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# The Baysider

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## Tunes for Tots

Local band raises funds for Toys for Tots

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

ALTON — They came. They performed. They entertained. And in the process, Prospect Mountain-based rock band Organized Chaos raised more than \$1,000 to benefit the Toys for Tots program.

For a nominal fee, attendees were treated to a heady blend of classics and original tunes. In spite of the quartet being without its bassist - and half of its rhythm section, due to illness - the band members filled the auditorium with ample sound to put on a great show.

Prior to the concert, we had a chance to catch up with a couple of band members. Senior Dakota Smart plays keyboards, sings lead and harmony, and is one of the writers of Organized Chaos' original compositions.

Smart has been playing for about a decade, honing his skills during religious services at Grace Community Church. He noted that he doesn't read

music, preferring to play by ear and a sense of feel.

In terms of crafting original numbers, Smart summarized his creative process, "You just get into the chord progression and you get a feel of where it's going to take you."

Smart added that sometimes the words of a song come first, while, alternatively, other tunes begin with a melody and accompanying chords - leaving the lyrics to be drafted later.

"We like performing songs we've written, but also like honoring the musicians we like to listen to," Smart said, citing bands like The Beatles, as well as arena bands that were staples of 1970s AOR station playlists.

Acknowledging that many of his inspirations were in their heyday years - even decades - before he was born, Smart was cheerfully concise, summarizing, "What's good is good. Sixties, seventies, today - whenever."

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### Baysider in Scotland

Christy Campbell, cousin of Heather and Lindsey Twaddle of Alton, is pictured standing at the Lyle Hill in Greenock, Scotland overlooking the Firth of Clyde. On the Lyle Hill stands the Free French Memorial. The memorial, in the form of a Cross of Lorriane combined with an anchor, commemorated the Free French Naval Forces that sailed from the Clyde during the Battle of the Atlantic. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

## Life-saving visit

New Durham nurse saves family from CO poisoning

BY CATHY ALLYN

Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — As a labor and delivery nurse, Angela Chapman has brought a good many lives into

this world, but she was unaware that at one point in her career, she would have the opportunity to save many lives in just one fell swoop.

Her story is apropos, as temperatures dip and furnaces are fired up; and it's a reminder that those who dedicate their lives to others are unstoppable when it comes to service.

Chapman has been in nursing since adulthood, but it's not something that she really wanted, at first.

"I didn't want to go into a traditional female job, but I'd always felt like I had a calling to deliver babies," she explained.

In fact, she even rebelled against being a nurse as a student at the University of New Hampshire (UNH). "I told them I knew this is what I should be, but I wasn't happy about it."

Shadowing a nurse during a birth, however, opened Chapman's eyes.

"I had never been with a woman in labor before, but it was like

I'd done it a hundred times," she said. "Everything came naturally to me. I just knew what to do to support her, and felt I was in the exact right place; I'd never been happier."

A year later, then in nursing school, she shadowed again and helped with the delivery. "I had no doubts about my path. The mother sent me pictures of her child. When school got hard or if I was frustrated, I'd look at them and SEE NURSE, PAGE A9



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### Construction site

Jacob Roy of New Durham won the prize of his dreams at the Friends of the New Durham Library's holiday open house. His ticket was drawn for the LEGO Advent Calendar set, and, although the building devotee was itching to put it together right then, he said he would save the project for next year. The raffle featured an iPad, 100 gallons of fuel, theatre, sports and concert tickets, a cord of wood, gift cards, pottery, gift baskets and more, donated by local businesses and individual members of the Friends.

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## Holiday early deadlines ahead

MEREDITH — With the upcoming holidays, deadlines for a pair of issues of The Baysider have been moved up in order to allow the offices to be closed for staff to spend the holidays with their families.

The Salmon Press offices in Meredith will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25, Monday, Jan. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Therefore, deadlines for the papers of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 have been moved up 48 business hours.

All deadlines that normally take place on Monday (including sports content) will now be on Thursday, Dec. 20, and Thursday, Dec. 27.

All deadlines that normally take place on Tuesday (including all editorial content such as letters, press releases, etc.), will now take place on Friday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 28.

If you have any questions about editorial deadlines, call 279-4516 ext. 155 and if you have any questions about advertising deadlines, call 279-4516, ext. 110.

