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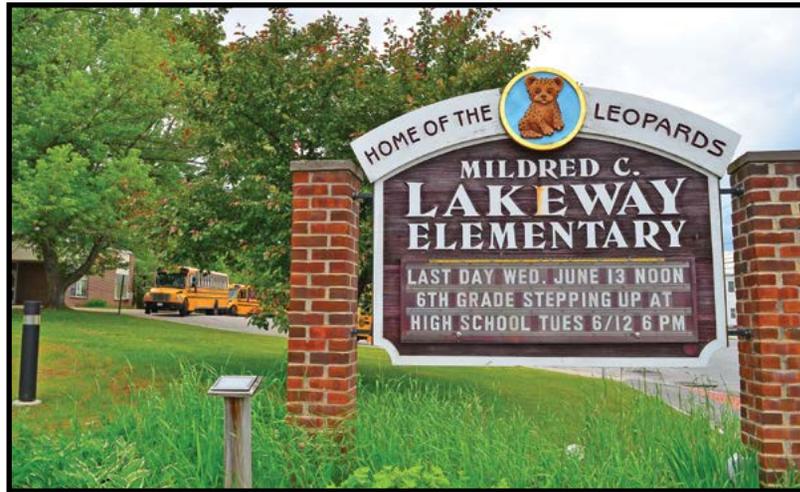
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## FYI

### 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  
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White Mountains fans cheer on the Spartans during a game against Mascenic on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

COMMUNITY VOICES

# Christmas Trees All Year

I love weekend mornings in December.

I'm an early riser in general, and often wake up before the rest of my family. Most weekend mornings, I'll sneak downstairs, make myself a cup of tea, and settle on the couch in the living room. I leave my phone in the kitchen, my book on the coffee table, and usually don't even turn on the lights; mostly I stare mindlessly out the window as I wait for my tea to cool. It's a quiet way to



BY AMY LAWTON MCKEEVER

wake up before the day's busy-ness begins. This is true regardless of the season.

In December, however, before I sink into the couch, I plug in the lights to our Christmas tree. And there, in the early morning darkness, the lights wash the dark room in a warm glow that makes the morning feel magical in a way it never feels in February, say, or November. It's tempting to wish that we could have Christmas trees all year.

When I was kid, we would always get our tree on Christmas Eve because that's when they went on sale. We'd lug it home, my dad would string the lights, and then my sisters and I would decorate. It was one of my favorite Christmas traditions – as I got older, I looked forward to decorating the tree just as much as I did to opening gifts the following morning. Sifting through the ornament boxes was the best part – looking for our old favorites (Rosy-cheeked Santa Claus snug in bed! Snoopy with a Christmas hat!), and looking at all the homemade ornaments my parents had collected from each of us in elementary school. You know the ones, right - the painted, baked clay wreaths that were so heavy you had to hang them at the bottom? I love those!

As great as the tradition was, the bummer about decorating on Christmas Eve was that the tree wasn't around very long. We'd always take it down on New Year's Day, so that meant it presided over the living room in all of its glory for about a week. I always told myself that when I was an adult, I'd put my Christmas tree up right after Thanksgiving and have it up for one whole, luxurious month.

Here's the funny thing, though. I've been an adult for a while now, and had – let's see, a rough count – probably twenty Christmas trees of my own. Never once

have I gotten a tree earlier than the middle of December. I know people do it all the time – but for some reason, I just can't bring myself to get that tree until I see double digits on the calendar.

Maybe I'm a creature of habit. Maybe I'm just busy. Honestly, though, I think I'm afraid that I might become too used to my Christmas tree. If it stays up too long, will I stop noticing how special it is? Maybe I'll become immune to its beauty. Maybe instead I'll spend my time vacuuming pine needles from the carpet and grumbling about them.

I don't want to take my Christmas tree for granted. As much as I love its warm glow, and how it adds a sense of magic to my early weekend mornings, (and evenings, and all the time in between, to be honest), it would be a shame if we had Christmas trees all year. One of the things that make Christmas trees so special is that they aren't around for a long period of time. Well, technically they are – there's fields and fields of them growing over at the Rocks Estate and Finnigan's, and tons in the woods behind my house. But those are just trees. A tree doesn't become a Christmas tree until you bring it inside and put some trimmings on it - white or colorful lights, tinsel or no – you choose.

Or maybe you don't even need the decorations. Instead, gather some friends and family, share some laughs (and maybe some good food), give and receive kindness and love. Maybe that's all you need to make a Christmas tree.

Regardless, I'll be appreciating my tree for the next two weeks, the light it brings into my house and into my heart. I'll be appreciating it even more because I know its stay in my living room will be over before I know it. Too fast, my kids will claim, as I once did.

I hope that as the dark nights of the Winter Solstice approach, whatever holiday you celebrate, whatever your traditions are, that light finds its way into your life, as well.

*Amy Lawton McKeever is a teacher/librarian over at the Monroe Consolidated School. More of her writing can be found in the New York Times Motherlode blog and on her home computer under "future book." She lives in Easton with her family.*

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PHOTO BY ROBERT BLECHL

This file photo shows The Lakeway Elementary School sign in June 2018. A proposal has been floated to fund a new school construction through the expansion of the Littleton Industrial Park.

# LITTLETON: FUNDING SOLUTIONS SOUGHT FOR A NEW \$20 MILLION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BY ROBERT BLECHL  
Staff Writer

LITTLETON — How do you fund a new \$20 million Lakeway Elementary School while making it palatable for taxpayers and not having the bond payments break their backs?

One man believes the answer involves the town and the school district getting behind a push to increase Littleton's tax base - currently at about \$819 million - past the \$1 bil-

and the largest school project to date has been the \$10.8 million combined new Littleton High School career and technical education center and new Daisy Bronson Middle School project, which was opened in 2011 and was covered by more than 75 percent state building aid, leaving the town share \$2.2 million.

Big bond payments by small communities can have detrimental impacts, a case in point the city of Franklin, which saw cuts to the school district operating budget after a bond for a new middle school passed and hefty payments came due, and the city of Durham,

*"This is a heavy lift in any community. It's important we come up with a solution ... Our primary goal is to get a billion-dollar tax base so we can afford it."*

— Brien Ward

lion mark in the next four years, recruit new businesses to the community, and expand the Littleton Industrial Park.

Former Littleton Selectman and school board member Brien Ward has been making the rounds to selectmen and school board members, going before town officials at their meeting last week and the school board on Monday.

Speaking of the bond and its payments to the school board on Monday, he said, "This is a heavy lift in any community. It's important we come up with a solution ... Our primary goal is to get a billion-dollar tax base so we can afford it."

Today, Littleton is in a better position to turn that plan into a reality with the town's recent enlistment of the Buxton Group, based in Ft. Worth, Texas, a consulting firm hired to recruit companies and brand-name stores to town, he said.

"This is the first time we will have a proactive approach to recruiting brands and that is important," said Ward. "In the Northeast Kingdom and North Country of New Hampshire, we are where people shop."

The Buxton Group promotes brands and industrial parks, said Ward.

Town Manager Andrew Dorsett is working with the Buxton Group, which has analytics that would help the town identify, attract and keep successful companies, and is among those soliciting businesses, said Selectman Carrie Gendreau.

The largest bond the town ever passed in Littleton was for \$6 million (it involved a tax abatement settlement with the Moore Dam)

where a group of residents, in a backlash, created a taxpayers association after a large bond passed for a new high school, said Ward.

"Sometimes, your success can have unintended consequences," he said.

The goal for Littleton is to have a successful LES bond vote (such a vote needs a minimum 60 percent super-majority to pass) and avoid any negative consequences, said Ward.

Across the state, New Hampshire is aging, but Littleton has seen younger residents that it can capitalize on to build a stronger community, and if it sets a high bar, it can become the best small town in America as well as create the best school system in the nation, he said.

For the Buxton Group funding, contributors include Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, which kicked in \$5,000, and Jack Eames, of Eames Realty, who contributed \$5,000.

If LES qualifies for state building aid, that aid could cover 55 percent, or about \$10 million of the \$20 million cost, and ease the burden on taxpayers.

If no building aid, a taxpayer bond cost with 4 percent interest would amount to a \$1.8 million payment in the first year and 6 percent interest would amount to a \$2.2 million payment the first year, according to Ward's figures.

With building aid, the taxpayer bond cost at 4 percent and 6 percent interest would run \$1.25 million or \$1.65 million the first year.

Increasing the town's tax base to absorb bond payments will take a collaborative effort, said Ward.

"This is a concept, a starting point, so we can move forward together," he said.



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# Bethlehem: With Market Analysis In, Selectmen Mull Options For Golf Course

BY ROBERT BLECHL  
Staff Writer

BETHLEHEM — With the market analysis for the town-owned Bethlehem Country Club complete, selectmen are mulling the options before them - hold, lease or sell - with the intent to present a draft warrant article to voters at a public hearing Jan. 7.

The plan put forth at Monday's selectmen's meeting is to place that article on the March town meeting warrant for voters to make the final decision.

Going forward, the town and whoever it might partner with will also look at areas of the property and parcels adjacent to it for future mixed use development.

On Monday, representatives of KW Commercial real estate, which conducted the analysis, presented their findings and cost estimates and answered questions from selectmen about the one option they kept returning to - leasing to a private entity Bethlehem's 18-hole golf course and clubhouse, one of just three municipally owned golf courses left in New Hampshire.

In their analysis completed Oct. 31, the KW team drove the course, evaluated the clubhouse, determined how much maintenance and work on the property has been deferred and which deficiencies need to be addressed to make it a via-

ble golf course, and estimated what each piece could bring on the market based on the condition of the property, said Jameson Paine, a commercial realtor with KW.

The property needs groundwork, a large part of it correcting poor drainage, as well as major building-wide exterior and interior upgrades and improvements to the 106-year-old clubhouse and restaurant, which needs a new roof, insulation, and electrical upgrades, said Paine.

For a sale, comparable golf course properties in top shape - such as the St. Johnsbury Country Club - come in with an estimated fair market value of \$850,000, he said.

Bethlehem's property, however, needs about \$450,000 in improvements - about half for the course itself and the other half for the clubhouse - concluding KW to estimate an estimated sales price of \$400,000 if the town goes that route, said Paine.

Because the town presently owns the property, it does not generate property tax revenue on the BCC.

