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## FYI

### Fire Heavily Damages Lancaster Building

LANCASTER, N.H. (AP) — Fire officials in New Hampshire are trying to determine the cause of a fire that heavily damaged a building that used to house a hardware store in the town of Lancaster.

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Kopp tells WMUR-TV the fire in the Main Street building broke out about 1 p.m. Saturday.

The building was being used for storage.

Kopp says it took crews about an hour and a half to bring the fire under control.

There were no injuries reported.

Kopp said the relatively mild weather helped firefighters battle the blaze.

### Former Pharmaceutical Facility Added To State Historic Register

LANCASTER, N.H. (AP) — A building that was once the nation's largest manufacturing facility for pharmaceutical products has been added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

The Parker J. Noyes building has anchored the northern approach to downtown Lancaster since 1846. A redevelopment project led by the Northern Forest Center purchased it in October as

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Merrick Devlin of Bethlehem and Morgan Kelly of Littleton begin a race during a youth meet at Kiwanis Pool in St. Johnsbury on Thursday, July 26, 2018. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

CLOSE TO HOME

# Teasing Winter

Winter has been teasingly indecisive lately, leaving snow-lovers alternately giddy with powdery joy or grumpy with LOSS (Lack Of Snow Syndrome).

The season of cold and white made an early visit with snowfall at the end of October, enough of the white stuff to inspire skiers to dig out the boards and hike to ski what we like to call the fast grass – that skim layer of white barely covering the not-quite-frozen vegetation below.

October snow is not all that unusual around here. North Country kids know they'll likely have to wear snow boots to trick-or-treat, and plan their Halloween costumes to allow for plenty of layers. It's also not unusual for that October snow to melt quickly, which this year's did.

But November was another story. Multiple dumps of heavy, sticky, lovely snow inspired some to nick-name this month of Thanksgiving "Snow-ember." Before it was time to feast with family, my kids had constructed multiple snow figures in the front yard, honed their snowball-throwing skills, and taken countless laps on the sledding hill.

The scene was complete winter wonderland, with snow-draped evergreens and glistening snow-covered fields. By the time Thanksgiving hit, it felt – and looked – like January. The skiing was fabulous, the plow had been put to work multiple times, and the cross-country tracks were set through the woods.

December, too, started with promise, although little new snow. Skiing on the mountain remained fabulous, and mainly cold temps meant snow-makers kept adding to the base. The track through the woods got a bit crusty, but it was still skiable. The heavy stuff finally melted off the trees, but the mountains remained winter white. Occasional flurries kept the landscape sparkly.

All was, if not calm, at least bright. Until last Friday. Just in time for the Winter Solstice, the rain came.

It didn't just rain; it poured. For a while that



BY MEGHAN MCCARTHY-MCPHAUL

morning, it poured through sunshine, and there was a rainbow arched across the sky. I love rainbows. But not in December. Small rivers of water flowed down the thick ice on the driveway. The kids' snowy creations, which had lasted for weeks, dissolved into sad piles, then disappeared entirely. Green grass emerged in the yard, and the stalks of put-to-bed perennials poked out from the front garden.

"Great. We're going to have a brown Christmas," one of my children proclaimed glumly as they were sprung from school for winter break.

There is nothing so cantankerous as a snow-loving kid on a rainy day in December. At least the big warm up came when the kids were considerably distracted by the coming of Christmas; only the promise of anticipated presents could combat that disgruntlement.

As I watched the dreary weather through the bright Christmas tree lights, I knew the woods would soon be a mucky mess, and I wondered what was happening at the mountain.

I found out the next day, and it wasn't pretty. Where a few days before all had been white, tinged with green boughs of fir trees, now there was entirely too much brown. All the natural snow was gone.

But where the snowguns had been at work during colder days – and nights – the trails were still covered, and I was thankful for the wonders of modern snowmaking and grooming. After two days of rain, the crews had put the mountain mostly back together, and the skiing Sunday was surprisingly pleasant. A cool down and a skim of snow had turned the summits to frosty white again, even if the yard remains devoid of snow.

The forecast looks like cold and a bit of snow in the near future. All's well that ends well, right? Here's hoping Winter is done teasing.

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collaboration between the center, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, and the town of Lancaster.

The building was named for the former head of a company that invented machinery to sugar-coat pills.

The building was on the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's "Seven to Save" list last year.

It's being renovated to make room for a market, a produce distribution group, and apartments.

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part of its mission to create vibrant communities by connecting people and the economy to the forested landscape.

Plans are in the works to renovate the building, with apartments on the upper floors and a market selling local food on the ground floor.

The designation is the result of a successful



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# Franconia: Taking A Stand Against Homelessness

BY ROBERT BLECHL  
Staff Writer

FRANCONIA — Rain, mud, a swollen river behind them, close to overtopping its banks.

For many, far from ideal sleeping conditions.

But for more than a dozen community members, forgoing the comfort of their own beds to sleep in tents or cardboard boxes to spend the night on Dow Field was an essential form of community service.

Friday marked the fourth consecutive year of the Longest Night, a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. sleep-out on Dow Field each Dec. 21 — the winter solstice and longest night of the year — to bring attention to the plight of homelessness and raise money for the Bancroft House so it can continue to take in those need.

Nearly half a decade on, the event is accomplishing its mission, said Bob Gorgone, director of the Bancroft House.

“It’s our biggest fundraiser of the year, that’s for sure,” he said.

The founder of the Longest Night, Kevin Johnson, owner of the Gale River Motel and treasurer of the Bancroft House, said, “It’s

doing its job to keep people aware of the issue.”

Joining the group for 2018 were five Lisbon Junior National Honor Society students — Lisbon Regional School eighth-grader Tori Jellison and freshmen Hannah Keeler, Kendal Clark, Abigail Mahoney, and Kiley Hill.

Many people think homelessness is a problem of bigger cities, but the problem is also here, in the North Country, and it can be overlooked, said Mahoney.

Compared to more urban places and cities that have a large share of single people who are homeless, those without permanent homes in the North Country tend to be families with young children, and their problems can be compounded by lack of services and transportation, said Johnson.

Joining the Lisbon students were two of their teachers, Kaitie Hart, K-12 music instructor, who marked her third time participating in the Longest Night, and Julia Bisbee, fifth-grade special education teacher.

Last year, 15 honor society students raised more than \$1,500 for the Bancroft House.

Although there were only five honor society students this year, they raised about \$400, and also launched gofundme.com campaigns

to raise more money after Friday’s event, said Hart.

On the students spending 12 hours on Dow Field, Bisbee said, “They were thrilled to do it, even in the rain.”

In the nick of time for the campers this year, which saw an unusual winter solstice with its heavy rains, was a new roof installed this week on the Dow Field Pavilion.

“The town of Franconia was wonderful in getting that on for this weekend,” said Johnson.

A typical Longest Night draws about 20 participants (last year saw about 30) who support the Bancroft House and its mission.

Sponsors include Presby Construction, Mascoma Savings Bank, and Garnet Hill, Coldwell Banker Lin-Wood Realty, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, and the Gale River Motel.

This year, Subway provided sandwiches for the participants and in past years the Dutch Treat and Chef Joe’s Catering in Franconia have provided food.

“We have a lot of good, local support,” said Earl Duval, of Sugar Hill, who serves on the Bancroft House board of directors.

Donors raise money for the Bancroft House, and will sometimes raise it in the name of a group, such as veterans, said Gorgone.

The Longest Night event generates a large chunk of money for Bancroft House operations.

“We run on a shoestring budget,” said Johnson. “It’s about \$45,000 a year. This usually raises between \$6,000 and \$8,000. By far, the house runs on private donations.”

## The House And Its Mission

The Bancroft House was launched in 1982 to provide a secure, temporary home for women, children and families in northern New Hampshire.

The home at 104 Harvard St. has four bedrooms with private bathrooms that include three rooms for families and one for singles or a couple and has a community living area, a full kitchen with stocked pantry for preparing meals, washer and dryer, and a computer for its residents to use to search for jobs a home of their own.

The agreement with residents requires that they help with daily chores and maintenance and keep the house clean and guests are asked to contribute financially to the house upkeep if they can.

Being homeless is never easy, but in the North Country, if one can’t find shelter between residences during the region’s winters, it can be deadly.

Exactly how extensive homelessness is in

the North Country region is hard to gauge — some might not want to acknowledge they have no fixed address or secure place to live — but the issue in the past few years is “at least the same, if not worse,” said Gorgone.

“We are fairly small and we are full just about all the time,” he said. “I get calls from people all the way from Massachusetts. We have enough of a problem right here.

The house is presently sheltering nine people, including two families of three.

