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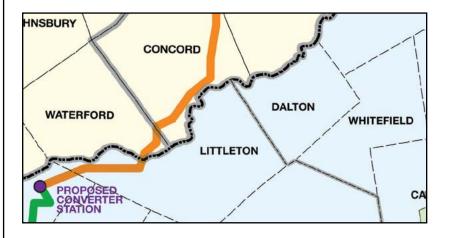
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Dancers Kaya Nkwen-tamo, bottom, of Lancaster, N.H., and Faith Packard of Whitefield, N.H., perform a routine at the Rising Star Showcase at Lyndon State College on Saturday, March 25. (Photo by Todd Smith)

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Dancer Zorianna Coute of Littleton performs at the Rising Star Showcase at Lyndon State College on Saturday, March 25. (Photo by Todd Smith)

Rising Stars Wow Audience

LYNDON — Nearly 40 youngsters from five Vermont and New Hampshire counties electrified 450 people during a packed variety show of dance, music and song at the LSC's Alexander Twilight Theatre on Saturday, March 25.

It marked "The Record's Rising Star Search" sponsored by Catamount Arts, Passumpsic Savings Bank, and St. Johnsbury Academy and hosted by The Caledonian-Record. The showcase featured 23 individual and group acts.

"I thought it was amazing," said audience member Jody Fried, who is executive director of Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury. "We may be a small rural area but I would stack up our talent against anywhere else."

Pam Laferriere of St. Johnsbury is another believer

"It was wonderful," she said. "The kids just blew me away."

Parent and stagehand Barb Warren said, "I thought all the kids did a great job. There is so much talent. This was really fun. I'm so glad they did this. I hope there are more shows."

So does performer Rowyn Tomczyk, of Burke. She's from the dance duo "Girls Never Quit."

"I want to do it again next year," she said. "It was really, really fun. It was scary but the audience really loved every act."

Her dance partner Lily Hinman, of Burke, said, "I thought it was really fun."

Kaya Nkwen-tamo, of Lancaster, New Hampshire, from the dance/acrobatic duo "Kaya & Faith" with Faith Packard, had a blast.

"It was really good," she said. "It was just fun."

Sam Warren thinks so too. He roused the crowed with a riotous self-written drum solo dubbed "Samapalooza."

"It was a good time," he said.

His percussion act was a thunderclap of awe for emcee Todd Wellington.

"I gotta tell you, that kid is not from this planet," Wellington said. "He's from a planet where every-

one plays drums."

Rory Higgs of St. Johnsbury, a suited young crooner in spectacles, wowed the crowd with a song from "Grease." He was animated by undeniable showmanship.

"I thought it went really well, just everything," Higgs said. "I really thought all the dance groups did really well, and the singers too."

Aden Marcotte of Barnet appreciated a stage and audience. He played a self-written banjo solo called "Burnin' Hot," and furthermore performed as a member of the perennial favorite Kingdom All Stars.

"It was fun just being able to play," Marcotte said. Garrett Gilmour, a Kingdom All Stars axe slinger, said the same.

"It went pretty good," he said. "It was a good time."

Other acts included classical singers April Streeter of Barton and Emma Strange of Westmore, who both inspired the audience with their range during separate performances. Strange even sang without musical accompaniment.

The indisputably gifted Newark Balkan Chorus appeared as well. The group once performed on NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion."

"I think it went really well today," said chorus director Elly Barksdale. "It's really nice to see such a broad array, and the high caliber of the performances was great."

Other acts included vocalist Tori Young, dancer Zorianna Coute, "The Country Singers" - Rory Young, Katherine Barney and Halie Bean, vocalist Elizabeth Booth, "The Queen Bees" - Jordan Barbour and Katherine Barney, "The Boneyard Band" - Maddy Vaal, Jack Luna, Garret Gilmour and Halie Bean, actress Lilly Sullivan, vocalist Jazmine Bogie, singer-songwriter Rozalynd Ahlmann, singer-songwriter Sophie Lamar, musical duo Zoe Heinrich-McMullen and Cameron Clark, vocalist Shauna Baraw, dancer Michele LeBlanc, and musician Logan Abbott.





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National Grid Proposes 1,200-MW Transmission Line

BY ROBERT BLECHL

Staff Writer

There's a new transmission line in town — the proposed Granite State Power Link, a 1,200-megawatt line that would import Canadian energy through the Northeast Kingdom into N.H. along existing transmission corridors and

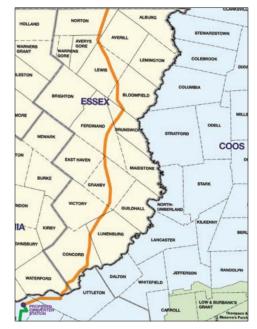
National Grid, which owns the corridors, officially announced its proposal Tuesday.

According to the company, "The project will be constructed almost entirely adjacent to or within existing transmission corridors and will maximize the use of existing infrastructure, thereby minimizing environmental and visual impacts along the route."

"We believe this proposed project reflects the priorities we've heard from state and local communities on their need for lower cost, energy efficient and environmentally sound solutions," John Flynn, National Grid senior vice president of business development, said in a statement.

"The GSPL meets these tests," he said. "Our stakeholder engagement and outreach is underway and we look forward to continuing our work with communities of all types to earn their support. Community dialogue and engagement will be a hallmark of GSPL."

Company representatives said the estimated \$1 billion GSPL development will be funded by National Grid and its investors and not by customers of its regulated companies.



The route for National Grid's proposed Granite State Power Link, a 1,200-megawatt Transmission Line.