In their analysis, the KW team said improvements would bring the BCC up to an \$850,000 to \$900,000 fair market value and would yield an estimated annual property tax of nearly \$25,000.

A lease would generate about \$25,000 a year, or \$2,000 a month, and that amount would climb as improvements are made on the property, he

said.

"You would see a higher tax benefit," said Paine. "There are also opportunities around the course for redevelopment."

Around the 15th hole, in particular, there are opportunities for new development, such as retail, he said.

And if the town leases to a private entity, the ideal lessee would have enough cash to make the \$450,000 in improvements while the town still retains control of the golf course, he said.

He suggested the town relocate the Department of Public Works building, which is in the center of the course and takes away its value, to another location in town and open up the space to redevelopment.

If the town were to retain ownership of the BCC, it would have to come up with the \$450,000 in improvements to make it a golf course that attracts more people, said Paine.

"That investment of \$450,000 has to go in rather quickly," said KW realtor David Garvey, adding that in order for the BCC to be competitive, the improvements need to be done upfront to increase the playership and consequently the income, he said.

Redevelopment that could include condominiums would open it up to new property tax revenue, and the property, its grounds and restaurant closed during winter, could be made

into a four-season property with a year-round restaurant that could host cross-country skiing and other activities, he said.

If the town leases out the golf course, the lessee would be responsible for the structures on it and would pay taxes, said Paine.

Leases are typically for 20 years and done in five-year increments, said Garvey.

The town would provide incentives to a lessee to make improvements on the property for the benefit of both, said Garvey.

If the property makes an extra \$100,000 in revenue, the town would get a percentage of that, he said.

"When they do better, you do better," said Garvey.

A lease would begin at a lower rate and as time goes by would increase.

If the town chooses, it can convert a leased course to a sale down the road, said Paine.

## Next Steps

A lease would take about six months to a year to execute, said Garvey.

That means for 2019, the town would operate the course as it has been, said Selectman Martin Glavac.

"If we were to make the improvements, is there a golfing population?" asked Selectman Gabe Boisseau.

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# Show Of Support

## In Wake Of Heckling, Community Makes Statement

BY PAUL HAYES  
Staff Writer

A week after a White Mountains girls basketball player was subjected to gender-based taunts, the community turned out to support her.

During the Spartans' home opener Friday, Dec. 14, some teammates wore rainbow patches and some fans clutched rainbow flags in a show of solidarity with sophomore Lily Kenison, who is gay.

"There was a lot of support on the court, with my teammates and everybody in the crowd, it just felt great," she said, noting she was apprehensive about being singled out for recognition. "I didn't want to make it about me, I wanted to make it about everybody that goes through the same stuff as me."

A week earlier, during White Mountains' game at Newfound on Dec. 5, Kenison was heckled by a group of Newfound fans throughout the contest. They singled her out for her boyish appearance. That group, a mix of parents and students, started in the first quarter and never let up.

Kenison had heard the insults before, saying, "It's not every game, but when I hear it I'm not surprised." She ignored it. Backed by her coaches and teammates, she focused on the task at hand, and White Mountains won, 48-37.

Her mother, Heather, and brother, Kyler, were in attendance. Sitting out of earshot, they learned of the hecklers midway through the game. Kyler, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, was dispatched to monitor their behavior. When they resumed their taunts, he spoke up.

"He said 'That's my sister' and one guy responded 'If you say so'," her mother said. "Afterwards I talked to Lily, she said she heard them the entire game."

The incident hit a nerve. Newfound issued a formal apology a week later, condemning the "inappropriate, demeaning and harassing comments," with promises to address those involved, but the behavior of their fans had been particularly upsetting. Some White Mountains players and parents wanted to take action.

They hatched a plan to wear iron-on rainbow patches on their warm ups, a way to show they had their teammate's back.

This created a new set of issues.

According to multiple sources, there were players and parents who expressed reservations about the patches, which led school administrators to encourage an alternative response — one that would not split the team.

In turn, some in the community interpreted this as the school district denying gay pride patches. The social media response on Thursday night was strong and swift. A few players added the patches on their own, posting photos online.

Ultimately school administrators sat down with the team on Friday to revisit the patch proposal. Players promised the issue would not divide them, no matter who did and did not add the patches to their warm ups. The administration relented.

Speaking in a parents meeting before Friday's game, WMR Principal Mike Berry said, "The girls looked us in the face today and said 'It will not come between us.' And we weren't leaving that gym until I was convinced."

Kenison's mother said she was satisfied with the administration's handling of the matter.

"I've had nothing but support from this high school [and] the administration and how they've dealt with Lily and how they take



PHOTO BY PAUL HAYES

White Mountains Regional sophomore Lily Kenison, center, and teammates Lexi Welch (10), Jayce Murray (5), Makenzie Tremer (3) and Aviara Challinor (2) link arms during the playing of the National Anthem before the team's home opener on Friday, Dec. 14. "Tonight was definitely a moment to look back on and know that we do have support in Coos County, and to know that people will show support in different ways, and honestly, if my teammates didn't wear the patch I wasn't going to hold it against them, because I know they love me for me, and I love them," she said. "They're my teammates. They mean everything."

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## Obituaries

**Norman “Mac” “Norm” M. McLeod**

Norman “Mac” “Norm” M. McLeod, 87, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, at Genesis Country Village Center in Lancaster. Norman was born in Gorham, New Hampshire, on June 12, 1931, the son of Rodney McLeod and Flora (Lyman) McLeod. After his mother’s death, when he was three years old, he went to live with Perley and Hazel Hapgood, of North Stratford. He married Patricia A. Gilman on April 4, 1951, and they resided in the town of Groveton to raise their three children.

He enlisted in the United States Navy, during the Korean Conflict on June 22, 1948 and received an Honorable Discharge on June 20, 1952. After his discharge from the U.S. Navy, he started working for the Groveton Paper Mill from June 26, 1952,

and retired from Wausau Papers of New Hampshire on June 30, 1993.

Norman was a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church, St. Marguerite d’Youville Parish in Groveton, an American Legion, Post 0017 member for 56 years and a former member of the Groveton Moose Lodge. He served his community as a volunteer firefighter for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at his camp with friends and family. He enjoyed going to basketball games with his friends and seldom ever missed go-



Norman McLeod

ing to a game to cheer on the Groveton Eagles basketball team. During the basketball season and playoff games he would be seated on the bottom bleacher at the center court line. He not only went to the playoffs for the hometown team, but for all the basketball teams of the North Country. He was also an avid fan of the Boston Red Socks and the New England Patriots.

He is survived by his three children: Darlene Collins and husband Clifford of Spring Creek, Nevada, Bonnie Auger and husband David, and John McLeod and wife Betty, of Groveton, N.H.; a sister, Phyllis Baillargeon, of Dover, N.H.; six grandchildren: Daniel Libby, Tanya (Libby) Campbell, Tiffany (Libby) Hart, Patrick McLeod, Ryan Auger and Gregory Auger; 15 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Norman is predeceased by Patricia McLeod, his wife of 60 years, his parents, his brother Daniel McLeod, his sisters Bernice Wheeler and Florence Burgess, his grandson Michael McLeod, Norman’s half-brother and half-sisters of the Goodno family.

There will be an opportunity for visitation with the family from 10-10:45 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, in Groveton, followed by a Christian Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, the Rev. Daniel Deveau will officiate. A graveside committal will be held at the Northumberland Cemetery at a later date.

Donations may be made in his memory to St. Marguerite d’Youville Parish, P.O. Box 247, Groveton, NH 03582.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Lancaster. Please go to [www.baileyfh.net](http://www.baileyfh.net) for more information or to send an online condolence.

**Jean Audrey Powers**

Jean Audrey Powers, 79, of Boston Street in Lyndonville, Vt. passed away on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at Weeks Memorial Hospital in Lancaster, N.H.

Jean was born on March 19, 1939, in Newark, N.J., to Roger and Ariel (Sibley) Hampson. She was raised in New Jersey and Littleton, N.H., graduating from Littleton High School, Class of 1957. In 1967, she married Kenneth Neil Powers and they shared 49 years together until his death in 2016. Jean enjoyed taking drives with Ken, often after lunch. She also enjoyed crafts, baking, and Bingo.

Jean is survived by two sons: Michael Powers and wife, Annette, of Concord, Vt., and Jeff Powers and wife, Janet, of Lyndonville, Vt.; two daughters: Laurie Leach and husband, Kenny, of Magnolia, Texas, and Brenda Powers of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; 11 grandchildren: Emily Jewett, Heather Powers, Tarah Powers, Matthew Leach, Nathan Leach, Angela Leach, Jeffrey Powers, Adam Powers, Lindsey Clark, Jacob Garfield, and Brandon Rod; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband: Kenneth Powers.

There will be no services or calling hours at this time.

Memories and condolences can be shared with the family at [www.guibordfh.com](http://www.guibordfh.com).

**Eugene Adrien Dube**

Eugene Adrien Dube, 94, formerly of Wells River, Vt., died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, at the Grafton County Nursing Home, North Haverhill, N.H.

Eugene was born in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada, on Nov. 23, 1924, to Herminiglide and Alice (Benoit) Dube. On March 5, 1946 he married Alice Irene Brosseau. He worked for many years for Arthur Hyde as a herdsman at the Dunlookin Farm in Bradford, Vt. Eugene also worked for Doug Linzer at the Furniture Outlet in South Ryegate, Vt. He was a communicant at St. Eugene’s Catholic Church in Wells River and loved listening to country music.

He was predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Alice Irene (Brosseau) Dube. See **Obituaries**, Page 10

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# Dr. David Toll: A Beloved Country Pediatrician

Death Of Longtime St. Johnsbury Pediatrician Marked With Sadness, Many Memories

BY AMY ASH NIXON  
Staff Writer

DANVILLE — A visit to Dr. David Toll's pediatric practice was like a step back in time.

If a child was sick, you were instructed to come right in, and often Dr. Toll himself would take the phone call and talk to the child's parent to find out what the concern was.

He had a laboratory upstairs in his building, so getting a strep test, or bloodwork done was fast and he had the results almost immediately.