People can become homeless through many ways, including losing a job or being between jobs, and being incapable of working be-

cause of a disability and something happens that requires them to leave their residence, said Gorgone.

“Maybe they didn’t have the money they needed due to hospitalization or they were in a place that was unhealthy for them, or the place they were in was sold from underneath them and they can’t live there anymore,” he said. “Sometimes, it’s just getting away from a situation that’s not good.”

Just when one thinks they’ve heard all the stories that leave people without a home, there’s another that boggles the mind, said Johnson.

Gorgone recounted one situation that involved a mother and children from Nashua, who were in a dangerous home situation and had to leave.

In another instance, one woman had been camping in her car, but that became perilous when it began to get cold, he said.

“We also have situations where people are camping in the summer, but you need an address to get kids into the school,” he said. “August is one of our busier times when you have people who need an address so they can get their kids into school.”

The normal length of stay at the Bancroft House is 30 days, enough time for many to find a job and save money to afford their own place, but the house will allow people to stay up to three months, if needed, if they are actively working toward those goals, said Gorgone.

Tri-County Community Action, which has homeless outreach advocates, also sends people in need to the Bancroft House.

Inspiring the younger generation of North Country residents to become aware of homelessness and involved in helping those in need is paramount, said Johnson.

“It’s all about the young people,” he said. “If we can raise their awareness and get them involved, that’s another generation wanting to do good.”

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— Bob Gorgone,  
Director of Bancroft House

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## Woodsville: New \$1.8 Million High School Space, Connector Could Be Complete In 2020

Following a successful special town meeting vote on Dec. 15 for a \$1.8 million bond for revised renovations at Woodsville High School, the more than 9,000 feet of new space and building connector that will be added are expected to be complete by early 2020.

The vote caps off the second of two successful bond votes in 2018 aimed at making SAU 23's schools safer, more modern and up to code, and position them for the 21st century.

With the newly approved bond and the successful bond vote at March town meeting that authorized \$3.7 million, the district will be able to fully implement the work on the high school campus, SAU 23 Superintendent Laurie Melanson said last week.

The first phase was intended to bring the high school campus and its three buildings - the main building, community building and Bennett Building - up to fire and safety code and in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, but it wasn't going to improve the safety of the campus, where students would still be walking across an active parking lot, she said.

The second phase approved this month will allow the new building of some 9,000 square feet to be constructed to connect WHS with the John Bagonzi Community Center and serve as a new main entrance offering a new secure vestibule, enhanced security measures, and doors locked to the outside.

The new architect hired for the job, Banwell Architects, of Leb-

anon, had questioned why the SAU was spending \$500,000 on the Bennett Building if it could connect the main high school and community building for a safer and better project.

In the revised plan, the Bennett Building and King Street School building will be demolished, allowing bus loading to be moved to a safer area and separated from the parent drop-off area for students, said Melanson.

All buildings will be connected and students won't have to walk between them.

Existing programs such as technical education, nursing, music, library, and alternative learning courses will be moved into the new space.

The project has been presented to the N.H. Department of Education for building aid, which, if awarded, could cover up to 60 percent of the project cost, or least \$1.6 million, with work already completed deducted from the first phase because it is not eligible for building aid.

The work already completed is mostly in the community building and consists of locker room renovations, fire partitioning, a new gym floor, cafeteria ceiling and fire sprinklers, and kitchen equipment, said Melanson.

After the application for the new work was submitted, the WHS project was ranked in second place, but after a visit by DOE representatives, it moved to the top ranking for building aid.

"There is a moratorium on school building aid and we still have a long way to go," said Melanson. "The Legislature has to approve the money and we still have some more hoops to jump through, but we are hopeful we are in a good place should any money become available."

The school district is not eligible for any work done prior to July 1, 2019.

Beginning early next year, the architectural drawings will be complete and the project put out to bid in late January or early February, said Melanson.

After the contracts are awarded, the plan is to complete the bulk of the work next summer, with a building completion date of January of February 2020, when it would be ready for occupancy.

Until completion, it will be a construction site the district will have to work around for about six months, and school officials will be working out phasing plans, she said.

The Dec. 15 vote for the \$1.8 million bond was 201-51. It needed a two-thirds super-majority to pass.

It came after the school district, after enlisting Banwell Architects as the new architect, learned it could make a new connector-addition space for much less cost than previously estimated while improving security.

Although there is still a long way to go, Melanson said it has

put the school district in the most promising place it has been in a decade.

In March, voters rejected a proposal to close Woodsville Elementary School and consolidate the school with the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School.

At the moment, there is no plan to consolidate the schools, said Melanson.

"I think we are a long way off from looking at that," she said. "At this point, our priority is the high school and maintaining what we have."

SAU 23 was able to secure state infrastructure funding - the state set aside \$30 million in infrastructure funding earlier this year - that will allow it to make its schools safer, and the plan for SAU 23 is to have a more secure entryway for both WED and the middle school.

The funds also allow schools to obtain radios and security cameras and security film for windows.

## Popular Coach To Be Honored Along Crusader Alley

A popular teacher, mentor, middle school athletic director, and championship coach who passed away two years ago will be memorialized with a photograph on permanent display on the wall of Crusader Alley, the hallway leading to the gym where he coached the many basketball games he loved.

Pierre Lafitte, who died Sept. 24, 2016, at the age of 70 after a battle with cancer, will be honored at 6 p.m. Jan. 2 at Littleton High School/Daisy Bronson Middle School.

The dedication that will have his photograph placed alongside the photographs of other influential LHS/DBMS coaches will be made prior to the boys basketball game between LHS and White Mountains Regional High School.

Coaching basketball was a passion for Lafitte, who, during his more than 40 years teaching social studies at DBMS, won the state championship for three consecutive years, from 181 to 1984, as a Class M girls basketball coach, became a two-time recipient of the Class M Coach of the Year Award, and was awarded the New Hampshire State Coach of the Year Award from the New Hampshire Coaches Association.

"He was our class advisor and he had a great impact on the lives of many kids and we are honoring him afterward with a reception," Ron Lahout, LHS Class of 1976, said Wednesday.

Dessert and punch will be served in the cafeteria during the game's halftime on Jan. 2, compliments of the Class of 1976.

During his time with the Littleton School District, Lafitte also served as a Littleton Parks and Recreation Department commissioner for two years and created the Parks and Recreation program in 1981.

Baseball and softball were also passions.

For half a century, he was a member of the New Hampshire Baseball Association and for 38 years was a member of the New Hampshire Softball Association.

In addition, Lafitte was member of the New Hampshire Softball Umpires Association Hall.

In Littleton, he spent 31 years broadcasting sports for WLTV radio, becoming a two-time recipient of the Golden Mic Award from the New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters.

Lafitte, who was also an advisor to the Youth and Government Club, retired as a teacher in 2010, but continued as middle school athletic director for several more years.

## Lisbon Debuts New Fire, EMS Station

LISBON - After a six-month construction, a large town project that had been in the planning stages for decades crossed the finish line on Sunday when Lisbon's new Fire and EMS Station was

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opened up for residents to tour.

"Without the support of the townspeople, none of this would have happened," Lisbon Fire Chief Greg Hartwell said as the fire department's and Lisbon Life Squad's apparatus rolled into their new home.

As he cut the ribbon during a small ceremony that drew several dozen residents, Hartwell thanked those involved that included Presby Construction, of Franconia, which built the station, and J. Poulton Electric, JD Plumbing and Heating, Northeast Drywall, Able Security, Foto Factory, W.B Mason, Secured Network Services, John L. Carter Sprinkler Co., Cherry Valley Machine Works, Varney and Smith Lumber, Kern Building Supplies, The Floor Works, Blacktop Paving, and the Lisbon Highway Department.

"There's a lot of local people who helped get us where we are," said Lisbon Board of Selectmen Chairman Scott Champagne.

It will be a building of many uses for the fire department, which this year saw 130 calls, and for the life squad, which went out on more than 278 calls.

"This is our emergency command center," said Champagne.

Radio equipment that will be funded by a federal Emergency Management Performance grant will be set up in the station's radio room.

The station - 100 feet long and 66 feet, making for a total footprint of 6,600 feet - will also

be a training facility, said Champagne.

Above the four-door vehicle bay is a mezzanine area for storage and beside the bay a decontamination area for personnel needing to wash their gear.

The new station has a long life ahead of it, said Champagne.

"We got 100 years out of the other one," he said referring to the fire and EMS departments' former home in the town hall building on School Street.

The Lisbon Police Department will remain housed on the ground-level floor the town hall.

At town meeting in March, voters, in a 73-28 vote, approved \$986,000 in bonds for the construction of a new fire and EMS station at 151 Main St.

