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## New Education Commissioner visits North Country Charter Academy

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LITTLETON—On just his second day in office, New Hampshire's newly appointed State Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelbut, visited the North Country Charter Academy in Littleton the morning of Feb. 17.

The breakfast was attended by area superintendents, local lawmakers, and NCCA staff members.

Executive Councilor Joe Kenney invited the commissioner to the legislative breakfast to learn about the alternative learning environment that the NCCA offers, the unique challenges they face, and the success they are able to help students achieve.

The NCCA was established in 2004 by ten district superintendents in an effort to counter

the high dropout rate the North Country was experiencing at the time. With locations in Littleton and Lancaster, the NCCA works in collaboration with ten state districts that serve over 45 communities.

The NCCA has graduated 463 students who had already dropped out, or were considered at high risk for doing so. The majority of the students have gone on to higher education.

Lisa Lavoie has served as the school's principal since its inception.

"There has got to be an alternative path to obtaining a high school diploma, and that's who we are," says Lavoie.

Lavoie believes that the learning environment directly impacts a student's academic success, and while not

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After attending a legislative breakfast with local lawmakers and area school officials at the North Country Charter Academy in Littleton Education Commissioner, Frank Edelbut congratulated a student who was attending her last day at the NCCA due to completing her credit requirement for graduation. Seen in the background are Rep. Troy Merner, Littleton School's Supt. Dr. Steve Nilhas, Rep. Wayne Moynihan, Exec. Councilor Joe Kenney, Rep. Linda Massimilla, and NCCA principal Lisa Lavoie.

JENNY MONAHAN



PHOTO BY STAN HOLZ

### Taking flight

This picture was taken during a busy day at the Mt. Washington Regional Airport on Feb. 17.

## 45th Annual Copper Cannon Camp Auction to be held

FRANCONIA—The 45th annual Cooper Cannon Camp Auction will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Littleton Elks Lodge, located on Rt. #302 in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. Tickets are a \$25 and can be purchased through our website. Doors open at 4 p.m. to allow attendees time to preview auction items, as well as for bidding on silent auction items. Cocktail hour will run from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and during



COURTESY PHOTO

Copper Cannon's Leadership Director Teresa Christnacht and her assistant Josh Lagerquist pose with our three 2016 Counselors in Training (CITs).

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## Potential Dollar General in Bethlehem goes to site plan review

BY TARA GILES  
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BETHLEHEM — Motel owners in Bethlehem have concerns regarding the construction of a Dollar General store in town. During a site plan review last week, the proposal for the store was pitched to planners. Business owners in town have concerns that if one

box store is allowed, several more could follow.

The store which would sit on just under three acres of land that would potentially be located at 1268 Main St. Bethlehem planners did approve the subdivision itself; however, the site plan approval still needs to be seen by

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## Littleton Public Library looking to voters for building improvement funds

BY JENNY MONAHAN  
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LITTLETON—The Littleton Public Library's board of trustees are hoping voters will approve their petitioned warrant article asking for \$15,000, which would be used for building improvements.

The petitioned article was discussed at the Feb. 8 town deliberative session.

Library trustee, Barbara Anderson, says the reason the funds are being requested is the age of the building. The 112-year-old library has seen some renovation over the years, but could use some updating for ef-

ficiency's sake.

Anderson says the windows are letting in the cold and out the heat.

"We're wasting money by sending heat outside," Anderson said. "I wouldn't do that in my own house, and don't want to do it in a town building."

But after this year's tax spike in Littleton, a number of petitioned warrant articles are not receiving the endorsement of the select board and budget committee.

Selectmen Milt Bratz and Schuyler Sweet said the \$2.59 tax hike the town saw this year made

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## Local News

# Economic optimism sprouts an unusual crop: hotels in the North Country

BY CHRIS JENSEN  
NHINDEPTH.ORG

REGION — For the first time in decades, there are a spate of hotels being built, proposed or upgraded in the North Country, with the newest being a Hilton in Bethlehem.

"I don't remember a time like this," said Benoit Lamontagne, the state official who handles economic development in the North Country.

The number of visitors to the White Mountains has increased over the last two or three years, said Jayne O'Connor, the president of the White Mountain Attractions Association.

But, she said, the other factor is the economy.

"It is not a surprise at all when it is this good an economy," she said.

According to state figures there was a 7 percent increase statewide in the meals and rentals tax in the 2016 fiscal year.

The 80-room "Homewood Suites by Hilton" is proposed on U.S. Route 302 on the site of the former Baker Brook cabins and motel, which have been closed for roughly a decade. The hotel is designed for extended stays and includes a "full kitchen" in every unit. The goal is to attract vacationers staying a week or two.

Ideally, construction would begin this spring with the hotel opening about a year later, said David Eckman, of Eckman Engineering. He met Tuesday evening with the Bethlehem Zoning Board.

Eckman sought — and received — approval for the hotel to be about 75 feet high. That's 35 feet higher than the maximum normally allowed in the small town of 2,500 in the White Mountains.

Developer Yitz Rudich of Brooklyn, N.Y. still needs a series of permits, including from the town's planning board.

But the approval from

the zoning board was crucial because wetlands around the site restricted the hotel's footprint. So, to get 80 rooms the additional height allowing four stories was needed, Eckman said.

"We couldn't move forward without it," Eckman said. "It is a big step."

It was such a big step that the developer decided not to deal with what the hotel would look like on the chance the town rejected the request.

One issue is that the route for the Northern Pass towers is adjacent to the hotel, Eckman told the zoning board.

"My client was horrified when he found out the tower was there," he said.

He said Rudich is working with Northern Pass, hoping to reduce the visual impact by moving a tower behind a hill.

If the Hilton is built, it would be the second hotel within two years to open in Bethlehem. It's a town known — starting

in the late 1800s — for a cluster of elegant, grand hotels that hosted thousands of summer visitors, typically arriving by train.

The Hilton is preceded by The Arlington, a kosher hotel just off Main Street. It opened last summer.

The grand old hotels in Bethlehem are long gone. That business withered as tourists increasingly traveled by automobiles and varied their vacation destinations. The hotels either burned or were torn down.

But the oldest hotel in the North Country — the 167-year-old Thayer Inn in Littleton — is getting spruced up.

Starting in January Gary and Sandra Plourde took over management as part of a joint venture with the owner. The Plourdes also own the Christmas Farm Inn & Spa in Jackson.

"It sort of lost its luster so our plan is to bring that back," Mr. Plourde told InDepthNH.org.



CHRIS JENSEN

The site of the former Baker Brook cabins and motel in Bethlehem, where an 80-room "Homewood Suites by Hilton" is proposed on U.S. Route 302.

"Updating and improving the product. Putting in new systems and technology and focusing on a customer-friendly, guest-oriented service."

Also expected to open next year is The Glen House Hotel just below the Mount Washington Auto Road on Route 16 in Green's Grant. It will offer 68 rooms and will be owned by the same

company that owns the auto road.

On the other side of Mount Washington in Bretton Woods, the owners of the Mount Washington Cog Railway are exploring a 35-room hotel that would sit at about 5,000-feet astride the railway tracks leading to the top. The controversial project hasn't formally been present-

ed to the Coos Planning Board and would require a change to the zoning regulations.

The grandest project in the North Country remains the revival of The Balsams in Dixville. Developer Les Otten took over the project three years ago this month and is still working on financing and several key permits.

## PSU student Initiative addresses North Country community sustainability

*'Lancaster Initiative' brings together more than 60 students from various disciplines with community and business leaders to identify ways to attract and retain young professionals*

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University (PSU) and members of the Lancaster, New Hampshire business community today announced an initiative to stimulate entrepreneurial growth in the North Country community. The effort will involve more than 60 PSU students from various academic disciplines, and is the latest such project in the university's transformation to a collaborative, applied learning model.

Lancaster business leaders Peter Powell of Peter W. Powell Real Estate and Greg Clout-

ier of Lancaster Main Street Buildings, met with a group of PSU faculty in the fall of 2016 to explore a multifaceted project with student-led support. The project will involve exploring ways to launch and stimulate entrepreneurial ventures in town, developing strategies to attract and retain young professionals, and multi-use planning for the landmark Lancaster National Bank building, recently purchased by Cloutier.

"The Lancaster Initiative is a great expression of collaborative,



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Plymouth State University students are working with members of the Lancaster, New Hampshire business community on an initiative to stimulate entrepreneurial growth in the North Country community. The effort will involve more than 60 students from various academic disciplines, and is the latest such project in the university's transformation to a collaborative, applied learning model. The project will involve exploring ways to launch and stimulate entrepreneurial ventures in town, developing strategies to attract and retain young professionals, and multi-use planning for the landmark Lancaster National Bank building (center).

applied learning in action," said Roy Stever, professor of business, Plymouth State University. "The aging workforce is a statewide issue, but is particularly acute in the North Country. Through the three areas of this project, PSU students will explore ways in which Lancaster can attract young professionals to live and work there. What better way to engage students in the North Country than by addressing this issue?"

The four-course, cross-collaborative initiative includes students from 10 different

academic disciplines including the arts, communications, adventure education, health promotion, design and a range of business majors. Led by PSU faculty members Stever and Pamela Anneser, and Eric Spieth of the Enterprise Center at Plymouth, the students will travel to Lancaster regularly throughout the semester for field-based research and activities.

"It is exciting to see Plymouth State implementing the integrated cluster model, and that it is reaching into the North Country," said

Cathy Conway, vice president, economic development, Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC) and Board of Trustee member, University System of New Hampshire. "Lancaster is located at the intersection of major north-south and east-west routes, it is the county seat, and has many positive assets, including a fabulous downtown area, but it needs to be a place where young people and small businesses can thrive. The PSU Lancaster initiative will engage students with community partners to address challenges and create sustainable solutions — it is a unique opportunity with great potential."

The 16-week effort will engage community leaders, business owners, students and young professionals in a design-led approach to evaluating challenges and opportunities to attract young people and small, entrepreneurial businesses to Lancaster. Organizations such as NCIC and the Northern Forest Center will participate in the process, and Passumpsic Bank continues as a strong partner in the development of the landmark Lancaster National Bank building.

For information about Plymouth State University and its integrated cluster education model, visit [www.plymouth.edu](http://www.plymouth.edu). For additional information about the Lancaster Initiative, please contact Roy Stever at [rrstever@plymouth.edu](mailto:rrstever@plymouth.edu).

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**BARGAIN MATINEES DAILY \$4**

**BARGAIN NITE TUESDAY \$4**

# Date set for 52nd Annual Littleton Rotary Club Scholarship Fund Auction

LITTLETON--The members of the Littleton Rotary Club are continuing to make final arrangements for their 52nd Scholarship Event and Auction that will take place in the Crystal Ballroom of the Mountain View Grand Hotel in Whitefield, N.H. on Friday, April 28, 2017 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Persons interested in participating in this fun evening of silent and live

auctions to raise scholarship money for local students are encouraged to obtain tickets for this very special occasion.

"I can't wait to unveil this year's event to our supporters," said auction Co-Chair Russ Gaitskill. "We have already received sponsorships and unique donations which tell me that this year's event will be one you don't want to miss."



COURTESY PHOTO

Bidders participate in Littleton Rotary's 2016 Scholarship Event and Auction, which raised over \$35,000.00 for local youth scholarships.

Tickets for the club's 52nd Scholarship Event and Auction are limited and can be obtained online at [www.littletonrotaryauction.com](http://www.littletonrotaryauction.com) or from any member of Littleton Rotary. "It will be a fun time for all," said Rotarian Andy Smith. "Our silent auction will be accompanied by fine Mountain View refreshments, a cash bar and special treats and Music by Dennis Cote and his band DC3. And our auctioneer Joshua Steen-

burgh will keep things rolling when we get to our live auction of many unique and valuable items."

Littleton Rotary's goal for the event is to raise a record \$50,000 or more in scholarship funds to be awarded to deserving local students. Thanks to many very generous cash donations already received from several Community Sponsors of our scholarship program, the club is already making good progress

toward achieving this goal. Last year's event raised over \$35,000.00.

"The cost to local high school seniors and others looking to pursue advance education and training continues to increase," said club member Greg Eastman "and so our club needs to increase the size of our scholarships to help offset those increased costs faced by our students."

The Littleton Rotary Club makes scholarship awards to graduating seniors at Littleton High School, Lisbon Regional School, Profile School, White Mountain Regional School and Littleton Charter Academy. The club also makes grants to local students pursuing advance education and training. In just the past eleven years, the club has awarded more than \$235,000 in scholarships to over 250 recipients. "We feel strongly that helping our students overcome the significant

financial hurdles they now confront in pursuit of their further education and dreams is money very well spent," said Rotarian Chad Stearns.

Businesses and individuals interested in making tax-deductible donations to the scholarship fund should contact any club member, go to the club's special auction website [www.littletonrotaryauction.com](http://www.littletonrotaryauction.com) or by e-mail at [auction@littletonnhrotary.org](mailto:auction@littletonnhrotary.org).

The Littleton Rotary Club provides service to the community through its support of programs for youth, scholarships, and other critical issues that impact local communities, as well as Rotary International programs throughout the world. More information about Littleton Rotary and possible membership can be found at its website [www.littletonnhrotary.org](http://www.littletonnhrotary.org) or by contacting a member of the club.

## Courier Almanac Upcoming Meetings:

**Group:** Board of Assessors  
**Location:** Town Office Conference Room  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

**Group:** Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
**Location:** Community Center Heald Room  
**Date:** Monday, February 27  
**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Group:** Zoning Board Hearing  
**Location:** Community Center Heald Room  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28  
**Time:** 6 p.m.

### By the numbers:

<b>Town Offices:</b>	<b>Police:</b>	<b>Fire:</b>
Bethlehem (869-3351)	Bethlehem (869-5811)	Bethlehem (869-2232)
Littleton (444-3996)	Littleton (444-7711)	Littleton (444-2137)
Lisbon (838-6376)	Lisbon (838-6712)	Lisbon (838-2211)
Franconia (823-7752)	Franconia (823-8123)	Franconia (823-8821)
Lincoln (745-2757)	Lincoln (745-2238)	Lincoln (745-2344)
Easton (823-8017)	Sugar Hill (823-8725)	Easton (823-5531)
Bath (747-2454)	Woodstock (745-8700)	Bath (787-6222)
Landaff (838-6220)		Sugar Hill (823-8415)
Sugar Hill (823-8468)		Woodstock (745-3521)
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### Local Libraries

- 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)
- Moosilauke Public Library (No. Woodstock) (745-9971)
- Bath Public Library (747-3372)
- Gale Medical Library @ LRH-Anna Connors Patient & Family Resource Center (444-9564)

### Property Transfers

**Easton**  
111 Gingerbread Road; \$25,000; Chester W. Locke to Texas A. Locke.

**Franconia**  
509 Timber Lane; \$359,000; Kathleen M. Nelson RET and Christine E. Connolly to Soederberg FT and Eric M. Soederberg.

**Haverhill**  
10 Fairview Drive; \$80,000; Suzanne M. Torrey and USA RHS to Jeremy Hodge.

**Littleton**  
67 Sampson Road; \$17,066; Deutsche Bank Natl T Co Tr to Heloc Bauer LLC.

### Five Questions

1. Kale freezes well and tastes sweeter and more flavorful after being exposed to a what?
2. What was the profession of Dorothea Lange?
3. In literature who is the alter ego of Percy Blakney?
4. Hibernia was what the Romans called what country?
5. What German word is printed on the labels of high quality wine?

1. A frost.
2. Photographer.
3. The Scarlet Impertinent.
4. Ireland.
5. Kabinett.

## Police News: Man held on \$20,000 bail

BY MEG BROWN  
Contributing Writer

LITTLETON—Anthony Plant, 25, of Whitefield was arrested Feb. 4 in Whitefield on a warrant for three counts of sale of controlled/narcotic drugs. Plant was held at the House of Corrections on \$20,000 bail.

In other Police News: A 16 year-old male juvenile, of Littleton, was arrested Feb. 10 on Highland Avenue for acts prohibited, an incident that occurred Jan. 10. The juvenile was released on petition and is to be arraigned Feb. 16.

Alyssa Downing, 23, of Lancaster was arrested Feb. 9 at Corey's Mobile Home Park for assault. Downing was released on \$1,000 bail and arraigned Feb. 14. After being released, Downing was arrested later that day on Union Street on a warrant for stalking. Downing was held at the House of Corrections on \$1,000 bail.

Brian Moodie, 34, of Littleton was arrested Feb. 9 at Corey's Mobile Home Park for acts prohibited. Moodie was released on \$500 bail and is to be arraigned March 14.

Kellie Sebestyen, 47, of Littleton was arrested Feb. 8 on School Street for assault. Sebestyen was released on \$1,000 bail and arraigned Feb. 14.

Louis Curtis, 38, of Baraga, Mich. was arrested Feb. 7 on Dells Road on a bench warrant. Curtis was released on \$500 bail. Curtis was arrested the next morn-

ing on Cottage Street on a warrant for shoplifting, an incident that occurred Feb. 7. Curtis was released on another \$500 bail and is to be arraigned for both incidents May 8 in Dover District Court.

The following are under investigation: A theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories that occurred between Feb. 8 and 9 on Meadow Street.

A theft by deception that occurred Feb. 8 on Meadow Street. A conduct after an accident that occurred Feb. 9 on Union Street.

A stalking that occurred Feb. 9 at Corey's Mobile Home Park.

A theft of services that occurred Feb. 2 on Badger Street.

A shoplifting that occurred Feb. 7 on Cottage Street.

An interference with the custody of a child that occurred Feb. 6 on Highland Ave.

Possession of drugs while driving a motor vehicle that occurred

Feb. 6 on Cottage Street. A criminal mischief that occurred Feb. 5 on Colonial Court.

A theft that occurred Feb. 5 on South Street.

Two counts of theft that occurred Feb. 5 on Curtis Court.

A criminal mischief and theft by unautho-

rized taking that occurred Feb. 4 on Union Street.

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EDITORIAL

## President's Day should mean more than sales

For many years — in fact, for more than two centuries — we've had cause to celebrate the office of the President of the United States. President Richard Nixon in the late '60's made an executive order aptly titled "The Uniform Monday Holiday Act."

Prior to Congress, and, let's face it, organized labor and retail groups passing the bill, there was Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22 and Lincoln's on Feb. 12, but alas, now the third Monday in February added the likes of every Commander in Chief in this country. As we look at history, we find that both William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan were born in February; however, we are not merely celebrating birthdays anymore. I'm waiting for a President to hold office who was born on the third Monday in February.

Can't help but wonder what Lincoln would think if he knew we were getting 25 percent off that new mattress because of his time in office, or in celebration of his part in abolishing slavery. Do you think Washington cares that we can get a \$3,000 cash rebate on that Jeep Cherokee for leading the American Revolutionary troops across the Delaware River? Perhaps for Good ol' George, 10 percent off a Functional Whitehall Dinghy on Overstock.com for \$17,794.49 would be more fitting on this day.

As I reminisce about our great country and the centuries of past presidents, President's Day will be forever changed with our 45th President. Donald Trump, at the White House (or chilling at the "Winter White House"). I imagine that on Feb. 20, you will likely find a discount on anything from Ivanka Trump's clothing line, just not from Nordstroms. Expect to pay full price for Ivanka's perfume, however, as it soars in sales on Amazon and other eCommerce sites.