## Conservation effort preserves 117 acres in New Durham

NEW DURHAM — A conservation easement now protects 117 acres at WidowMaker Farm, thanks to generous gifts from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), which awarded a \$15,000 grant; the town of New Durham, which donated \$10,000

from its Conservation Fund; and generous contributions from more than 70 individual donors. The funds raised by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) covered the project transaction fees and a stewardship fund.

The most notable donors, however, are the landowners, Victor Piekarski and Gloria Switalski, who gifted the conservation easement with foresight and a generous spirit. At the 2016 LCHIP awards ceremony, Piekarski shared their heartfelt motivation, saying, "We love this land and we want others to enjoy it too, for a long time to come."

At the end of the closing on Nov. 30, MMRG Chair Nicole Csiszer applauded the couple's passion to protect the land with a conservation

easement. Piekarski explained that he and Switalski were inspired to find a way to protect their land because of its unique and overlapping conservation values. Now their vision has been realized. MMRG Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns added that MMRG is honored to hold the conservation easement for WidowMaker Farm (WMF) and is committed to the stewardship work that ensures that the land is forever protected.

The conserved land of WidowMaker Farm protects wildlife, plants, and ecosystems containing wetlands, ponds and streams. Sixty-six acres of the property are ranked as top tier wildlife habitat by the NH Fish and Game Department's Wildlife Action Plan. SEE FARM, PAGE A9

# Kingswood announces latest Honor Roll

**WOLFEBORO** — Kingswood Regional High School is pleased to announce the following students have met the criteria for honor roll for the first marking period ending Nov. 9. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all classes will receive Honors recognition.

## Highest Honors Grade 12

Logan Anderson, Geri Andrea, Kenneth April, Mackenzie Chamberlain, Lyndsay Christian, Brett Conley, Bridget Coughlin, Mackenzie Doran, Emily Hall, Sydney Hanson, Kelly Holland, Kayla Hooper, Kaylee Hooper, Samantha Hotchkiss,

Hunter Montgomery, Julie Rash, Ashley Retter, Megan Roche, Mercedes Sheehan, Virginia Skelley, John Smith, Emily Sutherland, Felicity Tarr, Samantha Tavares, Cade Woodcock, Kobe Zimmer.

## Grade 11

Grace Abraham, Trevor Arnold, Allison Bean, Preston Bechard, Sarah Bellefleur, Justus Bellington, Jill Blocher, Kiah Borelli, Anthony Cardamone, Joseph Deighan Jr., Chloe Dore, Hope Drenning, Anna Gantt, Isaac Garry, Cyrus Gauthier, Scott Gordon, Nathan Hallam, Charlotte Hardy, Olivia Hart, Anna Mansfield, Mary McCarthy, Thomas McGee, Spencer Moody, Caleb Morrill, Patrick Murphy, Caitlyn Murray, Bradley Peluso, Elizabeth Purington, Lyan Sam, Grace

Saunders, Madeline Seigars, Emily Shaw, Anna Smith, Aaron Stanard, Janis Walker, Madeline Ward, Samuel Wolden.

## Grade 10

Ruth Allard, William April, Nia Ashby, Cassie Bedley, Lindsay Bolton, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Brooke Christian, Mercedes Covill, Carolyn Day, Alyssa Dow, Kyle Eastman, Joshua Finneron, Matthew Finneron, Nia Garland, Genevieve Hanson, David Hartley, Kaleb Holmes, Trentin Huffman, Jaden Loveless, Eliza Lucas, Faith MacBrien, Rebecca McConarty, Paige Moore, Jacob Nelson, Irena Pettit, Hayden Robischeau, Maggie Shaw, Cassidy Simpson, Riley Smith, Candice Stirling, Alexis Turner, Samantha Wainwright, Trinity Waisanen, Mackenzie Waldrip, Cooper Welch, Makenzie Willett.

## Grade nine

Gabriel Arinello, Louis Arinello, Ethan Arnold, Natasha Bamford, Kyleigh Bonneau, Juliet Bonnevie, Haley Brooks, Jillian Caravella, Kaycie Currul, Audrey Daggett, Lindsey Desrochers, Harmony Drenning, Karla Dureau, Ana Ekstrom, Emilia Galimberti, Ruby Hargy, Robert Hotchkiss, Quinn Lucas, Emily Mahler, Erin Meyer, Carter Morrissey, Aubrey Overall, Michael Palmer, Joshua Paraskos, Rachael Paraskos, Alecia Peaslee, Emma Scott, Tyler Sprince, Anna Tibbetts, Eliza Tibbetts, Braden Viands.