On Tuesday afternoon, Joe Rossignoli, project director for the GSPL, said National Grid expects to file for its federal Presidential Permit in the fall of this year and file for its state permits in Vermont and N.H. in 2018.

National Grid expects to secure its permits in mid-2020 and then commence the 24- to 30-month construction, he said. The company

targets the end of 2022 to begin commercial operation.

With GSPL proposed along existing infrastructure for minimized visual and environmental impact, Rossignoli said National Grid is hoping it will streamline the process.

Opportunities for public input will be available at public hearings as well as through outreach to each town the line would pass through in N.H. and Vermont, said Rossignoli.

"Local outreach is essential to our development philosophy," he said. "That's absolutely critical to how we do things.'

Flynn said, "We designed this project to be a win-win-win for New England's energy consumers, the project host states and communities, and the environment," Flynn said. "When you combine the project's potential to lower regional electricity rates, economic development investment, environmental benefits, its cost-effectiveness, and the minimal visual and environmental impacts to the host communities, it's clear that GSPL is uniquely positioned to bring clean energy to life in the region."

The Route

The GSPL, which Rossignoli said would import Canadian hydro and/or wind power, would have two segments.

The first is a proposed new high-voltage direct current (HVDC) overhead line that would run parallel to an existing HVDC transmission line in an expanded right-of-way from the international border at Norton, Vt., to a proposed converter station on National Grid-owned property in Monroe, N.H.

The second segment involves upgrading approximately 107 miles of existing National Grid-owned overhead lines from Monroe to southern N.H. to accommodate the additional power flows from the new HVDC line.

The southernmost portion also includes a proposed switching station and a few miles of related new transmission lines.

"By making efficient use of existing corridors and the transmission network, GSPL offers a highly cost-competitive solution that will help meet the region's need for abundant, clean, reliable energy, while generating millions of dollars in tax revenues for host towns and cities with minimal impact, and creating more than 2,000 jobs during the construction phase," said National Grid representatives.

The company estimates electricity costs for New England rate payers would be reduced by \$1.1 billion during the first 10 years of opera-

National Grid representatives also said the project would provide funding for energy assistance programs, additional economic benefits for local communities and host states, and said the clean energy would help meet regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

A power purchase agreement would take place over time and would be up to the supplier, said Rossignoli.

National Grid would sell the transmission capacity itself.

An investor in the project is a non-profit energy company that works with utilities and developers across the country to develop clean transmission projects and uses revenues from these ventures to finance new charitable programs to help low-income working families with their energy needs, said National Grid representatives.

Continuing the commitment, the Massachusetts-based Citizens Energy has pledged to use 50 percent of its own profits from the project to fund energy assistance programs for local families living in N.H. and Vermont, they said.



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Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 PM, Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the offices of Littleton School District – SAU 84, 65 Maple Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

A bid packet may be obtained from the SAU office, 603-444-5215, or at www.littletonschools.org/RFP.

Does Northern Pass Have A Competitor?

BY ROBERT BLECHL Staff Writer

After having lost its \$1.6 billion development reimbursement in N.H. and its power purchase agreement, Northern Pass Transmission is now seeing another project on the scene - the Granite State Power Link, officially announced Tuesday.

Unlike NPT, National Grid is proposing its line along its existing corridors and trans-

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News Briefs

Whitefield Votes: Sewer. **Water Bond Articles Pass**

WHITEFIELD - Whitefield, one of the last towns in the state to hold its town meeting after the March 14 snowstorm postponed it, held their annual gathering Tuesday, when voters gave the green light to two big infrastructure projects.

Passing by a 74.6-percent majority was Article 9, which asked the town to raise \$6.5 million for improvements to the Whitefield Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities to correct federal pollution discharge permit violations as well as upgrade the WWTPF to current standards.

The voter approval authorizes selectmen to take out bonds and also accept grant money.

Also succeeding was the article asking residents to appropriate \$6.5 million to improve the Whitefield water system and address needs identified in the 2013/2104 water study and 2016 state sanitary survey.

The water system improvements will include water main replacement, looping the Route 116 line, replacing water meters and upgrading the pump station to improve water quality and operation.

Both articles, each of which drew about an hour of discussion. needed a 60-percent super-majority to pass.

Fortunately, the town is expected to receive several million dollars in federal funding that will cover about half the cost of both projects, thereby reducing the taxpayer burden, and more grant funding is possible, Selectman Peter Corey said Wednesday.

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Voters also passed a general government budget of \$493,660; a police, fire-rescue and safety and emergency management budget of \$768,817; a highways and bridges budget of \$759,638; transfer station and sanitation budget of \$164,899; culture and recreation budget of \$119,145; a municipal sewer department budget of \$209,770; and a water department budget of \$258,918.

All capital reserve requests passed.

This year, atypically, a successful motion was made to vote on the social service/charitable articles by secret ballot.

All passed, save for one.

Defeated in a 49-20 vote was Article 41, which requested a modification in exemptions for elderly residents and asked voters if they were in favor of raising the income and asset limits and value of exemptions for older residents in order for them to receive partial property tax exemptions to keep more older people in their homes

Lake Trail Is Last Piece Of Old Man Memorial

FRANCONIA - After nearly a decade in development, the memorial to the Old Man of the Mountain, N.H.'s iconic rock formation that crumbled in May 2003, is nearing completion.

The last piece is the construction of a walking trail around Profile Lake that will be accessible to all and is expected to be completed by Labor Day weekend in September.

"It was on the main list when we started seven years ago and we've gotten to the point we are just about done," said Dick Hamilton, vice-president of the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund and curator of the museum. "We think this will be a real boon to the people who visit the area and visit the Old Man. It gives them something else to do."