Although currently, it seems a time of chaos and all the newest executive orders having a scent that smells more like trouble than "an alluring and feminine floral," we have great cause to celebrate President's Day. The highest service in our country is often a thankless job, and these great men (and hopefully some day, dare I say, a woman?) make many sacrifices. Our personal histories are entrenched in every term of our forefathers, and to reflect and give thanks should be celebrated with bright eyes on the future and all the leaders of the United States' past.

## Consider serving your state

To the Editor:

In the coming weeks, the Governor of New Hampshire will nominate various New Hampshire citizens to serve on any of the 300 plus State Boards or Commissions. As your Executive Councilor, I would like to hear from you if you would like to serve on some of these State Boards or Commissions. Having North Country citizens serving on these State Boards or Commissions are critical to having your voices heard on many important topics in state government.

A list of these State Boards and Commissions can be found at <http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx>. The type of openings can range from the Board of Licensed Dietitians to a Water Treatment Plant Advisory Committee. If interested please send a letter of interest along with a resume, to Meagan Rose in the Governor's office (271-8787) and a copy to Executive Councilor Kenney, State House, Room 207, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 (271-3632).

Remember, the Executive Council welcomes public input on State Board and Commission nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation. As a your Councilor, we are trying to fit the best people with the right talents for each State Board and Commission.

I look forward hearing from you.

Joseph D. Kenney  
Executive Councilor District 1  
Wakefield



JOSHUA SPAULDING — SPORTS EDITOR

## Austin named Coach of the Year for Division III

White Mountains Regional High School Wrestling Coach Patrick Austin was awarded the D-III Coach of the Year Award during the state meet in Winnisquam on Feb. 18. The team took fourth place overall. See next week's sport's section for the full story.

LETTERS

## Bethlehem is worth more than what Casella agreement offers

To the Editor:

Once again, Bethlehem is divided. Once again, it's over the dump. The proposed Host Agreement put forth by Casella and the Select Board aims to draw a line between the people that support expansion and the people that don't.

We don't have to draw hard lines in the sand. Because when we do, we all lose as a community. We need to look to the middle, work on a compromise. We have the time.

We have four more years on our current agreement with Casella. They will continue to pay taxes, they will continue to pick up our trash. And during that time, we can work together as a community to figure out what is best for all of us.

We all want lower taxes. I don't know anyone that would say they wouldn't also want a clean and safe environment to live in and raise our children in.

Here's what else I see when I look past the lines that have been drawn:

As a teacher, I see a town that invests in and supports its younger generation. We have one of the best school districts in the state. We care about our future generations. Have we considered them enough with this proposed agreement?

Bethlehem is a beautiful, unique town. We are lucky to live here. Hundreds of people visit our town

every year because of its unique beauty. So why are we selling ourselves short?

Casella offered the town of Hardwick, Vt. \$8 a ton a decade ago. If we vote Yes on this Host Agreement, we're agreeing to only a \$1 a ton, which would slowly rise to a \$1.50 cap. \$1.50 for 20 years. That's it. Is that all our beautiful town is worth?

As a Bethlehem resident, I am voting no on articles 2, 3 and 4. I am voting no because the agreement put forth by Casella and our Select Board is not good enough for Bethlehem.

Why would we vote on a rushed, poorly negotiated agreement that will divide us for 20 years before we've had a chance to work together to figure out what's best for all of us? The Bethlehem Planning Board agreed and voted Not To Recommend this host agreement, saying much more information was needed before we set the fate of Bethlehem.

It doesn't matter which line you stand behind, Bethlehem deserves better. We have four more years with our current agreement with Casella. Vote no with me and tell Casella that Bethlehem is worth so much more than this first offer. We deserve better and if we work together, we can get it.

Donna Brooks  
Bethlehem

## Bethlehem has been betrayed by its select board

To the Editor:

I write regarding the so-called Host Community Agreement (HCA) demanded by John Casella, the owner of a landfill in Bethlehem known as North Country Environmental Services.

In the last month, I have taken the time to study numerous other communities' agreements with landfills. I have also taken the time to contact and speak with some officials who oversee their Town's operations.

If any of the four members of the Bethlehem Select board had done what I have done, each one would have to come to the following conclusions about the terrible HCA that the people of Bethlehem are supposed to vote on next month:

A. The purported "Negotiator" for the town doesn't think Bethlehem deserves the scores of protections and benefits other towns receive, or

B. Somebody is simply lying about their familiarity with HCA's or

C. They are representing Casella and not the taxpayers.

What possessed the men and woman on our SB to sign off on this terrible document? Bethlehem, which holds all the power in this relationship, seems to have applied no influence at all. No negotiator, secret negotiations if any, and all the benefits - except a decoy "Sustainability Park" - in Casella's favor. Even if you want a dump, this is definitely not the Agreement for us.

It's unconscionable that our select board signed that agreement, and more, that they agreed in writing to voluntarily gag themselves - and the voters - from further discussion. It's as if they said, "We agree not to think about this anymore." It's the town's biggest issue, and they are washing their hands of it.

There are only four members on the Bethlehem Select Board. All four signed the awful agreement, and then swore their allegiance to it, and not to the Town. All four need to be replaced as soon as possible.

Leslie Dreier  
Bethlehem

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# Yep, I gave him a ticket

BY JOHN MONAGHAN

Chief of Police  
Franconia

I met a guy [recently] that doesn't read our Facebook page. I was pretty sure of this because he was driving his four-wheeler down Main Street for "snacks" at Mac's Market. I don't write a lot about laws, but I do make a few hints. For example, Franconia is not snow machine friendly, because we don't have trails. Now, I did realize it was not a snow machine. Using my detective skills, I began to deduct the fol-

lowing:

1. He does not read our Facebook page.

2. He has not taken an OHRV safety class with New Hampshire Fish and Game. If he had done the latter, he would know that snow machines and ATV's are not allowed on roads (unless the town makes an ordinance, and we are not such a town).

He did make mention that his wife "abandoned" him "left snack less at home without the family car." I am not completely heartless, and certainly know the

value of a good snack. I also know that poor planning on someone else's part does not make their issue my problem, until they make it my problem. I find certain things need to be quickly addressed before they catch on as a trend. You never know who is driving by thinking "That looks like a good idea, I think I'll try it." You have to work hard to get more than a warning from me, but there are a few things that will get me to put pen to paper. Taking stuff that's not yours, being willfully defiant so that the usu-

ally peaceful societal norms we all enjoy as a community are disrupted, blatant disregard for the safety of others, bullying for sure (especially when grown ups do it to each other) or trying to pull a fast one on your four wheeler for some snacks to name a few. Those are not actual laws but more of a behavioral criteria for getting my attention and not in a good way.

He is not from New Hampshire, so I gave him an invitation to come back and participate in our criminal justice system. He has a

couple of options:

1) Pay the \$124 or

2) Contest the ticket and return to the Granite State for his day in court. Totally up to him; I usually recommend making it a combo trip just to make the most of it. A quick visit with the judge, maybe some skiing or a springtime hike, hit the outlet malls on the way home something like that. Court too early, no problem we have many fine hotels, motels, Inns and bed and breakfast places to stay. I understand that they have great rates on the

Monday before the big day. Just to be clear he got the ticket for what he did, not because of where he is from. The last guy I gave one to lives in town (you know who you are).

Anyway, there is no real point to this story, other than pre-planned snacks cost less than \$124.

Dear Sir, I did appreciate the grace in which you took the ticket, the chuckle and pat on the back you gave me. You were a real gentleman about it.

## LETTERS

### Let's regroup and explore the opportunities presented by the landfill expansion

To the Editor:

For the lack of a better way to start this, let's talk trash...

We have the opportunity of a lifetime in front of us with the landfill expansion. If we really were team players, we could work over the next 20 years on how to eliminate and significantly reduce the trash that goes into our landfills. And I mean team players from this town; let's regroup and have workshops in

how to fix the problem instead of arguments at town hall to try to make it "go away."

Even the littlest kid may have the idea that changes the industry globally. I'm sure John Casella himself would even hand over the keys to the kingdom for that. These people at Casella Waste/NCES are good people. If they weren't, they would have waited until the town was in debt and on its knees

before offering the deal, and most likely that wouldn't be a good scenario for anyone.

Maybe down the road they may be interested in putting a mass recycling facility in the proposed Sustainability Park. Think of that, adding jobs and actually working on the problem and at the same time utilizing the currently untapped energy resources from the landfill. Trust me, these people that

don't want this don't hate trash; they make plenty of it; they just don't want it in the backyard.

Let's look at this in a different way. To say there was never a problem with it, it's a lot easier to get someone to fix something if it's there operating than if no one was there to first identify the problem, then schedule repairs for the fin than if it was closed and only being monitored post closure. As someone who has worked in a

few other landfills, I can attest personally that it is in fact a very professionally operated facility and no doubt the tightest run landfill in the state of New Hampshire.

I urge you to check it out for yourself and Monday through Friday as I am sure the Operations Manager or General Manager would be more than happy to show you around and answer any questions or concerns you may have. They are already doing very exciting things like

utilizing not the gas but the heat from the waste decomposition and heating their maintenance shop as well as a greenhouse for our own BES school. I am sure they would listen to all ideas; why not be known as the town that fixed the problem instead of another town that just passed it only because some "don't want it in their backyard."

Respectfully yours,  
Lance Wilson  
Bethlehem

### It is not too late to rectify the issues within Lincoln's town government

To the Editor:

Consider that whatever you read are my opinions.

Seeing what has been going on in town, you have to start connecting the dots, beginning with the wrongful termination of a faithful employee. One has to suspect why a new contract with the Town Manager was a consideration if, for instance, he and the Selectmen have incurred major costs to the town. Lets reconcile figures, plus or minus, without getting into details—they will surface sooner or later. True, Primex insurance paid the \$320,000. The town paid an enormous amount for unknown legal fees and man-hours, add additional Insurance premiums. Two episodes causing the increase, unable presently to detail one circumstance because the branch of government involved was unaware that minutes had to be kept. They are under the supervision of the Town Manager (a former fireman) whose contract with the town reads "a professional requiring a high degree of initiative."

Consider also that Town officials should be defending the town's interest. Contrary to that, the Selectmen were able to convince, with the help of the lemmings at

town meeting, that they should own, in perpetuity, private roads that had been protected for plus or minus 40 years, bonding the town for \$1.2 million. The levees bonded at \$1,310,000—a project that they were advised to walk away from. The Chair of the Board of Selectmen claimed it would cost too much to defend. How would he know that?

The Chair of the Public Works committee and I set up a meeting with Commissioner Burbank, because the town manager asked for my help, because he wasn't able to get results. When I met them at the commissioner's office, Town Manager Burbank and Chairman Robinson were in the Cafeteria waiting for me. When I sat down, Burbank said to me, "this is what O.J. Wants." It was a surprise to me. I am more concerned with what the town wants. Need I say more? Ever since that meeting, they stayed away from me, afraid to ask for my help. Town Manager Ted Sutton and I worked well together—his credentials were in order.

Every signature on the employment contract are those of individuals involved in the law suit. Making sure that every one understands that, in my opinion, through

out the Beaudin suite against the town, you just have to connect the dots. Any average person of average prudence should be able to read between the lines as to why a contract, like the foregoing contract, time-wise and other-wise was consummated?

Everyone involved are drinking the same water. In my opinion, more than one needs to be terminated, not rewarded. I'll have more interesting facts to present at a later time. Presently, I feel very sorry for the residents of Lincoln. There is an election coming up. Are we stuck with these Town officials? Just think, what if the suit hadn't been settled out of court and ultimately, there was criminal intent to be found—possibly felonies? The question is, is it too late to rectify?

Edmond Gionet  
Lincoln

### Where is the evidence that Bethlehem is not business friendly?

To the Editor:

As a Bethlehem resident, I often hear claims from dump proponents that we "need" the dump because Bethlehem isn't "business friendly."

Yet people who make this claim never cite specifics. Sure, we don't want a dump expansion—who does? But what projects has our Planning or Zoning Board turned down?

None, as it turns out. I've just scoured Planning Board and Zoning Board minutes going back quite a few years, and in all of those years, I found many projects that were approved and none that were voted down. We're quite business friendly, as it turns out! Northern Pass (opposed by nearly every North Country town) is the only project that has been opposed by Bethlehem, but with wide-

spread North Country opposition, it's hardly fair to use the Town's position on that universally unpopular project as a sole reason to single out Bethlehem as not being "business friendly." Meanwhile, we have a brand new hotel downtown, new businesses on Main St., and a new Hilton Homewood Suites in the works for the Baker Brook area. Why should we agree to another 20 years of trash when we have so much else going for us?

As for the issue of the "Sustainability Park," there have been no studies done on the parcel (which NCES freely admits needs cleanup) and there are no conditions in the proposed Host Community Agreement that require NCES to clean up the parcel prior to conveying it to the Town. Why would the Town con-

sider accepting a piece of land that could well be seriously contaminated from the landfill that abuts it? If we put an industrial park next to a landfill, when contaminants appear in the groundwater, what is to stop Casella from pointing the finger at a neighboring industrial tenant and claiming that the landfill isn't the source of the contamination, the industrial park is?

Finally, the entire idea of an employer choosing to locate his or her business next to an gargantuan operating landfill, with its constant loud noises and odors, is laughable. The "Sustainability Park" is a Casella ruse. Don't fall for it.

Vote "No" on Article 2, 3 and 4.

Sincerely,  
Julie Seely  
Bethlehem

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## Local News

# Become a woodland detective: learn how to track animals in the wild

BETHLEHEM—The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and New Hampshire Fish & Game Department will present a wildlife tracking workshop at Bretzfelder Park Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. This free program is part of the Bretzfelder Park Family Educational Series.

Participants will become woodland detectives, using often obscure clues left by wildlife to determine which animals have passed through different northern habitat types. The presentation will describe the fundamentals of tracking and evaluating animal signs in constantly changing weather and conditions in various northern New England habitats. Tracks and signs from common New Hampshire mammal species will be covered.

The presentation will be conducted by Will Staats of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department.

Will Staats is the regional wildlife biologist for the Department, stationed in the Lancaster Regional office. His duties encompass a wide range of wildlife and habitat related issues for Coos and northern Grafton County. In his spare time Staats spends a great deal of time tracking deer and bobcats over the mountains and swamps of northern

New Hampshire and the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, where he lives in the tiny town of Victory.

Owned by the Society for the Protection

of New Hampshire Forests (www.forestsociety.org), Bretzfelder Park is managed in cooperation with the town of Bethlehem. The park was bequeathed to the

Forest Society in 1984 by Helen Bretzfelder in memory of her father, Charles, and includes a classroom, educational trails, a pond, and several picnic sites.

Two series of educational programs are held there each year, in February and August. The Bretzfelder Park Family Educational Series continues August

2017.

For more information and a calendar of events please visit www.therocks.org, email us at info@therocks.org, or call 603-444-6228.

## NH Supreme Court does New Hampshire no favors

BY JACK SAVAGE  
Society for the Protection of  
New Hampshire Forests

A decade ago, the people of New Hampshire took a step to protect ourselves when we voted to amend our state constitution to disallow the use of eminent domain for private commercial development. A few years later, the state legislature amended state law to make it clear that private transmission lines cannot use the state's power of eminent domain.

Last week, the New Hampshire Supreme Court rejected a lawsuit brought by the Society for the Protection of Forests against one such private transmission line, Northern Pass.

The Forest Society originally filed suit against Northern Pass in Coos County Superior Court in November 2015, citing the Northern Pass application to the SEC as an improper attempt to make use of lands the Forest Society owns adjacent to and underneath Route 3 in Clarksville.

The Forest Society asked the court for a

declaratory judgment that Northern Pass's proposed use of that land, known as the Washburn Family Forest, is unauthorized without the landowner's consent. Northern Pass is a private entity seeking to make use of Forest Society lands for the exclusive use of Hydro-Quebec.

It is our contention that the proposed use is not, in fact, part of the Route 3 right-of-way, constitutes an additional use of our land, and—as private commercial development other than agriculture or forestry—is contrary to the conservation purposes of our ownership.

And, we hoped to argue, that a DOT license to Northern Pass would violate the New Hampshire Constitution because it is a form of eminent domain.

But we have yet to get our day in court. The NH Supreme Court's order says that the issue is not yet "ripe."

From the decision issued by the Supreme Court:

At the outset, we

agree with the trial court that "whether the DOT would effect a taking of [the plaintiff's] property if it granted [the defendant] a license to install the transmission line underneath the stretch of Route 3 at issue is purely speculative" and, thus, is not ripe for adjudication.

And similarly,

Whether any regulatory action results in an unconstitutional taking of private property is a question that turns upon the specific facts of that case. See *Burrows v. City of Keene*, 121 N.H. 590,

598 (1982). Here, because the DOT has not yet acted upon any license application, whether its potential approval of a license might result in inverse condemnation is too speculative a question to be fit for judicial determination.

In short, the NH Supreme Court punted. It did not settle the property rights and eminent domain issues with regard to Northern Pass, but instead asked us all to wait until the NH Dept. of Transportation acts.

The Forest Society

will be ready when and if they do. And a result, Northern Pass can likely count on additional delays if they continue to pursue their current proposed route.

The transmission line, will not meet the required standards. The unreasonable adverse impacts are too great, the purported benefits of the project too transparently a mirage.

Jack Savage is the vice president for communications and outreach for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

## Littleton Area Senior Center

### Menu for February 22 - March 1

WEDNESDAY — Stuffed pepper casserole, tossed salad, fruit, chocolate poke cake. The Bone Builders at 8:30 & 9:45 a.m. Walking Club at 10:15 a.m. Grab Bag Bingo at 1 p.m. Zumba Gold at 2:15 p.m.

THURSDAY—Baked chicken, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce, hot fudge pudding. The Bone Builders at 8:30 a.m. Walking Club at 10:15 a.m. Food raffle at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY—Chicken & biscuit, peas & carrots, salad, fruited Jell-O. Shining Lights at 10 a.m. Walking Club at 10:15 a.m. 50/50 raffle at 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY—Mac & cheese, sausage, green beans, fruit, ice cream cup. The Bone Builders at 8:30 & 9:45 a.m. Art class at 10 a.m. Walking Club at 10:15 a.m. Yoga at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY—Mardi Gras Party Buffet! The Bone Builders at 8:30 a.m. Foot Clinic from 9-11 a.m. Walking Club at 10:15 a.m. Book Club at 1 p.m. Game Day at 1 p.m. AARP Taxes.

WEDNESDAY—Chili, cornbread, corn, tossed salad, fruit, cookie. The Bone Builders at 8:30 & 9:45 a.m. Walking Club at 10:15 a.m. Knitters Group at 1 p.m. Surprise Bingo at 1 p.m. Zumba Gold at 2:15 p.m.

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Local News

# Tips for healthy and safe foreign travel



PEGGY PIETTE  
APRN, MSN, NP-C

White Mountain Travel Health, PLLC  
Travel, especially foreign travel, requires

planning. Annually 80 million US travelers travel outside the US. Unfortunately, most do not visit a travel clinic and lack understanding of the need and unaware of preventable risks. As a result, 95% do not get appropriate vaccines, prescriptions, or medications. Half get sick from preventable illnesses. Plan to:

Schedule a travel clinic visit. They have experts in foreign travel health. They have the knowledge, resources,

and expertise to prevent illnesses and injuries.