The vote needed a two-thirds super-majority to pass, and did so with 71.5-percent.

The station's construction comes after almost 20 years of planning and revisions.

"It's been over 30 years since we started talking about it," said Hartwell.

In 2012, those involved got serious again, and after several downsizings, arrived at a final plan for a 66-by-100-square-foot wood truss building at the site of the former Ross Funeral Home.

Town officials said the previous fire department and Lisbon Life Squad spaces in Lisbon Town Hall had become too small to accommodate today's vehicles, equipment and needs.

The garage of the new station faces Dickinson Street and has fast access to Route 302.

Its training room can hold 49 people and it has medical storage for the Lisbon Life Squad.

The fire and EMS station will house the fire department's ladder truck, two tankers, an engine, a forest truck, and a six-wheel off-road vehicle.

It can also serve as a temporary command and communications center for N.H. State Police and representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Administration and other agencies during times of crises and emergencies, said Audrey Champagne, Lisbon Life Squad member and unofficial clerk of the works for the new station.

A larger open house event is planned for the springtime, likely in May, said Hartwell.

On Sunday, Jeff Dodge, chairman of the Fire and EMS Building Committee, showed residents the features of the new facility.

Among them Lisbon resident Donna Northrop, whose husband served on the fire department for 21 years.

"We've waited a long time for this," Northrop said of the new fire station.

Audrey Champagne said, "We've been fortunate how it came together. It's pretty exciting for us."

"It's something all the townspeople can be proud of," said Dodge.

### Last Phase Of Old Man Memorial Approved

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Funding has been approved for the final project to memorialize New Hampshire's iconic Old Man of the

Mountain.

The massive, naturally formed granite profile attracted tourists to Franconia Notch for about 200 years before it crumbled in 2003. Since then, a nonprofit Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund has created a memorial plaza, featuring seven steel "profilers" that recreate the Old Man's image.

The last phase of the project includes construction of an accessible walkway from the plaza to a fishing platform that will be built over a cove on Profile Lake.

The Executive Council voted this week to extend the state's agreement with the Legacy Fund for another two years and allocate up to \$75,000. According to the agreement, the work is expected to be finished by 2020.

### Fish and Game Urges Residents: Don't Feed Deer.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Leave a carrot for Rudolph if you must, but the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is warning residents to otherwise avoid feeding deer this winter.

Deer Biologist Dan Bergeron says deer have changed their activity patterns and might be more visible to people, but that they don't need supplemental food. He says being fed by people can harm deer in numerous ways. For example, he says 12 deer that were found dead

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in South Hampton in 2015 died because they were fed food their digestive systems couldn't process properly.

Feeding deer also draws them away from specialized habitats known as deer yards. Officials say that removes the incentives for private landowners to conserve and manage deer yards, which hurts the population's long-term survival.

### Woman Killed By Falling Piece Of Ice

HART'S LOCATION, N.H. (AP) — Officials say falling ice struck and killed a Massachusetts woman who was hiking with her family in New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department says the 57-year-old Wellesley woman was injured around noon Sunday.

WFXT-TV reports the woman was hiking with a group of 10 people on the Frankenstein Cliff Trail in Hart's Location when a falling piece of ice struck her in the head.

Multiple agencies responded to the scene and the woman was taken to a hospital where she later died.

The woman's name has not been released.

### Average Age In N.H. House Drops To 61

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The New Hampshire House is getting a bit younger.

The House Clerk says the average age for the next two-year session will be 61. That's based on responses from 390 of the 400 incoming House members.

New Hampshire Public Radio reports that will be a year younger than it was last session, and five years younger than the session before that.

About one in four members is over the age of 70. The largest age group, with 157 members, is those ages 60 to 69. The youngest House member is 19. The oldest is 92.

### Science Scores On The Rise In New Hampshire Schools

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire students are scoring higher in science though some districts are flagging.

New Hampshire Public Radio reports that 42 percent of students are proficient in science, up from seven percent in 2016.

That's according to the New Hampshire Department of Education's recently released annual report.

Overall, 58 percent of students scored proficient at En-

glish with 48 percent proficient at math.

Students reached over 70 percent proficiency in both math and English language arts in some districts such as Sunapee School District.

Meanwhile, proficiency scores were lower in the state's poorest districts including Manchester and Winchester.

### Council Rejects Data Collection On Newborns' Opioid Exposure

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Privacy concerns have prompted the defeat of an effort to collect data on New Hampshire newborns who were exposed to opioids by their mothers' drug use during pregnancy.

The Department of Health and Human Services sought approval this week for a \$45,000 contract with the state's vital records department to allow for the tracking of substance use disorder and opioid-related exposure in birth records. Officials said the program would address an important gap in collecting data to help a vulnerable population and that the information would not be disclosed publicly, but the Executive Council denied the request.

Councilor Andru Volinsky said he was concerned about creating a database of identifiable information given recent cases of massive data breaches nationwide.

### Program To Support Kids In Trauma Expands Beyond Manchester

LACONIA, N.H. (AP) — A program that helps police connect social workers with children who have witnessed traumatic events is expanding in New Hampshire.

The state's first Adverse Childhood Experience Response Team was created in Manchester in 2016 after police counted 400 children who had witnessed domestic violence, drug overdoses and other trauma in the previous year but had not been referred to any supportive services. Since then, the program has helped hundreds of children and has received national attention.

New Hampshire Public Radio reports that at least five other New Hampshire communities are looking to start their own teams.

Erin Pettengill is the director of the Family Resource Center in Laconia. She says police often see children during domestic violence

calls but are not in a position to help.

### Mental Health Awareness Campaign Expands To Police

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire police officers have a new resource for helping citizens in need of mental health and substance misuse services.

State Police barracks throughout the state as well as police departments in several communities have been given resource cards that direct people to appropriate services. Called "REACT" cards, they are part of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's campaign to reduce stigma and create awareness around mental health. REACT is an acronym to Recognize the signs, Express concern, Act now and talk to someone you trust, Care enough to follow through and follow up, and Text "signs" to 741-741.

The campaign originally focused on schools. Along with Northeast Delta Dental and the New Hampshire Police Association, Dartmouth-Hitchcock is now expanding the campaign to police.

### Proposed Bill Would Clarify Rules For Tiny Homes

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire legislator wants to make regulations

more clear for those interested in the so-called tiny home movement.

Republican state Rep. Dave Testerman tells New Hampshire Public Radio he wants to sponsor legislation to clarify municipal regulation of the structures. He says cities and towns don't have much guidance under state law about how to regulate tiny houses.

Such homes are typically mobile and smaller than 1000 square feet.

Testerman says tiny homes priced around \$100,000 could attract a younger demographic to New Hampshire.

Real estate developer Joe Mendola says he wants more clear rules for tiny houses because he ran into confusion when he tried to build a tiny home park in Warner.

### Court Issues Order In Civil Rights Case At Inn

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire court is ordering an inn manager accused of shoving a couple she thought were Muslim after getting into a dispute over a refund not to threaten anyone based on their religion.

The Friday order from the Carroll County Superior Court comes in the case of Priscilla Protasowicki, whose family runs the Covered Bridge Riverview Lodge, in Jackson.

A civil complaint filed by the attorney general's office alleges that in April Protasowicki

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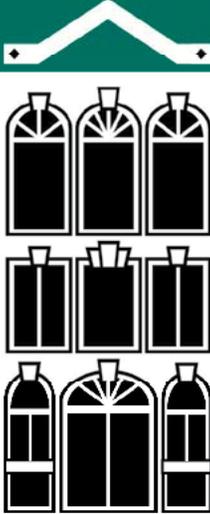


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**Eleanor L. Glidden**  
 Eleanor L. Glidden, 73, of Brown Road, Groveton, N.H., died Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 19, 2018, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, after stricken with a sudden illness.

Mrs. Glidden was born in Lebanon, N.H., on March 5, 1945, the daughter of Elias Hopps Sr. and Beatrice V. (Hill) Hopps. She was a lifelong resident of Groveton who will be remembered by her family as a loving wife, mother, grandma and sister. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially with her granddaughter who she would go on many bike rides with. She also enjoyed sewing and being outdoors, walking in the woods or camping. Music brought her great enjoyment and she would listen to records and loved singing.

Eleanor will be missed by the many people who knew her. If anyone was in need of help she would be there. She had a lot of energy and seldom sat still. Family members believed she had too much energy and often wished they had half of what she did. She will be remembered as an amazing person who was warm, caring, loveable, helpful, generous and always looked so nice.

She was a lifetime member of the Lancaster Assembly of God.