The N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation will hold an informational session on the construction of the Profile Lake Trail beginning at 6 p.m. April 6 at the Franconia Notch State Park headquarters.

The proposed plans are for a handicapped-accessible trail just over a mile in length between the Old Man viewing plaza and the Profile Lake boat launch in the state park.

The 1,578-foot-long trail will be built along the shore adjacent to Franconia Notch Parkway/Interstate 93.

In segments lacking sufficient space between the parkway and the lake, a 670-foot-long boardwalk will be built using granite blocks in the water to support the decking. The boardwalk will be near the base of the dam and the granite pieces will prevent the need for much work being done in the water, said Hamilton.

"I believe it will be extremely popular with visitors," he said.

The \$250,000 project will be funded by the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund in partnership with the N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation.

Construction is expected to be carried out by Northern New England Field Services, of North Stratford.

Brothers Arrested In Federal Meth Case

Nearly a year after local, state and federal authorities raided two properties in Bethlehem for a suspected methamphetamine-making operation, two local brothers have been arrested.

The third brother also charged in the case, Adam Boucher, 27, died in February in Littleton, where police are awaiting the toxicology report.

Jamie Boucher, 30, was arrested Thursday and Joseph Boucher was arrested on Monday.

The Grafton County Sheriff's Department made the arrests, Michael Ho-Sing-Loy, chief of the Bethlehem Police Department, which had been involved in the case in its early stages, said Monday.

Jamie Boucher, who now has legal representation, has pleaded not guilty at the U.S. District Court for the District of N.H., according to federal court records.

Joseph Boucher was scheduled to be arraigned Monday after-

A trial for both, who are each charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, has tentatively been scheduled for May.

The case that also involved a fourth man, Ian Chase, 27, of Bethlehem, was one of the larger meth busts in the North Country in recent years and the raid involved about 30 local, state and federal officers.

In November, Chase pleaded guilty to unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine as well as possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking enterprise.

His sentencing that had been scheduled for March 10 has been

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Charles Reginald Zanes

Charles Reginald Zanes, 78, of Lancaster, New Hampshire, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Reg was a recent resident of the Country Village Nursing Home, Lancaster, New Hampshire, but had made his home in Lancaster, on Pleasant Street, for over 50 years.

Reg was born Feb. 5, 1939, in Concord, New Hampshire, to Charles William Zanes and Eve-

lyn Sherburne Zanes. His family had lived in the Lakes Region and the NH Seacoast area since the 1600s. World War II brought Reg's family north, first to Groveton and then Stratford, New Hampshire, where his father made his career in the paper industry.

A graduate of Groveton High School in 1957, Reg worked locally as a mechanic before entering military service in the US Army in 1962. Stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Reg was a diesel mechanic in the armored division. He returned to New Hampshire following his service and worked for many years as a skilled mechanic, with much of his career being in the

Woodlands Division for the Groveton Paper Board. He then worked for Scrub Benoit until retiring in 2003.

Reg was married in 1964 to Patricia Connary of Lancaster. They made their home in Lancaster with their family until her death in 1991. In 1997, Reg married

antique farming tractors.



Charles Zanes

In 1997, Reg married Anna Caouette of Groveton. They would have

been married 20 years this August.

His friends and family knew Reg to be a talented craftsman who was happiest in his garage or in the woods – wherever he could tinker and whistle while he worked. He loved music, the outdoors, northern logging history, and restoring

Reg is survived by his wife, Anna, of Whitefield, N.H.; his children: Holly Zanes, of Burlington, Vt.; Travis Zanes, of Concord, N.H.; Trent Zanes, of Concord, N.H.; and Chad Zanes, of Lancaster, N.H.; and six grandchildren: Cole, Madeleine, and Charlotte Khamnei, of Burlington, Vt.; Elizabeth Zanes of Hopkinton, N.H.; Kaelyn Zanes of Concord, N.H.; and Julia Zanes of Lancaster, N.H.. He is survived by his brother, William Zanes, of North Stratford, N.H. Reg is also survived by his stepchildren and their families, his cousins, nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, N.H. Burial will be in the spring in Summer Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are kindly suggested to the Lancaster Emergency Medical Service, 19 Mechanic St., Lancaster, NH 03584.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Lancaster. Please go to www.baileyfh.net for more information or to send an online condolence

Deirdre Anne Boyce

June 4, 1967 - March 27, 2017

Deirdre Anne Boyce was loved by many. She enjoyed dancing, the ocean. But she is with the Lord.

She is survived by parents Mel Boyce, wife Pat, mother Liz Primavera, husband Jim. Brother Dan Boyce, wife Sandy. We will miss her beautiful blue eyes and gorgeous smile!

There will be a memorial service for Deirdre Boyce on Monday, April 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Ross Funeral Home in Whitefield, N.H. There will be a time of visitation from 3 to 4:30 p.m. followed by a service led by her brother, Pastor Dan Boyce of Hill, N.H. All are invited to come to support the family and honor Deirdre's memory.

Leigh B. Larocque

Leigh B. Larocque, Old Silo Road, Barnet passed away Sunday, March 26th, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving wife and eight children, following over a year long valiant struggle.

He was born in Browington, Vermont March 6, 1934 to the late Donald and Beatrice (Labor) Larocque. Leigh is predeceased by 11 siblings,

including two sets of twins (1 set died at birth). He is survived by Dale Kendall of Barnet who lived with Leigh's parents after he lost both parents at a young age. He was a part of the large family and has always been like another brother.

Leigh attended graded schools in Barnet and graduated



Leigh Larocque

from St. Johnsbury Trade School in 1952. Two years later he married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Goodwin of East St. Johnsbury. They started their married life together working on Leigh's parents' farm in Barnet. Beverly worked at Fairbanks Scales in St. Johnsbury.