Discuss all medical problems, medications and itinerary to determine appropriate medications and precautions.

Review your immunizations to decide needed immunizations. If your immune system is compromised discuss alternatives such as, waivers, precautions and your risks.

Visit the dentist to avoid dental emergencies. Dental care and sterilization may be

poor in other countries. Having a dental kit provides a "band-aid" until you see your dentist and avoids exposure to Hepatitis B and HIV.

Pack a first aid kit that has supplies to treat possible injuries and illnesses while traveling. This may include a suture and needle kit for local providers to treat you and avoids blood borne infections (Hepatitis B and HIV) exposure.

Bring enough prescriptions and supplies to last your trip, including prescriptions and paperwork.

Know foods to eat and avoid. Know safe water sources and purification methods.

Learn to protect yourself against mosquitos. There are many types of mosquito repellents available. Knowing what to use, when and how helps to prevent illnesses like Zika, Dengue Fever, Chikungunya, and Yellow Fever.

Use sunscreen appropriately. Know the signs and symptoms of hyperthermia and hypothermia.

Prepare for possible injuries including

means of prevention. Motor vehicle accidents, alcohol related events, and pedestrian injuries are common and are a common cause of death among travelers. Be aware of violent crimes, including terrorism.

Prepare for animal encounters, ie. snakes, spiders, bats, rodents, monkeys, and marine animals.

Know of possible natural disasters. Follow all local warnings and instructions. Have an evacuation plan, that includes contacting travel companions if separated. Natural disasters limit clean food and water supplies, and disrupt sewage; causing illness and inadequate medical resources.

Ensure you are healthy and physically fit for planned activities. Consider your mental health. Prolonged travel and humanitarian work impacts mental health and suicide rates with foreign travel.

Know how and where to get health care, including medications.

Get travel and medical evacuation insurance that (1) covers costs

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## 3rd Annual Raymond S. Burton Legacy Fund Dinner to be held on March 23

BATH – Today, Members of the Raymond S. Burton Legacy Fund under the chairmanship of Duane Baxter are pleased to announce the date of March 23 as the 3rd Annual Raymond S. Burton Legacy Dinner, which will be held at the Common Man Inn and SPA in Plymouth, N. H.

"This year the Legacy Fund will honor the career of the late Former Executive Councilor from District 1, Raymond S. Burton by focusing on the relevance of Cyber Security. The importance of keeping our public servant's communication networks free from internal and external breaches cannot be overstated. We are pleased to have Gary Miliefsky, CEO of Snoopwall, Inc. a Nashua based company who are experts in this field,

as our featured speaker. Gary is a spokesperson for CBS news and other news outlets when an expert on Cyber Security is needed. This presentation will also address private business and non-profits concerns, as well," said Duane Baxter

This event is in conjunction with the recent dedication of the Raymond S. Burton '62 Open Laboratory at Lamson Library on the campus at Plymouth State University. The funds raised this year will be supporting this effort.

"The Open Laboratory will function as a "think tank" with a major focus on public service, drawing from Raymond's career as Executive Councilor for District 1 and Grafton County Commissioner. Raymond's work and personal memorabilia

are housed at the archives at Lamson Library and will be used for research," said Baxter.

The Event will also feature the presentation of the Raymond S. Burton Public Service Award as well remarks from our Governor, Chris Sununu, who served alongside Councilor Burton during their days as Executive Councilors. Additional guests include our Congressional delegation, former colleagues of Councilor Burton, former interns, along with friends, families, and lifelong supporters.

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Local News

# Adaptive Sports Partners' "Pirates of the High Skis!" sails to success!

FRANCONIA--Yo ho ho! Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country hosted its annual Pirates of the High Skis! Event at Cannon Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 4. The event raised over \$20,000 for the adaptive sports non-profit organization, the largest amount raised in the event's seven-year history!

"We're thrilled with the turnout and support for Pirates of the High Skis! this year," said Sandy Olney, executive director of ASPNC. "This event is our biggest winter fund drive, and these funds will help support our mission of providing year-round sport, recreation, and wellness opportunities to people of all abilities."

The Pirates of the High Skis! event was highlighted with a scavenger hunt across Cannon Mountain's ski trails. Registered participants deciphered clues to find "X's" placed on specific trails and performed various tasks throughout the day. For each "X" found and each task performed, the event's 125+ participants earned gold coins



Cannon Kids hunt for treasure!

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submitted for a drawing of three prize packages each valued at over \$600. Prizes included lift tickets to ski areas throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, lodging reser-

ventions, and various other activities.

The festivities also included the Luck O' the Brotherhood raffle, with prizes including a season pass to ye great, grand Cannon Mountain, a ski and stay package at Mittersill Alpine Resort and a children's mountain bike donated by Littleton Bike & Fitness and the Lawton Company. Other highlights of the day included hourly prize drawings, a silent auction, a tattoo parlor, and a pirate portrait gallery.

Sponsors for the event included Cannon Mountain, Passumpsic Savings Bank, Ski Haus, Paramount Electric,

Littleton Coin Company, Turtle Ridge Foundation, Centerplate, VanDesign and True Colors Print & Design.

Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country (ASPNC) is a community-based, not for profit organization with a mission to ensure the enrichment of the quality of life for people with disabilities. ASPNC accomplishes this through the provision of year-round opportunities for sport, recreation and wellness through the Franconia area and North Country of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country's office is located in

the Rivagale Building, 461 Main Street, Franconia, N.H. For more information, please

visit [www.AdaptiveSportsPartners.org](http://www.AdaptiveSportsPartners.org) or call the ASPNC office at 603-823-5232.

## Sage Rundlett of Lisbon named to The College of Saint Rose Dean's List for Fall 2016

ALBANY, N.Y.--The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. congratulates Sage Rundlett of Lisbon, N.H., for being named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester.

Rundlett is one of 751 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence.

To make the Dean's List, Rundlett had to complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and


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Local News

# Bethlehem Library hosts two local authors

BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem Public Library welcomes local authors, Rebecca L. Matthews and Mike Proctor, on Saturday, Feb. 25. The program begins at 10 a.m. in the Community Room.

Rebecca L. Matthews is a Christian author of both adult and children's fiction. Her first novel, "The Light Within," was a 2014 finalist for the Somerset Award for Literary and Contemporary Fiction. Her three children's books, "Little Birch Finds Peace," "Raindrops and Snowflakes" and "Sol and the Boy" have themes of accepting differences and finding peace within yourself. She will be reading from her newest novel, "The Truth Will Set You Free," which was published last spring. It is the story of protagonist, Shane and his struggle through darkness toward light.



REBECCA MATTHEWS



MIKE PROCTOR

on a Christmas tree farm in Massachusetts and now makes his home in the North Country.

In between he received an MFA from Syracuse University and traveled the world with musical

theater. "Just Life: Real Letters to Mom" is his first book and was published in June 2016. It chronicles a year and a half of ten years of letters he wrote to his mom. Both funny and tragic, the letters come from the heart of a man who desperately wants to connect with his crippled mom living close to 2,000 miles away in Texas.

Both authors will read from their books and answer audience questions. Books will be available for sale and signing.

The Bethlehem Public Library serves the residents of Bethlehem, N.H. and is open six days per week. For hours, news, and other information, call 603-869-2409, see their website [www.bethlehemlibrary.org](http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org) or Facebook page.

## 30th Annual Trans NH Bike Ride to benefit MDA of NH

MANCHESTER--On June 23-25, over 100 cyclists will ride from Pittsburg, N.H. to Portsmouth, N.H. over three days in the 30th Annual Firefighter Trans-NH Bike Ride to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and raise money to support the families served by MDA in New Hampshire.

This year's ride is dedicated to Mallary Philibotte. Mallary was diagnosed with Charcot Marie Tooth Disease when she was eight years old. Her father, un-

cle and grandmother all have CMT as well. Over the past six years, the disease has progressed causing more weakening of the muscles in her legs and hands. She uses the aid of a cane to walk and uses her wheelchair for far distances as her body tires very easily. The progression of this disease has not slowed down her vigilance to spread awareness for CMT. She is motivated to continue to educate those around her about the disease and raise funds for the MDA in

hopes to find a cure. Over the past three years, her team "Walk This Way" for the NH MDA Muscle walk has raised more than \$25,000!

Mallary works full time for a hotel development group where she has been for 11 years. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially at their family lake house kayaking and going on their jetski. Her husband Chris, daughter Emma, and son Noah have all been her strong support

structure as she continues to progress.

Mallary is strong willed and determined to see a cure for CMT in her lifetime. She has taken her struggles and turned them into motivation. She states "I have CMT, but CMT doesn't have me!"

The Trans-NH bike ride has a rich history that began in 1988. The ride (and riders) has seen it all. There have been the extremes of weather from snow, rain and headwinds to blistering sunshine, and there have been the extremes of those who have ridden. The ride has challenged both the swift and the steady and all come away from it with a sense of accomplishment that is different than that from just "any" bike ride. Friendships are renewed every year with those who wouldn't think of missing this ride - just ride it once and you'll know how they feel. The cause, the camarade-

rie, the support and the challenge make it a very special ride.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is fighting to free individuals — and the families who love them — from the harmful effects of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases so they can live longer and grow stronger.

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Each day these freedoms are taken away from kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that weaken muscle strength and limit mobility. Together we can change that. Visit [mda.org](http://mda.org) and follow us at [facebook.com/MDAnational](https://www.facebook.com/MDAnational) and @MDAnews.

For more information or to register for the ride got to [www.transnhbikeride.org](http://www.transnhbikeride.org) or call MDA at 603-471-2722.

## Applications now being accepted for 2017 NHEC Foundation Scholarships

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

Scholarships are available to col-

lege-bound high school seniors, students returning to college, and non-traditional students. One scholarship will be reserved for a student entering a vocational or technical institution. All applicants must be a Co-op member, or a legal dependent of a Co-op member. Complete details and applications are available online under

the Community menu at [www.nhec.com](http://www.nhec.com), or by calling 1-800-698-2007.

The deadline for applying for scholarships is April 21, 2017. All mailed applications must be postmarked by this date and mailed to: NHEC Foundation Scholarship, 579 Tenney Mountain Highway,

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# Local News



## SnoDeo is back and celebrating its 25th anniversary

CONCORD--The organizers of The Swift Diamond Riders Snowmobile Club's NH SnoDeo thought they'd seen it all and then the winter of 2015-16 came along. After having to cancel last year's SnoDeo for the first time in its history due to a lack of snow, SnoDeo is back, celebrating its 25th anniversary.

This year's SnoDeo would've been a milestone already celebrating its 25th year, but the Swift Diamond Riders Club made another announcement last fall as planning went into full swing; a new location.

SnoDeo has been moved down the hill from the event's long-time home in Coleman State Park to a four acre

site behind the Swift Diamond Riders' warming hut on Diamond Pond Rd. in Stewartstown, N.H. Club president, Tim Anderson explained the move, "We had maxed out the area we were using in Coleman. We also were looking to control our costs better by moving to the club's own land. We're fortunate that it's a location that snowmobilers already know." Anderson noted that the club feels they've ensured a solid future for SnoDeo.

The SnoDeo is known as the first place in the Northeast where snowmobilers can test ride the next model year snowmobiles. All four of the major snowmobile manufacturers: Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski Doo and

Yamaha are returning with new models. A new company will be offering test rides this year. Moto-trax of Moscow, ID is coming to Stewartstown with their snow bikes.

After a two-year absence, the popular vintage snowmobile tent is returning. Rave X Performance's annual freestyle show and autograph session will be on Saturday morning of

SnoDeo.

Log Haven in Millsfield, N.H. and White Mountain distributors will host a new event to help raise additional funds for the Swift Diamond Riders Club and SnoDeo. "Braaps & Brews" is a beer tasting event scheduled for Friday night, March 3 from 6-8 p.m. 603 Brewing Co. and Henniker Brewery will feature local craft

beers for tastings. The Swift Diamond Riders, organizer South End Media and the event's hosts are promising a fun and responsible event they hope will become a SnoDeo tradition.

The Swift Diamond Riders Club is a snowmobile club based in West Stewartstown, NH. Named one of Snow-goer Magazine's "Top 10 must experience snowmobile

events" in the U.S., the SnoDeo is March 3 and 4. It benefits the club for trail maintenance, as well as other club activities that promote snowmobiling in New Hampshire's North Country. To learn more about the event and the club, visit [nhsnodeo.com](http://nhsnodeo.com), [facebook.com/nhsnodeo](http://facebook.com/nhsnodeo), [twitter.com/nhsnodeo](http://twitter.com/nhsnodeo) or on Instagram a@NHSnoDeo

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puppeteer, playwright, writer and creating and performing plays for all ages.

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The workshops will be held at the Lane

House at 41 Cottage Street in Littleton, N.H.

The workshops takes place on three Saturdays: March 4, March 11 and

March 18. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of the program is \$150.

To register, please call Catherine Hier at 603-616-1968.

## Motor vehicle/snowmobile crash in Jefferson

CONCORD--On Feb. 18, 2017 at 3:28 p.m., the NH State Police, Troop F received the report of a serious personal-injury motor vehicle collision on NH RT 115 in the vicinity of the US RT 2, involving a motor vehicle and a snowmobile. Troopers from the New Hampshire State Police, Troop F, as well as Conservation Officers of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded to the scene along with Troopers assigned to the New

Hampshire State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2010 Toyota Camry, being operated by Stephen Noseworthy, age 61, of Lincoln, N.H., was traveling northbound on NH RT 115, when a 2003 Polaris Pro-X 600 snowmobile, being operated by Philip Mumley, age 47, of Georgetown, Mass. was traveling westbound on Corridor #5 when the snowmobile crossed the roadway in front of

the Toyota Camry and the two collided. Mumley suffered serious, life-threatening injuries and was initially taken to Weeks Hospital in Lancaster, New Hampshire before being flown to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. to be treated. Noseworthy was uninjured in the collision.

Units assisting at the scene, included personnel from the New Hampshire State Police-Troop F, New Hampshire State Police-Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit, Carroll Police Department, Jefferson Fire Department and Lancaster EMS.

At this time the investigation is on-going and all factors are being considered. Anyone who witnessed the collision or may have further information is being asked to contact Trooper Matthew Podell at the New Hampshire State Police-Troop F at (603)-846-3333 or [matthew.podell@dos.nh.gov](mailto:matthew.podell@dos.nh.gov).

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Local News

# Local bank donates \$6,833.30 to Grafton County seniors

PLYMOUTH--Local football fans have one more reason to be excited about the New England Patriots' championship season.

In September, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank (WGSB) announced it would donate \$100 for each touchdown scored by the New England Patriots during the season to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council (GCSCC), for the benefit of three local senior centers, Littleton, Horse Meadow in North Haverhill and Plymouth. This past week, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank presented GCSCC with a check for \$6,833.31, the total of 63 season touchdowns and additional donations from the bank's employees and customers. Split three ways, each center will receive a check for \$2,277.77.

"These senior centers provide so many critical services to the community, in the form of meals, activities, companionship, and resources," said James Graham, President and Chief Executive Officer of Woodsville Guaranty Savings



Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank donates \$6,833.30 to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council to benefit senior centers. Pictured, L-R: Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank's Marcie Gowen (Residential Loan Originator), Renetta Oleson (Plymouth Branch Manager), Gail Shaw (Plymouth Regional Senior Center Director), and WGSB's Danny Desrosiers (AVP/Business Development Officer), Richard Manzi (VP/Regional Market Manager), and Jan Carver (AVP/Marketing Officer).

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Bank. "While we support their efforts in many ways, we knew this would be a unique way to support them this year, and would bring our employees and community together for a cause that's im-

portant to us all." "We are so grateful for Woodsville Guaranty's continued support and generous donation," said Gail Shaw, Director of the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. "We plan to

use the money to give the dining room and restrooms a facelift with fresh paint, a project that will be greatly appreciated by everyone who uses the center." Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

is a New Hampshire state-chartered savings bank since 1889 and headquartered in Woodsville, with nine banking offices in the communities of Woodsville, Piermont, Lisbon, Littleton, Lan-

caster, Franconia and on Tenney Mountain Highway in Plymouth. For more information, call 1-800-564-2735, visit the bank's website at [www.thegarantysavingsbank.com](http://www.thegarantysavingsbank.com) or find them on Facebook.

## Cooley-Jericho Snowshoe Hike, Feb. 26

EASTON – The Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) is hosting a snowshoe hike at the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in Easton on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1-4 p.m.

ACT volunteers Linda Moore, Dee McKown and Bill & Carol Vales will lead this winter hike to Cooley-Jericho's ledges, where participants will search for moose tracks and enjoy beautiful views of the White Mountains.

The Cooley-Jericho Community Forest features 840 acres of land conserved by ACT in cooperation with the towns of Sugar Hill, Easton, Franconia and Landaff. Trails on the property are open year-round for enjoyment by the public.

The hike will be at a slow to moderate pace with stops to observe and enjoy nature. Participants should dress in layers and bring snowshoes, water, and snacks. Hikers should be prepared for moderate elevation gain with some steep sections.

This program is free and open to the public, with a suggested \$5 donation to support ACT's land conservation efforts. Advanced registration is required; registration closes at 12 noon on Friday, Feb. 24. Details and registration information are available at [www.aconservationtrust.org/education-events](http://www.aconservationtrust.org/education-events) or by calling (603) 823-7777.

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## Local News

## WMRHS Vice Principal takes on new role for SAU 36

BY TARA GILES

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WHITEFIELD — Former Vice Principal of the White Mountains Regional High School, Mike Curtis, will return this July; however, he will be wearing a new hat. The school board voted last week to approve Curtis as the new Director of the Futures.

According to the job description, the goal of the new program is to bring meaningful opportunities to the lives of North Country students. Students need ongoing encouragement, strategies, and the tools to create college and career related opportunities and experiences which, in turn, will open doors to their future. The Futures program will assist in bridging gaps and removing obstacles to ensure that every student receives the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. This position will work with traditional high school education programs, alternative education program, community service agencies, and organizations to maximize the educational success of all students, but with a focus on at-risk populations for students in White Mountain Regional School District in grades 7-12.

In this new position, Curtis will be responsible for creating policies, procedures, roles and responsibilities for the



program. He will also cultivate community partnerships in order to create opportunities for SAU 36 students to participate in real world applications.

This program will consist of a summer program for those students who can benefit from extra academic and social assistance. Curtis will work with the WMRSD administration to ensure compliance with all SB 18 requirements to include CHINS petitions, compliance with new truancy legislation and other court ordered and legislative activities.

Students in grades six to eight who have been referred by the Whitefield and Lancaster administration will be mentored to build social, time management, educational, teamwork and decision making skills through adventure and educational trips. The idea is to instill life changing confidence in the students.

High school students who are at high risk of not graduating or having very limited opportunities post high school us-

ing traditional pathways will also benefit from the new program in much of the same way.