Surviving family members include her husband of 57 years, William F. Glidden of Groveton; two daughters, Stacey Hodge of Groveton, Twila Glidden-Hawley of Gilford, Connecticut; her mother, Beatrice of Whitefield; her granddaughter, Martha of Groveton; 7 siblings: Shirley Forbush of Campton, Lucille Cameron of Jefferson, Joyce Reynolds of Groveton, Elsie Dresser of Delton, Florida, Elias Hopps Jr. of Lancaster, Harold Dean Hopps of Groveton, Meredith Hopps of Berlin and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held Friday

evening, Dec. 28, from 6–8 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home in Lancaster. A funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., at the Lancaster Assembly of God. Reverend Seth Frink, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Spring in Northumberland Cemetery.

Please go to [www.baileyfh.net](http://www.baileyfh.net) for more information or to send an online condolence.

**Rebecca L. Lang**

Rebecca L. Lang, 62, of St. Johnsbury, Vt. formerly of Littleton, N.H., passed away with her family by her side on December 23, 2018, at UVM Medical Center from complications of pneumonia compounded by chronic illness.



Rebecca Lang

Becky was born in Laconia, N.H., on June 11, 1956, to Malcolm E. Lang and Wilma (Arnold) Cargal, and was raised in East Hampton, Conn. from the age of 12 by her step-mom, Marie Lang and her dad, Malcolm. She was educated in Connecticut graduating from East Hampton High School in the Class of 1975.

Becky has lived in the area since 1995 and worked at Hitchners as a machine operator until 2005 and then at a local convenience store as head cashier until 2008 when an accident prevented her from continuing to work.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, and doing Crosswords and Word Finds. She loved “cook-outs and the great outdoors,” fishing and spending time at the lake. Becky also liked animals, with a special fondness

for cats which she kept until moving to the nursing home.

She is survived by her father, Malcolm E. Lang of Danville; her daughter, Rachel M. Lang and fiancée, Jessica Fenwick, of Littleton; her sister, Diana Cote and husband, Roger, of Danville; two brothers, Keith Sutkaitis and wife, Kim, of East Hampton, Conn. and Christopher Sutkaitis and wife, Debra, of Concord, Vt.; two grandchildren, Tessa-Lynne Grabowski and Kameron Grabowski of Littleton; nieces and nephews, Daniel & Alyssa Cote, Megan Sutkaitis, Jarod, Sonya and Noajh Beaulieu; and her best friend, Maria Newton.

She was pre-deceased by her step-mom, Marie Lang in 2014.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2018, at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Danville, Vt. with Fr. Karl Hahr as celebrant. Burial will take place in the spring at the Danville Green Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 3rd.

Friends may call on the family for visitation from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, December 30th at the Sayles Funeral Home, 525 Summer Street in St. Johnsbury.

Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.saylesfh.com](http://www.saylesfh.com)

**Sandra Morrill Esparza**

Sandra Morrill Esparza, age 61, passed away at her home in Parker, Colo. on Dec. 18, 2018 surrounded by her three sisters. Sandra was born on Jan. 17, 1957, the fourth daughter of Nathan & Janice Morrill of North Danville, Vermont (both deceased).

Sandra grew up on a dairy farm in Vermont and attended schools in North Danville and Danville, graduating from Danville High School in 1975. She re-

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mained good friends with her classmates throughout her life. She attended college at Northeastern University and Lyndon State College, before pursuing her career in the hotel industry full-time.

A very committed professional, Sandra's career spanned more than 40 years, beginning in high school with a summer job at New Hampshire's Mount Washington Hotel. Her unparalleled work ethic and commitment to excellence in all aspects of hotel management led to leadership positions in several cities including New York, Seattle, Los Angeles and Scottsdale, Ariz.. The final decade of her career she served as Vice President of Operations for Stonebridge Companies in Englewood, Colo. Respected for her experience and depth of knowledge, Sandra leaves behind many grateful colleagues who, working alongside her, learned from her dedicated and attentive mentorship.

Although successful in her career, Sandra's most loyal and long-lasting endeavor was her steadfast advocacy for and support of her husband Henry Esparza, Jr. and his journey as a multimedia and collage artist. Sharing passions for art, music, southwestern culture and history, Sandra and Henry were married for nearly 29 years. Always asserting they wanted to leave this earth together, Henry unexpectedly passed away on May 2nd, pre-deceasing her by six months.

Devoted to family, Sandra leaves behind three sisters - Lynn Desharnais and husband, Robert of Barrington, N.H.; Suzanne Morrill of Williston, Vt.; Jane Morrill-Winter and husband Tim of Henniker, N.H. and two sisters-in-law, Joan Esparza of Sacramento, Calif. and Louise Forte and husband, Michael of Gardnerville, Nev. She also leaves her mother-in-law, Rosemary Esparza, also of Gardnerville and father-in-law, Enrique Esparza and wife, Nydia, of San Antonio, Texas.

Sandra was a loving and generous aunt and great-aunt and enjoyed spending time with her nieces, nephews and their families in her various home regions throughout the country. She leaves behind eight nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and nephews: Scott Henry McNamara and fiancée, Ashley of Gardnerville, Nev.; Casey Desharnais and son, Dax of Montpelier, Vt.; Erin Holt, husband Doug, son Bodhi of York, Maine; Kaetlyn Roberts, husband Tom, daughters Sidney and Whitley of Camas, Wash., Kendra Bolton of Austin, Texas; Jesse Morrill-Winter, wife MaryAda of Washington, DC; Caleb Morrill-Winter, wife Dana, daughter, Ella of Pineville, N.C. and Zachary Morrill-Winter of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Sandra was dedicated to supporting and advancing research in the fight against brain cancer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel St., Suite 200, Newton, MA 02458.

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ki assaulted the couple originally from Morocco.

The civil rights case is separate from a misdemeanor criminal assault case.

Protasowicki said Saturday her new lawyer is asking for a new hearing. She also says she has "no objections to Muslims at all" and disputes some of the statements attributed to her.

### Transgender State Reps Poised To Make History

NEWMARKET, N.H. (AP) — Two New Hampshire politicians will make history next week when they're sworn in

as the state's first openly transgender women to serve in the State House.

The Portsmouth Herald reports Gerri Cannon and Lisa Bunker will represent Somersworth and Exeter respectively when they take office on Jan. 2. Stacie Laughton became the first openly transgender lawmaker elected in New Hampshire in 2012. However, Laughton never took office because of a felony conviction.

Bunker became upset when President Donald Trump was elected in 2016 and decided to run. She says she later looked to Danica Roem, Virginia's first openly transgender officer holder, for inspiration.

Cannon wants to improve issues surrounding health and human services. Bunker says she wants to focus on preventing gun violence and closing the opportunity gap.



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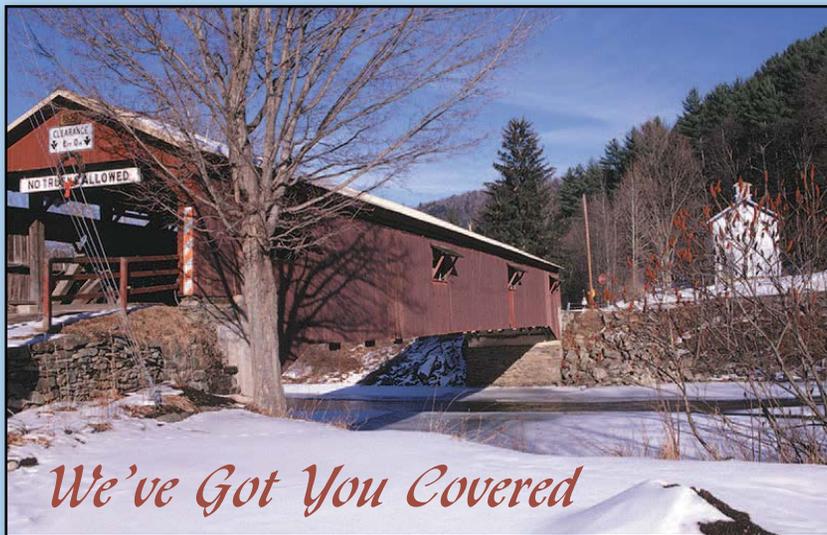
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LEFT: Democratic Senate 1 challenger Kathleen Kelley takes a business call while her dog, Chuck, looks out the passenger side window at the Lancaster, N.H., Town Building during the primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 11. RIGHT: Brian Fogg, Chairman of the Morrison Hospital Association Board of Trustees, center, and past chairmen David Haas, left, and David Rodham cut the ribbon during a ceremony at The Summit by Morrison in Whitefield on Friday, June 22. The \$25 million facility addresses a regional need for senior housing.



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**BACK-TO-BACK PATS****FEB. 12**

LINCOLN — Jack Sampo led the Profile Patriots to a second straight Division IV boys crown at Loon Mountain.