Hard times in the farming business forced Leigh to go to work as an inspector on the Moore Dam Construction Project in Littleton, N.H., later the St. Lawrence Seaway in Massena, N.Y., and then the Niagara Power Project in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The family moved back to Barnet in 1962 purchasing half of the family farm and Leigh worked with his parents for the next few years and eventually purchased the second part of the farm when his parents retired to spend their winters in Florial

After selling the stock and equipment in 1986 and the farm in 1988, Leigh & Beverly retained acreage on the upper part of the farm (currently Old Silo Road) to be divided into building lots for all of their children who chose to make their homes there and raise their families.

He then worked for Charles Fenoff and later Ron Fenoff operating the Fenoff Redi-Mix Concrete Plant in Waterford until the Fenoffs sold the business. He subsequently worked for Construction Material Testing out of Whitefield, N.H. for several years and one year for his son Shannon at Foresite Engineering before retiring in 2004.

He served on the Barnet Select Board for 12 years, receiving recognition for his outstanding service. Also a member of Northeast Vermont Development Association for many years, and a member of the St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni Council up to the present time. He was awarded the Vt. League of Citizen's & Towns Legislative Service Award in 2001.

He was a lifetime member of the Loyal Order of Moose #1779 earning the Pilgrim degree, a member of the West Barnet Lakeview Grange who chose to honor him as their 2015 "Citizen of the Year" award, and later honored by the Caledonia County Republican Committee with a ban-

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quet held at the Loyal Order of Moose attended by many of his former colleagues in the Vermont House and many local supporters for his 20 years of service representing Barnet, Ryegate and Wa-

Leigh is survived by his wife: Beverly Larocque of Barnet, Vt.; 4 sons: Steven Larocque of Barnet, Vt., Scott Laroque (Robin) of Lyndonville, Vt., Shawn Larocque of Barnet, Vt., and Shannon (Sylvia Bedor) of Barnet, Vt.; four daughters: Sylvia Laferriere (Paul) of Barnet, Vt., Sandra Garand of Barnet, Vt., Sheila Bean (Kenneth) of Passumpsic, Vt., and Michelle Mitchell (Mark) of Barnet, Vt.; 1 brother: Dale Kendall of Barnet, Vt.; 19 grandchildren: Jason, Ryan, Malcolm, Andrew, Olivia, Brooke, Dillion, Ben, Jenn, Michael, Joseph, Nicholas, Nathan, Jeff, Shauna, Amanda, Courtney, Emma, and Grace; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held Friday, March 31, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. at Sayles Funeral Home, 525 Summer St., St. Johnsbury, followed by a prayer service at 8 p.m. officiated by Rev. Ann Hockridge.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be earmarked for either a Barnet School memorial fund (c/o Shawn Gonyaw, Barnet School, 163 Kid Row, Barnet, VT 05821) or towards the construction in the Spring of a Memorial Gazebo at the Larocque family cemetery (c/o Beverly Larocque, 1879 Old Silo Road, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819).

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.saylesfh.com.

Justus Hunting Beal Jr.

Justus Hunting Beal Jr., 80, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., passed away March 22, 2017. He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and had been a resident of Port St. Lucie since 1987. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a familiar voice in Littleton, NH as "Al Bates" the morning show host on WLTN-AM for more than 18 years before retirement.

In addition to his long career in radio, "Jud" was an entrepreneur at heart. He turned a part-time vintage movie poster hobby into a full-time business run right out of his home. His life-long passion, however, was movies. From 16mm, to DVD, Jud loved to watch, talk about, and rewatch his movies, a collection of more than 3,000 at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jean Moriarty Beal of Norwalk, Conn.; sons, Justus Beal of Port St. Lucie, Scott Beal (Lori) of Winston Salem, N.C. and Derek Beal of Orlando; grandsons Kyle Beal and Alexander Stone of Vero Beach, Daniel Beal and granddaughter Zoey Beal both of Winston Salem, N.C.; brother Allen Beal of Tarpon Springs and sisters Janice Manning (Wayne) of Bellows Falls, Vt. and Nancy Bush of Reno, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents, Justus Beal Sr. and Marjorie Beal. A memorial service will be held Saturday April 8, 2017 11 a.m., at St. Lucie Catholic Church in Port St. Lucie.

Funeral Arrangements are by Forest Hills Funeral Home, Palm City Chapel 2001 SW Murphy Road Palm City, Florida.

Wallace S. Harvey

Wallace S. Harvey, 81, of Dalton Road, Dal-

ton, N.H., died Friday evening, March 24, 2017, at the Littleton Regional Healthcare.

Mr. Harvey was born in Greensboro, Vt., on Oct. 18, 1935, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey. Wally was raised in Greensboro and East Hardwick. From 1958 to 1978 he served in the U.S. Army. He worked



Wallace Harvey

as a cook and did one tour in Vietnam retiring

as a Sergeant First Class. In 1982 he became a locksmith and operated Harvey's Locksmith until 2010. For a time he served with the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department.

Family members include his son Warren R. Harvey of Dalton; his daughter Sharon Young of Twin Mountain; and grandchildren: Mark Young, Douglas Young Jr., Kristie Koltz and James Wallace Harvey. He was predeceased by his wife Eunice M. (Thayer) Harvey in 1993.

Visiting hours will be held Saturday evening April 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster. A graveside service with military honors will be held May 20 at 10 a.m. in Cushman Cemetery, Dalton.