A Power Scholars Summer Program is also a part of the equation and consists of a six-week program for students entering grades seven through nine. The program will take place Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., with lunch being provided. The program has a highly structured research based plan that follows strict quality and fidelity markers including staff qualifications, student/staff ratios, academic and enrichment dosages, academic rigor, and engaging learning experiences to drive the program. According to

the program's description, "Students will receive daily data-driven, differentiated instruction and remediation in literacy and math led by certified teachers."

Studies show that Power Scholars students gained an average of three months' progress in math and reading, compared to the over two months learning loss traditionally experienced during the summer months.

Principal of WMRHS Mike Berry explained, "As we reflect upon how we educate our youth in SAU 36 and prepare them to move onto the next phase of their lives, we need to take an honest look at the learning environments we are

providing. We need to do a better job at ensuring more students are graduating with the skills and dispositions of the mission of SAU 36 and WMRSD Image of a Graduate."

Berry went on to say, "The Director of the Futures position gives us the flexibility to educate differently at WMRHS and ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our students in order to prepare them to be college and career ready. Mike Curtis is an experienced educator who has the ability to relate well to all students at WMRHS and in WMRSD. He will strengthen our organization as he takes on this new role."

Curtis added, "I can

say that the Futures Program/ELO Coordinator is exciting for the WMRSD students. This will allow students to explore extended learning opportunities within the community with real world application."

Curtis explained, "The components of the position will assist in closing the learning gaps, students experience in grades seven through 12. This position will create enrichment opportunities for students during the school year and also in the summer months when 'learning loss' typically occurs. I also believe the character development components interwoven in the program will benefit students greatly."

## Field Of Drivers Announced For The 2017 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb

LINCOLN-- Officials with the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire, organizers of the 2017 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb planned for July 6-9, 2017 at the Mt. Washington Auto Road in Gorham, N.H., announced today that 80 competitors representing 17 states in the United States as well as the countries of Canada, Wales, Australia and Romania will make up the field for this year's Climb to the Clouds automotive hillclimb tak-

ing place on the historic 7.6 mile Mt. Washington Auto Road.

"The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire is excited to welcome the most international field of competition drivers ever to this year's Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb", stated Howard Roundy, president of the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire and this year's Event Director.

This year's impressive driver line-up not only includes a mix of road racers, rally drivers, hillclimb specialists and time attack drivers – all of whom bring many years of experience, skill and countless championships to the Nation's oldest hillclimb - but will also include a contingent of five vintage race cars representing many years of historic racing on the Mt. Washington Auto Road which started in July 1904.

Included in the list of recently accepted drivers are five highly skilled racers very familiar with the Pikes Peak Hillclimb in Colorado Springs, Colorado as well as other western states hillclimb events. These drivers include Todd Cook from Tempe, Arizona; Rodney O'Maley from Colorado Springs, Colorado; Spencer Steele from Denver, Colorado, Dan Novembre from Colorado

Springs, Colorado and Rocco Bocchicchio from Glendale, Arizona. All five drivers will compete against each other in the Open Class at this year's Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb.

Returning to this year's Climb to the Clouds will also be current Mt. Washington Record Holder (6:09.09 set in 2014) and 8-time Rally America Champion, David Higgins, from Wales. Joining Higgins at will be his Subaru Rally Team USA team mate, multi-time Rally America Champion, X Games legend and Nitro Circus creator, Travis Pastrana from Annapolis, Maryland. Both will be driving Vermont SportsCar prepared 2017 Subaru WRX STI's for Subaru Rally Team USA in the Unlimited Class at Mt. Washington.

When asked recently what winning Mt. Washington would mean to Subaru Rally Team USA's Travis Pastrana, he stated, "Having the unofficial record up the mountain in 2010 was one of my greatest accomplishments on four wheels. Missing the win by less than 5 seconds and consequently losing the record to David in 2014 was tough to take. With faster cars and better knowledge of the road, I think it will take nothing short of a record run to take the win. Regaining the Mt. Washington Hillclimb record would be huge for me."

Representing countries outside the United States at Mt. Washington this year, other than David Higgins from Wales, will be Doug Mephram from Ontario, Canada driving a 2006 Mini Cooper S in Class P2; Vincent Sylvain from Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada driving a Subaru Impreza in Class P1; Andrei

Mitrasca from Romania driving a 2005 Seat Ibiza in Class P2 and Jeff Denmeade from Sydney, Australia who will pilot a left-hand drive 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer in the hotly-contested Unlimited Class. 2017 will make Denmeade's 6th appearance at the Climb to the Clouds, while Sylvain Vincent finished 2nd overall in 1996. Doug Mephram also competed at Mt. Washington previously in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

"I'm thrilled with the field of racers we've attracted this year with not only a wide selection from throughout the US, but also a truly international representation with drivers from the Wales, Canada, Romania and even Australia" stated Howie Wemyss, general manager of the Mt. Washington Auto Road.

Set for July 7-9, 2017, the Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb will serve as a three-day motorsports festival filled with a variety of motorsports-oriented activities for all ages including a vendor area, historic car displays and autograph sessions topped off by the return of the Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb along the winding 7.6 mile Mt. Washington Auto Road on Sunday, July 9, 2017.

To reserve lodging for the "Climb to the Clouds", call the headquarters hotel for the event, the Town and Country Inn & Resort located in Shelburne, N.H. at (603) 466-3315. For more information regarding the 2017 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb including the event's history, list of record times, spectator tickets to view the race from the base area or along the course or to volunteer, visit [www.climbtothecLOUDS.com](http://www.climbtothecLOUDS.com).



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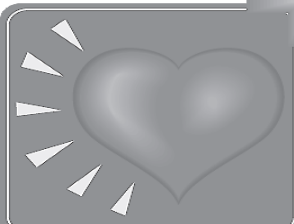
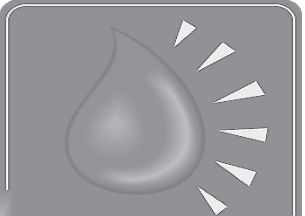


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Students from around the state went to Concord for CTSO Day. Shown are TSA students with the Governor. Third from the right is Emily McKusker from WMRHS.

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# North Country has a lot to lose if federal health care plan scrapped

BY SEN. JEFF WOODBURN

The lightly populated North Country can be a lonely place for politicians and for political folly. The intimacy between neighbors and reliance on each other – not to mention government programs and public sector jobs – makes the place practical and insightful to the plight of others.

The recent Women’s March drew large crowds not just all over the world, but right here in Lancaster, a town with 3,408 residents who, like the entire region, voted strongly for Donald Trump.

All told 400 people – 12 percent of the town’s population – showed up, waved signs and walked about a mile from the town’s welcome center to the local elementary school. The marchers passed by a half-dozen partisan Republicans waving Trump signs. Among them was Coos County Republican Chair Karl Ruch, who told a Ella Nielson (who grew up in Dalton and was formerly with Coos County Democrat) with the Concord Monitor that the demonstrators were “divisive” but went on to agree with them on one thing – the need for the new president and his fellow Republicans to go slow – especially on repealing the Affordable Care Act, President Obama’s signature accomplishment.

“I think it’s a mistake if people were just dropped,” he said. “It would turn the conservative party inside out if people were kicked off the rolls.”

He could have been thinking what our own New Hampshire state-man Daniel Webster said during a time of greater division: “Liberty exists in proportion to

wholesome restraint” or “Keep cool; anger is not an argument. Wisdom begins at the end.”

This caution is necessary at every level. State House Republicans are pushing through a radical template of punitive actions that make it harder for working families to overcome the challenges that they face. They are trying to make it harder for people to vote, harder for workers to organize and harder for people to earn a living and get ahead.

So far, they are silent on our bipartisan gains of the last four years – including extending our hugely successful New Hampshire Health Protection Program, which is providing quality health care coverage to more than 50,000 hard-working Granite Staters.

Nowhere is the N.H. Health Protection Program or the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) more critical or utilized than in the North Country, where people literally earn half as much

as their southern New Hampshire counterparts. Public assistance like the NHHPP has not only lifted many out of poverty, eased the pain of illness or accident and the burden of financial ruin, but it has also supported our small, rural hospitals and strengthened our local businesses.

But that’s not all – it has made substance-abuse treatment available in a place that has more overdose deaths per capita than anywhere else. It has also freed entrepreneurs to start their own small businesses because they now have access to affordable health care, rather than work for someone else just so they could have employer-provided health insurance.

Remarkably, it has even allowed the Colebrook-based Indian Stream Health Center, a publicly funded community health center, to establish a living wage of \$15 per hour for all of their employees. Some

low wage earners saw their wages jump from \$8 per hour.

It is a dark prospect to think of what will happen if these successful programs are shut down, especially to those families who need it most, some who voted for the politicians working to dismantle their financial and health security. That is why I will continue to speak boldly for the progressive values we know make positive impacts in people’s lives every day.

In a rich, well-educated state like New Hampshire it is easy to overlook the people Andrew Jackson called the “humble members of society.” Rest assured I will not. It is they that have the most to lose in the years ahead and sometimes it takes a Republican partisan to remind us.

I will stand against my Republican friends who advocate for more tax cuts for the wealthiest 1

percent and I will stand up for expanded opportunity for everyone, not simply the wealthy or well-connected few.

(Jeff Woodburn of Whitefield is the Senate Democratic leader and represents the North Country in the New Hampshire Senate.)

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## Obituaries

### Adam Michael Boucher, 27

LITTLETON--Adam Michael Boucher, 27, Littleton, died unexpectedly in his home on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. He was born on Oct. 8, 1989 to Laurie Beland and Harry Boucher. Adam, beloved uncle, brother, son and friend to many, has gone to heaven to be with his Dad, Harry Boucher.

Adam played soccer for Lisbon Regional School in his elementary years. In 2003, he moved with his family to Bethlehem, where he attended Profile High School, graduating from Littleton Academy in 2008. At 15 years, old he started work at the Weather-vane Theater as an assistant cook for the resident actors. He went on to work for eight years as a cook and dishwasher at The 99 Restaurant. He also worked at the Mount Washington Hotel and Bretton Woods Ski Resort.

Adam loved listening to music, especially classic rock-n-roll. He could often be found hanging with friends and crankin' some CCR, Bob Seger



and other classics, like he used to do with his Dad. He loved spending countless hours with his brothers, mother, father, family and friends, enjoying the outdoors, bonfires, beers and New Hampshire nature. Among other interests, Adam practiced martial arts at his Dojo in Bethlehem, earning a yellow belt.

Adam is predeceased by his father, Harry Boucher in 2013; his grandmother, Alice Griggs and grandfather, Stanley Beland. He is survived, loved and greatly missed by his devoted mother, Laurie Beland; brothers, Jamie and Joseph; half-sister, Jolene Monohan; grandmother, Noreen Beland of Littleton, N.H.; uncle

Wayne Beland; grandfather, Bud Tardiff; extra-special nephew, Lucas Boucher; brother from another mother, Alec DeTroismaisson and many, many more cherished family members, aunts, uncles, cousins and long-time friends.

His mother, Laurie, would like to send special thanks; to White Mountain Mental Health of Littleton, N.H., who had shown great support to Adam through his mental illness and through difficult times, to Littleton Police Dept. and to Calex Ambulance who attended him in his last moments and special gratitude to the wonderful friends and family who have been there to lend support to Adam's family in this trying time.

A gathering to celebrate Adam's life will be on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. at the VFW Post 816, 600 Cottage St. Littleton. To share memories and condolences go to www.RossFuneral.com.

### Peter W. Burrows, 75

LITTLETON- Peter W. Burrows, 75, of Littleton and formerly of Colebrook, died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at his home in Littleton.

He was born in Detroit, Mich., on Jan. 23, 1942. He was raised in

Michigan and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Per his specific request, there are no public calling hours or services.

Peter will be privately interred at the NH Veterans' Cemetery in Boscawen, N.H.

Condolences may be offered to the family online by going to

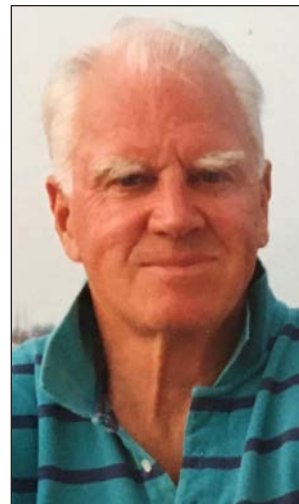
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Arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, N.H.

### Sears Winslow, 89

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass.--Sears Condit Winslow (Nick), 89, died peacefully at home on Feb.12, 2017. Born and raised in Boston, Mass. to Andrew and Elinor Winslow. Graduated from Rivers Country Day, Brooks School and attended Nichols College until joining the Naval Air Reserve Training Program during the Korean War. In 1952, he married Carolyn (Cush) Crocker and made Manchester, Mass. their family home for over 50 years. Nick's interest in business systems and new technology led him to partner with Ted Haskell and Robert Harding. They formed Systems Automation, Inc. which grew quickly in the Boston area providing companies with office automation, computer networking and training during the very early years of computers. At this time, he also partnered in the ownership of America's oldest travel agency where he was instrumental in creating business incentive programs for major companies.

An avid Bruins fan and skier, Nick was a former president of the Boston Madison Square Garden Club and Ski



Club Hochgebirge and was on the boards of Essex County Club, the Manchester Yacht Club and the New England Ski Museum. After retirement and the onset of Parkinson's disease, Nick spent time following his favorite endeavors with family and friends sailing, skiing and watching the moon rise over the White Mountains from his house in Franconia, N.H. In 2009, Nick and Cush moved to Edgewood in North Andover where Nick was graciously cared for until his death. Whenever asked how he was doing, Nick would always respond, "nothing to complain about". He brought much joy and laughter to many in his lifetime and he will be remembered for his sound advice, business

acumen, curiosity and a plethora of good natured pranks.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Carolyn C. Winslow; his daughters, Wendie Beck and her husband, Tim Beck, of Norwich, Vt. and Elinor "Lili" Winslow and partner, Jim Weitz, of Cambridge, Mass.; his grandchildren, Anna Beck Bimba, Sam Beck, their spouses and Chris Beck; his three great-grandsons; his sister, Judith Walcott and partner, Peter Anastas; his sister-in-law, Nancy J Winslow and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his sons, Robert N. Winslow, Charles Todd Winslow and his brother, Peter L Winslow.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Essex County Club, Manchester, Mass., 11am, May 6. Memorial donations may be made in Nick's name to: The New England Ski Museum - P.O. Box 267, Franconia, NH 03580; Michael J. Fox Foundation - P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741; Special Olympics of Massachusetts - 512 Forest St, Marlborough, MA 01752.

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## Save the barns!

REGION—Many a grandfather or grandmother have spoken of the turn of the century barns that checkered New Hampshire's landscape of long ago. Kids of those days have fond memories of playing in the haylofts, stalls, or swinging on rope swings suspended from hand-hewn timber rafters. Farms and their barns were the lifeblood of the region in a bygone era.

Back then, virtually every rural homestead and village property included a barn.

Today, most of those barns are gone. Many of the remaining 15,000 in the state, are often in ill repair, with sagging roofs, missing siding or vacant chasms where floorboards used to be.

The historic barns of New Hampshire are being lost at the rate of one per day, due to collapse or demolition.

The saddest part of losing these relics of our



JENNY MONAHAN

This barn, on Jefferson Road in Whitefield, estimated to be about 200 years old, shows the signs of its age, with sunlight peeking through the siding above its dry stack stone foundation.

agricultural history, is that once they're gone, they cannot be replaced.

Our oldest barns were built in a time when construction itself was a matter of hard work with very basic tools and a wood lot for a lumberyard.

Additionally, for today's homeowners who don't farm or raise animals, a barn can be an extra expense. The result is hundreds of agricultural structures being torn down or collapsing each year.

But there is an initiative going on to preserve the barns of our state. The N.H. Preservation Alliance (NHPA) has launched a program, "52 Barns in 52 Weeks," to help at least 52 barns across the state in 2017.

The NHPA works to strengthen communities and stimulate local economies by encouraging

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## LRH Board appoints new president

LITTLETON--The Littleton Regional Healthcare Board of Trustees has appointed Robert F. Nutter as the new president at LRH. Mr. Nutter comes to LRH with more than 17 years in health care administration. He received his BS in Business Administration and Management at University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine. He attended New Hampshire College Graduate School of Business in Manchester, N.H. He later received his CHE Executive Health Leadership certification from Seton Hall, South Orange, N.J.

Nutter joins LRH after serving as vice president and Chief Operating Officer at one of the largest health systems in Maine, Mercy Health System in Portland, Maine. His tenure at Mercy Health System included holding the VP of Human Resources, VP of Clinical and Support



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Mr. Robert F. Nutter, President at Littleton Regional Healthcare.

Service and Chief Human Resource Officer. Prior to joining Mercy, Nutter served as an executive with Marriott and a subsidiary of Nike, Inc. Bill Bedor, Board chair of LRH stated, "I am very pleased Bob will be joining LRH. Mr. Nutter has an outstanding background in health-care management, and we are confident that he has the experience and leadership style that will work best at LRH given our culture and values." Nutter is a member of

the American College of Healthcare Executives, American Society of Healthcare Engineers, Society of Human Resource Management, and American Society of Human Resource Management. He is actively involved in the Portland Chamber, Little League, Soccer Clubs, and serves on the board of Synernet, Inc., a hospital owned outsourced provider of services.

Nutter stated, "I look forward to working with the LRH Board of Trustees, medical staff, administration and the entire staff to keep moving LRH in a positive direction during the affiliation with three other hospitals in northern New Hampshire. This is an exciting time for all four hospitals and I am pleased to have been chosen to be part of this process. My family and I also look forward to relocating to the Littleton area and plan to be active in the communities served by LRH."

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Peppersass, the locomotive that built the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway (the Mount Washington Cog Railway) was a popular attraction at the Amherst Railroad Hobby Show.

# The Mount Washington Cog Railway's Peppersass Engine, a key attraction at the Amherst Railroad Hobby Show, West Springfield, Mass.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Peppersass (pronounced Pepper-sass), the locomotive that built the Mount Washington Cog Railway, the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway, traveled from its home at the base of Mount Washington in New Hampshire to appear at the Annual Amherst Railroad Hobby Show (Jan. 28 and 29) at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield Massachusetts. More than 23,000 railroad enthusiasts attended the show, which featured other railroads and scale model railroads, historical societies, rail-related

manufacturers, and more. Peppersass is touring the U.S. and visiting railroad and tourism related events and museums over the next three years to kick off The Cog's 150th anniversary in 2019. The Mount Washington Cog Railway appeared at the Boston Globe Travel Show at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston from Feb. 10-12. Nicknamed for its pepper-sauce bottle shape, the Peppersass cog engine was invented by Sylvester Marsh. In 1857, after becoming lost near the summit of Mount Washington during a climb, Marsh

knew that there had to be a better way for people to reach the highest mountain peak in the Northeast and immediately began developing a plan to build the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway. A conventional train could never get up Mount Washington; It would take a special type of railway to carry passengers up the mountain. In 1861, Marsh was granted a patent for a steam locomotive using a cogwheel to grip a center notched rail. On July 3, 1869, Old Peppersass became the first cog-driven train to climb 6,288-foot Mount Washington.