Sampo had two podium finishes (first in slalom, third in GS) as Profile won its 18th boys alpine title, repeating as champs for the first time since a six-year reign from 2004 to 2009.

The Patriots tallied 758 points, comfortably ahead of runners-up Derryfield (733) and third-place Lin-Wood (695).

“They wanted it, goodness gracious, from the very first practice they wanted to win today’s race,” said Profile head coach Phil Boone.

Profile racers laid down 24 clean runs (no falls, no hikes) and successfully dialed back their personal ambitions, just a little bit, for the good of the team.

Boone said his team avoided ‘go big or go home’ heroics, approached their races intelligently, and “as a team, they really did what they had to do.”

“One risk and we might not be champions today,” Boone said.

**YOUNG AND RELENTLESS****FEB. 13**

SUNAPEE — The Profile girls edged hosts Sunapee by 11 points to win the Division IV girls alpine championship.

Skiing without injured junior Libby Hamilton, the Patriots flexed their depth, led by junior Sierra Price in the slalom (third) and senior Sarah Blampied in the GS (fifth).

Meanwhile a couple of middle schoolers, eighth grader Madison McLaren and seventh grader Sophie Bell, posted a pair of Top 10 finishes. McLaren was fifth in slalom and sixth in GS. Bell was seventh in slalom and 10th in GS.

It was title number 20 for the girls program, and the first since 2015.

**THREE SPARTANS CROWNED****FEB. 17**

TILTON — Three in the finals, three champions for White Mountains Regional at the Division III wrestling championships.

A three-peat for Spartan junior Jon Austin at 113 and first-ever titles for sophomore Noah Dutkewych at 106 and senior Stetson Clements

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at 220 in his very first year of wrestling.

The three champions were all top-seeded in their divisions and won by pin. They led the Spartans to a third place team finish.

Dutkewych — who was runner up the previous year — had a bye into the semifinals where the sophomore won an 8-2 decision. He took an 18-6 record into the 106 finals and was trailing Plymouth’s Charlie Comeau, 6-4 when he caught the Bobcat in a cradle to pin with 23 seconds left in the second period.

Austin was one determined Spartan in the 113 finals, where he squared off against Tucker Goodwin from Coe Brown. Both were unbeaten in-state. However, 21 seconds in, a timeout was called for a knock in the nose of Austin. When the bout resumed, Austin attacked again and another takedown to the back meant a 4-1 lead and a standard arm bar to pin in 1:36 brought that third title in a row.

In the 220 weight class, Clements wrapped up his debut season in impressive fashion, using his strength to battle through a wide open division, and faced John Stark’s Jeffrey Johnston in the final. The Spartan fell behind, 12-8 and was in the third period when — with a huge effort — turned the General with a bulldog to pin at 5:26. The big guy was swarmed by his teammates.

**GREAT SKATE****MARCH 6**

GORHAM — White Mountains Regional’s Leah Dutkewych claimed the girls’ freestyle title at the Division III Nordic Championship Meet at Great Glen.

Following a runner up finish in the classic race, Dutkewych summoned all her strength and stamina for the skate event, completing the 4K

course in a time of 12:16.9, winning by a 30 second margin.

**PEAK PERFORMANCE****MAY 26**

TILTON — The White Mountains Regional girls claimed their first state title in six years.

The Spartans scored 59 points to win the Division III girls track and field championship, edging runners up Gilford (50 points), third place Campbell (49.50) and fourth place Inter-Lakes (48).

White Mountains also had three individual event winners on the day. Two in the girls meet — sophomore Taima Ronish in the 100 meter hurdles (16.42 seconds) and senior Grace Gensamer in discus (109 feet, 2 inches) — and one in the boys meet, sophomore Jack Parker in pole vault (12 feet).

**DYNASTY!****JUNE 9**

HOLDERNESS — The Spartans still rule Division III softball.

In a seventh consecutive trip to the finals, the top-seeded and unbeaten White Mountains Regional girls waited until the last two innings to subdue seventh-seeded Belmont, 4-1 at D&M Park and hold onto the crown for a third year in a row.

“When you start something there’s only one place to aim for and that’s right here in the championship,” said WMR coach Forrest Hicks.

Spartan sophomore ace Haile Hicks led the Spartans with 12 strikeouts with one walk. The three-time champions conclude the 20-0 season on a 26-game win streak. Fire trucks escorted the champions from the Twin Mtn. line through

to Lancaster to the cheers of crowds gathered all along the route.

**SPARTANS, AT LAST****JUNE 9**

MANCHESTER — Hail to the champs!

All their hard work and dedication paid off for the White Mountains Regional boys when the second-seeded Spartans conquered fourth-ranked Somersworth 5-1.

Way back in January when the winter winds were howling, the WMR boys set a goal to play 20 games this spring and finish at Fisher Cat Stadium. Mission accomplished. After 31 years, the Spartans are champions again.

Winning pitcher Braxton Brown called the feeling amazing. Senior catcher Jacob LaBounty, after three long transitional years, called it awesome. Coach Ben Hicks chose satisfying.

The Spartan mentor showed the way and credited his team for putting the work in.

“They set their goal and now have learned how to win. The boys didn’t panic. They were prepared. They’ve matured. We showed up to play.”

**WALKING TALL****JUNE 9**

MANCHESTER — Derek Walker received his diploma in the morning.

He raised a trophy in the afternoon.

In his final high school outing, Walker pitched a complete-game two-hitter, leading No. 2 Littleton over No. 4 Newmarket 3-1 in the Division IV championship at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium.

Walker struck out two and walked three, guiding Littleton (17-2) to its second title in three years, and fourth in 11 finals appearances.

“It’s a great feeling to go out on a win,” Walker said. “I’m really thrilled right now.”

It was a perfect ending for Littleton’s six seniors, including Walker, who started as sophomores on the 2016 championship team.

Those baseball-focused seniors — Jacob Altaire, Lucas Bray, Brody Fillion, Scott Ridlon, Quintin Ross and Walker — have helped Littleton go 53-4 over the past three seasons.

“These six kids, along with their dads, they’ve been all together playing this sport since they were five,” said LHS head coach A.J. Bray, Lucas’ father. “To go out this way, it just doesn’t get much better.”

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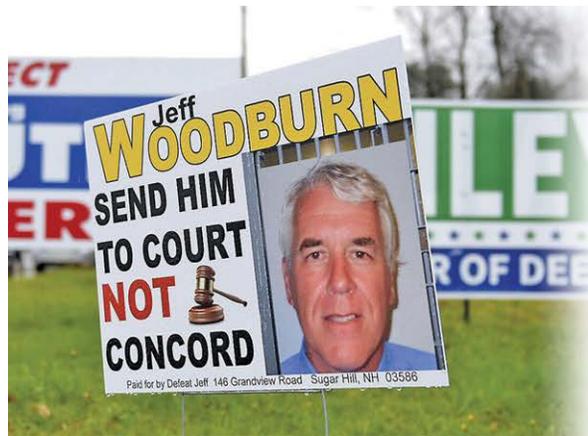


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# FIVE FOR 2018



## Woodburn Charged

Three-term State Sen. Jeff Woodburn, D-Whitefield, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with multiple counts of domestic violence and assault against his former fiancée, Emily Stone Jacobs, then the Coos County Democratic Committee Chair. Following his arrest Woodburn stepped down as Senate Minority Leader but resisted calls for his resignation. The incident split the local Democratic party and prompted Kathleen Kelley of Randolph to stage an unsuccessful write-in challenge in the primary. Once considered a lock to win a fourth term, Woodburn lost in the general election to Republican David Starr of Franconia. Woodburn has pleaded not guilty to the charges and plans to claim self-defense. The case is set for trial in Coos County Superior Court sometime next year.



## Walker Exits On High Note

Four time Paralympian and former World Cup overall champion Tyler Walker announced his retirement this spring. The Franconia native exited on a high note after winning twin silvers in GS and slalom at the PyeongChang Winter Games in March, the first Paralympic medals in his 15 year international racing career. Those Paralympic medals completed a comeback from a devastating crash four years earlier at the Sochi Winter Games. "I had some pretty good closure," said Walker. "Winning a medal at the Paralympics was the last nut to crack." In addition to his Paralympic and World Cup success, he was the winner of three X Games gold medals in the Monoskier-X event. He also graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2008 with a double-major in geography and international affairs. He looks forward to exploring opportunities outside of alpine racing.