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Orleans Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Orleans Elementary School, 53 School St, Orleans. In the school library. All are welcome. The school will also host an online book fair during those dates. http://www.orleanselementary.org.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Books Voting Party: 3:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Students who have read 5 or more of the Dorothy Reads books are eligible to come vote for their favorite. Celebrate with a trivia challenge and an ice cream sundae party, with a topping for each book read. Adele West-Fisher, awestfisher@stjathenaeum.org, 802-745-1391. http://www.stjathenaeum.org.

Sugar on Snow Dinner and Auction Fundraiser: 6-9 p.m., River of Life Camp, 1145 Route 14, Irasburg. Enjoy a ham dinner, sugar on snow, and a live auction. All money raised will help send children to camp.

auction will start at 7 p.m., and sugar on snow will happen at 8 p.m. \$10 for kids 9 and older and adults. \$5 for kids 8 and under. FREE for kids 2 and under. RSVP to office@riveroflifecamp.com or 802-754-9600. https://www.facebook.com/ events/1649930368649302/.

Arts and Culture Series: Reading and Book Signing with Grace Gershuny: 7-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. In her new book Grace Gershuny argues for encouraging as many farmers as possible to convert to organic methods as quickly as possible as the most immediate route to reversing the increase in greenhouse gas emissions that now endangers communities everywhere. Series sponsored by Philip and Marylou Meyer. Scott Davis, sdavis@stjathenaeum.org, 802-745-1393. http://www.stjathenaeum.org.

Saturday, Apr 01

COMMUNITY

Story Time: 9-10 a.m., Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 Main Street, Hardwick. Stories, snacks, and a craft. Snacks generously provided by the Buffalo Mountain Coop. For the

Arts & Entertainment In The North Country

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

The Upstage Players invites audiences to The Drowsy Chaperone presented at the Littleton Opera House on April 7,8,9,14,15 & 16. For more information see story on facing page.



kow, jeudevineyouthlibrarian@ hardwickyt.org, 802-472-5948. http://www.jeudevinememoriallibrary.org.

Farmer's Market: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St Johnsbury Welcome Center, 51 Depot Sq, Saint Johnsbury. Presented by the Caledonia Farmers' Market Association, a non profit organization of local vendors.

Show and Tell: 10-12 a.m., One Stitch Two Stitch, 81 Main Street -Outback, Littleton. Bring in any project (finished or not) and show it off to a group of supportive, fellow crafters. Can be any type of crafts or projects. Children are always welcome. Beth Ander-

birth to five crowd. Diane Gren-son, henpecked.quilts@yahoo. com, 6034445284. http://www. onestitchtwostitch.com/.

ENTERTAINMENT

NEK Relay for Life Zumb-St. Johnsbury Winter athon: 9-11 a.m., Troy Elementary School, North Troy. Sponsored by Team Muddy Buddies. 4 Instructors. Donations are appreciated. There will be door prizes. Bring a friend or two. Debbie DeLaBruere, dddelabruere@myfairpoint.net, 8023342721.

Sunday, Apr 02

COMMUNITY

Sunday Meditation: 10-11 a.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury. Meditation instrucMaio, cdemaio5@gmail.com, 8027489338. http://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pancake Breakfast: 7:30-11 a.m., Landaff Town Hall, 12 Center Hill Road. The Landaff NH - Mount Hope Grange hosting a Pancake Breakfast. Richard Bronson, 603-838-2897. MUSIC

Gregory Douglass concert: 7 p.m., Catamount Film & Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave, St. Johnsbury. Gregory's evocative, alternative sound blends "Rufus Wainwright's opulent musicality and Justin Timberlake's accessible soulfulness," (OUT Magazine). Gregory has sold 100,000+ songs digitally on his own and his videos have amounted to over one million views on his YouTube channels. http://www.catamountarts.org.

Monday, Apr 03

COMMUNITY

Free Open Sew: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One Stitch Two Stitch 81 Main Street - Outback, Littleton. Bring your machine and project. Beth Anderson, henpecked.guilts@vahoo.com. 6034445284. http://www.onestitchtwostitch.com.

Art class with Rick Tilton:

tion available. Caroline De- 10 a.m., Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton. Any medium, all levels welcome.

Hand building pottery: 2:30-5 p.m., Littleton Studio School, 21 Mill Street, Littleton. For beginners and experienced potters. First session of six. 603-444-1066.

Nia: 4:30 p.m., Barnet Wellness Center, 64 Monument Circle, Barnet. 802-633-2700.

Join the St. Johnsbury Band: 7-9 p.m., St. Johnsbury Band, Caledonia County Court House, Main St., St. Johnsbury. All musicians invited. The band meets weekly at the Caledonia County Court House. All genres are played and all ability levels welcome. More information at manager@stjohnsburyband. org. Susan Gallagher, susgallagher@gmail.com, 626-5836. www.stjohnsburyband.org.

Tuesday, Apr 04

COMMUNITY

Story time: 10-11 a.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. For ages birth to 5. A fantastic time to borrow books, enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes! Abby Johnson, abbymjohnson3@ 802-626-5475. gmail.com,

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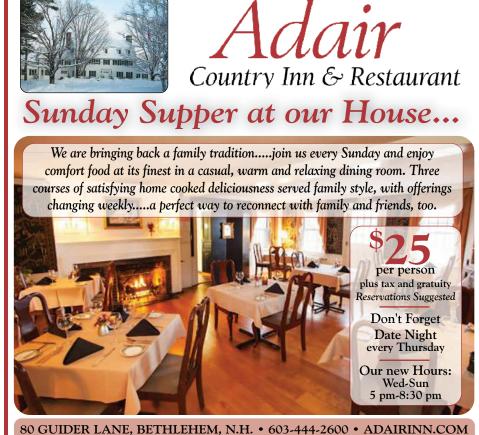
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Upstage Players Present "The Drowsy Chaperone"

LITTLETON — The Upstage Players invites audiences to The Drowsy Chaperone presented at the Littleton Opera House on April 7,8,9,14,15 & 16. This truly nonstop high energy musical is full of laughs and gags and it knows just the right way to poke fun at musical theatre while paying the perfect homage to the genre. This show is the perfect night out with the family (PG), a great date night, a way to support local arts and, maybe more than anything else, an evening out of the house to laugh and forget about the craziness of life for a

Winner of five Tony Awards and seven Drama Desk awards including Outstanding Musical, this hilarious show-within-a-show features a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar and music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison. The show pays homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age through the mind of one great fan and his well-worn LP of an old cast recording.