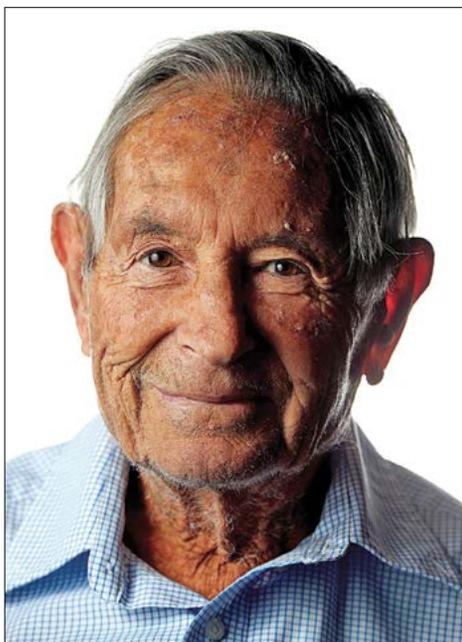
Dr. Toll's office was Norman Rockwell-esque, vintage Fairbanks scales in the patient rooms, his office itself a converted Main Street white wooden house, with toys for the kids and magazines for the parents on tables.

He was known for never turning anyone away for inability to pay.

The death of Dr. Toll, 93, over the weekend, caused many in Vermont's rural Northeast Kingdom to offer their condolences to his family, and to share stories of what the region's most treasured pediatrician meant to them, their children, and their lives here.

"The Kingdom has lost a friend," shared Darcie McCann on behalf of the NEK Chamber of Commerce. "We have lost Dr. Toll."

McCann said, "Medical professionals like Dr. Toll came from a different era, one we will never see again. It was not just the longevity of his practice but how he put his heart and soul into the tens of thousands he treated during his decades of service. Being a doctor was not just a profession to him; it was a calling. His life was truly extraordinary on



FILE PHOTO/PAUL HAYES

Dr. David Toll

how many lives he touched in his own long life."

Sue Willey of Kirby shared, "I had a trusting love for this wonderful friend and doctor. Shared my family with him from day one of Tracy's life (50 years ago), then Christy for 17 years and Dallas's into college even ... So so sad ... love to his family and his office staff that made every visit with him pleasant. Took the girls in once when they were covered with red spots and Dr. Toll entered the room took a look from across the room, announced 'Your cats have

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## ON A TRAIN TO HARVARD AT 16: DR. DAVID TOLL'S LIFE STORY

BY AMY ASH NIXON  
Staff Writer

In an interview several years ago, Dr. Toll said he was inspired to become a pediatrician after himself having pneumonia as a child and seeing how the doctor's care had impacted his family's life, and how appreciative his mother and father were for the doctor's work. He had grown up in Ohio and when he was 16, the school told his parents he should be sent to Harvard University. He was sent on a train shortly after.

Many people died from pneumonia in those days,

so his recovery was not something his family took for granted.

Dr. Toll came to St. Johnsbury in 1951.

"That was in late December, with about three weeks before the end of the year, and so after Christmas, and just in time for the opening of Harvard, they put me on a train and just sent me to Boston ... My father gave me a check and said to give it to the bursar's office, and I got out of the subway and I brought the check to the appropriate office," he recalled in a 2014 interview.

He was a Harvard graduate at 18.

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seau) Dube on Feb. 10, 1994; four sisters, Mary Thayer, Alice Coutemanche, Rosie Coutemanche and Theresa Brosseau; and three brothers,



Eugene Dube

Wilfred Dube, Roland Dube and Vizina Dube. He is survived by four daughters, Claudette D. Wagner of Sheridan, Wy., Irene S. Briggeman of Dover, N.H., Gail M. Tellier of Bradford, Vt., and Suzanne A. Scott and husband Harold of Wells River; five sons, Normand Dube and wife Scarlett of Lyme, N.H., Marcel E. Dube and wife Nancy of Sheridan, Wy., Lao W. Dube and wife Lori also of Sheri-

dan, Richard Dube and wife Marianne of West Newbury, and Real D. Dube of Burlington, Vt.; 20 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; a brother, Alcide Dube of Woodsville, N.H.; along with nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m., at St. Eugene's Catholic Church, 10 Center St., Wells River, Vt., with Father Oliver Saligan as Celebrant.

Burial will be in the Sawyer Cemetery on Bradford in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of New Hampshire, 166 South River Road, Suite 210, Bedford, NH 03110.

For more information, or to offer an online condolence, please visit [www.rickerfh.com](http://www.rickerfh.com).

Ricker Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Woodsville is in charge of arrangements.

## Support

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her under their wing," said her mother. "They've been super supportive."

Meanwhile, in the midst of the school's internal discussions, Clare Brooks, owner of the Little Village Toy and Book Shop in Littleton, donated 150 rainbow flags which she and other volunteers handed out at Friday's game to anyone interested. Some took them, others did not.

According to Brooks, it was her solution to the disagreement over the patches.

"My goal [was] to take the pressure off those girls and let the community stand up for Lily," Brooks said. "I don't feel like the girls should be forced to wear rainbow patches. They've all clearly expressed their support for their teammate in their own ways, and some may — and some may not — be comfortable putting something on their uniform, and that should be their right."

Brooks stressed the importance of showing public support to gay teens, noting they are at higher risk for suicide, drug use and homelessness. "Us as a community can step up and make sure this young lady walks out of that game thinking 'It's OK to be me,' and that she feels loved and supported, as an equal member."

Kenison's mother hailed the public display of rainbow patches and flags as a sign of progress, reflecting a more accepting climate for gay teens. But, she added, the need for such a demonstration showed there was still work to do.

"We've come a long way, but not as far as we'd like to think," she said, adding, "My daughter wants everybody to know this isn't about her, it's about everybody like her. She wants everyone to know that it's not right for people who are different to be treated unfairly."

White Mountains already offers support to gay and transgender students. The school has an

active Gay Straight Alliance. The staff takes the issue seriously.

But for Kenison, sports have always been her support system. When she came out in seventh grade, she told her softball team first, her mother second.

"It was probably one of the best moments of the whole process," Kenison said. "My family supported it right away and my friends obviously supported me. Nobody hated me for it."

Added her mother, "They were fine with it, everybody's been fine with it, most of the students here, everybody in Lily's class, everybody knows it."

Kenison continues to take solace in sports. It's where she has made friendships, found support, forged an identity, and channeled her energies.

"Sports is definitely my outlet for all this stuff, whether I'm having a good day or a bad day, I play my heart out for my team and my team plays their heart out for me," she said, adding that patch or no patch, the experience of the past week has reinforced the importance of her teammates, coaches and supporters in the stands.

That was particularly true on Friday night.

She said that taking the court and seeing some in the crowd waving rainbow flags was "one of the best feelings." But once again she kept her head in the game, helping White Mountains to a 48-40 win over visiting Mascoma, improving their record to 3-1.

It wasn't just a win for the Spartans. The community won too, Kenison said. Following what she described as a rough week, she got a reminder of the good in the world.

"Tonight was definitely a moment to look back on and know that we do have support in Coos County, and to know that people will show support in different ways, and honestly, if my teammates didn't wear the patch I wasn't going to hold it against them, because I know they love me for me, and I love them," she said. "They're my teammates. They mean everything."



PHOTO BY PAUL HAYES

Volunteers hand out rainbow flags before a girls basketball game at White Mountains Regional on Friday, Dec. 14. The flags were distributed in support of WMR sophomore guard Lily Kenison, a gay student who was taunted during an away game at Newfound on Dec. 5.

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## Toll

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flea!' followed by a few helpful suggestions about flea terminating and grinning left the room."

Dr. Tim Thompson of Kirby, now retired, arrived in the Northeast Kingdom in 1973 and knew Dr. Toll for many years.

The three tenants which Dr. William Osler, remembered in history for being the father of modern medicine, are what Dr. Thompson pointed to in remembering Dr. Toll and his care of children in the Northeast Kingdom – availability, affability and ability.

"David had plenty of ability, and that's not to make it the last one, but he was amazing at being available to his patients. He had people coming from all over the Northeast Kingdom and New Hampshire to see him. It was a great testimony to his persistence, to his ability to convince people he could really take care of them. He was just a wonderful doctor here for a very long time."

Dr. Thompson continued, "His interest was in really making sure that kids had access to care, and it's amazing that he did that as a single practitioner. St. Johnsbury was a pretty interesting place (to choose to practice in)."

Of Dr. Toll practicing until his 90th birthday, Dr. Thompson said, "David didn't know what else to do. He wanted to continue being a doctor and it

was really important to him. His patients were very dear to him. He was sick once and I put him in the hospital and he said, 'I've got to go take care of my two patients first,' and he went to discharge them. I couldn't stop him."

Dr. Thompson said Dr. Toll's wife, Bridget "took great care of him, she was a great wife and a great caregiver." Running a medical practice as the sole practitioner for so many years is a huge commitment and "Bridget gets a lot of credit," for being at his side, he said.

Dr. Thompson said Dr. Toll's work here and reputation was "why a lot of people were willing to stay here," and make their careers in St. Johnsbury.

People adored him, and trusted him with the care of their children, he said.

He said, "David was the standard here for pediatricians ... I think everybody respected his persistence and his capacity to be able to deliver care."

Paul Bengtson, the recently retired CEO of Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, worked with Dr. Toll for many years. "I worked with him as a board member and sometimes president of the medical staff," said Bengtson. "I worked with him actively for more than 30 years. He always had a very active intellect, which personally I enjoyed. He wasn't particularly enamored of administrators, but I could roll with that because I actually could understand his point of view a lot of times."

"He had a very long and I would say vibrant and interesting career. He enjoyed a huge following, al-

most like I'd never seen as a medical professional. He was a very smart diagnostician," said Bengtson. "A lot of people would approach him I guess around the region for his ability to diagnose, particularly conditions with children."

Bengtson said, "He is one of those people who was a legend - and he was a legend in his own time. He leaves behind a very nice, large extended family. He was very aware and smart culturally, too. One of the things I enjoyed about him was his enjoyment of classical music." Dr. Toll also was a reader of *The Book of Ecclesiastes*, and he and Bengtson would discuss things from it, he said. "He knew *The Book of Ecclesiastes* very well," said Bengtson. "He made many references to it."

Toll continued to see some patients well into adulthood - even their 50s, said Bengtson.

Holly Blair of Kirby on Monday said her mother, Merrill Blair, worked as a lab tech for Dr. Toll in the years prior to his retirement.