The Cog Railway, the world's first mountain climbing cog railway, provides a sense of adventure and history as it makes the spectacular climb up a 3-mile-long trestle to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington -- the tallest mountain in the northeast. No matter the weather -- sun rain

or snow -- this once-in-a-lifetime experience is available May through November. Passengers may choose to ride The Cog in a historic coach powered by a vintage coal-fired steam locomotive or the more modern and eco-friendly biodiesel engines. The Cog is located six miles from

Route 302 on Base Station Rd. Marshfield Station, N.H. and just three hours from Boston. Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended and are available online at thecog.com or by phone at 603-278-5404. For more information, visit thecog.com.

## Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awards \$50,000 grant to New Hampshire Center for Public Interest Journalism

NORTH COUNTRY—The nonprofit New Hampshire Center for Public Interest Journalism has received a \$50,000 grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to increase in-depth, independent news coverage in Coös County and surrounding communities.

Coös County area on our website InDepthNH.org and share them for free with all news media in the Coös region along with the news outlets in the rest of the state. "Journalism faces many serious challenges today and we think it's time we should work together," said Executive Director Nancy West. "Our mission is to augment in-depth coverage of important news stories that might otherwise go unreported be-

cause of the decrease in the number of reporters working today," West said. "We want to help fill in the coverage gaps to fully inform the people of New Hampshire. We are grateful that this grant will help us do that."

The New Hampshire Center for Public Interest Journalism publishes InDepthNH.org online to inform the public, encourage civil discourse, give voice

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## BARNs

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the protection and revival of historic buildings. They've already helped a number of barns in NH and are still selecting barns to assist with the program. The goal of 52 Barns in 52 Weeks is to help a minimum of 52 barns across the state this year with assessment grants, education and promotion of a local tax relief program for barns. For more information, or to make a tax deductible donation, please call the NHPA at 224-2281, or visit the program's Web site: <https://nhpreservation.org/52-barns-in-52-weeks/>.

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## Local News

# Murder Ink 2 is murder in a New England newsroom

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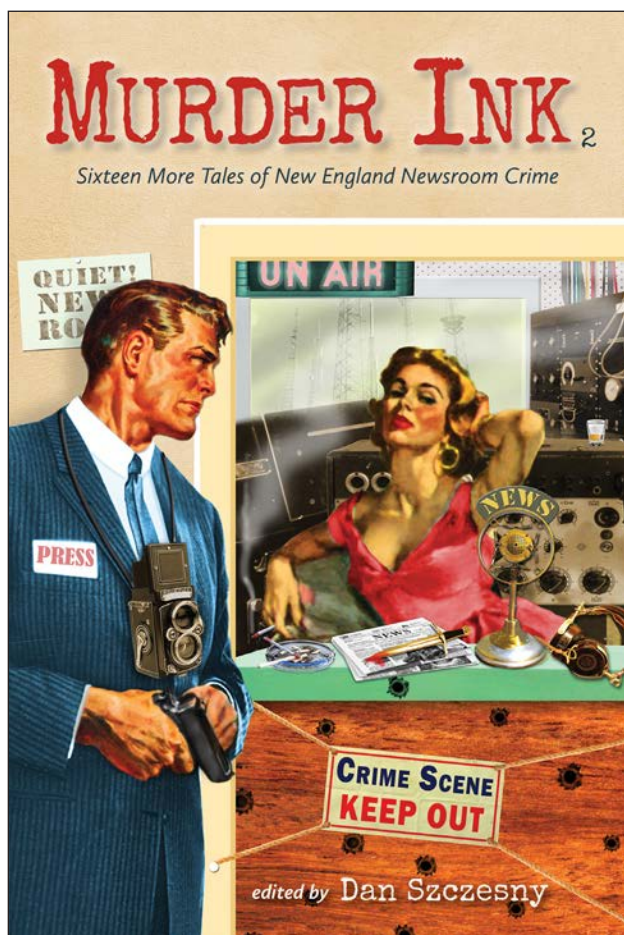
The anthology, edited by long-time reporter and journalist Dan Szczesny, is the second of three volumes in the New England Pulp Fiction Series. Murder Ink 2 offers “Sixteen More Tales of New England Newsroom Crime.” Murder Ink 1, published last year, has 13 stories.

Murder Ink 2 offers short stories that take place in or are centered around a New England newsroom. From hidden doors in Portsmouth to the snows of Maine to the back alleys of Boston, Murder Ink 2 and Murder Ink 1 are written by a talented group of scribes from around the region. It is

the first series of its kind. The cover features the artwork of Donna Catanzaro.

The book will launch at noon, Saturday, Feb. 25, during the winter conference of the New England Newspaper and Press Association in Boston.

Contributors to Murder Ink 2 are: Oreste D’Arconte, retired publisher of The Sun Chron-



icle in Attleboro, Mass., writing as O. Lucio d’Arc; Brendan DuBois, award-winning author of 20 novels and currently working on a series of books with bestselling novelist James Patterson; Karen and Roxanne Dent, sisters who write in various genre and occasionally combine talents; Dan Rothman, currently writing a novel of medieval adventure; Amy Ray, author of mystery/thrillers; S. J. Cahill, Pushcart Prize and a Dzac Book award

nominee from Vermont; Mark Arsenault, metro reporter for the Boston Globe, whose first book, Spiked, was a finalist for the Shamus Award for Best First Novel, presented by the Private Eye Writers of America; Gregory L. Norris, author of several novels who also writes for national magazines and fiction anthologies, both TV and film; Victor D. Infante, entertainment editor for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette; Adi Rule, author of The Hid-

den Twin and Strange Sweet Song; Judith Janoo, winner of the Soul-making Keats award and the Vermont Award for Continued Excellence in Writing; Jeff Deck, author of the supernatural thriller, The PseudoChronicles of Mark Huntley; Patrick Sullivan, general assignment reporter for the Lakeville (Conn.) Journal; Stephen R. Wilk, physicist and optical engineer and author of Medusa: Solving the Mystery of the Gorgon and How the Ray Gun Got Its Zap!; Jonathan Dubey, a writer and teacher involved in performing arts; and Robin Baskerville, a freelance writer and editor.

“This region is so rich in newsroom lore, and who better to tell those stories than writers from the front lines of the news,” said editor Dan Szczesny. “And who knows, some of these stories might be true!”

The book is published by Plaidswede Publishing Co. of Concord, N.H., which has published five books in its New Hampshire Pulp Fiction series – Live Free or Undead” (horror), Live Free or Die! Die! Die! (mystery/detective), Live Free or Sci-Fi (science fiction), “Love Free or Die (romance), and Live Free or Ride: Tales of the Con-

cord Coach (western). The titles play off the New Hampshire state motto, “Live Free or Die.” A fantasy collection, Live Free and Dragons, will be released later this year.

With Murder Ink, publisher George Geers has set his sights on telling tales from all across New England. “We’re pleased with the success of the original series. We’re proud to have presented the works of established and recognized authors as well as giving first-time authors an opportunity for

publication,” said Geers. “Many journalists dream about writing the great American novel, and we hope to offer our New England journalists a foot in the door with a crime short story.”

Szczesny is the associate publisher of

The Hippo, New Hampshire’s largest weekly newspaper. He’s written extensively about travel and the outdoors, including the books, The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie, The Nepal Chronicles and Mosquito Rain: Alaskan Travel Essays. A collection of short fiction, Sing, was published last summer.

Geers is a former daily newspaper editor in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut who remains active in the New England newspaper industry. He established his book publishing company in 2000 and to date has published more than 100 books from his base in Concord.

For information on submitting a story for volume three or to purchase books, visit [www.plaidswede.com](http://www.plaidswede.com).

## LRH rates 5 Star in Overall Patient Experience

**LITTLETON**— Littleton Regional Healthcare is proud to announce the recent 5 Star Rating in overall Patient Experience based on surveys that 387 patients at LRH completed in a one year period. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) uses answers to the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey recorded by more than 3,500 hospitals to assign the rankings. This data gives consumers a clear picture of quality when it comes to choosing a healthcare provider.

LRH is one of 184 hospitals of the 3,500 hospitals rated to receive a 5 Star Rating.

According to the CMS Patients are asked to complete a HCAHPS survey following a hospital stay. CMS uses patient input from HCAHPS surveys, which look at things such as how well nurses and doctors communicate with patients,

how responsive hospital staff is to patient needs, how clean and quiet hospital environments are and how well patients are prepared for post-hospital settings. High scores also help hospitals show better value of care, which is directly tied to reimbursements in the shift to value-based payments.

The Physicians and Team of Littleton Regional Healthcare are committed to providing each of our community members with high quality, compassionate healthcare that is easily accessible. We are dedicated to creating care partnerships that support the healing and wellness of our patients. Our physicians, providers and their staff members welcome feedback from our patients through survey responses and personal conversations. We use that feedback to make improvements in our work processes, so that the care we provide is the best. *LRH, PAGE A18*

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to marginalized people and encourage people’s full partnership in their democracy. InDepthNH.org fairly reports the news without fear or favor.

The vision of the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund is “To serve as a catalyst for the region to move toward sustainable community and economic development in Coös County and surrounding communities in the United States and Canada.”

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation was created in 1962 by and for the people of New Hampshire, and is dedicated to strengthening communities across

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LRH Physician Practices awarded the Guardian of Excellence Award for top performance patient experience.

# Littleton receives 2016 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award for Outstanding Performance in Patient Satisfaction

LITTLETON- Littleton Regional Healthcare is pleased to announce it has been named a 2016 Guardian of Excellence Award® winner by Press Ganey. The Guardian of Excellence Award recognizes top-performing health care organizations that have consistently achieved the 95th percentile or above of performance in Patient Experience. The physician practices at LRH maintained 95% percentile in Patient Experience for four consecutive quarters.

The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award is a nationally-recognized symbol of achievement in health care. Presented annually, the award honors clients who consistently sustained performance in the top 5% of all Press Ganey clients for each reporting period during the course of one year.

"We are honored to receive this recognition

for the quality of care that we provide our patients. This award reflects the commitment of everyone in our physician practices and hospital to provide the best and highest quality care possible," said Bob Nutter, president of Littleton Regional Healthcare. "We believe in keeping the patient as the focus of all of our health care decisions. Everything we do is driven by our commitment to high quality patient care." The Physicians and Team of Littleton Regional Healthcare are committed to providing each of our community members with high quality, compassionate healthcare that is easily accessible. We are dedicated to creating care partnerships that support the healing and wellness of our patients. Our physicians, providers and their staff members welcome feedback from our patients through

survey responses and personal conversations. We use that feedback to make improvements in our work processes, so that the care we provide keeps you and your family at your best state of wellness. Currently we are creating a centralized call center that will make scheduling an appointment with your physician, or completing the process of being referred to a specialist much easier. This project will improve your ability to access the care you need and is a direct result of the feedback we have received from our community members regarding difficulties in getting in to see our physician/provider team. We are also hard at work creating new communication tools including educational forums and pamphlets that will help you be better informed about health matters that are of interest to you and your family.

According to Bob Nutter, president at Littleton Regional Healthcare, the award represents an important recognition from the industry's leader in measuring, understanding and improving the

patient experience. "We are proud to partner with Organization," said Patrick T. Ryan, CEO of Press Ganey. "This award is a testament to the organization's leadership in delivering patient-cen-

tered care. By achieving and sustaining this level of excellence, Organization continues to demonstrate their commitment to reducing patient suffering and advancing the overall quality of health care."

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## Fireside Fiddlers to perform at Weeks Memorial Library, Jan. 29

LANCASTER — On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, starting at 2 p.m., old-time fiddle music will fill the Weeks Memorial Library on Main Street in Lancaster. That's because the Fireside Fiddlers will be playing some lively, old-time favorites. The program, hosted by Friends of Weeks Memorial Li-

brary, is free and open to all. Fireside Fiddlers is a group of fiddlers from Clarksville, Colebrook, Groveton, Randolph and Lancaster in New Hampshire and Barton and Guildhall, Vt. They are Joyce Ball, Terese Churchill, Paul Cormier, Lyndall Demers, Gordon Gray, Charlie

Jordan and Dick Rosser. They will be accompanied by JoAnne Gilman of Lunenburg, Vt. on bass, Roland Cotnoir of Colebrook on guitar, and Tom Bishop of Waterford, Vt., on banjo. The group got together originally, at the invitation of Patrick Ross, a popular local fiddler, who thought it would

be nice to get a group of fiddlers together to play some traditional fiddle music. The group get-togethers were like those kitchen jams many of us have attended, where musicians got together and played till the wee hours. That first meeting was in Patrick's living room in Groveton back



in March 2010. The project became a way to raise money to help restore the Tillotson Center in Colebrook. Patrick and his family have since moved out of the area, but the other fiddlers still get together to play at various events. When Patrick left the area, Dick Rosser of Guildhall, Vt., stepped up to lead the group. Dick is a very accomplished musician, who has played various types of music, and a variety of instruments, the world over. Due to illness, Dick will not be with the group at this event, but the group will play on in his honor.

There have been new songs added to the group's repertoire, to go along with the old favorites—many of which have been previously recorded. The group has recorded three CDs. Fireside Fiddlers' first CD debuted in July 2011 when they had the honor of being the first musical group to perform on the stage at the Tillotson Center in Colebrook. That recording had over 20 tunes on it and included "Red Wing" and "Tennessee Waltz".

Their second CD was one of Christmas favorites including "Joy To The World", "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Jingle Bells" and other classics. That CD was released on Dec. 8, 2013. Their third CD was recorded live during a Great North Woods Committee for the Arts Concert at the Tillotson Center in Colebrook in 2016. Some tunes on that CD include "Maple Sugar", "Shove the Pig's Feet A Little Closer To The Fire" and "Out-house".

There will be CDs for sale at this concert. The group is looking forward to playing downstairs at the Weeks Memorial Library. Mark your calendar and bring your friends and family to enjoy an afternoon of old-time fiddle music starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Again, there is no admission fee, but the library staff would appreciate a call at 603-788-3352 with reservation requests, so that they may set-up for all who plan to attend.

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vide keeps you and your family at your best state of wellness. Currently we are creating a centralized call center that will make scheduling an appointment with your physician, or completing the process of being referred to a specialist much easier. This project will improve your ability to access the care you need, and is a direct result of the feedback we have received from our

community members regarding difficulties in getting in to see our physician/provider team. We are also hard at work creating new communication tools including educational forums and pamphlets that will help you be better informed about health matters that are of interest to you and your family. Bob Nutter, president at Littleton Regional Healthcare stated, "The

recent announcement of the 5 Star Rating that LRH received is outstanding for the staff at LR, and for the communities we serve. This rating reinforces the outstanding care that staff provides patients. Everyone at LRH has worked extremely hard to put quality initiatives in place to ensure care at LRH the best. This award could not have come at a better time, as

we were recently notified of the achievement of the Press Ganey – Guardian of Excellence Award in patient experience. This is based on surveys on the physician practice side of LRH. Together the hospital and physician practice staff have accomplished far more than any one hospital. I am extremely proud to work with such a dedicated group of professionals."

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## From the Front

## CAMP

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this hour guests can enjoy complimentary wine tasting with light entertainment. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, and a sumptuous buffet dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The live auction will start following dessert.

A fantastic array of items are up for bid this year, including four one-day passes to Disney World and SeaWorld paired with accommodation, one week house

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such funding requests an issue of prioritization.

"The \$2.59 clearly took our breath away. All of these things are important, but there needed to be some prioritization. We had to make decisions here," said Bratz.

Emerging Technologies Librarian, Arwen Mitton, said the library provides vital services to the town, and its importance to the community shouldn't be disregarded.

Mitton says she is often asked to help senior citizens learn to use email, and community members that lack computer experience fill out online job applications.

## VISIT

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every child fits into a traditional school environment, every student can achieve success when the educational environment suits their learning style.

"We love our school because we have the ability to be creative" says Lavoie.

She describes a web based core curriculum that is blended with offline learning, self-paced and personalized to each student.

A student may attend the NCCA for part of their day, take classes at their regular high school for another part of their day, and attend the career and technical center in the same day. Lavoie says this type of active scheduling works well for many students and keeps them engaged and excited throughout their day.

She also said that student's often benefit from the fresh start they receive at the academy, and that a clean slate provides an opportunity for redevelopment.

"We love that we see transformation every day," she said.

A visit to a classroom shows students from Lisbon, Franconia, Whitefield, Lincoln and Littleton. The NCCA serves 4,000 geographical miles—nearly half the state. While the large region they serve can be beneficial to students who are able to realize their full potential by being in a new environment, it is a financial challenge for the NCCA.

The school spends \$98,000 a year on transportation costs, more than 15 percent of their annual budget. When coupled with healthcare costs, the two items encompass 28 percent of the school's annual budget.

rental in the Dominican Republic, Red Socks tickets, gift certificates to a wide array of local ski resorts, restaurants, inns and area attractions and many other items. Again this year, the Twin State Woodturners have donated a collection of hand turned plates, bowls and boxes. This year they have added "Turn a Bowl with the Woodturners" where the winner will have a chance to make their own bowl under

the tutelage of the Twin State Woodturners. Visit our website at [www.coppercannon.org](http://www.coppercannon.org) for a regularly updated list of auction items or to purchase tickets.

Over 53 years ago, founder Hamilton Ford envisioned creating a place where children could enjoy the beauty and sanctuary of the White Mountains, regardless of race, gender or financial status. At the core of Copper Cannon Camp's mission, we

provide a camping experience to children whose families could otherwise not afford them this opportunity. Since 1963, 21,000 children from all over New Hampshire and New England have enjoyed, and benefited from, Copper Cannon's many programs and activities. Hamilton Ford's dream continues to live on, touching the lives of underprivileged youth.

During the summer of 2016, 460 youth from 73 New Hampshire towns

had a chance to attend and experience camp. One third of these children were from north of Plymouth. For many youth who attend Copper Cannon Camp, it may represent a tiny percentage of their life, but the impact will last forever. As one camper shared in an e-mail "I won a best camper award. To this day, I don't know why they picked me, but I remember crying. It was the first time I ever really felt liked by my peers. I had only one or two friends at school, but

I was friends with everyone at camp. I remember them all cheering when I won that award. I got a small trophy. I still have it today. That was 28 years ago."

Copper Cannon Camp is one of the very few not-for-profit summer camp programs in the country which underwrites 100% of each camper's tuition. For more information about Copper Cannon Camp or to donate an item, contact Melody Brown at [mbrown@coppercannon.org](mailto:mbrown@coppercannon.org) or by phone at 603-823-8107.

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the zoning board.

The current plan has been in the works for the past year. Some board members have concerns regarding the Strimbeck property's sewage flow from cabins located on the property and how that could affect nearby wetlands. According to the proposal a new septic system would be installed and the building would be constructed closer to Route 302.

The owners of the Hearthside Village Motel Rhonda and Steve Huggins are against the store being built, and expressed their views in a letter that was sent to the board, stating "The proposed hours of operation of Dollar General would be extremely disruptive to our guests and harmful to our business. A Dollar General across the street would entice our motel guests to cross a dangerous highway. Not too many years ago, a child was struck crossing the highway at Baker Brook.

"Five years ago, a petition by roughly 200 residents in opposition appeared on Change.org. On the site regarding the store, it stated, "It is detrimental to current local business, will es-

establish an environment contrary to Bethlehem's Master Plan, create traffic hazards, hamper parking for existing Main Street businesses, and despoil the character of our community."

