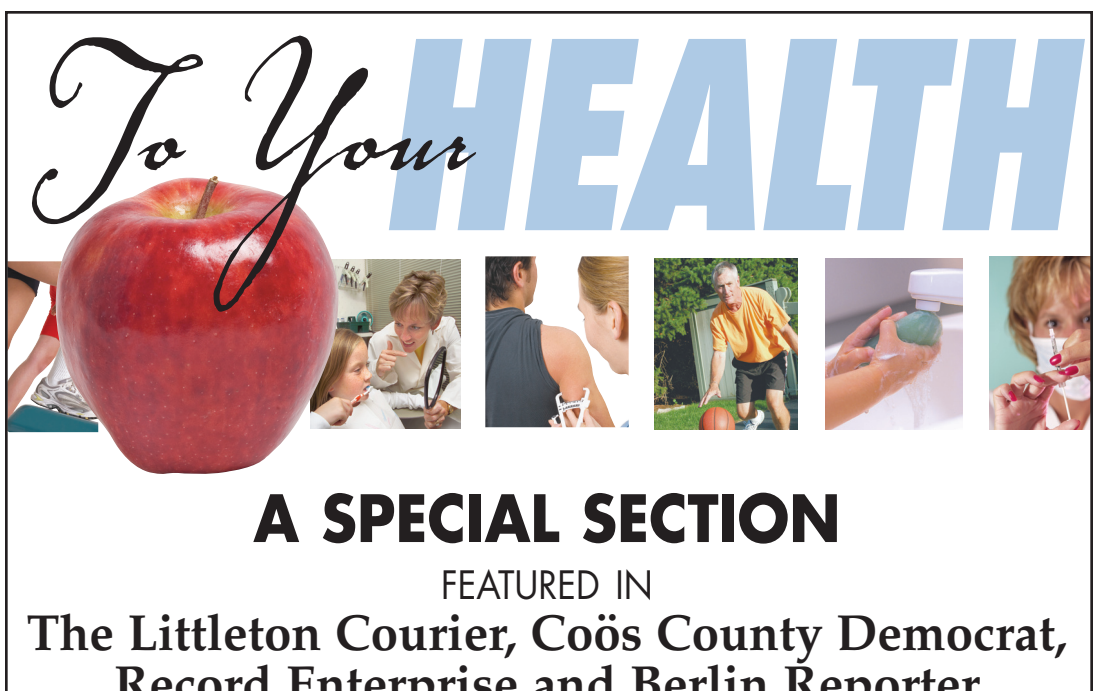
To serve, place one pear on dessert plate, drizzle with some of the syrup. Garnish with mint and some unsweetened whipped cream. Serve with your favorite dessert wine and enjoy.

Adair Country Inn & Restaurant will be hosting a wine dinner on Saturday Jan. 15.

*Orlo Coots is Head Chef at Adair Country Inn & Restaurant, 444-2600. Enjoy his cooking Thursday through Monday. Orlo can be reached at cheforlo@hotmail.com for any questions about this recipe or any other food-related questions you may have. Remember- whether cooking for one or for a crowd, make every bite count.*








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