## Honors Grade 12

Charles Arinello, Amanda Bartee, Olivia Chasse, Kyle Clark, Carter Clay, McKinley Coates, Calvin Compagna, Rebecca Connelly, Kiera Conrad, Maria Correa, Cassandra Courteau, Richard Curran, Samuel Dainais, Morgan deHaven,

Nicholas DeWitt, Kyle Diamond, Caitlin DiPrizio, Vincent Donnell, Rebecca Dow, Joshua Duntley, Natalie Eisner, Paije Fenderson, Michael Foy, Michael Gagnon, Nickolas Gagnon, Corbin Gentile, Allison Gifford, Devon Goulet, Bryleigh Gray, Nikole Grondin, Michael Gunison, Joshua Haines, Jade Hampson, James Huckman, Sarah Huckman, Nathaniel Ingle, Matthew Jimino, Kasey Kelliher, Jonathan Kemper, Amanda Lapar, Abigail Larkin, Hallie LaRoche, Jenna Luby, Jillian Luby, Anna Lucas, Preston MacLean, Kolbe Maganzini, Cameron Mann, Jeffrey Manson, Andrew McMullen, Kristy Meyer, Kaitlin Miller, Schylar Mohan, Allesandra Moore, Daniel Moore, Michael Mowry, Madeline Nicolay, Camden Patten, Raena Perkins, Sean Perkins, Dolores Perry, Sebastian Ricci, Rian Russo, Danielle Schilereff, Anthony Scott, Madelyn Shannon, Madison Shatzer, Abigail Sislane, Connor Sloat, Dylan Smith, Andrew Sprague, James Sunderland, Hunter Swift, Paige Tasker, Dylan Thompson, Korbin Tinker, Megan Todd, Kayla Turner, Megan Twitchell, Hannah Valley, Garrick Whitkens, Mia York, June Zavas.

## Grade 11

Cailey Aucoin, Allison Bellemore, Breana Bilodeau, Alyssa Bolstridge, Abigail Bonenfant, Meghan Bonneau, Rachel Bonneau, Raelyn Booth, Lillian Bouwens, Ronin Buckley, Nicholas Campion, Nicholas Catalano, Alicia Champagne, Nathan Compagna, Abby Corneau, Hannah Crane, Warren Dahl, Ariana Daoust, Patien DePasquale, Arianna Devener-Lane, Tyler Domings, Tori Downey, Chandler Eldridge, Sarah Evans, Autumn Faris, Samantha Fitzpatrick, Brayden

Gruszewski, Daniel Hartley, Hannah Hills-grove, Jeremy Hood, Alicia James-Aldus, Maxwell Jensen, Zachary Jesus, Dawsen Jewell, Sabrina Kratovil, Kaylee Krutilek, Ryan Lucia, Tyler Mahler, Molly Mansfield, Zoe McClain, Jordyn Moore, Giorgos Morfopoulos, Elizabeth Morrison, Mariena Murray, Caleb Newman, Charlotte Noble, Matthew Place, Autumn Rodil, Joseph Russo, Talin Sargent, Shane Secinaro, Jade Seery, Noah Shatzer, Abigail Stetson, Makayla Swidrak, Alexander Tessier, Alahna Teves, Samuel Thurston, Brandon Todd, Cynthia Ver-rill, Jackson Walsh, Ella Weiss, Hunter Wrigley, Emily Yacovelli, Kayla Yates, Emma Ziegler.

## Grade 10

Ethan Anderson, Madison Arsenalaut, Sydney Baston, Alexus Booth, Robert Bourdeau, Grace Cardamone, Andrew Cartier, Kaitlyn Catalano, Jagger Chesley, Autumn Compagna, David Connor, Atley Corson, Andrew Cray, Erica Delemus, Brody DeMasi, Bailey Dexter, Ashley Diamond, Logan Dinges, Robert Doherty, Keegan Donovan-Lavolette, Davis Ekstrom, Gannon Eldridge, Joshua Fecteau, Madeline Flowers, Elizabeth Fogg, Skye Freeman, Emily Goldberg, Jillian Gorski, Benjamin Gos-selin, Matthew Gouthier, Emma Grow, Julia Hackley, Ethan Hanchett, Elias Hastings, Camron Hasty, Ashlyne Henderson, Robert Henderson, Brendan Hooper, Abigail Hossack, Lillian Howard, Daniel Keniston, Calvin Kinville, Ashlee Larkin, Owen Lehner, Seanan Logan, Kathryn Mann, Aden Martineau, Dylan McKay, Lexie McNew, Hailey McPherson, Wesley Mills, Cannon Newbury, Hannah Osayi, Aidan Ouellette, Brenden Palmer, John