The fun begins with a die-hard musical comedy fan known simply as "Man in the Chair", who speaks directly to the audience about life, love and his favorite past time, live theatre. He then asks the audience to listen along with him as he plays them the well-worn cast album of his favorite (fictional) 1928 musical comedy called "The Drowsy Chaperone." The play begins to unfold in his very apartment as he comments occasionally on the plot, songs or even the fictional actors playing his favorite characters. It is a loving spoof of and homage to golden age musicals that practically vibrates with dozens of overthe-top characters and toe-tapping musical numbers. The Drowsy Chaperone has been called one of the wittiest, craziest shows ever to hit Broadway.

Chaperone is directed by Upstage Artistic Director, Andrew Lidestri, and choreography by Lidestri & Madalyn Sheehy. The cast will consist of some wonderful local talent including Dennis MacKay, Courtney Vashaw, Sam Brown, Fran Day, Grant Fuller, Wendy Muello, Peter Gair, Alyssa Comeau, Jess Griffiths, Owen Fogg, Madalyn Sheehy, Andrew Lidestri & Naomi Going. There is also a wonderful chorus of local talent rounding out the production. The sets and costumes will paint a picture of life in the roaring twenties and a full pit band orchestra will accompany these cast filling the hall with some excellent music and tunes you'll find yourself humming long after the curtain falls.

Performances on April 7,8,14, & 15 will be at 8 pm with two matinee performance on April 9 and 16 at 2pm.

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http://www.cobleighlibrary.

Braco's Healing Transmission - Live Stream: 4-6:45 p.m., Catamount Film & Arts Center, 115 Eastern Ave, Saint Johnsbury. Braco's Silent Healing Transmission offers a frequency of fresh hope, harmony and well-being. This phenomenon can be received in a field of Silence that surrounds and interpenetrates all life. Watch Vet's Testimony on www.BracoYouTube.com (Free Live Stream events are for those 18 yrs and over, and if pregnant, not past the third trimester.) Michale, 802-748-9545. http://www.Braco.me.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.catamountarts.org/shows/ the-drowsy-chaperone, at the Littleton area Chamber of Commerce, as well as at the door.



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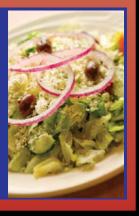
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Leonard Amos Boudle Jr.

Leonard Amos Boudle Jr. of Tolland, Conn., passed away Sunday March 5, 2017, at Fox Hill Center in Vernon, Conn., after a long courageous battle with diabetes. He was born March 18, 1948, in Lancaster, N.H. He was the son of the late Leonard A. Boudle and Josephine (Arruda) Boudle of Lancaster, N.H.

He leaves his only son, Leonard Anthony Boudle (Amy) of Cheshire, Conn.; his two sisters: Elaine Poulin (John) of Cheshire, Conn., and Agnes McCullock of Lunenburg, Vt.; two nieces: Josephine Harnois (Ken) of Meriden, Conn., and Emma Nealy of Cheshire, Conn.; two nephews: Trevor Szymanowski of Miles Pond, Vt., and Trent Szymanowski of Plainwell, Mich.; three grandnieces: Nicolette, Kaleigh and Jaimie; three grandnephews: Allen, Holden and Trey. Buzz



Leonard Boudle

also leaves many cousins, two aunts and many friends.

He loved life and his family and friends very much. Services were private. Many thanks to all the staff at Fox Hill Center in Vernon, Conn., for their compassionate care. A special thanks to Aunt Bernice.

Bethanie A. LaBrecque

Bethanie A. LaBrecque, 83, longtime resident and hairdresser of Groveton, N.H. died Wednesday, March 22, at Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in the spring at St. Francis Xavier Church followed by a burial in St. Francis Cemetery, Groveton. An announcement will be made at that time.

Please go to www.baileyfh.net for more information or to send an online condolence.

Joel Nute Peabody

Joel Nute Peabody, 70, of Franconia, N.H., passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2017. Memorial donations may be made in Joel's name to either of the following:

- Roland Peabody Memorial Fund, 270 Iron Foundry Road, Franconia, NH 03580
- New Hampshire Law Enforcement Memorial Association, PO Box 3864, Concord, NH 03302

Condolences may be left in Joel's online guestbook at www.rossfuneral.com.

Roy "Butch" Ai Fulford Jr.
Roy "Butch" Ai Fulford Jr., Littleton, N.H., loving husband, son, father, brother, uncle and friend Roy was born on Dec. 9, 1948 at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, N.H. to Roy Ai Fulford Sr. and Hattie M (Kahlstrom) Fulford. He died Thursday March 16, 2017 at The Littleton Regional Healthcare after fighting C.O.P.D and Empasima for many years.