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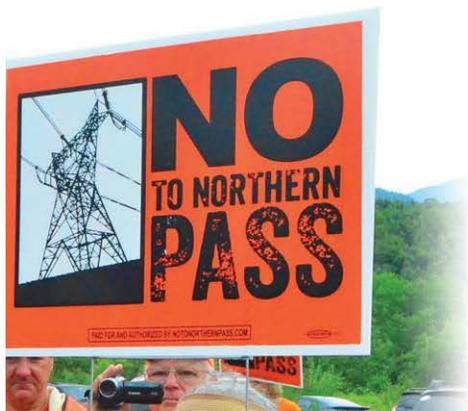


## Veto Vanquished

On Sept. 13, the House of Representatives threw its support behind New Hampshire's timber industry — by the narrowest of margins. The House voted 226 to 113, the minimum margin required, to overturn Gov. Chris Sununu's veto of a bill that subsidizes biomass (wood burning) power plants. With the override, the bill became law. It requires utilities Eversource, Unitil and Liberty Utilities are required to purchase a portion of their energy at above-market prices from the state's six wood burning plants. Proponents argued the law was necessary to the survival of the power plants, which account for an estimated 1,000 jobs and \$254 million in economic activity. The governor's veto sent a chill through the industry, with Pinetree Power suspending energy production at its plants in Bethlehem and Tamworth. They have since resumed operations.

## Northern Pass Rejected

The New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee on Feb. 2 denied a certificate of site and facility for Eversource Energy's proposed \$1.6 billion Northern Pass transmission line. The seven-member SEC unanimously voted that Eversource did not meet its burden of proving that its 192-mile transmission line that would have overhead towers about 100 feet high in Coos County and more than 50 miles of line buried under the main roads of Franconia, Easton and other towns would not interfere with the orderly economic development of the region. Thus was denied a necessary permit. The fight, however, is not formally over. In August, Eversource filed an appeal of the SEC decision with the N.H. Supreme Court, which accepted the appeal and will likely hear it some time in 2019.



## Balsams Changes Course

Five years into his involvement in the proposed \$175 million redevelopment of the Balsams, now closed for more than seven years, lead developer Les Otten said he has less confidence in the success of the project, but has a new plan. In August, after being asked to provide a state guarantee on a private \$28 million loan, a critical piece of financing, the N.H. Business Finance Authority passed, saying it could not reach an agreement that would protect state taxpayers. On Dec. 10, Otten went before the Coos County Delegation to ask the delegation to support an amendment to Senate Bill 30, which would have allowed the creation of a Tax Increment Financing district in the unincorporated place of Dixville only through BFA participation. The amendment would restructure the project's financing and have the county issue the private \$28 million land and act as loan administrator. It is unclear what risk it could pose to taxpayers. The amendment would need to pass in the 2019 legislative session.



## Other Top News

**LANDFILL:** For the second consecutive year, Bethlehem voters at March town meeting rejected a push by Casella Waste Systems to expand its landfill, and did so by a wider margin, about 60 percent, than in 2017. For 2018, the public face of the effort had been a Casella-funded citizens group called Believe in Bethlehem. Through two petitioned articles, Casella sought to add 100 acres to the town's current 61-acre landfill district that would add, during a 20-year period, another 70 acres to the company's 50-acre landfill footprint off Trudeau Road. ... **FATAL DUI:** A 7-year-old Woodsville boy was killed in May after police said his father drove drunk and crashed head on into a tree in Bath. David B. Aldrich III, who had been a student at Woodsville Elementary School, was pronounced dead at the scene. His father, David B. Aldrich Jr., 29, was indicted at Grafton Superior Court on a felony count of negligent homicide DUI and a felony count of second-degree assault for the crash that occurred the night of May 4. Trial for his father is tentatively scheduled for June 2019. ... **LYSTER DIES:** Ronney Lyster, co-founder of Littleton Chevy and the Auto Saver Group, died unexpectedly of natural causes at his home in Bethlehem on March 25. He was 63. Lyster helped build a business that today employs more than 500 people. ... **BAILIWICKS CLOSES:** On Aug. 23, Steve and Stacey Northrop, of Littleton, announced with heavy hearts the closures of their two establishments, Bailiwicks on Main, in Littleton, and Bailiwicks on Mill, in St. Johnsbury. ... **PEDESTRIAN KILLED:** On Sept. 18, 73-year-old Al Moskal was struck while walking along Main Street shortly after 5 a.m. and was transported with serious injuries to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He died eight days later on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The driver of the vehicle was 25-year-old Cassandra Sweeney. According to Littleton Police, speed and alcohol did not appear to be factors, Sweeney's vehicle was within its lane of travel, and Moskal was not within a crosswalk when he was hit. Street lights in the vicinity may have been out. The car involved showed impact in the center of its windshield. The incident remains under investigation. ... **TRIGGERMAN PLEADS GUILTY:** On May 3 at Grafton Superior Court, Damion Yeargle, 23, of Littleton, pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder for a New Hampshire State Prison sentence of 36 to 72 years. Yeargle was the trigger man in the execution style murder of 22-year-old Robert Pierog on May 27, 2016. Pierog was murdered for being a confidential informant for Bethlehem police.



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## The Year In Photos

TOP: Marcus Brewer-Nyborg peeks out from a voting booth while his mother, Jill Brewer, fills out her ballot at the Franconia Town Building in Franconia, N.H., on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

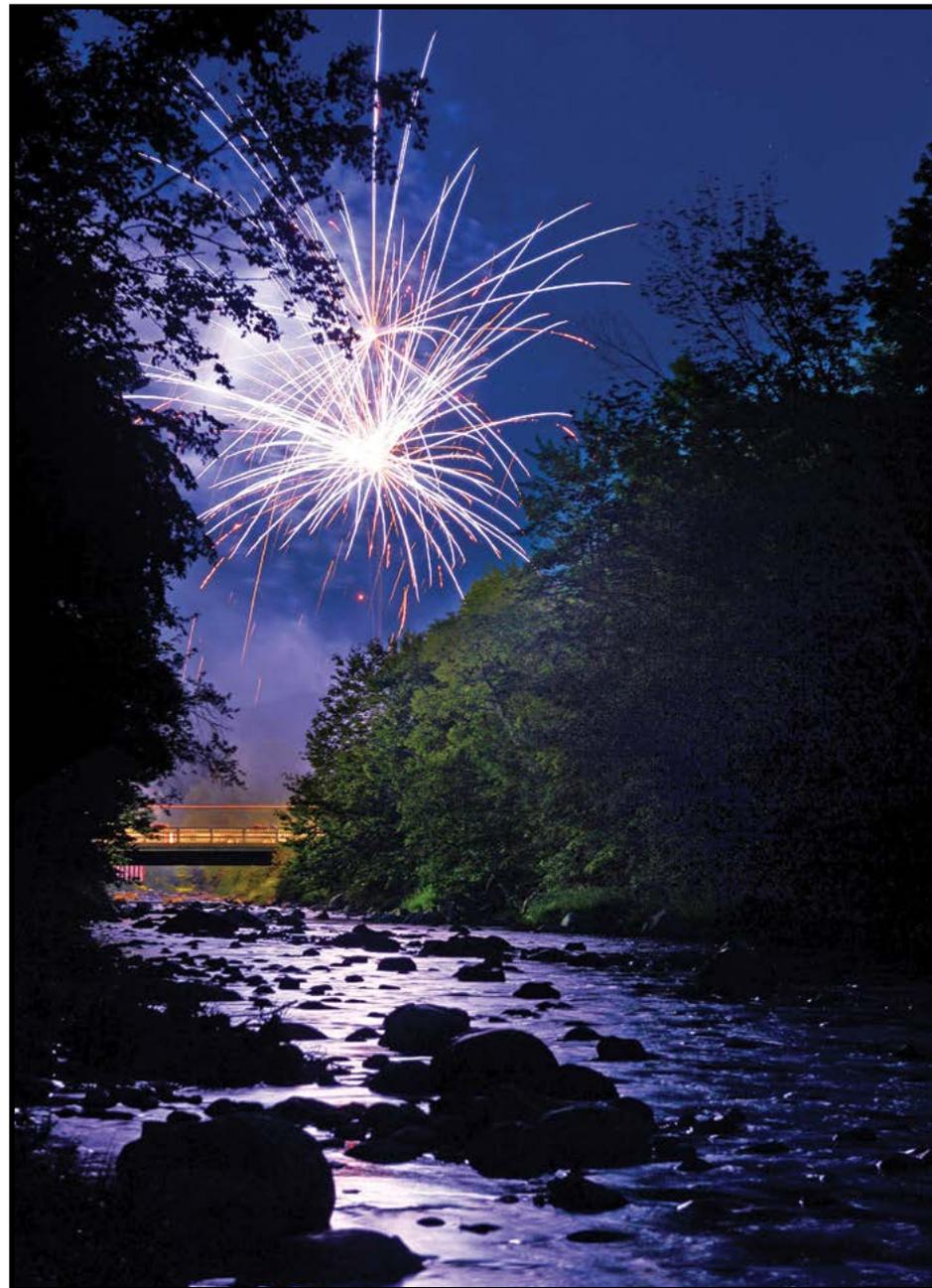
BOTTOM: Willow Knighton slides down a water slide at Jerry Jam 2018 at Klay Knoll Farm in Bath, N.H., on Saturday, July 21.