Papallo, Cole Paro, Jacquelyn Perry, Aidan Phillips, Brianna Pickle, Jaden Powers, Ethan Raifsnider, John Riley, Christian Ritchey, Mia Runnals, Patrick Runnals, Jackson Ruths, David Sandoval, Bailey Savage, Austin Senecal, Brogan Shannon, Cathryn Shannon, Hayley Shaver, Oleg Sheahan, Alexa Smith, Taylor Smith, Mark Stanard, Jayde Stephens, Lily Stinchfield, Justin Stirt, Payden Swidrak, Drew Swinerton, Hannah Taylor, Kyle Valley, Ryder Whitworth, Michael Zmuda.

## Grade nine

Valerie Akatyszewski, Robert Aldridge, Jaedian Andruskiewicz, Nicholas Aucoin, Zachary Aucoin, Christopher Austin, Jesse Avery, Kayla Baker, Cassidy Benson, Anthony Blanchette, Warren Blaney, Jackson Boudman, Quinn Bouwens, Evelyn Bunnell, Levi Clarke, Camden Colson, Alexis Copp, Conner Davis, Anthony DeLuca, Hope Diamond, James Donnelly, Alexis Eldridge, Skylar Eldridge, David Game-ro, Alea Garland, Alexandria Hicks, Tyler Houle, Timothy Huck-man, John Hunt, Samuel Johnson, Aidan Kelley, Izabella Kemper, Gage Lamontagne, Jesse Leighton, Colby Lindsay, Lis Marbury, Alexander Marks, Nevaeh Mills, Emilei Morin, Brianna Nason, Emma-Lee Newhouse, Emma Noble, Camden Orzechowski, Madison Anne Palmer, Fallon Peacock, Matthew Perkins, Joshua Peterson, Sofia Pickle, Ashley Reilly, Gregory Roark, Marissa Ross, Henry Saunders, Isabella Savage, Gillian Seigars, Isaac Sluss, Kaitlynn Smart, Ethan Sullivan, Mia Tripodes, Dakota Turner, Andi Walker, Nolan Walton, Jace Weaver, Zachery Wen-ners, Ava Wood.



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## Breakfast time

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council 7533 held its monthly breakfast at St. Katharine Drexel Church last week after the 8:30 a.m. mass. Donations were accepted for the breakfast, which consisted of bacon and cheese egg cakes, pancakes, breads, pastries, cereals, and juices, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and milk. The offerings are earmarked for various charities such as Knights for Hunger at the Kingswood Regional High School, Lighthouse, an organization helping unwed mothers and Veteran's Home in Tilton, amongst others. David Curry has organized three teams of brother knights to help serve this meal each month. The next breakfast will be on Jan. 9 at the church. Pictured above are Brother Knights Dick St. Jean making pancakes; and Jeff Barrett checking out his egg cakes.

## Santa to visit library's family Bingo Saturday

**ALTON** — The Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a family Bingo on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m. Santa will be joining in for a morning of family fun. There will be Bingo prizes and a special door prize. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a gently used book with

you. Everyone will receive a "new" book before going home.

Come into the Gilman Library and visit the Friends Corner. The Friends of the Gilman Library will sell books, jigsaw puzzles, and seasonal items. The "store" will always be open during library hours

and run on the honor system (with a box for payment and donations). Come and see the little Friends Christmas tree that is adorned with handmade ornaments, vintage and gently used, and new ornaments. All of these items will be for sale during the month of December.

## Mrs. Santa in Alton on Sunday

**ALTON** — Recipients of Mrs. Santa need to pick up from Mrs. Santa on Dec. 16 between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Alton Community Services (aka food pantry). If there are Alton residents who are in need of assistance this Christmas season, please contact Alton Commu-

ty Services at 875-2273 or Chris Racine at (texting is best way) 833-3482. Alton Community Services will be open Dec. 13, 15, 19 and 22; ACS will not be open Dec. 26 and Dec. 29, recipients need to plan accordingly. Shoppers are to bring their list to the Alton

Community Services Saturday, Dec. 15, between 1 and 3 p.m. Alton Community Services is in full swing with the Mrs. Santa project. Alton Community Services wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for 2019.