"He was my doctor from birth until he retired when I was 33," said Blair, now 35. "He was such a great man ... I have a million fond memories of him - which is something to be said considering I do not typically like doctors and have been sick a lot over the years. Dr. Toll saw me through everything from routine childhood illness of strep throats and stomach bugs to more complicated situations like hospitalizations ... (he) probably saved my life several times."

"The world has lost so much with his passing and we were so lucky for the many years of service he gave to so many," said Blair.

Carrie Peters of Groton on Monday said Dr. Toll took care of her four children, Torie, 22, Shelby, 21,

Wyatt, who died at 15, and Luke, 12.

"When I was pregnant with Torie I was trying to decide on a pediatrician and I thought it would be neat to go to the same doctor as my husband had," she said. "So that started our journey. Things were pretty uneventful with my girls but when my son Wyatt was born with special needs then there was lots of visits to Dr. Toll and lots of questions. Wyatt was born with Microcephaly and had all sorts of neurological problems."

"Of course we spent lots of time at Dartmouth, but it was Dr. Toll who when I asked him how long did he think Wyatt would live to be told me 'a teenager,' that Wyatt's brain would not be able to keep up with his body's needs," Peters said. "Oddly enough the specialists at DHMC told me many different answers - from as long as 50-60 years old to Wyatt will just keep getting pneumonia and die. In August of 2015 Wyatt passed away peacefully at 15 years old, exactly how Dr. Toll predicted, not multiple pneumonia's, just peacefully at home with us. It still amazes me today how he knew this. And Dr. Toll and Bridget coming to Wyatt's funeral and coming over and hugging me meant the world to me and I will never forget that."

When her son Luke was about 5 and was admiring the sailboat pictures on Dr. Toll's office wall, Dr. Toll invited him on a 3-day sailing trip, which Luke went home and packed for, said Peters.

Peters said, "There are many stories about how he fit us in any day no matter how busy his schedule was," said Peters, who said she still misses his ability to diagnose what is going on with her children. "I always knew I could call, get in, and that Dr. Toll would take great care of my children."

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When Toll finished at Harvard, he was eligible for medical school. But with World War II raging, he said, "You couldn't just go" to medical school. Had he agreed to become a dental surgeon, he could have avoided enlisting, but he didn't want to do that.

"So the Navy took me, and I was a Navy corpsman," he said.

He was put through an eight-week medic course and he studied as much as he could to care for injured servicemen "until they could be transferred off the battleground."

"I had all the manuals and whom I should call, and then after that it was decided I should be going over and landing with the troops when they were starting to attack Japan. I was on that duty," he said. "The other officers were amazed at how inept I was at shooting!"

He said he was advised not to shoot if under fire, but to run. "Do not try to fight them, you will not make it ... throw your gun and run," he said he was told.

He said that after his service in the Navy, "They thought I should go to medical school, so they sent me."

At first Toll returned to Ohio and enrolled at Case Western Reserve, but his parents wanted him to return to Harvard, so he completed medical school there.

After first working at the Harvard-affiliated Boston Children's Hospital, he served at Massachusetts General Hospital when it was starting a pediatrics department.

"After about three years there, I decided I didn't want to live in the city. I just wanted to leave," he said.

When he was younger, Toll had gone on a camping trip to northern Canada, and he longed to live in a place with plenty of wilderness.

Someone told him that Vermont needed doctors.

At the time there were no pediatricians in the entire northeastern part of Vermont, or in the neighboring north country of New Hampshire, he said.

### The Kingdom's First Pediatrician

His practice in Vermont began June 6, 1951, on Railroad Street over a bank in St. Johnsbury. He was there about a year when agents from the Internal Revenue Service came to investigate him.

Toll said they told him, "The fact is, we've never had any doctor who has made as little money as you have, so we're just coming over here to see if you're actually making more and not telling us."

"They asked questions and went up to the hospital and they said, 'Well, that's right, you're the lowest paid doctor we've ever heard of,' and so then that was that," he said with a smile.

Toll said he never looked back on his decision to move north.

"The people here were so much nicer for me to deal with than the people in the suburbs of Boston and so forth. I liked it a lot better," he said.

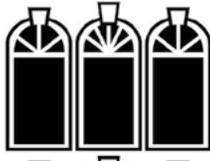
"Everybody was very helpful. It was very good. It wasn't very fruitful in terms of money. The office visit was \$3 and if you didn't pay, it didn't matter, because we didn't keep any books to know who had paid and who hadn't," said Dr. Toll.

As for always being available, "I don't feel it's a chore or anything," he said. "It's what I wanted to do. I get nice letters from patients; I get things that would touch your heart."

"I think the best thing about it is to see how parents love their kids," he said. "It's very touching."

*This report was included in a longer story about Dr. Toll which appeared in Vermont's Northland Journal.*







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## News Briefs

## Schilling Beer Leads Way In Helping California Wildfire Victims

LITTLETON — The devastation was something California had never seen before - more than 150,000 acres scorched, at least 86 people killed, communities destroyed, tens of thousands displaced, an upward of \$10 billion in damage.

To date, the northern California wildfire called the Camp Fire that burned for more than two weeks in November was the deadliest and most destructive in the state's history, and one of the deadliest fires in the history of the nation.

Seeing the ravages all around them was Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., nestled in the city of Chico.

Sierra Nevada put out the call for help to brewers across the nation - would they brew a beer from a Sierra Nevada recipe and donate 100 percent of the proceeds to rebuilding and relief efforts?

For those at Schilling, the answer was easy.

"It took about 30 seconds of deliberation," Schilling CEO and co-founder Jeff Cozzens said Wednesday. "If it's in our power to do good, we will do that."

Schilling's name for the beer it will brew - Resilience IPA - will be the name that all of the brewers participating - nearly 1,500 to date, in the United States and Canada - will use for the initiative.

Visiting Littleton on Wednesday to thank Schilling was Sierra Nevada founder Ken Grossman.

"We are all here to support the rebuilding efforts in California and Butte County," said Grossman. "We're here to thank these very generous folks for working with us for the fundraising efforts."

As that effort began, Sierra Nevada brainstormed for a name for the beer and reached out to Schilling early on when they learned Schilling had the name Resilience, said Grossman.

"I think it is a name that embraces the will and resilience of the people who have been impacted," he said.

The participating breweries are following a Sierra Nevada recipe for what Grossman called an "old school IPA," made with Centennial and Cascade hops, a brew at the forefront of the craft beer revolution.

The goal now is to raise in excess of \$10 million and potentially up to \$15 million, he said.

The fundraising proceeds will also help areas damaged that are not covered by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), he said.

Destroyed in the flames was the city of Paradise, population 27,000, which saw 14,000 homes destroyed, a powerful blow to a community that is not a real wealthy one, said Grossman.

"The funds will be used in helping to rebuild communities and we're working with the city of Paradise, in Butte County, where it is most needed," said Grossman. "Most will go to long-term rebuilding, and right now we're donating

to transportation that will need to be replaced."

Sierra Nevada also offered to hire a planner for the city of Paradise to develop a rebuilding plan going into the future, he said.

"The community will never be what it was," he said.

Also seeing damage from the Camp Fire was the city of Chico, where the fire burned to the city outskirts and to within a mile of the Sierra Nevada brewery.

About 50 Sierra Nevada employees, 14 percent of its workforce, lost their homes, said Grossman.

About a year and a half ago, northern California saw its now-second worst fire on record, the Tubbs Fire, that struck Napa, Lake and Sonoma counties and severely damaged the city of Santa Rose, home of Russian River Brewing Co.

At that time, Russian River put out the call for help to fellow brewers.

"We brewed the beer to support their efforts," said Grossman.

In all, 100 brewers responded then.

Grossman was hoping for 200 for the Camp Fire rebuilding effort.

"In a day, we had about 500," he said. "The brewing community has been fantastic."

Grossman is known as the father of craft brewing and launched Sierra Nevada in 1980, when there were just 45 breweries nationwide. Today, there are more than 7,000.

Unlike other businesses, there is a kinship among craft brewers and they tend to work together, said Grossman.

The rapport with Schilling, he said, was instant.

"We bonded immediately," said Grossman.

Schilling and the other participating brewers for the Camp Fire relief effort were granted a license from Sierra Nevada to brew the Resilience beer.

Schilling allowed the initiative to use its trademark Resilience name.

Schilling will be brewing a 100-barrel batch, about 20 kegs, and its beer will be on tap and ready to be poured at its Littleton brewpub beginning in about two to three weeks, with the run ending by May 1, per the agreement, said Cozzens.

All of the proceeds raised will go to the California community rebuilding effort, he said.

"However we can help, we are willing to do that," said Cozzens. "It's a great way to participate with Sierra Nevada in this project ... Brewers have each other's backs."

## Federal Lawsuit Against Casella Could Go To Mediation

After a federal judge in September rejected Casella Waste Systems' request to dismiss the federal lawsuit filed against it for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act, the case could be headed to mediation for a possible resolution.

On Dec. 3, Casella and the two entities filing suit against it, Toxics Action Center Inc. and the Conservation Law Foundation, filed a joint

statement requesting a court-administered mediation, and a requested date of Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

On Monday, representatives of the U.S. District Court for the District Of New Hampshire said no date has been scheduled and the court will issue a formal notice of mediation when a day is set.

What exactly that mediation - which attorneys for TAC, CLF and Casella say "is appropriate at this time" - could mean for the case if successful, if it could result in a settlement, and if it could change landfill operations were not determined Monday.

Tom Irwin, director of CLF New Hampshire, declined to comment this week, saying the lawsuit remains pending and anything discussed in mediation is confidential.

A call placed to Bryan Gould, attorney for Casella and NCES, was not returned by press time.

The case was filed in May at the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire by TAC and CLF, who allege Casella's landfill in Bethlehem, run by its subsidiary, North Country Environmental Services, is illegally discharging pollutants into the Ammonoosuc River through a drainage channel and the discharges are occurring without a discharge permit required by the federal Clean Water Act.

The two nonprofit organizations argue the discharges into the river contain elevated levels of iron and manganese, as well as 1,4 dioxane, a suspected carcinogen, and the Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of pollutants from ditches and channels without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Casella denies the allegations.

If no resolution is reached, the case is tentatively scheduled for trial in October 2019.

NCES, along with Casella, is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

On Oct. 17, the court rejected a motion filed

by Casella to dismiss the claims against Casella as a defendant.

On Oct. 22, CLF and TAC withdrew their motion to compel Casella to produce documents, according to court filings.