The letter that was signed by many read, "I am writing to firmly state my opposition to siting a store at the corner of Main Street and Agassiz Street in Bethlehem.

"Residents of Bethlehem determined long ago, through their Master Plan, that a business such as a "Dollar General is not desirable and would not be supported.

"Furthermore, the undersigned will not be patronizing Dollar General - ever. We feel it is detrimental to locally-owned establishments, will create an environment contrary to the Village of Bethlehem's Master Plan, pose traffic hazards, hamper parking for existing Main Street businesses, and despoil the character of our community.

"As your Tennessee-based corporation pursues the addition of 625 new stores nationwide, I strongly urge you to remove Bethlehem, NH as one of the locations."

## Thank You

*The Family of Walter Bouchard, Groveton NH. Wants to thank all that has been there for us in this hard time of his passing and the many years of his sickness.*

*A special thank you to Dr. Wendy Muello, Tammy Lazotte for all the wonderful care, love, encouragement and support you gave him. He truly appreciated you both.*

*We want to thank the Lancaster Ambulance crew for the many transports to DHMC. Lancaster Hospital for the great care he got to stabilize him before his trips to DHMC, or his stays there.*

*The nurses at the Lancaster Clinic, Hospital, ICU unit, the ER, Wound Care, Procedure Clinic.*

*Thanks to DHMC for all the great care he got there as well on 4th floor, 2nd floor and the air flight crew.*

*Also a BIG thank you, we really appreciated your time and sacrifice to you all that traveled from far and close for the funeral in the nasty weather, the flowers, food, cards, donations to the American Diabetic Association and all that came to the house to check on us as well.*

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## Lin-Wood alpine girls capture state championship

BY COREY MCKEAN

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**BENNINGTON** — On Friday, Feb. 17, 10 girls' alpine ski teams in Lin-Wood, Profile, Gorham, Hopkinton, Littleton, Woodsville, Derryfield, Sunapee, Lisbon, and Moultonborough traveled to Crotched Mountain in Bennington to compete for the NHIAA Division IV alpine state championship.

In the morning giant slalom race, the Derryfield Cougars would edge out the Lin-Wood Lumberjacks by just a point to take first place while the Lady Lumberjacks placed second and Sunapee third. In the afternoon, the Patriots of Profile raced hard, placing first while Gorham took second and Lin-Wood third, but it was the consistent and stellar skiing by Lin-Wood that resulted in

the Lumberjacks hoisting the 2016-17 NHIAA Division IV alpine state championship plaque. Lin-Wood took first place overall with a combined score of 715 while Gorham took second with a score of 711 and Profile third, with a score of 709.5.

Lin-Wood's top four racers in the morning GS would all place in the top 16 in a field of 55 skiers to lead the Lumberjacks to a second-place finish overall, earning them a score of 358. Xena Bartlett, Lucy Loukes and Abbie Sawyer all finished within two seconds of one another as Bartlett placed ninth with a time of 70.81, Loukes placed 10th with a time of 70.91 and Sawyer placed 11th with a time of 71.10. Karolina Wolowski rounded out the top four in the GS

for the Lumberjacks, placing 16th with a time of 72.25.

In the afternoon, Bartlett and Sawyer had tremendous runs in the slalom as they led Lin-Wood with a sixth-place finish and a ninth-place finish, leading to a third-place finish overall and ultimately resulting in the championship win. Bartlett posted an impressive time of 93.42 while Sawyer posted a time of 97.03. Kai Goode and Loukes finished in 15th and 17th for the Lumberjacks as Goode posted a time of 103.31 and Loukes 104.12, leading to a total afternoon slalom score of 357 and an overall combined score of 715.

The Profile Patriots were dominant in the afternoon as they took first in the slalom with

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The Lin-Wood Lumberjacks are the 2016-17 NHIAA Division IV alpine state champions. Left to right, Lucy Loukes, Kai Goode, Abbie Sawyer, Karolina Wolowski, Xena Bartlett and Delana Welch.

## Profile alpine boys ski to Division IV title

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**FRANCONIA** — The Profile Patriots boys' alpine team has had a terrific 2016-2017 ski season leading up to State Meet but on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the terrific season turned into a season the boys will remember for the rest of their lives as they skied their way to being the NHIAA Division IV boys' state champions on the mountain most of them grew up skiing on, Cannon Mountain.

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The Profile Patriots are the 2016-17 New Hampshire Division IV boys' alpine state champions. First row (l-r), coach Phil Boone, coach Mihaela Fera. Second row, Jake Peterson, Dan Doyle, Seamus Slattery, Jeb Wennrich, Jack Sampo. Kissing the plaque, Carter Merrill.

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## Sports



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Lexi Walker beats her defender on the baseline and scores in the first quarter.



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Gabbie Leavitt knocks down a jumper from the corner for Littleton.

# Lady Crusaders close out regular season with win over Moultonborough

BY COREY MCKEAN

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LITTLETON — Coming off just their third loss of the season, the Littleton Crusaders hosted the Moultonborough Panthers on Friday, Feb. 17, in their final regular season game and came away with a dominant 61-26 victory. The Lady Crusaders finish the regular season with a 15-3 record and will head into the NHIAA Division IV tournament as the four seed.

Littleton jumped out to a 7-3 lead midway through the first quarter as Laney Hadlock started the game with a three-point play inside, getting fouled on a layup and hitting a free throw while Lexi Walker and Gabbie Leavitt each added a jumper from outside. A free throw hit by Moultonborough's Liz Eaton brought the Panthers within three points but the Crusaders responded with a 10-4 run to end the first, led by Walker with four points to give Littleton a 17-8 lead heading into the second.

The defensive pressure by Littleton picked up in the second quarter as they held Moultonborough to just six points while the Crusaders fed the ball inside to Emma Bogardus and she led the way with nine points in the second while Falyn Russell was a strong spark off the bench, adding three points for the Crusaders as well as numerous rebounds to give

Littleton a commanding 33-14 advantage at half-time.

Walker and Leavitt had the hot hands out of the half for Littleton as the two combined for 10 of Crusaders' 17 points in the third quarter while Moultonborough scored just eight points led by Megan Duddy with five. The Crusaders extended their lead to 50-22 heading into the fourth quarter.

Littleton's Jasmine Brown opened up the fourth quarter with a three from the corner, closing out the game for the Crusaders with seven points in the final eight minutes to put the game away. Hadlock and Walker also recorded baskets for Littleton while Moultonborough tallied just four points in the fourth.

"This was a nice finish to the regular season. A lot of good ball movement and unselfish play. Lexi, Gabbie, and Jasmine shot the ball very well and with a lot of confidence tonight. It will hopefully carry over into the playoffs," said Littleton coach Dale Prior.

"We improved a lot this season and we have a chance to make a good playoff run these next two weeks," Prior added.

The Crusaders were led by Walker and Leavitt who scored 14 points apiece while the Panthers were led by Eaton with nine points.

Littleton improves to a record of 15-3 on the

season while Moultonborough falls to a record of 10-8. The Crusaders and the Panthers will both look to make a run in the NHIAA Division IV playoffs, which will have begun on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the home of the higher seed. The quarterfinal games will be played on Friday, Feb. 24, also at the home of the higher seed. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Littleton: Walker 14, Leavitt 14, Bogardus 11, Hadlock 10, Brown 7, Russell 3, Daine 2

Moultonborough: Eaton 9, Duddy 6, Galipeault 6, Shipp 4, Lear 1



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Laney Hadlock hits a pull up jumper in second quarter action.

## Lisbon boys drop big game to Moultonborough

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MOULTONBOROUGH — With their playoff hopes hanging in the balance, the Lisbon Panthers traveled to play Moultonborough on Tuesday, Feb. 14, with a team that was dwindled down by the flu bug. Lisbon played on Tuesday without starters Josh Woods and Noah Locke as well as sixth man Logan Trahan, which ultimately led to the Panthers dropping a much-needed game to Moultonborough by a score of 63-36.

Moultonborough's Joey McClay, Connor Porusta and Matt Norton started off strong as the three led Moultonborough to a 12-6 lead after the first quarter. Lis-

bon's Parker Thornton kept the Panthers in the game early as he scored all six points for Lisbon as they trailed going into the second quarter.

Zach Fisher and Thornton shot the ball well from behind the arc in the second for Lisbon as Fisher knocked down a pair of threes while Thornton added another to lead the Panthers to 14 second quarter points but Moultonborough continued their offense dominance as they dropped 17 points, led by Porusta with five, giving Moultonborough a 29-20 lead at the half.

Out of the half, Moultonborough erupted with 20 points, having their best offensive and defensive quarter of the night, as they held

Lisbon to just five third quarter points to take a demanding 49-25 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Lisbon's Jared Jesseman and Austin Burt combined for the Panthers' five points in the third.

Moultonborough closed out the game outscoring Lisbon 14-11 to earn the 20-point win. Lisbon scored eight of their 11 points in the fourth from the free throw line while Fisher knocked down a three for the only Panther field goal in the final eight minutes of play.

"The flu bug hit us hard," explained Lisbon coach Sam Natti. "Regardless of having two starters and our sixth man home sick, I thought our boys played

hard tonight."

Moultonborough was led by Norton with 12 points while Lisbon was led by Thornton with 12 while Fisher added 11.

Moultonborough improves to a record of 6-10 on the season while Lisbon falls to a record of 7-9. The Panthers will play their last regular season game on Wednesday, Feb. 22, as they host the Groveton Eagles. Game time is posted for 6 p.m.

Moultonborough: Norton 12, McClay 11, Porusta 11, Robinson 9, Chase 5, Rooney 5, Taylor 4, Macdonald 2, Gibbons 2, Finnegan 2

Lisbon: Thornton 12, Fisher 11, Burt 5, Jesseman 4, Superchi 3, Wall 1

## Olsen, Pushee propel Woodville past Lin-Wood

BY COREY MCKEAN

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LINCOLN — Woodville's Garrett Olsen and Sam Pushee combined for 48 points on Tuesday, Feb. 14, as the Engineers traveled to play the Lin-Wood Lumberjacks and came away with a 77-37 victory. Lin-Wood's Olle Dovholuk had a stand-out game, scoring 21 points, but it wouldn't be enough to earn the Lumberjacks a win.

Olsen went to work early as he shot the ball well from the outside, leading the way for the Engineers with nine points in the first quarter to give Woodville a 20-13 lead. Billy Green and Pushee added 10 points for Woodville

while Dovholuk kept the Lumberjacks in the game, scoring eight in the first quarter.

Woodville extended their lead to 34-23 at halftime as Olsen led the Engineers once again with six of the team's 14 second quarter points. Lin-Wood's Brandon Harrington would knock down a three as well as a deep two in the quarter to lead the Lumberjacks but Lin-Wood continued to trail, down 11 at the half.

The Engineers pulled away in the third quarter as they outscored the Lumberjacks 23-11, bringing the score to 57-34 at the end of the third. Lin-Wood simply had no answer for Woodville inside as Cooper Davidson and Pushee combined for 16 points to put the game away early. It was all Dovholuk for Lin-Wood in the third as he scored all 11 points for the Lumberjacks off three triples and a pair

of free throws but Lin-Wood trailed big heading into the fourth.

Woodville closed out the game on a 20-3 run with Pushee leading the way with six points down the stretch while Lin-Wood's Kealand Nicoll recorded the only field goal for the Lumberjacks in the final eight minutes.

"The guys worked hard on both ends of the floor, Adam Cataldo and Garrett Olsen did a good job of containing their two shooters. We moved the ball well on offense and took good shots, hopefully we can continue to get better going into the playoffs," said Woodville coach Jamie Walker.

"Woodville came out with a 13-0 run and the light came on and we played the rest of the first half better, making a better game of it. The second half, however, we never showed up. They played well, shutting


Olle down while we had no movement on offense and no rebounding," explained Lin-Wood coach Mike Reardon.

The Engineers were led by Pushee and Olsen with 24 points apiece while the Lumberjacks were led by Dovholuk with 21 points.

Woodville improves to a record of 15-1 on the season while Lin-Wood falls to a record of 12-4. The Engineers will finish up their regular season on Wednesday, Feb. 22, as they travel to play Gorham. Game time is posted for 7 p.m. The Lumberjacks will have finished their regular season on Monday, Feb. 20, as they hosted Moultonborough.

Woodville: Pushee 24, Olsen 24, Davidson 12, Green 5, Cataldo 4, Guilmain 3, Johnson 3, Maccini 2

Lin-Wood: Dovholuk 21, Harrington 8, Nicoll 3, Bartlett 3, Avery 2



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## Sports

## Gorham Huskies too much for Profile Patriots

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BETHLEHEM — The Gorham Huskies were simply too much for the Profile Patriot girls' basketball team on Tuesday, Feb. 14, as Gorham erupted for 17 second quarter points to take a 26-13 lead at halftime and finished out the game with yet another 17-point quarter to earn a 53-29 win over the Patriots.

Both Gorham and Profile got off to a slow start offensively as a basket by Hope Drake-Duval scored midway through the first quarter started the scoring for Profile. Gorham's Felicia Voisine and Karly Cardwell recorded back to back baskets for the Huskies while Jessica Houle knocked down a jumper for the Patriots and Anabel Boyer hit a free throw to bring the score to 5-4 Profile with just under three minutes left in the first.

Gorham ended the first quarter strong as Voisine scored on a layup, Lauren Gralenski knocked down a free throw and Lillian Couture came up with a steal and finish as time ran down to give the Huskies a 9-5 lead heading into the second.

The Huskies opened up the second quarter on an 11-2 run led by Gralenski with four points to push Gorham ahead 20-7 with 4:23 left to play in the first half. Profile's Abby Plante answered back with a layup of her own while Tara Thomas scored inside and Emily Kerivan hit a pair of free throws for the Patriots but the Huskies continued to score as they extended their lead to 26-13 at halftime.



Profile's Carly Inghram gets past Gorham's Felicia Voisine and scores in third quarter action.

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Profile came out of halftime to have their best offensive quarter of the night, outscoring Gorham 11-10 to bring the score to 36-24 heading into the fourth. Carly Inghram led the Patriots with five points in the third off a three from the baseline and a strong drive and finish while Houle, Thomas and Sadie Young all added baskets for Profile. Gorham's Jana Delofse kept the Huskies in the lead with four of the team's 10 points in the third, giving Gorham the 12-point advantage heading into the fourth.

Unforced turnovers down the stretch ended up costing Profile the game as Gorham turned steals into easy transition baskets to

pull away. The Huskies scored 17 points in the fourth, getting balanced scoring for eight different players while Profile scored just five points in the fourth off a basket by Houle and a free throw each by Boyer, Plante and Kerivan.

"We had balanced scoring as eight of nine players scored tonight and we stayed close in the first quarter but lost two starters in the first half to fouls. The bench held their own but couldn't keep pace with Gorham's starters," explained Profile coach Paul Savard. "We still had too many unforced turnovers and the first half we didn't rebound enough while in the second half we rebounded better. The girls were



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Anabel Boyer drives baseline and puts up a floater over her defender in the fourth quarter.

more aggressive going north and south with dribble drives to get to the foul line more often as we hit 8 of 12 free

throws tonight and for us to finish the season with a win at Pittsburg-Canaan we need to do more of that."

The Huskies were led by Voisine with 10 points while the Patriots were led by Inghram with seven points.

Gorham improves to a record of 8-8 on the season while Profile falls to a record of 1-16. The Patriots will have finished up their season on Thursday, Feb. 16 as they traveled to play Pittsburg-Canaan.

Gorham: Voisine 10, Couture 9, Cardwell 8, Delofse 8, Gralenski 7, Malia 4, Kruskie 4, Leclerc 2, Rivard 1

Profile: Inghram 7, Houle 6, Thomas 4, Plante 3, Kerivan 3, Drake-Duval 2, Boyer 2, Young 2

## Crusaders crush Groveton in statement win

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GROVETON — With the regular season winding down, the top ranked Littleton Crusaders and the current second ranked Groveton Eagles met one last time on Thursday, Feb. 16, before heading into tournament play. Groveton's only loss on the season came at the hand of Littleton back on Jan. 27 as the Crusaders edged out the Eagles by seven points but on Thursday night Littleton would prove their dominance, earning a commanding 70-49 victory.

It was a game of runs as Littleton went up 21-14 after the first quarter while Groveton battled back to get within three late in the second but a Logan Briggs three as time ran down gave the Crusaders a 30-24 lead at halftime. The third quarter is where the game turned around, as the Littleton defense got the best of Groveton, causing numerous turnovers and making the Eagles pay as the Crusaders erupted for 27 points in the third to take pull away and take a 57-37 lead. Littleton would close out the game outscoring Groveton 13-12 to earn the 21-point win.

Littleton's Danny Kubkowski was the difference on the night as he is known for leaking out on steals and he would be the major ben-

eficiary of the Crusader defense as he scored 28 points to lead the way for Littleton.

The Crusaders took an early 7-5 lead midway through the first quarter as Logan Briggs hit a midrange jumper, Gabe Anan knocked down a corner three and Kubkowski scored on a short jumper. It was Kubkowski and Cooper Paradise in the final four minutes of the first that pushed Littleton up 21-14 as the two combined for eight points. Groveton's Matt Mason was a spark off the Eagles bench as he led the way in the first with four points to keep Groveton close.

Both teams struggled shooting the ball in the second quarter as Littleton outscored Groveton just 10-9 but the defensive intensity ramped up leading to tougher scoring opportunities. A deep corner two by Anan and a pull up jumper by Kubkowski quickly put the Crusaders up 11 with 4:55 left in the second but Groveton battled back, as the Eagles went on 8-2 scoring run to bring the score to 27-22 with 1:54 remaining in the first half. Corey Gadwah would knock down a pull up jumper for the Eagles while Briggs hit a deep three from the corner as time ran down to give Littleton a 30-24 lead at the half.

Out of halftime, Littleton created a lot of sep-

aration but it wouldn't be until late in the third quarter. Kubkowski and Gadwah led their teams early in the third, trading baskets back and forth to bring the score to 38-35 with under four minutes left to play but that is when the Crusaders caused multiple turnovers and turned them into quick and easy transition points, as Littleton went on a 19-2 run to take a 20-point lead heading into the fourth quarter by a score of 57-37. Kubkowski would tally 16 points alone in the third to lead the way.

Paradise and Kubkowski closed out the game with four points apiece for the Crusaders while Cy Kezerian knocked down his fourth three of the night as Littleton outscored Groveton 13-12 in the final eight minutes, cruising to victory. Groveton's Gadwah and Mason combined for the Eagles' 12 points in the fourth but it wouldn't be enough.

"We played really well in the third quarter," explained Littleton coach Trevor Howard. "Defense was great and we had good passing and nice balance. I thought my starters all played very well. Logan had 11 assists, seven rebounds, five blocks and six steals, Gabe had nine steals, five assists and five rebounds, Cooper had five assists, five steals and Cy had four threes. Danny

got some great looks and knocked down some big shots. This was a good win in their gym."

The Crusaders were led by Kubkowski with 28 points while Kezerian added 12. The Eagles were led by Gadwah with 21 points while Mason added 12.

Littleton improves to a record of 16-0 on the season while Groveton falls to a record of 14-2.