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TOP LEFT: Herb Richardson, a Republican turned Democrat seeking re-election to the Coos 4 House seat, carries signs away from the polls at the Lancaster Town Building following the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. Richardson failed to win his 10th (non consecutive) term and was defeated by Republican challenger Kevin Craig. BOTTOM LEFT: Five months after undergoing a heart transplant, nine-year-old Tyson Poulton participates in Littleton Babe Ruth opening day at Remich Park on Saturday, May 5. RIGHT: Fireworks illuminate the Gale River during the Old Home Day celebration in Franconia, N.H., on Saturday, July 7.

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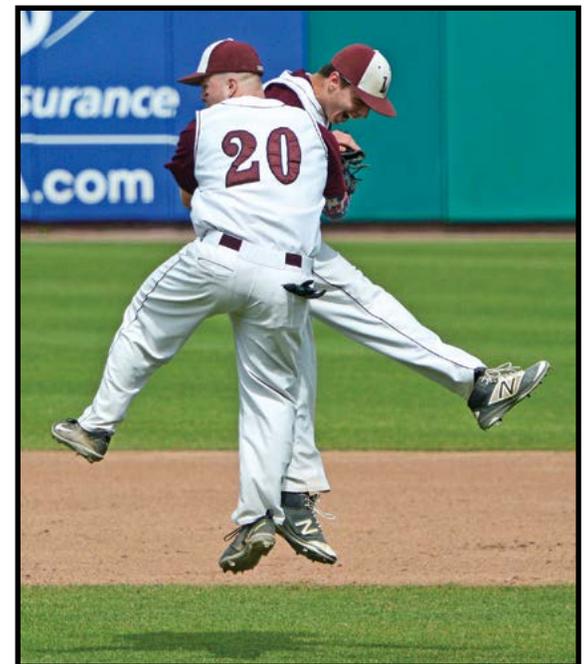
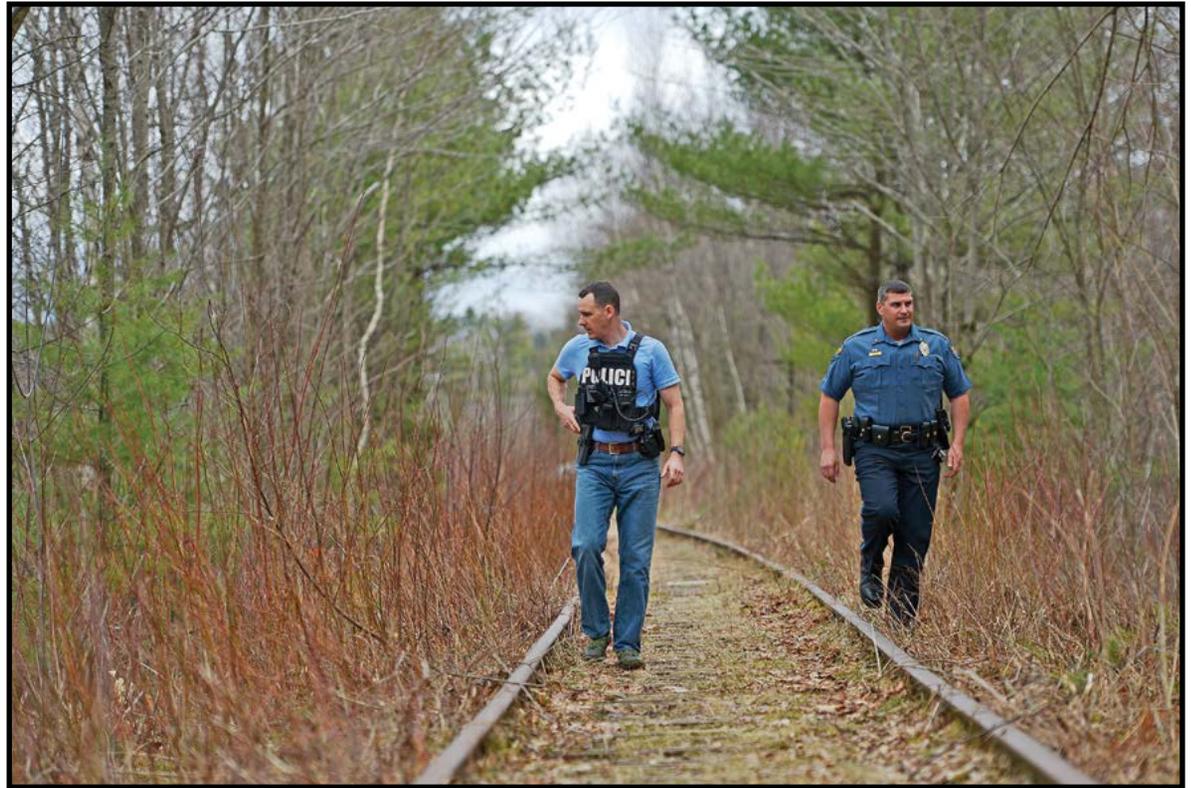
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## The Year In Photos

**TOP:** Littleton Police Capt. Chris Tyler, left, and Sugar Hill Police Chief Robert Mancini search for 17-year-old fugitive Dagan Webster on Tuesday, May 1. Webster fled Littleton District Court in handcuffs and was discovered two-and-a-half hours later hiding behind a home at 56 Saranac, approximately 50 yards from the court building.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Winning pitcher Derek Walker celebrates with Scott Ridlon (20) after the final out Littleton's 3-1 win over Newmarket in the Division IV championship at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium on June 9. LHS earned its second title in three years.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Griffin Crane reacts after hitting a two-run triple during White Mountains 5-1 win over Somersworth in the Division III championship at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester on Saturday, June 9. The Spartans won their first title in 31 years.



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TOP LEFT: Sixth-seeded Woodsville knocks off No. 3 Profile 2-0 in the Division IV quarterfinals in Bethlehem, N.H. on Sunday, Oct. 28. TOP RIGHT: Becky Proud, left, and Amy Austin raise a toast at the eighth annual Pink Night & Community Walk For Hope event at Fresh Salon in Littleton on Monday, Oct. 1. Proud is currently undergoing cancer treatments. Austin is a survivor who co-founded the event during her own cancer battle. This year's Pink Night was the inaugural fundraiser for a new non-profit, Funds For Families, which aims to provide direct financial support to families fighting cancer. BOTTOM RIGHT: Profile hosts Pittsburg-Canaan for a Division IV soccer game in Bethlehem, N.H., on Tuesday, Oct. 9. BOTTOM LEFT: Ella Tullar with her red and white holstein, Rosado, at the Lancaster Fair on Thursday, Aug. 30. They hail from Tullando Farm in Orford, N.H.

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# Elections, Powerball ID, Power Project Headlined 2018

BY KATHY MCCORMACK  
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — The re-election of the guardian of New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary, regulators' rejection of a hydropower project, and a Powerball winner's privacy fight were among the state's top stories in 2018.

Others included the re-election of a Republican governor, the flipping of the Legislature to the Democrats, and the rejection of a proposal to give crime victims more rights.

A look at the state's top stories:

## SECRETARY OF STATE

New Hampshire lawmakers re-elected veteran Secretary of State Bill Gardner in a nail-biter session.

Gardner was criticized for serving on President Donald Trump's election fraud commission. But his supporters argued that replacing him would politicize the office and could weaken the state's argument for holding its primary first.

## NORTHERN PASS

State regulators unanimously rejected an ap-

plication for the Northern Pass, a hydropower project that would have provided clean energy to Massachusetts. Critics called it an eyesore and feared it would damage New Hampshire's tourism industry.

The decision was a stunning setback for the project. Developer Eversource appealed to the state Supreme Court.

## POWERBALL WINNER

A judge ruled that a Merrimack woman who won a Powerball jackpot worth nearly \$560 million can keep her identity private. She signed her ticket after the January drawing but learned she could have written the name of a trust, instead.

The judge said her privacy interest outweighed the public's interest in disclosing her name in one of the nation's largest jackpots.

## CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Legislators rejected a proposed constitutional bill of rights for crime victims, a measure that had broad support from the governor, law enforcement and victims' advocates. If a majority of the House had supported "Marsy's Law," voters would have been asked whether to amend the state constitution to give crime victims a greater voice in court proceedings, as

well as more information about the accused.