The case was referred for mediation to Magistrate Judge Andrea Johnstone and approved by Judge Paul Barbadoro.

The landfill in Bethlehem that NCES has owned since the 1990s, is nearing full capacity.

Voters at town meetings in 2017 and 2018 rejected a proposal by Casella and a Casella-supported citizens group to expand the landfill's current footprint of roughly 46 acres by another 70 acres and add 100 acres to the town's current 61-acre landfill district.

As of Monday, it was undetermined if Casella will be proposing for the third consecutive year articles on the town meeting warrant seeking the expansion.

A call placed to Casella district manager Kevin Roy was not returned.

In November, as part of a tax abatement settlement with the town, a two-acre buffer zone was allowed for expansion that will now add three more years of life to the landfill, which before then had been projected to close in about 2021.

## Numerous Arrests In Federal, State, Local Police Investigations

Nine North Country and NEK residents have been arrested on a variety of charges as part of a larger police operation investigating the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, and other narcotics, an operation police said netted hundreds of grams of drugs as well as several guns.

The arrests made on Dec. 6 were the result of Operation Northern Alliance, a collaboration in

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## Golf Course

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"There probably is," said Garvey. "In my opinion, you're probably better off leasing it for a viable number."

Franconia resident Steve Monsein, 75, who has been a member of the BCC since he was 14, said he ran a golf course in Massachusetts and in today's world golf courses aren't big revenue generators.

"I don't think anyone will lease the course without an option to purchase," he said. "The only option I see is development."

Garvey said, "Golf is definitely a declining game at this point in time. He's right - development is key."

The articles passed by voters in March allowed selectmen to explore a sale, lease or town-held BCC and keep the property a golf course.

Parts of the property can still be developed and the clubhouse can be outfitted for winter operation, said Garvey.

"You have to develop around it," said Se-

lectman Rich Ubaldo. "That's really the bottom line."

The discussion on the BCC will resume at the public hearing on Jan. 7 and selectmen will have a draft article to present, said Board of Selectmen Chairman Mary Moritz.

"At that time, we'll make a recommendation," she said.

Glavac said he is leaning toward a lease.

One option is to have an article that would authorize selectmen to enter into and negotiate the terms of a lease.

"I think the board can do a good job next year executing a lease," he said.

The article would be worded in such a way that selectmen would not have to present a final contract to the town, said Moritz.

The original golf course on the Bethlehem property at 1901 Main St. was a 9-hole that opened in 1898. In 1910, it was expanded to a Donald Ross-designed 18-hole course.

The clubhouse was constructed in 1912.

The town bought the property in 1949 and has operated it with special revenue fund that has an annual budget of about \$270,000.

# The Light From The Darkness

In Aftermath of Terrible Tragedy, Memories of Victims & Response of Community Shine Bright

**BY PAUL HAYES**  
Staff Writer

Here's what the police report says.

There was a two-car accident before dawn on Monday, July 9. It happened by the entrance to Littleton Regional Healthcare. The driver of one vehicle, 60-year-old Dorese Harrell of Georgia, and a passenger in the other, 19-year-old Brodie Leavitt of Littleton, were both killed.

But there's more to the story.

The police report doesn't say that Harrell was starting over. That after being laid off from Memorial Hospital in Savannah she had accepted a job as a surgical tech at LRH. That the accident occurred on her first day of work.

It doesn't say that Leavitt's life was just getting started. That, two years after graduating high school, he was beginning to map out his future and was weighing his college options.

And it doesn't say how the families — stricken with grief and coping with immense loss — were consoled, comforted and cared for by a tight-knit, small town community.

The police report states the accident took place in darkness. But it doesn't say how the darkness revealed a light.

## Broke The Mold

Once Brodie Leavitt picked something up, he ran with it.

Take cars, for example. They piqued his curious, analytic mind. When he got his driver's license, his parents helped him buy a used Ford Ranger, and almost immediately he wanted to install a lift kit and make modifications. Soon he was buying, fixing and selling vehicles on a regular basis. He had a preference for Audis.

His father, Larry, said, "He could tear them apart and put them together like nothing," and his mother, Michelle, added, "I don't think there was a day he wasn't in the driveway working on a car."

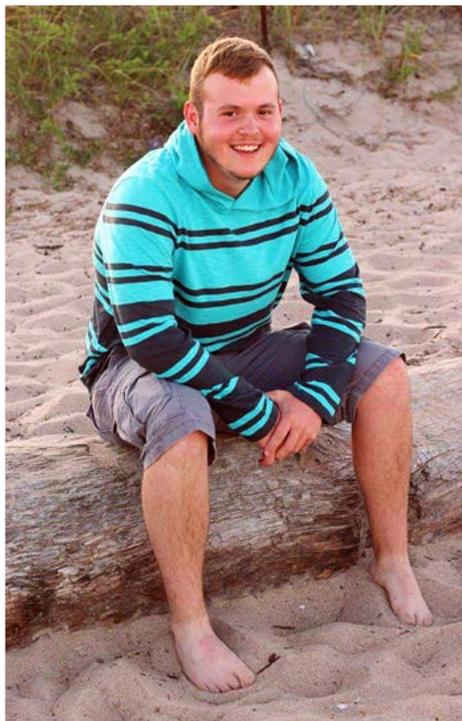
It wasn't just cars. He was an avid gardener throughout high school, growing hot peppers, tomatoes, various flowers, and more. He bought a tattoo gun, giving tattoos to himself and others. In everything, he was self taught.

"When he would set his mind on something, there was nothing stopping him, he would figure it out and do it," his mother said. "I always told him, when he was born, they broke the mold. He wasn't afraid to try anything, he had a true love for life."

Sometimes, his curiosity got the best of him.

One time, he pulled his father's work computer apart, to use the cooling fan for his plants. Another time, he brought home two ducklings, hoping to raise them in a backyard pen. His mother's reply, "No, we are not keeping the ducks."

No matter those miscues, Leavitt's heart was always in the right place. He was the type who enjoyed spending time with friends and family.



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*Brodie Leavitt was a 19-year-old Littleton native whose life was just getting started.*

The second youngest of six, he especially loved holidays. He was the first one up on Christmas morning. This past Easter, he insisted the family hold an Easter egg hunt.

"I remember running to Walmart at eight o'clock at night to get an Easter basket and plastic eggs, and then I hid them, and we videoed he and his sister fighting for eggs," his mother remembered, "He was such a big kid at heart."

Still a teenager, working two jobs and weighing his college options, Leavitt was just starting out. But he lived long enough to make an impact. Following his death, some friends and family got tattoos in his honor. It was an outward sign that he had been loved.

"He was very helpful, very caring," said his mother. "After he passed, so many people told me different stories about how he stopped to help them. Even his friends said, if they needed help or a car was broken down, you called him and he was there. I think he had a big heart."

"And he didn't judge people, and that's what I really loved about him. He didn't care if you were a millionaire or someone who was homeless, he treated everybody the same. I wish more people would be like that in this world."

## Never Met A Stranger

Dorese Harrell began singing when she was young — and never stopped.

When she was old enough, she joined a local band in her hometown of Vidalia, Ga., performing at clubs and house parties. One time, she belted out 'Midnight Train to Georgia' and won



COURTESY PHOTO

*Dorese Harrell was a 60-year-old nurse from Georgia who was starting over.*

a cruise ship karaoke contest. Last year she auditioned for America's Got Talent.

"She's been singing since she was a little girl," said her brother, Mark Douglas. "She loved R&B, she also sang country, and she would always sing 'The Wind Beneath My Wings.'"

The singing reflected her spirit. Nicknamed "Cookie" by her family, she was the oldest of five siblings, and possessed a vibrant, outgoing and jovial personality, her brother recalled.

"She never met a stranger. She had that southern charm," her brother said.

Confident, caring and selfless, Harrell pushed aside her personal grief — including the deaths of her son, Casey, in 2015 and younger sisters Deborah in 2002 and Sharon in 2004 — and focused on the needs of others. That was true at work, where she was a surgical tech, and at home, where she sacrificed a chunk of her bank account to give gifts to family members.

"She was a single woman trying to make it, and she didn't have very much, but she would make it her purpose to give her nieces and nephews, all of us, something for Christmas," said her brother.

Her constant companion the last few years had been her dog, Baby, a Shih Tzu and Chihuahua mix that helped her through hard times.

"Baby was the love of her life. She was grieving from the sudden loss of her only child, and the dog was therapeutic for Cookie," said her brother.

Harrell had been laid off from Memorial Hos-

pital in Savannah and had accepted a six-month contract at LRH. The impact of her death was felt in both places. In Georgia, many of her Memorial Hospital co-workers made the hour-long drive to Vidalia to attend her memorial service, and in New Hampshire, her brother said, "These folks in Littleton never met my sister, yet they fell in love with her spirit and personality. They connected with her over the phone."

It was a testament to her character

"She was just a loving person, and she loved people," said her brother. "I was grateful to have her as my sister for 49 years, I thank God for that."

## A Community Responds

The accident occurred sometime around 4 a.m., in the area of the Littleton Regional Healthcare entrance.

Harrell was slated to begin work at LRH that day. She had driven through the night, accompanied by a friend, Dexter Prescott, and her dog, Baby, and wanted to swing by the hospital entrance before continuing to an apartment in Franconia.

Meanwhile Leavitt was riding shotgun in a car driven by a friend, 23-year-old Richard Maker, with another juvenile passenger in the backseat.

According to the police report, Harrell's vehicle was in the process of turning around in the roadway, back toward Interstate 93, when it was broad-sided by the car carrying Leavitt.

Not mentioned in the police report is what happened next.

Months after the crash, on Oct. 14, Harrell's brother posted a lengthy message on the Littleton Record's Facebook page, expressing love and appreciation for those who helped his sister.

"Obviously, my family and I are heartbroken over our terrible loss. We are also sadden[ed] and feel the pain of the Leavitt family and other individuals involved in the fatal wreck," he wrote. "However, even in sadness, God showed up in a powerful way. He used others to demonstrate the power of kindness, love and compassion."

In particular he recognized the LRH operating room staff that tried to save his sister, the hospital employees (led by nurse Chris Pelotte Morancie) who assisted the family with travel costs and expenses, and the Littleton Area Veterinary Emergency Services which cared for his sister's dog.