The Crusaders will finish up their regular season on Wednesday, Feb. 22, as they host the Moultonborough Panthers. Game time is posted for 7 p.m.

Littleton: Kubkowski 28, Kezerian 12, Briggs 10, Anan 10, Paradise 8, Odell 2

Groveton: Gadwah 21, Mason 12, Lesperance 6, Stone 4, Laverty 2, Peraras 2, Rogers 2



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a total score of 360 but it was the morning giant slalom that hurt them as they placed fifth with a score of 349.5, leading to a third-place finish on the day. In the afternoon, Sierra Price was extremely impressive as she raced to a third-place finish, posting a time of 92.52 while Sarah Blampied also skied hard, placing seventh with a time of 94.04. Libby Hamilton and Isabelle Holmes rounded out the top four skiers in the slalom for the Patriots as Hamilton placed 16th with a time of 103.5 and Holmes 19th with a time of 106.68.

The Littleton girls had their best runs of the day in the morning giant slalom as they posted a total score of 296, which placed them in seventh overall while they also placed seventh overall in the afternoon slalom, earning them a seventh-place finish on the day. Veve Lemay and Rabecca Hucksoll led the Crusaders in the morning as Lemay finished in 24th with a time of 74.38 while Hucksoll placed 26th, posting a time of 75.02. Nicolle Pilette finished in 34th for Littleton with a time of 79.04 while Bre Lemay rounded out the top four with a 43rd place finish and a time of

90.09.

Lisbon's lone skier, Logan Lopus, had a strong morning as she raced to an eighth place finish, posting a time of 70.70 and also had a good afternoon, finishing 11th in the slalom with a time of 97.77.

The Woodsville girls would have no one complete a full race in either the morning giant slalom or the afternoon slalom, leading to the Engineers not being placed.

"Xena, Lucy and Abbie all were within .09 seconds and gave us some valuable points in the GS and Karolina skied the best she had all season finishing 16th," explained Lin-Wood coach Aaron Loukes. "Being within one point after the GS put us in excellent position heading into the afternoon and we knew that we would be competitive in the afternoon, we have the Kanc.

"The girls really skied with a lot of confidence in the slalom and it is absolutely amazing to not have a skier in the top five in either race and win the state championship. This was team skiing at its best. We have the Kanc ski slope and have a ton of mileage in slalom so we knew that they had to just go for it, as they said all afternoon "full



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## Lisbon shooting struggles leads to loss against Moultonborough

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**MOULTONBOROUGH** — As the regular season winds down and playoff hopes are within reach, every game down the stretch is critical. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Lisbon girls traveled to play the Moultonborough Panthers in a game where Moultonborough took an early 14-6 lead at halftime and held on to defeat Lisbon by a score of 32-25. Both Lisbon and Moultonborough now sit in the middle of Division IV with a record of 10-7.

"We had a tough night shooting the ball from the floor as well as from the foul line," said Lisbon coach Jamie Myers.

It was a slow start by both teams out of the gate as Moultonborough recorded just nine points while Lisbon tallied just six. Moultonborough's Stephanie Lear led the

way with four points while Lisbon's Jenna Myers scored four and Madisen Dumont two as Lisbon trailed early 9-6.

The offensive shooting struggled continued for both sides as Lisbon recorded zero points in the second quarter while Moultonborough scored just five points, all coming from the free throw line. Megan Duddy, Lauren Shipp and Lear combined for all five Moultonborough points, giving them a 14-6 lead at halftime.

Kiera Burke, Kora Fisher and Myers combined for eight points out of halftime for Lisbon but Moultonborough would also find their offense, outscoring the Panthers 10-8 in the third quarter to extend their lead to 24-14. Duddy went to work inside for Moultonborough, leading the way with

five points in the third to give Moultonborough the 10-point edge heading into the fourth quarter.

Lisbon never gave up and continued to fight being down just 10 points going into the final eight minutes. Lisbon had their best offensive quarter of the night, scoring 11 points in the fourth with Myers and Dumont combining for nine points but Moultonborough did just enough in the fourth to earn the win, scoring eight points led Eleanor Eaton with four to earn the seven-point win.

Moultonborough was led by Eaton and Duddy with eight points apiece while Lisbon was led by Myers with 11 points.

Moultonborough improves to a record of 10-7 on the season while Lisbon falls to a record of 10-7. The Lisbon girls

will have wrapped up their regular season on Thursday, Feb. 16, as they played the Colebrook Mohawks and will await their seeding for the NHIAA Division IV girls' tournament.

Moultonborough: Eaton 8, Duddy 8, Morgan 6, Lear 6, Shipp 4

Lisbon: Myers 11, Burke 6, Dumont 6, Fisher 2

## CJ's clinches top spot, Mad River Tavern, XXX also in playoffs

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**WATERVILLE VALLEY** — CJ's continued to dominate the Waterville Valley Coed Broomball League, finishing in first place for seven out of the last eight years of Waterville Valley broomball play. The league's most powerful offense and defense combined to defeat the Crushers who were fighting to hold on to the fourth place playoff spot last Thursday. In this game, CJ's Jay Duguay took the lead as the men's leading scorer, notching two goals and leading his team to a hard fought 3-1 victory.

The opening game of the night pitted Mad River Tavern against XXX with both teams competing to secure a second place playoff position. This game was a defensive battle throughout as great team defense and strong goaltending kept the respective offenses in check throughout the first period and second

(Top) Xena Bartlett leads Lin-Wood in the afternoon slalom as she races hard to an impressive sixth place finish.

(Bottom) Lucy Loukes tucks it as she gains speed, racing in the giant slalom.

send," Loukes said. "Special thanks to both the Lincoln and Woodstock Fire and Police departments along with the Booster club for the parade back into town as well as the reception when we arrived. Also, special thanks to Loon Mountain and the Kanc ski slope for providing excellent training opportunities for our team. The girls

skied their best when it meant the most, earning out fifth state title in 10 years."

All racers on the day also competed for a spot in the Meet of Champions, which will be held on Thursday, March 2, at Cannon Mountain. Lin-Wood's Bartlett and Loukes and Sawyer will all compete. Blampied and Price will represent Profile.

period. With less than three minutes remaining in the game, team captain Andy McDonald put Mad River Tavern on the board, scoring off a rebound just outside the crease. As the clock ticked down to under two minutes, XXX pulled their goaltender and with 24 seconds remaining MRT scored and empty net goal on a breakaway for a 2-0 win and sole possession of second place.

The 7:30 p.m. game featured the fifth place Campton Mountain Yetis, still in reach of a playoff spot against the winless Waterville Valley Rolling Rocks, enduring the worst season in their storied history. Since their entry into the league eight years ago, the Yetis had never defeated the Rolling Rocks. The Yetis ended the curse with a 3-1 win earlier this season. This night was a reflection of the Rocks season, solid team defense but a virtu-

ally non-existent offense. The Rolling Rocks were in the game to the end with the game tied at 1-1 going into the final period. The Yetis scored the deciding goal early in the final period and held on for a 2-1 win and a series sweep this season.

The Waterville Valley Coed Broomball League will play the final games of the regular season, after a vacation week break, on Thursday March 2. At 6:30 p.m., the CJ's will play the Campton Mountain Yetis, at 7:30 p.m., XXX will play the Crushers and at 8:30 p.m. Mad River Tavern will play the Rolling Rocks. The Waterville Valley Ice Arena is host for the Waterville Valley Coed Broomball League. Admission is free.

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## Sports



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Dylan Robie watches as he hits his third three in the first quarter.



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River Baker drives hard on the baseline and finishes strong in second quarter action.

# Robie, Baker lead Profile past Gorham

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BETHLEHEM — The Profile boys' basketball team improved to a record of 10-6 on Tuesday, Feb. 14, as they hosted the Gorham Huskies and defeated them by score 57-43. Dylan Robie and River Baker both had exceptional nights shooting the ball for the Patriots as they combined for 39 points off eight triples to lead Profile to a 14-point win.

After Robie knocked down his first shot of the night, a three from the baseline to start the first quarter, Profile knew he was going to have the

hot hand and he did as Robie went on to knock down four threes in the first to lead Profile to a 16-14 lead heading into the second quarter. Gorham's Bryson Raymond kept the Huskies in the game in the early going as he led the way with nine points in the first, his biggest shot coming as time ran down as he hit a pull up three to bring the Huskies within a basket.

Gorham started the second quarter strong as they opened up with a 5-0 run, giving them a 19-16 advantage with 6:17 left in the first half but Profile answered back

as Hanzon Hunt came off the bench to knock down a baseline jumper, Maker Manning scored inside, and Baker scored on a strong drive and finish to push Profile back ahead 22-19. This time, the Patriots would be the team to end the quarter strong as Baker scored five-straight points while Raymond scored for Gorham as Profile took a 27-21 lead at halftime.

Baker and Robie found their stroke from range to start the third as Baker knocked down back to back threes while Robie added another three as the two

led the Patriots to a 42-29 lead heading into the fourth. The defense of Profile would be the difference as they held Gorham to just eight points in the third to take the 13-point lead.

Gorham battled back in the fourth, scoring 14 points in the quarter but never getting within eight points of the Patriots. Profile closed out the game scoring 15 points as Robie led the way with five points, knocking down his sixth three of the night, while the Patriots also got baskets from Jordan Brusseau, Dylan Laleme, Cam Hoyt, Manning and

Baker to earn the win.

"We didn't have the intensity I would have liked but two days off because of snow could have had something to do with that. We did share the ball well with 14 assist on 20 baskets. Robie shot the ball very well from three (6-10) and I thought Jordan played well all around with seven rebounds," said Profile coach Paul Greenlaw. "We have to be committed to stopping the drive on the perimeter and then not try to block every shot inside. Hopefully we can get back into a routine."

The Patriots were led

by Robie with 22 points while Baker added 17. The Huskies were led by Raymond with 20 points.

Profile improves to a record of 10-6 on the season while Gorham falls to a record of 1-14. The Patriots will have closed out their regular season on Monday, Feb. 20, as they hosted the Woodsville Engineers.

Profile: Robie 22, Baker 17, Hoyt 6, Laleme 4, Manning 4, Brusseau 2, Hunt 2

Gorham: Raymond 20, Legere 7, Landry 6, Balon 4, Beals 3, Lalamme 3

## BOYS

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COURTESY PHOTO/THE COURIER

Profile's Jack Sampo races a tight line, leading to a second-place finish in the morning GS to lead the Patriots.

"We were strong in the morning with (12) clean GS finishes...then we spent the afternoon viciously fighting to stay on top. It was heart that got us through it. Both Dan Doyle and Jake Peterson hooked a gate in one of their slalom runs. If they hadn't hiked back up the hill as fast as they could...we wouldn't have walked away with the championship trophy today," said Profile coach Phil Boone.

Profile raced very strong in the morning giant slalom runs as they scored 379 points, holding a slim lead over Lin-Wood who sat at a score of 375 and Derryfield at 367. In the afternoon slalom, Derryfield would place first with a score of 378 while Profile took second with a score of 370 but the early GS runs by Profile would ultimately earn them the state title as they beat the field of 11 with an overall score of 749.

The Patriots had their top four skiers place in the top 14 out of 55 total competitors in the morning GS as Jack Sampo and Carter Merrill, who have been excellent all year, led Profile with second and third place finishes as Sampo posted a time of 78.94 and Merrill 79.67. Peterson would finish sixth for Profile, posting a total time of 82.90 while Seamus Slattery

rounded out the top four for the Patriots with a 14th place finish, posting a time of 85.19, earning Profile the first-place finish in giant slalom.

Lin-Wood would have a solid morning as well as they were right behind Profile, finishing in second with Dan O'Connor and Viking Bartlett leading the way with fourth and fifth place finishes, posting times of 81.14 and 82.42 while Charles Loukes finished in eighth with a time of 83.82 and Ethan Hayes in 12th, posting a time of 84.92. The Lumberjacks struggled in the afternoon slalom, however, earning them a fourth-place finish overall on the day.

The Littleton Crusaders had their strongest overall runs of the day in the morning with Ben Sweeney leading the way with a 22nd place finish and a time of 92.34 while Zack Lahout and Will Adams finished in 27th and 29th with times of 98.24 and 99.64. Gaege Lemay rounded out the top four for Littleton in the morning with a 40th place finish and time of 120.26. Zach Horne would be very impressive in the afternoon, racing to an 11th place finish.

Seanon May of Woodsville led the Engineers to an eighth-place overall finish on the day

as May posted a time of 95.34 which placed him in 26th while Donny Bowman came in 35th with a time of 107.90. Erich Saffo and Vajl Adamkowsi finished out the day for the Engineers with a 38th place finish and a 46th place finish as Saffo posted a time of 110.95 and Adamkowsi 133.80.

Sampo and Merrill came up huge once again for Profile, but this time in the afternoon slalom, as the two led the Patriots with Sampo skiing to a third place finish, posting a time of 82.55 while Merrill placed sixth with a time of 86.62. Slattery and Peterson finished back to back for Profile in 12th and 13th place, posting times of 93.46 and 93.80, earning Profile a second-place finish overall in the afternoon, which ultimately crowned the Patriots, champions as they defeated Derryfield by an overall score of 749 to 745.

"Coaches are occasionally handed an athlete with athletic ability. Coaches are rarely handed an athlete with athletic ability and an inner drive to improve and succeed. I have one of those rare athletes in Carter Merrill. He is gifted and strives to be better. His effort at practice and meets made him our natural team leader, and



COURTESY PHOTO/THE COURIER

Carter Merrill completes his second run in the morning GS, placing him in third overall.

the other boys followed his lead," Boone said.

Racers who finished in the top 10 in either race automatically qualified for the Meet of Champions, which will take place on March 2, also at Cannon Mountain. Their top-10 finishes in either race qualified them to race in both races in the Meet of

Champions.

"Profile's relationship with the Franconia Ski Club continues to bear fruit as we have won 36 state titles and hopefully that continues to grow," explained Profile Athletic Director Jack Bartlett. "Championships, however, aren't the only thing that the FSC coaches bring to

the table. Coach Boone and coach Fera have fostered a love for the sport of skiing amongst our boys and girls. The championship plaques will be cracked and tarnished and I am willing to bet there will still be an ex-Profile ski team member carving turns on a ski trail somewhere on the planet."

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# Profile boys and girls take second place at Cannon Mountain

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FRANCONIA — Both the Profile boys' and the Profile girls' ski teams would take second place overall on Friday, Feb. 10, after the boys were edged out of first by two points to Derryfield and the girls were beaten by just four points to Plymouth. Outside of Profile, Derryfield, Sunapee, and Plymouth; Littleton, Hopkinton, Woodsville, Newport, and John Stark also competed in the field of eight teams. It was the final meet of the regular season.

Jack Sampo and Dan Doyle both had terrific days on the mountain as they led the Profile Patriots to their second-place finish with Sampo placing second and Doyle

third. Sampo posted an overall time of 76.92 while Doyle recorded a time of 81.71. Profile's Carter Merrill and Jake Peterson also finished back to back for the Patriots, placing 16th and 17th while posting times of 94.60 and 95.88.

The Littleton Crusader boys skied to a fifth-place finish overall on Friday with Zach Horne and Zack Lahout finishing in 11th and 12th, posting strong times of 88.17 and 88.53. Brandon Wyman came in next for the Crusaders with a time of 116.53, which placed him in 29th and Ben Sweeney rounded out the top four with a 34th place finish, posting a time of 122.97.

Woodsville finished right behind Littleton overall as the Engineers

placed sixth on the day led by Erich Saffo with a 47th place finish and a time of 152.79. Vajl Adamkowski and Kim Kertis finished back to back for the Engineers in 60th and 61st place, posting times of 190.24 and 200.11 while Web Kertis finished in 64th for Woodsville, posting a time of 249.05.

The Profile Patriot girls would have their top four skiers place in the top 16 in a field of 44 skiers as Sierra Price led the way for the Patriots, placing third overall with an impressive time of 80.74. Sarah Blampied skied to a sixth-place finish for Profile, posting a time of 87.94 while Izzy Holmes finished in 11th place with a time of 102.02. Libby Hamilton

rounded out the top four for Profile with a 16th place finish, posting a time of 108.30.

Becca Hucksoll led the Littleton girls to a fifth-place finish overall as Hucksoll placed 18th for the Crusaders with a time of 110.09. Nicolle Piette and Bre Lemay finished in 25th and 27th for Littleton, posting times of 122.23 and 127.05 while Veve Lemay came in 30th, posting a time of 128.85.

The Woodsville Engineers placed sixth on the day with Else Bielarski having one of her best finishes of the year as she finished in 21st with

a time of 116.47. Erin Haley and Keatyn Horne placed 32nd and 34th for the Engineers, posting times of 135.73 and 141.35 while Nye Adamkowski rounded out the top four with a 40th place finish, posting a time of 163.82.

Lisbon's lone skier, Logan Lopus has been impressive all season long and Friday would be no different as Lopus skied to a fifth-place finish overall, posting a time of 87.71.

"It was bitter cold and firm while those who did not let this intimidate them showed some solid results," explained Littleton coach Laura

McCarthy. "It also made for some interesting crashes with Liz Fortner fracturing her wrist just before state meet. Becca Hucksoll was just shy of the top 15 and it was really exciting to see both Zach Horne and Zack Lahout finish 11th and 12th in the morning and having two boys finish in the top 15 was awesome. We were also able to see teams like Sunapee and Hopkinton who we have not seen since the beginning of the season, as well as Plymouth. Overall it was great preparation for upcoming state meets."

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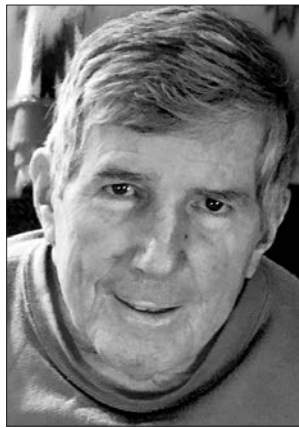
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North Country Notebook

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



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST



JOHN HARRIGAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This is shaping up to be what older people



fondly refer to as "an old-fashioned winter," like the ones they remember when they were kids, when the snowbanks were way, way over their heads.

Wait a minute—they were kids, as in "little." Of course, the snowbanks were way over their heads.

But the memories are real, and there was one whale of a lot more

snow when I was growing up in the '50s and '60s, no doubt about it. In particular, I remember snowbanks that were above the climbing spikes on utility poles—and that's high. And I remember shoveling out tunnels and walkways in the back yard just to be able to go out to play, and not being able to see my mother's face in the kitchen window because

I couldn't see over the surface of the snow.

As we three siblings reached our teens, we used to set forth on the golf course, sleds in hand, and spend the day sliding and exploring. The last glacier did stupendous things with its melting and outwash around 14,000 years before there was a Colebrook. One was the formation, on the golf course, of three big potholes, or kettleholes. The glacier left three gigantic, adjacent chunks of ice buried deeply, and when they melted, there remained three great hollows in the earth. Golfers traverse these hollows on the 7th and 9th fairways at the Colebrook Country Club, which is public.

These were a source of great wonder and adventure for local kids, especially the biggest

and deepest bowl, situated on the ninth fairway, from the bottom of which you can see nothing but the sky—not a tree, not a mountain, nothing but the clouds going by.