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## Story hour each Wednesday at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

**BARNSTEAD** — Story Hour is held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. from September through May and follows the Barnstead school calendar for days off. Join in for stories, music and movement, and arts and crafts. Story Hour will not be held Dec. 19 and Dec. 26 due to the Christmas holiday. Please check the library web site, Facebook or WMUR

for cancellations due to inclement weather this winter.

### Adult Book Club

The Adult Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library. Join in for some great literature and stimulating conversation. Copies of the current book, Endurance by Scott Kelly, are available at the library.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 2.

### Teen Writers Group

The Teen Writers Group will be meeting on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. This group meets at the library on the first Thursday of each month. Teens 12-18 years are welcome to attend for sharing, discussing and improving their writing.

### Yoga

Mary Ellen Shannon, RYT offers two yoga classes at the library every Tuesday afternoon, Simply Yoga at 4:15 p.m. for beginners and an all levels class at 5:30 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. If you have blocks and straps, please bring those also. Classes are by

donation and all are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate. Shannon has been a resident of Barnstead for 18 years and a yoga practitioner for even longer. If you have further questions, please contact her at 269-5030.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about the library's programs or events. There is always something happening at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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# Sharing passions and making personal connections at ACS

BY SCOTT BICKFORD  
Alton Central School

During the first trimester of the school year at ACS, some seventh and eighth grade students spent time in an elective class called Exploring Passions. In this elective, students chose a personal interest, hobby or profession and dedicated themselves to learning as much as they could about their topic. Selected focus areas included martial arts, equality, dance, fishing, ornithology, artistic design, soccer, music engineering and field hockey. Within their specific fields of study, students explored areas such as history, controversial issues, technological advancements, future possibilities and more. They also researched famous people and true life stories, as well as problems and possible solutions connected to their interests.

Students also researched published books connected to their area of interest. After creating a mini-display poster for our media specialist, their books were ordered and added to the shelves of our ACS library for others to enjoy.

For their final project, students created a lesson plan and were partnered with a co-operating teacher. Together, each student and his/her co-teacher provided classroom instruction to another group of ACS students. This allowed students to share their expertise with others while creating a fun, interactive learning environment. Charles Casaccio worked with our music teacher, Mr. Neveu and our computer teacher, Mrs. Bailey. Using Garage Band software, Charles taught Mrs. Bailey's fifth grade class how to edit and manipulate music. With assistance from Mrs. Rush (the foreign language and drama teacher), Marin Creteau shared her passion of dance with a fourth grade class.



Olivia Stainbrook has a dedicated passion for the sport of field hockey. She worked with Kristie Toupin, a former player at Division I Northeastern University and a current college field hockey official. Together they introduced the sport to a group of Olivia's fellow seventh and eighth grade students. They learned proper techniques and positioning for short and long distance passing. They also learned the challenging process for dribbling. Players were challenged when having to weave the ball back and forth around cones, using only one side (the playing side) of the stick.

Gabe Provost taught young students soccer skills and drills. Desiray Archambault helped Mrs. Woods' sixth grade art class create surreal art. Mya Linsky shared her knowledge and understanding of equal rights and opportunity. Jason Janes assisted Mr. Perrin's fishing elective class while Nikko Sorrentino shared his knowledge of taking care of tropical birds as pets. Nora Rowe worked with Mr. Asdot and one of Mr. Perrin's fourth grade P.E. classes in the ACS



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ALTON CENTRAL students had a chance to show off their passions to their classmates.

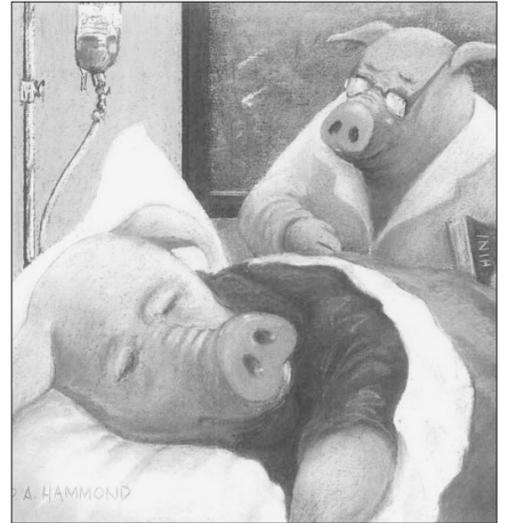
Dojo, instructing them on the basics and fundamentals of mixed martial arts.