Contacted last month, Harrell's brother said "we just want to make sure people know we thank them. I want people to know what good deeds came out of that day. God brought us and these people together."

He added that "in a world with such divisiveness" the community response to the tragedy showed "there's good people out there still."

Meanwhile Leavitt's family experienced an outpouring of support.

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northern Grafton County involving the Littleton, Lisbon and Whitefield police departments, Vermont State Police, N.H. Attorney General's Drug Task Force, N.H. State Police Mobile Enforcement Team, the Narcotics Investigations Unit, and Department of Homeland Security.

Those working with the alliance made controlled buys of drugs and executed search warrants that resulted in the seizure of more than 450 grams of cocaine and more than 60 grams of fentanyl as well as crack cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, marijuana and other controlled drugs, Littleton police said in a statement.

In addition, it also resulted in the seizure of three pistols, three vehicles, three motorcycles and a number of individuals arrested on outstanding warrants, they said.

More arrests are expected.

To date, those arrested so far were:

— Christian Teveras-Polanco, a.k.a Lemuel Cruz Cepeda, 41, of Littleton, who faces a felony charge of cocaine possession with the intent to distribute.

— David Lucas 19, of Littleton, who faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of controlled drugs.

— Keith Baker, 23, of Littleton, who faces misdemeanor charges of driving after suspension.

— Gina Barrette, 24, of Lunenburg, arrested on a warrant for willful concealment and credit card fraud.

— Michael Crummey, 31, of Northumberland, arrested on a warrant for theft of firearms, forgery, and theft by unauthorized taking.

— Damion Emerson, 22, of Lisbon, who faces misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

— Angel Esposito, 28, of Lunenburg, arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

— Jacob Marshall, 26, of North Stratford and St. Johnsbury, arrested on a warrant for assault.

— Sandra Renee Oliver, 63, of Tallahassee, Fla., arrested as a fugitive from justice.

Barrette was arrested in July in Vermont on a charge of vandalizing a car in St. Johnsbury.

In November, Crummey was indicted at Coos Superior Court on five Class A felony counts of stealing firearms and a Class B felony count of forgery.

Marshall was arrested in September in St. Johnsbury on a felony charge first-degree aggravated domestic assault for allegedly putting out a cigarette on his girlfriend's neck, according to police records.

Operation Northern Alliance is the second operation of its kind this year.

The first that took place in June included the arrest of Baker on a felony charge of possessing a controlled drug with the intent to distribute.

One local police chief said Operation Northern Alliance is making a difference and will continue to do so in future operations.

"We have been involved in the process since it began and assist the other agencies involved in both operations and intelligence gathering," Whitefield Police Chief Ed Samson said Monday. "The goal is to continue these operations periodically throughout the North Country. As for its impact, I feel it has been large.

"Having the resources available on hand allows for a lot of things to happen that without them it would take months if it happened at all,"

said Samson. "The arrests are what make the headlines, but the intelligence gathered along with the visual to the criminals that we are out there is what will help to continue our efforts."

## Fighting Opioid Addiction Through Hubs And Spokes

As communities explore ways to turn the table on opioid addiction and reduce overdose deaths, a new statewide program is about to launch that involves the state, hospitals, treatment centers, and other entities that all have a stake in the fight.

Called hubs and spokes, it is funded by a two-year \$45.8 million State Opioid Response Grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and aims to expand access to medication-assisted treatment, including unmet treatment needs and reducing service gaps, in an effort to reduce deaths and meet those at risk and in need where they are and around the clock, even in the middle of the night.

"The vision is to see a wheel with a hub in the middle and the spokes on the outside and the lines that connect them," said Katja Fox, director of the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services Division for Behavioral Health. "The spokes are beyond just community recovery organizations. They are also human service agencies and treatment services such as the Friendship House [in Bethlehem]."

The hubs are the nine regional hospital sites - that in the North Country include Littleton Regional Healthcare and Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin - that will screen, evaluate and refer, and will distribute Naloxone, also known as Narcan, the anti-overdose drug.

The hub sites were set up to be an hour's drive or less to anyone in New Hampshire, said Fox.

The spokes are the medication-assisted care, increased residential level of care, development of mobile crisis and tele-health services, expanded service and outreach to specialty populations, ensured access to transitional living, and increased access to recovery housing and to peer recovery support groups and services, and increased opportunities for employment.

The model also includes data analysis to see what's working and what can be improved, and prevention measures through public information and early intervention.

### How It Works

"Each hub is required to have a core level of services, and some of the hubs have more advanced services because they were already providing some of these services," said Fox. "Core functions of the hubs are available business hours and a person on site at the location where individuals can seek information and referrals."

What's different about the hub model is that it provides a clinician who will not only provide screenings and assessments of individuals, but provide clinical evaluations based on International Society of Addiction Medicine standards to determine the level of care appropriate for the treatment.

"We often hear, beds, beds, beds, but not everyone has a bed," said Fox, who added that not everyone needs residential center treatment.

The evaluation gives upfront access rather than having to wait for an appointment, even for those reaching out at midnight on a Friday, for example, she said.

"The idea is to have that immediate access," said Fox. "We constantly hear about people who seek treatment once and then fall off. They might not get an appointment or they might get lost in the system, and the idea is to have someone responsible, which is the hub, follow up with that person to make sure they are getting the care they need as they move through the spoke system."

The idea also includes funding for clients needing transportation or child care, and critical in it is the care coordination, she said.

The model involves one entry point.

"We are having people call 211 as the access point for the hubs," said Fox.

That covers all agencies, and if someone calls 211, a staff member trained on substance misuse disorders can immediately transfer someone in need to a hub.

"What happens after hours?" asked Fox. "We will have Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center provide after hours telephonically and they will have clinicians available and will cov-

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er the entire state. That's really important - after hours, 24/7, nights, weekends, and holidays will be covered by Dartmouth."

The federal grant - \$8.8 million a year of it goes to the hub system and the remaining funds to a variety of distribution points - does come with strings attached, and one is a strong data component, said Fox.

"It requires us to do the care coordination and data collection at 30-day intervals with individuals," she said. "The idea of the data is to know what's working and what isn't."

The funding is also in response to opioids and not to other substances.

"We are focusing on priority areas by the federal government, which included pregnant and parenting women," said Fox. "They also wanted us to have veterans as a priority population and we will ask the hubs to have some expertise on and staff training with veterans issues."

In addition, community recovery organizations will be able to provide housing vouchers to those in need.

### Set To Launch

Local organizations in the system include the North Country Health Consortium and the Littleton-based North Country Serenity Center.

The social determinants of health, such as where a person lives, works and gets an education, are all addressed by the non-profit North Country Serenity Center, a state-certified recovery support organization, said its executive director, Doris Enman.

"We are a resource broker for any service someone might need," she said.

Harbor Homes manages contracts for 13 community centers in the state that will be part of the hub-spoke model.

"The recovery centers will be a spoke to that hub, a methadone clinic will be a spoke, and a mental health clinic a spoke," said Cheryl Pacapelli, Harbor Homes project director of peer recovery supports who manages the contracts. "There might be 50 pieces to the hub. In Littleton, there might be 20 pieces because the population is smaller than Nashua or Manchester. But the hub is where everything will occur and referrals will be made to all the different spokes."

Getting it off the ground in the next 2½ weeks will be a challenge, and some stakeholders are waiting on guidance from the state, she said.

Now being scheduled for the first half of January, with dates to be determined, are regional forums through which each hub can introduce itself to its communities and speak with providers and representatives of agencies in the spokes, she said.

What happens after the two-year grant ends?

"We see this as an opportunity to build the infrastructure that is necessary to address other substances," said Fox. "What we will do is put the system in place and allow them to build it up with that expertise so it becomes a known community resource. The governor thinks there will be additional funding. It is incumbent upon us to sustain this model. Some of the hubs are already looking at expanding some of the services they provide."

## Large Medical Clinic Proposed For Meadow Street

LITTLETON — A parcel along Meadow Street beside Interstate 93 could soon see a makeover after a company with a chain of urgent care centers expanding across New England eyes Littleton as a location for a new medical clinic.

The Portsmouth-based ConvenientMD seeks a variance from the Littleton Zoning Board of Adjustment for the construction of a nearly 5,000-square-foot building that is 47 feet high (the maximum building height in town without a variance is 35 feet).

"For us to be successful in the town, we need to be able to draw from a very large region, larger than we've ever drawn before," ConvenientMD co-CEO Max Puyanik told The Caledonian-Record on Wednesday. "We need to be right off the highway and very visible ... We've been wanting to be in Littleton for a very long time, but the issue is it's less densely populated than other areas of the state."

Services by the Portsmouth-based ConvenientMD, founded in 2012, include on-site prescriptions, X-rays, and treatment for asthma and allergic reactions, bronchitis, pneumonia, colds and coughs, broken bones, sprains, abrasions, and lacerations and cuts as well as preventive care like flu shots, immunizations, and general medical evaluations.

The new clinic that would provide those is slated for 551 Meadow St. on a 2.87-acre parcel owned by Robert Every, of Easton.

The existing building, the present home of Asian Garden restaurant, will be torn down to make way for the new one, said Puyanik.

If it meets all approvals, construction on the roughly \$4 million clinic building would begin in April and is projected to be complete and the clinic open by the end of 2019, he said.

ConvenientMD would be the long-term tenant of the building and would lease it.

A hearing on the variance that was scheduled for Tuesday before the ZBA was continued to Jan. 22 after the attorney for ConvenientMD and an abutter, who filed an objection to the building height and asked the town to deny the variance, agreed to first discuss concerns of height and signage raised by the abutter.

That abutter is REL Commons LLC, which owns the retail building across the street that houses TJ Maxx, Dollar Tree, Town

Fair Tire, the state liquor store, Olympia Sports, New England Cellular, and Fitness Authority.

"We understand that the proposed ConvenientMD building will be constructed at the street-level grade," wrote Christopher Cole, attorney for REL. "The variance, if approved, would bring the ConvenientMD building and oversized signage to the level of the REL Commons property, nullifying the REL Commons property's height advantages, including its visibility and light, and damage the value and attractiveness of the property."

Puyanik said the variance is needed because a ConvenientMD building would be on the side of a hill that drops down very far.

The actual building height, not measuring the top of the peak, is 42 feet, just seven feet taller than what is currently allowed by Littleton code, he said.