## GREAT DANES SEIZED

A judge ruled that a woman found guilty of housing dozens of filthy and sick Great Danes in her mansion would serve no jail time. But Christina Fay was ordered to pay back nearly \$2 million for their care. Her lawyers are appealing to the state Supreme Court.

## MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Republican Gov. Chris Sununu won a second term, but control of the Legislature and Executive Council flipped from Republicans to Democrats.

The state's last five Democratic governors found themselves in the opposite situation for at least part of their tenures. Sununu is the first Republican governor of New Hampshire in modern history to face a Democratic Legislature.

## GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ASSAULT

The support some educators and former co-workers showed for guidance counselor Kristie Torbick when she was sentenced for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old student in Exeter resulted in controversy.

The school superintendent in Bedford, where Torbick worked before Exeter, resigned over allowing employees to support her.

## PREP SCHOOL ABUSE

Owen Labrie, a St. Paul's School graduate convicted in 2015 of using a computer to lure an underage student for sex, lost a state court appeal and was ordered to return to jail.

St. Paul's was one of several prep schools across New England rocked by sexual misconduct claims going back decades. It released a report this year detailing abuse by former faculty members.

Phillips Exeter Academy also released reports of sexual misconduct involving former staffers.

## VOTING RIGHTS

New Hampshire's Supreme Court ruled in favor of the state in a fight over a new voter registration law, keeping it in place through Election Day. The law requires new voters to provide more documentation if they register within 30 days of an election. Democrats and others who sued said the state is trying to create confusion where none exists.

Separately, a federal judge ruled that the process New Hampshire uses to validate signatures on absentee ballots is "fundamentally flawed" because the voter isn't given notice if a signature is rejected.

## DARTMOUTH SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Seven current and former students sued Dartmouth College, accusing it of ignoring years of harassment and assault by three faculty members in the psychology department who have since left the school.

College President Philip Hanlon said Dartmouth will respond to the lawsuit with a sweeping plan to combat harassment and assault. He said college officials deny ignoring the complaints.

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**Friday, Dec 28**

**COMMUNITY**

**Acorn Club Storytime:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org, 8027451391. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

**Saturday, Dec 29**

**COMMUNITY**

**Countdown to Noon!:** 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Littleton Public Library, 92 Main Street, Littleton. Mary Bingman Children's Librarian, littlibyouth@gmail.com, 6034445741. <http://littletonpubliclibrary.org/children/>.

**Sunday, Dec 30**

**COMMUNITY**

**Chess In E. Burke:** 2-4 p.m.,

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**Monday, Dec 31**

**COMMUNITY**

**Golden Ball Tai Chi:** 8:30-9:15 a.m., St. Johnsbury House, 1207 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Vicki Giella, vgiella@gmail.com, 603-638-4115.

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**New Years Eve Party:** 8-11:55 p.m., Fraternal Order of, 793 Main St., Bethlehem. Fraternal Order of, 603-444-5795.

**Tuesday, Jan 01**

**COMMUNITY**

**Storytime:** 10-11 a.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Abby Johnson, abbymjohnson3@gmail.com, 8026265475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

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**Preschool Story Time:** 10:30-11 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. Bethlehem Public Library, lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org, 6038692409. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

**Reading Buddies:** 4:30-6 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athe-

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**Whatever Wednesdays:** 3-4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. Bethlehem Public Library, lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org, 6038692409. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

**Learn to Meditate:** 6-8 p.m., St. Johnsbury Shambhala Center, 17 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury. Caroline Demaio, cdemaio5@gmail.com, 8027489338. <https://st-johnsbury.shambhala.org/>.

**Alzheimer Support Group:** 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Commu-

nity Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. Littleton Community Center, littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com, 6034445711. <http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org>.

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**1st Wednesdays: Music, Storytelling, and Politics:** 7-8:30 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Scott Davis, sdavis@stjathenaeum.org, 8027451393. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

**Thursday, Jan 03**

**COMMUNITY**

**Beginning Computer Class:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Cheryl McMahon, cobleighpl@gmail.com, 8026265475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

**Learn And Play Mah-Jong:** 1-4 p.m., Littleton Community

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## First Night North Prep Includes Tips for Revelers

Attendees of last year's arctic First Night North celebration will be happy to know that this year's forecast calls for a relatively balmy 28 degrees. Citing last year's record cold temperatures (also 28 degrees, but on the wrong side of zero), organizer Jay Sprout recalls St. Johnsbury's inaugural First Night event, over 25 years ago.

"Thirty degrees above zero with the lightest of fluffy snowflakes falling gently all evening," says Sprout. "It was like a Hollywood set for a sentimental holiday movie. We've never seen weather quite like it since."

While the weather forecast varies from one year to the next, one thing is guaranteed: First Night North promises eight hours of spectacular entertainment for revelers of all ages, no matter what the weather holds. In fact, the one complaint Sprout hears year after year is that with 250 performers in 83 shows, it's impossible for anyone to see everything First Night has to offer. Thankfully, Sprout has some tips to maximize every family's First Night Fun.

Come early. Those who arrive at 4 and 5pm get to see First Night North's opening acts, which include the No-Strings Marionettes, the Drumatics, Shatterbox, and Va-et-Vient. Families with small children can get a head start and pack in a full evening of fun before early bedtimes.

Plan ahead. Visit [www.FirstNightNorth.org](http://www.FirstNightNorth.org) or pick up a print program guide to learn about all of the evening's scheduled performers. Visit the performers' web sites and YouTube clips to decide which artists you most want to see, and use the map and schedule to plan your night.

Hitch a lift. First Night North performances are scheduled twenty minutes apart to allow patrons to walk from one venue to the next, but that's not always enough time for everybody. The RCT shuttle bus will run from one venue to the next all evening at 15-minute intervals, and drivers will stop anywhere along the route if you just wave your hand.

Stay put. Every First Night North venue has a packed schedule featuring a variety of entertainment, so there's no need to swap venues every hour if you'd rather not. Check the sched-

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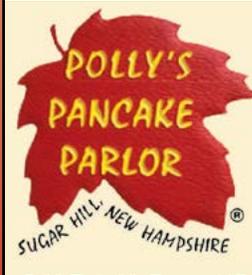
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**Creative Kids:** 3-4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. Bethlehem Public Library, lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org, 6038692409. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

**Cobleigh Library Origami Group:** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Teresa Vasko and Abby Johnson, abbymjohnson3@gmail.com, 8026265475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

**Reading Buddies:** 4:30-6 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org, 802-745-1391. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting:** 5:30-7 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org, 802-745-1391. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

**Preschool Story Time:** 6-6:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. Bethlehem Public Library, lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org, 6038692409. <http://www.bethlehemlibrary.org>.

**Meditation/Satsang:** 6-7 p.m., Neskaya, 1643 Profile Road, Franconia. Christine Polito, christinepolito@hotmail.com, 978-491-9499.

<http://neskaya.com/meditation/>.

**TOPS - Monroe:** 6-7 p.m., Monroe Public Library, Monroe. Alice Frazer, alice.frazer@yahoo.com, 6036382358.

Friday, Jan 04

### COMMUNITY

**Acorn Club Storytime:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org, 8027451391. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

Saturday, Jan 05

### COMMUNITY

**My Favorite Book:** 10-11 a.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. 8026265475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

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ule and find out which venues are best suited to keep you amused for hours at a stretch. Seat yourself, shed your winter wear, and settle in for as long as you like.

Sample the goods. If you're feeling ambitious, try checking out a couple of shows within a given hour. First Night artists expect audiences to come and go all night, so it's not impolite to slip quietly in and out of shows to make sure you see a little bit of everything. There are over twenty first-time First Night performances scheduled this year, so enjoy your old favorites, but make time to try something new.

Stick it out. There's something truly extraordinary about counting down to the New Year with the whole community while the 13-foot ball of light (bigger than the one in Times Square!) rises overhead. Be the first to wish your friends and family a Happy New Year by the light of the eagerly anticipated midnight fireworks show.

First Night North is in its third decade of substance-free, family-friendly, festival-style entertainment, featuring comedy, fire artists, dancing, storytelling, and every music genre imaginable. These tips are sure to help revelers of all ages ring in the New Year with magic and joy. Of course, Sprout has one final tip: don't forget to dress for the weather!

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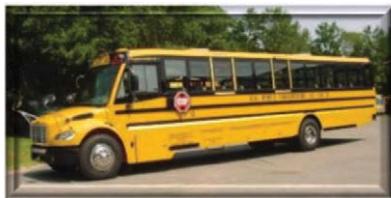
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