Roy attended Lisbon Regional Schools and earned his GED. He joined the Navy on Feb. 8, 1968 where he was a SeaBee until Feb. 7, 1974. He joined the Army National Guard Nov. 22, 1978 until Nov. 21, 1985. In addition to his military service Roy was an Auxiliary Police Officer for Littleton, a correctional officer for the State of Vermont Department of Corrections in St. Johnsbury, Vt. for 23 years. After retiring he worked at Walmart for four years.

Roy was so easy to talk to he made friends everywhere he went. He had many hobbies and interests over the years but really enjoyed fishing, hunting, working on his genealogy tree, traveling, woodworking, reading the Bible, and spending time with his family.

Roy is survived by his wife Jane A (Krupski) Fulford. They were together for 25 years and married for 20 years on Dec. 28, 1996, a

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daughter, Amy Hicks and her husband Chris, and her children Kyle and Connor Hicks, a son, Robert Fulford, a daughter, Crystal Hodgdon, and her children Jacy McAlpin and Keltric Hodgdon, a son George

McAlpin III, his mother Hattie Fulford, a sister Barbra Drapeau and her husband Russell, and nieces and nephews, Micheal & Tonya Smith and children, Thomas & Chrissy Smith and children, Matthew & Lee Smith and children, Candy & Roger Thorton and children, and his fur-babies Shadow and Foxy Lady. He was predeceased by his Father Roy Ai Fulford (1991) and fur-baby, Tigger.

The family wishes to thank: Dr. Richard Bailey you are a great doctor and thank you for being there for Roy and his family but even more so how great you



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Roy Fulford

were with Keltric when he was there, nurses, and family support at the Weeks Medical Hospital Lancaster, N.H., Dr. Green & Dr. Goldburg, nurses, and family support at Littleton Regional Healthcare as well as the many friends and family of Roy A. Fulford Jr.

For more information or to share memories and condolences go to www.RossFuneral.com.

Stewartstown Man Charged In Fatal Crash

A Stewartstown man who police said was driving while impaired has now been charged in the Oct. 7 crash in Colebrook that killed a 31-year-old man also from Stewartstown.

Nathan Mills, 26, was arrested Thursday on a Class B felony charge of negligent homicide as well as charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated and subsequent-offense driving while intoxicated.

Mills was released on \$20,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in Colebrook District Court on May 18.

The single-car crash occurred just before 8 p.m. along Piper Hill Road in Colebrook.

Colebrook police responded and requested a response by N.H. State Police, NHSP Trooper Daniel Quartulli said in a statement.

Preliminary on-scene investigation showed that a 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Mills was westbound when it left the travel portion of the roadway and struck trees before coming to rest on its side.

The passenger of the car Jonathan Flanders, 31 of Stewartstown, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mills was transported to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon for his injuries.

Assisting the Colebrook police and NHSP at the scene were personnel from the N.H. State Police-Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit, Colebrook Fire-Rescue, and 45th Parallel Ambulance Service.

Anyone with additional information about the crash is asked to contact Quartulli at 603-223-8993.

In N.H., a Class B felony charge is punishable by a maximum sentence of 3½ to 7 years in N.H. State Prison.



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continued to May, with a condition that he be allowed to attend the memorial service for Adam Boucher in March but have no contact with the two other brothers.

Chase faces 6½ in federal prison.

Woodsville Man Indicted For **Alleged Sexual Assault**

NORTH HAVERHILL — A Woodsville man faces potentially decades behind bars for allegedly sexually assaulting two girls beginning when they were 7 and 8.

Patrick Simmons, 48, was indicted at Grafton Superior Court last week on 10 special felony counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault and three Class A felony counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault.

He is scheduled to be arraigned at 10 a.m. April 10 at Grafton Superior Court.

The incidents involving the younger girl took place from May 2010 to December 2015 and those involving the older girl from May 2010 to August 2016, said prosecutors.

Schools Grapple With Reduced State Funding

North Country school districts, already facing financial challenges, are working with local lawmakers to reverse a decision last year that cuts state education adequacy aid and would short them millions of dollars.

"It's basically just another shift every year onto the local tax burden," Littleton School District SAU 84 Superintendent Steven Nilhas said

Annually, the state of New Hampshire has

distributed approximately \$150 million in stabilization grants to school districts in lower-income areas that are experiencing dwindling student enrollment.

But N.H. legislators last year passed a bill to eliminate the program by reducing the aid by 4 percent annually, which would completely phase it out after 25 years. The grants were implemented four years ago to mitigate changes to the state education adequacy formula.

Nilhas estimates SAU 84 would lose \$1.2 million over the 25 years, or about \$59,000 an-

"It's a significant amount to the local tax burden," he said. "Or we end up cutting. Those are the two things we can do - either cut or raise taxes. We know we have to manage the tax rate and do the best we can there. So we are pretty much stuck with cutting."

Also feeling the pinch would be White Mountains Regional School District SAU 36 (Dalton, Carroll, Whitefield, Lancaster, Jefferson) White Mountains SAU 35 (Bethlehem, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton), SAU 58 (Stark, Northumberland, Stratford), and SAU 23, the Haverhill Cooperative School District.

"I'd like to see, at minimum, that 4 percent put back in this year that school districts are losing," said state Rep. Brad Bailey, R-Monroe. "If we can get some of it back then we can have a year where we could sit down and try to figure this all out and minimize any severe financial losses, not just to Littleton and surrounding towns, but also to Berlin, Lancaster and Colebrook."

Bailey, who will be working with other lawmakers that include state Rep. Rick Ladd, R-Haverhill, who chairs the N.H. House Education Committee, said the upcoming budget is still a work in progress and more money will hopefully be found, as it often is as the budgeting process advances.

That budget is now going to the N.H. Senate, which at this stage in the process has more accurate numbers, he said.