"We need to be sure we are visible to patients in distress and have signage so people can see clearly where they are going," he said.

If a variance is approved, the construction would need a building permit from the Littleton Planning Board.

ConvenientMD has nine locations in New Hampshire and three in Maine and its goal is to expand across the Northeast, a plan that comes as the company has received a large investment from Starr Holdings, a New York investment firm, according to a Nov. 20 story in the N.H. Business Review.

ConvenientMD clinics draw many people to the communities they are in for care, and half come from 30 minutes away, said Puyanik.

"We think in Littleton, patients will come from 40 to 45 minutes away and it will bring a lot of people into the community that would otherwise not come to Littleton for care," he said. "We can

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## Franconia Church of Christ Christmas Eve Services



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The department stocked more than a dozen lakes and ponds around the state with catchable-sized trout and retired broodstock of both brown and brook trout.

Depending on the weather and safety of the ice, the state's ice fishing season can last from late December to mid-April. Waters managed for lake trout or salmon have a defined season of Jan. 1 to March 31.

## Crew Finds Stranded Hiker Who Took To Facebook To Seek Help

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Rescue crews have located a hiker who took to Facebook to seek help when high wind blew away his map and compass and left him stranded on a New Hampshire mountain.

New Hampshire Fish and Game said they found the 25-year-old man Friday evening. The hiker had set off 2 a.m. Friday intending to summit Mt. Lafayette.

The hiker sent an emergency text and published a Facebook post seeking help Friday morning.

The hiker told officers he approached Mt. Lafayette's summit around 7 a.m. but tried to turn back due to bad weather.

The hiker said high winds and limited visibility overtook him, and it took him three hours to find trail markers. He eventually took cover in a snow cave.

Conservation officers guided the hiker out to a trailhead.

## 94-Year-Old World War II Veteran Gets Overdue Purple Heart

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A World War II veteran in New Hampshire who is battling cancer has finally received a long-awaited Purple Heart.

Cpl. Francis Byrne, of Manchester, received the award at a Friday ceremony at Elliot Hospital.

He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was injured in the line of duty in Belgium. He was hit by shrapnel from a landmine.

Byrne's lieutenant had promised to fill out the paperwork for a Purple Heart, but he was killed in action the next day.

Byrne was diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer two months ago. His wish was to receive the award before he dies.

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen announced this month that Byrne would finally be awarded a Purple Heart.

## State To Monitor Status Of Endangered Rabbits In Winter

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Biologists will be out in the snow again this winter monitoring New Hampshire's endangered New England Cottontail population.

Officials with the state Fish and Game department will be checking areas with dense vegetation for rabbit pellets and tracks in the snow. They say collecting the pellets on the snow preserves the DNA in the pellets and allows for species and even individual rabbits to be identified.

Members of the public also are encouraged to report rabbit sightings to the state.

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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 schedule 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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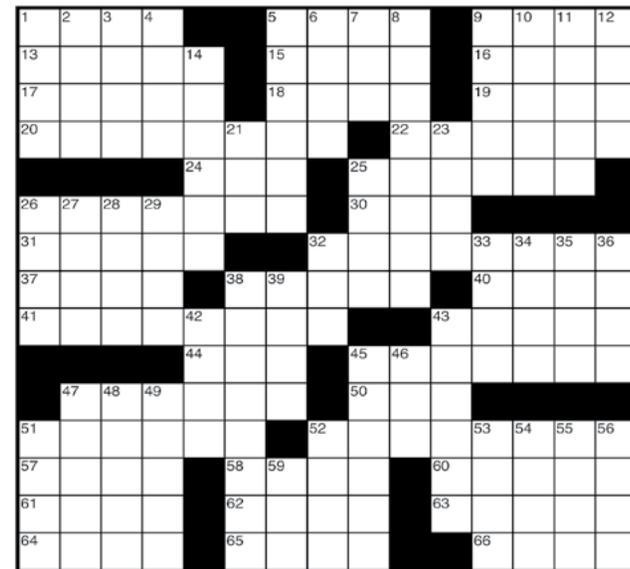
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treat 70 percent of the people who walk into [hospital] emergency rooms.”

Emergency room visits can be expensive for those who have high-deductible health insurance plans, he said.

“We try to make that easy by providing a broad scope of care and doing it in a very affordable way,” said Puyan. “It helps bring premiums down for local businesses and is good for local businesses.”

Even though a clinic might negatively impact ER visits to hospitals, he said it would be a net positive for hospitals because more people will come to town who need primary care and specialists at hospitals.

“We’ll help that out by creating more access for patients and by collaborating with the local hospitals for getting people plugged in for things like specialists,” said Puyan.

He said a Littleton site would also allow ConvenientMD to invest in a Littleton team.

“We’ll initially hire 25 people to work in the building and over time will increase it to 50,” said Puyan. “They’ll be high-paying jobs, physicians, nurses, technologists.”

The ConvenientMD proposal has the potential to have a good impact on the local economy and increase access to affordable health care options, Littleton Town Manager Andrew Dorsett said Wednesday.

### Keeping Homes And Families Safe During Holidays

For many people, the holiday season makes the month of December their favorite time of the year.

Unfortunately, it’s also a month that sees a rise in house fires that can be exacerbated all the more by dry Christmas trees and electrical outlets and strips that can’t handle the

higher load needed to power lights and decorations.

“Our peak house fire season is December, January and February,” said Littleton Fire Chief Joe Mercieri, who on Wednesday offered some tips for keeping homes and families safe during the holidays.

Although only a small percentage of Christmas trees catch fire during the holiday itself, many of the ones that go up in flames do so right after the holiday when people still keep their trees that are often by then dry, he said.

“A dry tree will burn quicker and hotter,” said Mercieri. “The standard size tree in your home is equivalent to an 8- or 10-foot pool of gasoline. That is what the tree equates to when it’s burning.”

Illustrating the impact of a dry tree, three years ago, in Annapolis, Maryland, a 16,000-square-foot home was burned to the ground when a 15-foot pine Christmas tree caught fire, he said.

Flashover can occur quickly, sparking a chain reaction that can spread fire into the next room and room after that, said Mercieri.

“It doesn’t burn slowly,” he said. “It takes a matter of seconds for a tree to become fully involved.”

Keep trees continually moist by filling their reservoirs at the base with water and keeping that water full and making sure trees are freshly cut when bought, he said.

“You have to monitor the health of your tree,” he said. “When you start seeing trees shed and needles fall, that is the time to pick up your tree and get it out of your house. The drier a tree gets, the less of a heat source or flame it needs to ignite.”

The sap pitch from pine trees itself is also highly flammable when ignited and can cause a tree to go up in the blink of an eye.

Although people should have fire extinguishers in their home, the odds of them getting an extinguisher and a fast-erupting fire out are slim, said Mercieri.

“Because of the heat being produced by that tree, you can sustain some serious burns,” he said.

Evacuate instead, and call 911, and practice escape drills with family members and have a designated meeting place outside to make sure everyone is accounted for, he said.

Additional lights and night lights and identified primary and secondary exits for family members staying overnight

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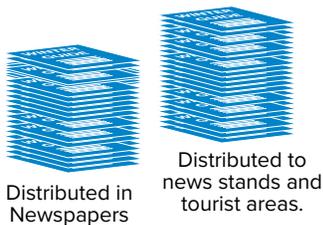
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“To me, it just reiterated that we are still a close knit community,” said his father. “They come to when someone is in need. Everyone is always willing to step up and do their part, no matter what.”

When a large group of Leavitt’s friends organized an impromptu memorial in the Harbor Freight parking lot, Leavitt’s parents were in attendance, and it was an unprecedented community outpouring. In a nod to Leavitt, there was a lineup of Audis (his favorite cars) and a Mountain Dew toast (it was his favorite soft drink).

But beyond those gestures, which would have brought a smile to Leavitt’s lips, his friends shared memories. They told stories that summed up his zest for life. They recalled someone who, when asked ‘How are you doing?’ would respond ‘Living lavish.’ It ended with a group of cars, trucks and motorcycles doing burn-outs in tribute.

“It was very special,” said his father.

“I have lived in Littleton all my life, and my husband has most of his life, and we’ve always known what a great town Littleton is,” said Leavitt’s mother. “It’s a small town, everybody knows everybody, but until you go through a tragedy like this you do not understand the magnitude of it.”

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who might not be familiar with the home are also advised.

The Littleton Fire Department has also dealt with instances of wrapping paper being tossed in wood stoves or fireplaces.

"Wrapping paper, specifically aluminum paper, burns hot," said Mercieri. "Some stoves get excessively hot and fail, some stoves crack, some flues can't take the excessive heat and can deteriorate."

On the subject of electricity, temporary extension cords brought out during Christmas time need to have the wire in the cord compatible with the extra load being placed on the cord, as Christmas lights draw as much electricity as some large appliances, he said.

Fires, too, have occurred in walls and receptacles in walls where cords are plugged in.

Christmas lights themselves have an expiration date and need to be retired and recycled and replaced with a new set of lights that have been laboratory tested, said Mercieri.

Light decorations outside near the vicinity of water can be a danger if they are plugged into a receptacle that is not a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFI), he said.

"The reason is because when you come into contact with water and electricity, the Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter protects you from getting electrocuted," he said.

If the GFI senses water, it will instantaneously interrupt the circuit and shut it down.

Among the most important measures, are the most basic, and for any time of year.

"Make sure you have working smoke detectors and working carbon monoxide detectors," said Mercieri. "Smoke detectors have a working 10-year life expectancy. If they are 10 years or older, they need to be replaced."

Also on Wednesday, the N.H. Department of Safety issued an advisory to keep homes safe during the holidays, saying candles, dry trees, and overloaded electrical circuits can cause destroy homes and cause homelessness and preventable deaths.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, the top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, and candles cause an estimated 15,600 house fires, 150 deaths, and more than 1,000 injuries each year.

In a statement, N.H. Fire Marshal Paul Parisi said open flames are inherently dangerous, especially when left unattended.

"I strongly encourage everyone to be diligent if they choose to use candles," he said. "Don't put them next to a drafty area or vent, where a fire could ignite and spread very quickly, and don't burn them for more than a couple hours at a time before letting them cool. You also don't want to burn a candle if there's less than half an inch of wax at the bottom, so the glass doesn't get too hot and crack or shatter."

He also recommended using low-heat decorations on trees, checking holiday lights for frayed wires or excessive wear, and not link-

ing more than three strands of holiday lights.