Winter's prevailing winds blew snow into a huge curl over the lip of the bowl, and many times I crawled in there, onto a small shelf, tired from exertions on hill and dale, and decided to take a nap.

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

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

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

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

*(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)*

## THE OUTSIDE STORY

### Snow Buntings: Nomads from the North

BY SUSAN SHEA

Driving to town on a winter day, I occasionally see flocks of white birds where the wind sweeps across fields, blowing snow across the road and exposing the grass. Rising and falling, the birds look like giant snowflakes tossed about by a storm. A closer look reveals that these birds, though mostly white, have a rusty cap and back, black wingtips, and flashing white patches on the undersides of their wings. These are snow buntings, Arctic breeders with a circumpolar distribution that winter in the northern United States, northern Europe, and central Asia.

Snow buntings, also called snowbirds, are attracted to fields, where they feed on grass and weed seeds on the ground, and perch on dried stalks to feed on seedheads. Asters and goldenrods are common foods. Flocks travel around in the winter, searching for the next meal. "You never know when you'll see them; they are quite nomadic," said Kent McFarland, a



biologist with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies. "For me it's like a swirl of snow when they go shooting across the fields—beautiful."

There have been numerous recent reports of snow buntings to eBird.org, a popular crowd-sourced checklist for birders. These reports suggest that this winter, flocks are scattered across northern New England. In Vermont, a flock of 260 was sighted in a weedy area near the White River in Royalton and 60 birds were seen at the Berlin Airport. There have also been many sightings in the

Champlain Valley. In New Hampshire, the greatest number of these birds have been on the seacoast, where snow buntings frequent sand dunes and salt marshes and feed on tiny crustaceans and other marine life as well as seeds. Flocks of snow buntings are often accompanied by smaller numbers of other Arctic birds such as horned larks and Lapland longspurs.

Snow buntings typically begin arriving in northern New England in mid-October and are common by early November. They migrate at night. Experiments

have shown they navigate by using the earth's magnetic field in addition to the stars. Males and females tend to winter in separate flocks. The larger (and probably more cold-tolerant) males winter farther north, perhaps so they can be closer to their breeding grounds.

Male snow buntings begin to change to their breeding plumage in late winter, explained McFarland. They lose the touches of brown, and their pure white feathers and black backs make them especially striking. By mid-February, they begin to depart on their journey to the high Arctic. The females don't follow for another four to six weeks, but are all gone by April.

So where do our snow buntings go? Recaptures of banded birds and data from geolocators (tiny electronic tracking devices) show that most of the snow buntings that winter in the eastern United States breed in western Greenland, while birds that winter on the Great Plains and prairies of southern Canada breed west of Hud-

son Bay. During spring migration, the eastern population of buntings follows the coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland, and Labrador, feeding on insects, berries, and seeds in areas where the snow has melted.

Male snow buntings are the earliest songbirds to return to the Arctic. The first males arrive in Greenland in early April, six to eight weeks before nesting. At this time, temperatures may drop below minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit and snowstorms may rage for days. Competition for the best nesting sites is likely the reason male snow buntings return so early and brave this harsh weather, said McFarland. Snow buntings nest on the tundra in crevices in rocks and holes in the ground, and there are a limited number of these sites.

Although snow buntings are still common and globally abundant, their population is believed to have declined in recent years. According to McFarland, Christmas bird counts indicate more than a 50 percent decline in the last 40 years and he believes research on snow buntings is urgently needed. As the songbird recorded farthest north (with one sighting at the North Pole), snow buntings are an important indicator species that can help scientists monitor changes in Arctic ecosystems.

Look for snow buntings in open fields where the wind has blown the snow off. Check eBird before you go for the latest sightings. If you're lucky, you may see these amazing wanderers from the far north and enjoy the dazzling acrobatics of a large flock.

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**TOWN OF LYMAN  
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST  
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Saturday, MARCH 4th, 2017, 11:00 am to 11:30 am

Last chance to make any changes before School Board elections on March 8th.  
Last chance to make any changes before Town elections on March 14th.

Sandra Moscicki, Larry Schieman

**NOTICE  
TO THE VOTERS OF  
LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Lisbon Regional School District will be in session for the purpose of making additions and corrections to the checklist at their respective town buildings.

as follows:

Lisbon: Saturday, February 25, 2017  
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Lyman: Saturday, March 4, 2017  
1:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**NOTICE  
TO THE VOTERS OF  
BETHLEHEM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Bethlehem School District Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 06, 2017 at the Bethlehem Elementary School at 7:00 P.M.

**The Bethlehem Supervisors of  
the Checklist will be  
meeting on Saturday, March  
4 from 1100 am to 1130 am  
at the Bethlehem Town Hall  
on the 3rd floor.  
The building is handicapped  
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**Legal Notice  
Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that Concord Coach Lines will provide an opportunity for a public hearing for the purpose of considering a grant for which federal operating assistance under Section 5311(f) of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, is being sought from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The hearing will be held if a request is submitted in writing to Concord Coach Lines within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice. If a request is not received in that time, the public hearing will not be held.

The project is generally described as 50% of the operating costs associated with subsidized routes. If a hearing is requested, Concord Coach Lines will afford an opportunity for interested parties to be heard with respect to the application. Interested parties may submit oral or written testimony with any comments or recommendations with respect to said grant at the hearing.

Written requests for a public hearing and/or comments should be sent to 5311(f) Coordinator, Concord Coach Lines, 7 Langdon Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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The Board of Selectmen will hold 2 public hearings on Monday February 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Town Building Meeting Room, 2155 Main St., Bethlehem, NH for the following:

- To discuss warrant article #8 of the 2017 Warrant to see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 20% of revenues from the Host Community Fees (HCF) paid to the Town by North Country Environmental Services, its successors or assignees, for the purpose of retaining a portion of the HCF to be used for future solid waste disposal needs of the Town and its residents at such time the landfill will no longer has capacity or accepts Municipal Solid Waste at the landfill. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the "Special Revenue Fund - Future Solid Waste Needs" separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. It is the intent to annually save 20% of the HCF to offset the loss of landfill revenue when the landfill closes in approximately 2042 and to specifically provide for the Town's solid waste collection, and/or disposal, and/or transportation to another facility.
- To accept a grant in the amount of \$23,233.00 from USDA Rural Development and apply it towards the principal and/or interest of the loan for the purchase of a new ambulance in 2016.

**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Robin L. Blair, a single person, whose last known mailing address is RR1 Box 535, West Side Road, Bethlehem, New Hampshire 03574-4011, to Bank of New Hampshire (f/k/a Laconia Savings Bank), 62 Pleasant Street, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire, 03246, dated May 30, 2003, and recorded on June 4, 2003 in the Coos County Registry of Deeds at Book 1035, Page 683, said Mortgage subsequently assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (hereinafter "the Bank") by Assignment dated April 15, 2004 and recorded on January 17, 2017 in said Registry at Book 1457, Page 680, (the "Mortgage") the holder of said mortgage, pursuant to and in execution of said powers, and for breach of conditions of said mortgage deed, (and the Note secured thereby of near or even date, and related documents) and for the purpose of foreclosing the same shall sell at

**Public Auction  
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**APPOINTMENT OF  
FIDUCIARIES**

Notice is hereby given that the hereinafter listed have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Grafton County.

**MOSKAL, Stephanie S.**, late of Littleton. Alfred J. Moskal, 125 Tuck Lane, Littleton, NH 03561 Executor. Case #315-2016-ET-00686

**DORRITY, Kathleen**, late of Bethlehem. James Derrickson, 154 West Concord Street Unit #4, Boston, MA 02118 and Sachiko Dorrrity, 64 Budd Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302 Administrators. Elizabeth M. Stead, 61 Pond View Drive, Lisbon, NH 03585 Resident Agent. Case #315-2016-ET-00658

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 10th day of February A.D. 2017  
BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
/s/ Pamela G. Kozlowski, Clerk

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**APPOINTMENT OF  
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Notice is hereby given that the hereinafter listed have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Grafton County.

**WHITCOMB, Dorothy N.**, late of Littleton. Robert J. Whitcomb, 170 Maple Street, Littleton, NH 03561 Executor. Case #315-2017-ET-00014

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 17th day of February A.D. 2017  
BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
/s/ Pamela G. Kozlowski, Clerk

PURSUANT TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RSA 479:25, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PETITION THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE SITUATED, WITH SERVICE UPON THE MORTGAGEE, AND UPON SUCH BOND AS THE COURT MAY REQUIRE, TO ENJOIN THE SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE. Service may be made upon the Bank at: Bank of New Hampshire, 62 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH 03246; or upon its agent at: Minkow & Mahoney Mullen, P.A., 4 Stevens Ave., Suite #3, P.O. Box 235, Meredith, NH 03253. Failure to institute such petition and complete service upon the foreclosing party, or his or her agent, conducting the sale prior to sale shall thereafter bar any action or right of action of the mortgagor based on the validity of the foreclosure.

For information on getting help with housing and foreclosure issues, please call the foreclosure information hotline at 1-800-437-5991. The hotline is a service of the New Hampshire Banking Department. There is no charge for this call. You may also contact the New Hampshire Banking Department at: 53 Regional Dr., Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301 or on its website at: [www.nh.gov/banking](http://www.nh.gov/banking).

**TERMS OF SALE:**

Said premises will be sold subject to (i) all unpaid taxes and liens, whether or not of record; (ii) mortgages, liens, attachments and all other encumbrances and rights, titles and interests of third persons which are entitled to precedence over the Mortgages; and (iii) any other matters affecting title of the Mortgagor to the premises disclosed herein.

**DEPOSITS:**

Prior to commencement of the auction, all registered bidders shall pay a deposit in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). At the conclusion of the auction of the premises, the highest bidder's deposit, if such high bidder's bid is accepted by the Bank, shall immediately be paid to the Bank and shall be held by the Bank subject to these Terms of Sale.

All deposits required hereunder shall be made in cash or by check to the order of the Bank, which is acceptable to the Bank in its sole and absolute discretion.

**WARRANTIES AND CONVEYANCE:**

The Bank shall deliver a Mortgagee's Foreclosure Deed of the Real Estate to the successful bidder accepted by the Bank within forty-five (45) days from the date of the foreclosure sale, upon receipt of the balance of the Purchase Price in cash or check acceptable to Bank. The Real estate will be conveyed with those warranties contained in the Mortgagee's Foreclosure Deed, and no others.

**FEDERAL TAX LIEN:**

If the property to be sold is subject to a tax lien of the United States of America Internal Revenue Service, unless said lien is released after sale, the sale may be subject to the right of the United States of America to redeem the lands and premises on or before 120 days from the date of the sale.

**BREACH OF PURCHASE CONTRACT:**

If any successful bidder fails to complete the contract of sale resulting from the Bank's acceptance of such successful bidder's bid, such successful bidder's deposit may, at the option of the Bank, be retained as full liquidated damages or may be held on account of the damages actually suffered by the Bank. If such deposit is not retained as full liquidated damages, the Bank shall have all of the privileges, remedies and rights available to the Bank at law or in equity due to such successful bidder's breach of the contract of sale. Notice of the election made hereunder by the Bank shall be given to a defaulting successful bidder within 50 days after the date of the public auction. If the Bank fails to notify a defaulting successful bidder of which remedy the Bank has elected hereunder, the Bank shall be conclusively deemed to have elected to be holding the deposit on account of the damages actually suffered by the Bank. Upon any such default, the Bank shall have the right to sell the property to any back up bidder or itself.

**AMENDMENT OF TERMS OF SALE:**

The Bank reserves the right to amend or change the Terms of Sale set forth herein by announcement, written or oral, made prior to the commencement of the public auction. For further information respecting the aforementioned foreclosure sale, contact James R. St. Jean Auctioneers, 45 Exeter Rd., PO Box 400, Epping NH 03042, (603) 734-4348.

Dated this the 26th day of January, 2017.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation  
By its Servicing Agent: Bank of New Hampshire  
By Its Attorneys  
Minkow & Mahoney Mullen, P.A.  
By: Peter J. Minkow, Esq.  
4 Stevens Ave., Suite 3  
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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLES

To the qualified voters of the Lisbon Regional School District consisting of the Pre-existing Districts of Lisbon and Lyman, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the gymnasium of the Lisbon Regional School in the Town of Lisbon on Wednesday, March 08, 2017 at seven o'clock in the Evening (polls to be open from 7:00 p.m. until all have voted, business meeting for consideration of the articles of the warrant will be called to order at 7:30 p.m.) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 01: To choose all necessary officers for the School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 02: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 03: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lisbon School Board and the Lisbon Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASES
2017-2018	\$38,010.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand, Ten Dollars (\$38,010.00) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Recommended by the Lisbon Regional School Board

Article 04: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Sixty Five Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$6,065,643.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school District Officials and Agents, and the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This article does not include appropriations voted in other Warrant Articles.

Recommended by the Lisbon School Board

ARTICLE 05: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, established March 10, 2004, such sum to be funded from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No Amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Lisbon Regional School Board.

ARTICLE 06: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund established on March 11, 1999 to meet the expenses of educating educationally disabled children, under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b, Such sum to be funded from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Lisbon Regional School Board

ARTICLE 07: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Lisbon School Board to enter into a five (5) year agreement (renewal) with the Landaff School Board to accept Grade 4-12 on a tuition basis to the regional school. The projected revenue for these students is Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$537,000.00) for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Recommended by the Lisbon Regional School Board

ARTICLE 08: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

### LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

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Robert Bruce  
Rochelle Cacio  
Scott Champagne  
Owen Clark

Michael King  
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Stephen Sherry  
James Trudell

## State of New Hampshire School Warrant

To the qualified voters of the Lafayette Regional School District consisting of the Pre-Existing Districts of Easton, Franconia and Sugar Hill qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Lafayette Regional School in the Town of Franconia on Thursday, March 09, 2017 at seven o'clock in the evening (polls to be open from 7:00 P.M. until all have voted). Business meeting for consideration of the Articles of the Warrant will be called to order at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 01: To choose all necessary Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02: To hear the reports of Officers, Auditors, or Committees of the District and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 03: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lafayette School Board and the Lafayette Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASES
2017-2018	\$272.00
2018-2019	\$34,391.00
2019-2020	\$38,148.00
2020-2021	\$38,205.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$272.00) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Recommended by the Lafayette Regional School Board

Article 04: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$2,735,391.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District Officials and Agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District. This warrant article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

Recommended by the Lafayette Regional School Board

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the School Building and Grounds Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established on March 7, 2002.

Recommended by the Lafayette Regional School Board

Article 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

### LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Luther Kinney  
Denys Draper  
Christi Gignac  
Amy Mullins  
Chris Thayer

## NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lafayette Regional School District Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 09, 2018 at the Lafayette Regional School at 7:00 P.M. (Polls will be open from 7:00 PM until all have voted).

## NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF LANDAFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

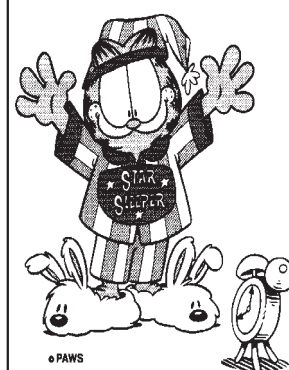
The Landaff School District Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the Landaff Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

## NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF LISBON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lisbon Regional School District Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in the gymnasium of the Lisbon Regional School at 7:30 P.M. (Polls to be open from 7:00 P.M.).

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## Public Notice

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC), as the sponsoring Agency for Region 1- Grafton-Coos Coordinating Council for Community Transportation, has submitted an application for federal assistance to support North Country Transit, Advance Transit, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, and Transport Central from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. This grant application is for the FTA Section 5310 program for enhanced services for individuals over age 60 and individuals of all ages with disabilities. The projects supported by FTA Section 5310 funds are for Volunteer Driver and Accessible Transportation in Grafton and Coos County –\$215,424 for the period 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2019 and for Section 5310 Formula Funds for Mobility Management, Volunteer Driver and Accessible Transportation Services in Grafton and Coos County of \$70,893 – for the period 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018. For further information, contact [Pcrocker@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:Pcrocker@uvlsrpc.org) or UVLSRPC, 10 Water St. Lebanon, NH 603-448-1680.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLES

To the inhabitants of the Bethlehem School District in the Town of Bethlehem qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bethlehem School Auditorium in said Bethlehem on Monday, March 06, 2017 at 7:00 in the evening (polls to be open from 7:00 P.M until all have voted). Business meeting for consideration of the Articles of the Warrant will be called to order at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 01: To choose all necessary officers for the School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 02: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 03: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective Bargaining agreement reached between the Bethlehem School District and the Bethlehem Education Support Personnel which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED INCREASE
2017-2018	(\$7,238.300)
2018—2019	\$38,308.10
2019—2020	\$64,016.40

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Recommended by the Bethlehem School Board

ARTICLE 04: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Three Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$3,327,224.00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, exclusive of other Articles.

Recommended by the Bethlehem School Board

ARTICLE: 05 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the School District Parking Lot Capital Reserve Fund established on March 14, 2016 for the purpose of the completion of the expansion of the existing parking lot. Recommended by the Bethlehem School Board

ARTICLE 06: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD

Carol Kerivan, Chairman  
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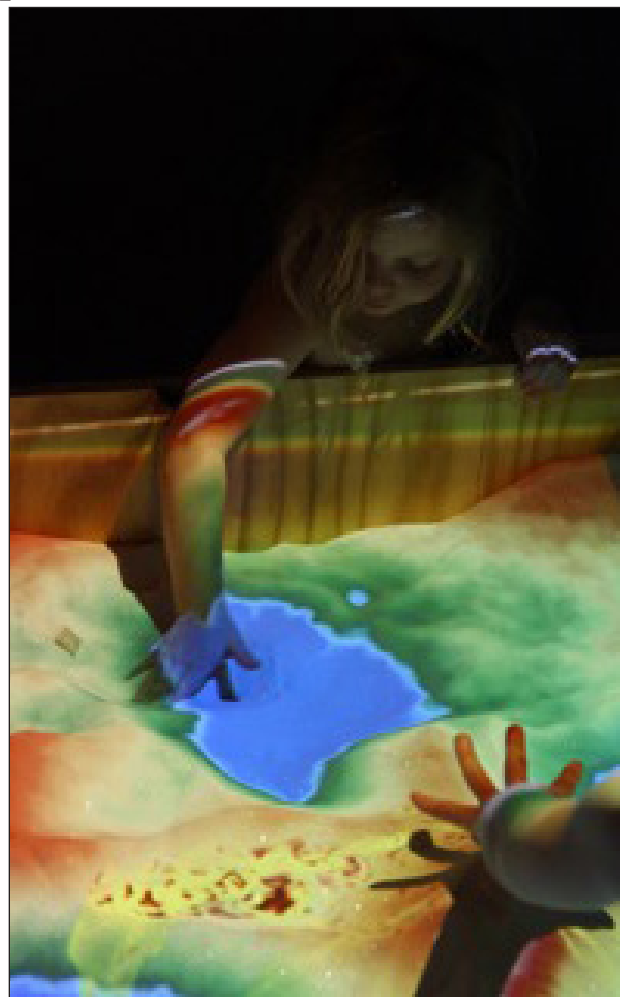
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