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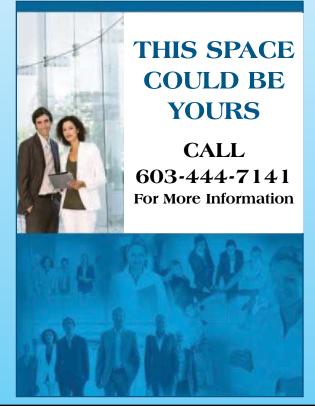


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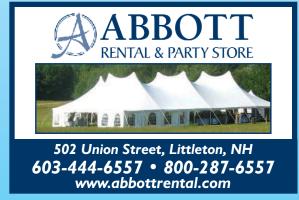












Northern Pass Backing Of Balsams Totals \$5 Million

BY CHRIS JENSEN

InDepthNH.org

Balsams developer Les Otten has received a total of \$5 million in loans from Northern Pass, spokesman Scott Tranchemontagne said Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Balsams announced it had all the information necessary for the state's Business Finance Authority to consider guaranteeing a \$28 million loan.

The Balsams credited a \$3 million loan from Northern Pass' Forward NH program for giving a major boost to the Balsams resurrection effort, which is now in its third

"This has allowed the Balsams Resort to complete the required third-party reports, including the Work Force Study, to allow the advancement of the BFA application process," a news release from the company

"The loan will also help the Balsams complete on-going development activities, achieve a financial close, and break ground on the renovation and expansion plan sometime in 2017."

Last year, Otten said Northern Pass was

loaning the Balsams \$2 million.

Tranchemontagne said the \$3 million is in addition to \$2 million previously announced.

Otten has praised Northern Pass in filings with the Site Evaluation Committee, which is considering whether to allow the controversial project to go ahead. But he's denied that his opinion was influenced by loans.

By providing the money to the Balsams, Northern Pass is trying to create a public benefit that can be attributed to its project, said Jack Savage, a spokesman for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire

"The Forward NH fund is Northern Pass's own admission that the private transmission line project itself offers little public benefit," Savage said.

One of the factors the Site Evaluation Committee will consider is whether Northern Pass provides a "public benefit."

Northern Pass is a so-called merchant project, which means its goal is profit and it is not needed for the reliability of the electrical system.

Northern Pass spokesman Martin Murray couldn't immediately be reached for com-

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mission infrastructure.

After Tuesday's announcement, representatives from Eversource Energy, parent company of NPT, downplayed NPT's recent challenges and the possibility of the new project being a competitor in a region that can only have so many transmission lines built.

"Today's announcement by National Grid speaks to the regional need for new sources of reliable and clean power to replace retiring power plants across New England," said Eversource spokesman Martin Murray."The Granite State Power Link and Northern Pass both represent a significant step toward a more secure energy future."

ISO-New England has said that transmission infrastructure is needed to reach clean energy sources and warned of more than 4,000 megawatts of lost electric capacity in the immediate future, he said.

Studies from ISO as well as the University of N.H. have projected declining energy use into the future in some New England states, and UNH concludes New England does not need new energy to continue to grow its

Critics of NPT, first proposed in 2010 and now delayed in its permitting and construction by several years, argued NPT could go along the existing right-of-way National Grid is now proposing for the GSPL.

Murray said, "Northern Pass did, as part of its development, review many potential project routes, including the use of the existing

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"Phase I/II" right-of- way. Our application for a Presidential Permit included the results of our analysis, which found that the Phase I/ II right-of-way would not be suitable due to the presence of existing infrastructure. We ultimately selected the route that is most viable and effective."

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Eversource representatives have declined to say if they are seeking to site NPT along their right-of-way as much as possible to maximize profit.

"Numerous projects have been announced that are in the early stages of planning and development in the region," said Murray. "Northern Pass stands in contrast to these concept projects because it is in the advanced stages of permitting in both the U.S. and Canada, and has a confirmed source of clean, reliable power."

NPT is seeking a permit from the N.H. Site Evaluation Committee and a federal Presidential Permit.

Because NPT has many opponents concerned about tall towers impacting property values, scenic resources and tourism, however, any permit granted is likely to be appealed.

On Monday, the N.H. Public Utilties Commission dismissed a petition submitted by Eversource asking the PUC to approve a 20year power purchase agreement (PPA) between Eversource and Hydro-Quebec.

The PUC concluded the proposal cannot be approved because it is inconsistent with N.H. law, specifically the electric utility restructuring statute.

Murray said a PPA is not a requirement of the permit process but was proposed as a re-

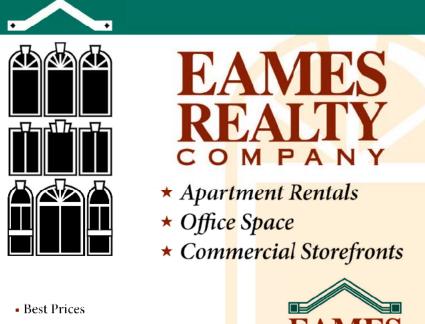
sponse to those in the Granite State asking for a guarantee that N.H., as host state, would receive a fair share of energy from the project and economic benefits above those received by other New England states.

In the works, now, though, is Senate Bill 128, which seeks to modify electric utility restructuring.

Eversource has said N.H. rate payers would not foot the cost for NPT, but project opponents said SB 128 could open the way for N.H. consumers paying for the proj-

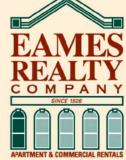
"We know there is broad support in the Legislature to provide regulators with assurance that they have the authority to consider whether proposals like the PPA would be in the best interest of customers," said Murray. "SB 128, if passed into law, would provide that assurance."

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