### Obamacare Enrollment Dips In New Hampshire

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — About 5,000 fewer people in New Hampshire signed up for insurance under former President Barack Obama's health care law this year compared to last.

Covering New Hampshire, the organization that works with advocates and health care providers to promote the law, says 44,930 people signed up for a marketplace plan during the enrollment period that ended Dec. 15. That number, which includes those who were renewing coverage, is down from 50,275 last year.

Officials say record low unemployment numbers and federal cuts to funding for publicity and consumer outreach likely contributed to the dip. The decline mirrored national trends, with preliminary numbers showing a 4 percent drop.

A U.S. Federal District Court judge on Friday found the law unconstitutional before open enrollment ended. The decision is being appealed and the law remains in effect.

### Rate Increase Approved For Addiction Treatment Centers

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The Executive Council approved an increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates Wednesday for residential addiction treatment providers, who had warned that they might have to eliminate beds and reduce services despite the ongoing opioid crisis.

The drug and alcohol treatment centers had been getting more money since 2014, when the state expanded its Medicaid program by using federal money to put people on private health plans that paid more. But in reauthorizing the program for five years, the state is switching to a managed care model with lower reimbursement rates set by the state.

Health and Human Services Commissioner Jeffrey Meyers told the council Wednesday his department was able to increase the rates while staying within its budget, and that compensation for high-intensity, residential addiction services will increase from \$162 to \$347 per day starting Jan. 1. The department adjusted the rates after looking at the other New England states in addition to states like Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky that also have been hard hit by the crisis.

While New Hampshire's reimbursement rates for outpatient services were generally in line with other state, its rates for residential treatment were significantly lower, Meyers said.

"We are now very consistent with our surrounding states," he said.

New Hampshire has one of the nation's highest rates of overdose deaths. After more than doubling in five years, there were two more fatal overdoses last year — 487 in total — than in 2016. Given those numbers, Councilor Chris Pappas, a Democrat, sought assurances that the reimbursement rate hike

would ensure that services would not be cut. The new rates will be in effect for six months, but Meyers said he is confident that ensuring adequate services will be a focus during the next budget process. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu agreed.

"Because we are now paying rates that are commensurate with the surrounding area, there's no reason to feel that any of the services would be denied or cut because we're on par with everyone else," Sununu said.

Cheryl Wilkie, chief operating officer at the Farnum Center in Manchester, called the vote a step in the right direction. But she said the increase excludes covering costs for detox services and does not apply to non-opioid treatment, which accounts for nearly 40 percent of the Medicaid clients it serves.

"This is real progress, but there is still a gap in reimbursements that puts great pressure on nonprofits' ability to afford to provide this treatment," she said.

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LEFT: Bobby Fitzgerald, center, and members of the Whiskey Shivers perform their encore surrounded by audience members during week seven of the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

RIGHT: Jamesie Johnston performs with Albannach during week four of the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain on Sunday, July 23, 2018.

# MORE MOUNTAIN MUSIC

## St. J Pulls Out Three-Peat, Scoring Another Levitt AMP Concert Series Despite Early Voting Woes

ST. JOHNSBURY — What once seemed lost remains right where we last saw it - on Dog Mountain.

Just weeks after being outpaced in public voting from communities across the county, supporters of the Levitt AMP Music Series at Dog Mountain pulled off a comeback for the ages by once again landing a \$25,000 matching grant to present 10 free outdoor concerts at Dog Mountain next summer.

The news that St. Johnsbury was one of the 18 Levitt Amp winners for 2019 was announced Tuesday morning.

“We were thrilled when we received word this morning,” said Jody Fried, executive director of Catamount Film & Arts. “The Catamount offices erupted in screams of joy.”

St. Johnsbury (Pop. 7,500) once again finds itself among the smallest of Levitt AMP communities which this year includes Trenton, New Jersey (Pop. 84,913) Green Bay, Wisconsin (Pop. 105,116) Springfield, Illinois (Pop. 114,868) and Chattanooga, Tennessee (Pop. 179,139).

“Green Bay, Wisconsin,” said Fried in amazement at the level of competition. “The home of the Packers! We had moments where we wondered if we could do it but each time our ranking dropped the community responded to our calls and we were able to hold on. We are so grateful to the Levitt Foundation and everyone who voted for us.”

This will be the third year in a row that St. Johns-

bury has landed the Levitt AMP series.

Each year, the Levitt Foundation awards matching grants to U.S.-based nonprofits serving small to mid-sized towns and cities to present the concert series to inject new life into public spaces and create vibrant community destinations.

The Mortimer and Mimi Levitt Foundation sponsor the concert program which is dedicated to strengthening the social fabric of America through free live music. Fried says the voting demonstrates just how strong the Northeast Kingdom Community already is.

“The Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series is testament to the ability of a small Vermont community rallying around a big idea,” said Fried. “Dog Mountain is one of the gems of the NEK and every Sunday afternoon all summer long thousands of people get to see it shine and experience firsthand its incredible potential and importance to the region.”

Fried said creative endeavors like the Levitt AMP series also play an increasingly important economic role in the community.

“If we want to attract new Millennial workers to this area, we have to have a vibrant arts and culture scene,” said Fried. “They demand it. If we don’t have it, they’ll move somewhere else that does to start their careers. Bringing people together with their dogs to hear amazing live music is a perfect workforce development strategy for this area.”

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Friday, Dec 21

## COMMUNITY

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

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass:** 7 p.m., Fuller Hall, 1000 Main St., St. Johnsbury. [www.catamountarts.org](http://www.catamountarts.org).

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Saturday, Dec 22

## COMMUNITY

**Dessert Auction:** 2-4 p.m., Faith Bible Church, 355 Union Street, LITTLETON. Nancy Rowe, [nancyrowe6008@roadrunner.com](mailto:nancyrowe6008@roadrunner.com), 6034445018. <http://nhfaith.com>.

## ENTERTAINMENT

**TubaChristmas:** 1 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Colebrook. <http://www.gnwca.org>.

Sunday, Dec 23

## COMMUNITY

**Chess In E. Burke:** 2-4 p.m., Cafe Lotti, Rt. 114, E. Burke. Brian Lafferty, [lafferty1949@gmail.com](mailto:lafferty1949@gmail.com), 8022743346. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/700339456802664/>.

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Monday, Dec 24

## COMMUNITY

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

Tuesday, Dec 25

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, Dec 26

## COMMUNITY

**Reading Buddies:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, [bhatfield@st-jathenaeum.org](mailto:bhatfield@st-jathenaeum.org), 802-745-1391. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

**Storytime:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Cobleigh Public Library, 14 Depot St., Lyndonville. Abby Johnson, [abbymjohnson3@gmail.com](mailto:abbymjohnson3@gmail.com), 8026265475. <http://www.cobleighlibrary.org>.

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

**Alzheimer Support Group:** 6:30-8 p.m., Littleton Community Center, 120 Main Street, Littleton. Littleton Community Center, [littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:littletoncommunitycenter@gmail.com), 6034445711.

<http://LittletonCommunityCenter.org>.

Thursday, Dec 27

## COMMUNITY

**Snowflake Celebration:** 2-3 p.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, [bhatfield@st-jathenaeum.org](mailto:bhatfield@st-jathenaeum.org), 802-745-1391. <http://www.stjathenaeum.org>.

**Creative Kids:** 3-4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main St, Bethlehem. Bethlehem Public Library, [lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org](mailto: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](mailto: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@st-jathenaeum.org](mailto:bhatfield@st-jathenaeum.org).

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

Friday, Dec 28

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10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Becky Hatfield, bhatfield@stjathenaem.org, 8027451391. http://www.stjathenaem.org.

Saturday, Dec 29

COMMUNITY

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

Sunday, Dec 30

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Please send resume and cover letter to:

Karen Hoyt  
North Country Health Consortium  
262 Cottage Street, Suite 230, Littleton, NH 03561  
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- Assist patients with removing barriers to accessing health care and other services
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- Collect and report program and patient data to care teams

#### QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

- Must have resided within the local community for 2+ years with knowledge of local culture and values, and familiarity with the resources available within the community
- Willingness to travel within northern NH
- Valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and proof of insurance
- Willingness to complete CHW training (provided by NCHC)
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### GNWCA Presents TubaChristmas Dec. 22 Followed By Open House

The Great North Woods Committee for the Arts presents the annual TubaChristmas at Trinity United Methodist Church on Bridge Street in Colebrook on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m. This free public concert has become a beloved tradition in the Colebrook community. The Methodist church is the perfect setting for the glorious sounds of tubas, euphoniums and baritone horns.

Each year, participants come to Colebrook from all around New England and beyond. Several of them play in other TubaChristmas events, but claim Colebrook's as their favorite. The setting, the hospitality and the spirited audience are all part of their fun. Douglas Nelson of Keene and Colebrook will return to conduct the family friendly program, hosted along with his daughter, Sharon Pearson. It will include many favorite Christmas carols, with several designed for the audience to sing along with. As in recent years, Nelson has also arranged a special feature for a quartet.

A participation fee for players helps support the Harvey Philips Foundation, which produces and distributes the music. Once again this year their fees will be covered by Ron Guerin of Calex Environmental Consulting, who recognizes the very special value of this unique performance and how much it depends on players willing to share their time and talent. Calex specializes in assisting companies with compliance with environmental and occupational regulations (www.calex environmental.com). Also a generous donation by Don and Nancy Smith provides food for the performers.

While the concert is free, donations of any size are requested to help offset the other costs of this very special event. "The donations we receive at this show amount to our greatest single fundraiser each year," said GNWCA President Charlie Jordan. "The funds go directly into helping pay the performers of the over 20 concerts the GNWCA hosts regionally each year. Please consider giving what you can."

Something special this year is that the audience will be invited after the show to visit the Great North Woods Center for the Arts on Route 3 in Columbia (former Shrine) for a holiday gathering for hot chocolate and goodies, as well as an opportunity to tour the property and the main structure, which is decorated for Christmas. This event is also free. The doors will open at the Arts Center at 2 p.m.

For more information on this and other GNWCA shows, find the Great North Woods Committee for the Arts on Facebook, visit www.gnwca.org or you can call 237-9302 or 246-8998. Online donations to the GNWCA can be made at www.givegab.com/campaigns/support-the-gnwca.



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