This class opened the door for students to gain more knowledge of what they know and love while teach-

ing and sharing their expertise with others. Students enjoyed the opportunity for inspiring various ACS students to either discover a new passion or to explore their own passions further.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2019

7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

Town of Middleton/Joshua Morgan  
Boundary Line Adjustment

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Planning Board on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall. The meeting is regarding an application submitted by the Town of Middleton and Joshua Morgan for a Boundary Line Adjustment. The properties in question are Map 219 Lot 012 & Map 218 Lot 001 located on King's Highway.

The public hearing may be convened if the application is accepted as complete.

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## PMHS National Honor Society hosting coat drive

ALTON — The PMHS National Honor Society is holding a coat drive, which provides coats to any students that need them in the building. At the end of last year, all of the extra coats were donated, so we are looking for a

whole new batch. Any new and/or lightly used coats, hats, mittens and gloves can be dropped off in the PMHS main office. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.

## TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2019

7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

### Zoning Ordinance Revisions

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Planning Board in accordance with RSA 675:3, :7 on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall with a second hearing, if necessary, scheduled for January 15, 2019. The meeting is regarding Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Dark Skies, Waste Disposal, and Waterbody definition.

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# Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

## Kudos, legislators

Last week, after we had gone to press for the week, New Hampshire's legislators met in Concord for a big vote, one that could have ramifications moving forward in numerous ways.

Of course, the vote we are referring to is the vote for New Hampshire's Secretary of State. We wrote in this space in the past about how we believed incumbent Bill Gardner deserved to remain in the position he's held for decades and we were happy to see that the legislators, even if by the smallest margin, agreed with our take and returned Gardner to his rightful position as Secretary of State.

For years, it wasn't really common knowledge what political party Gardner was associated with. That's because he did his job, did it well and stood up for the people of New Hampshire and the primary that we have held dear to our hearts for many, many years. The position of Secretary of State is not a political one, it requires someone to be neutral and down the middle, following the rule of the law.

Gardner, who by the way, is a Democrat, earned the ire of many in his party recently when he agreed to serve on President Trump's committee looking into election fraud. Democrats screamed that his agreeing to serve on this committee was a sign he wasn't fit for his job anymore.

This was the most ridiculous argument we'd heard in this entire saga. If the president is setting up a commission that deals with elections, it was absolutely imperative that New Hampshire have a say on that commission, no matter how you feel about the president. Gardner's job was to make sure that New Hampshire is represented when it comes to election discussions and this was another way to do that. New Hampshire needed to be heard.

Maine's Secretary of State, also a Democrat, penned a piece that stated that Gardner was one of the main reasons that the commission eventually was disbanded. He did his research and his findings were enough to put the commission to rest.

The fact that Gardner was supported by a list of former governors that included both Republicans and the most recent Democrat, John Lynch, along with prominent Democrats including State Senator Lou D'Allesandro, told us that he was indeed doing this job in a non-political manner, which is exactly what we want.

However, Gardner was attacked from within his own party (a seemingly familiar refrain) for being to "close" to Republicans and Colin Van Ostern launched a bid to unseat Gardner. We have no problem with someone running against Gardner, but Van Ostern approached this race like a political race and as we stated before, this should not be a political race. Raising money from out of state donors does not seem like the way to protect the interest of New Hampshire's voters and keep New Hampshire's First in the Nation primary in the spotlight.

We want to thank the local legislators who cast their vote for Gardner and in doing so, helped to protect New Hampshire's election and its place as the First in the Nation primary.



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### Helping out

Students and teachers from Kingswood High School were on hand on Wednesday, Nov. 28, to help the Wolfeboro Rotary Club unload a truck full of more than 300 freshly cut NH Christmas trees. The trees will be on sale at the Clark Museum complex (across from Huggins Hospital) every Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. until sold out. All proceeds from the sales go to support local youth and service organizations and to provide scholarships for local students. The club gives a big thank you to the students for their help.

## Letters to the Editor

### Barnstead Historical Society says thanks

To the Editor:

The Barnstead Historical Society would like to thank everyone who came out on a cold Saturday to help make this year's Christmas Sale a great success. To our vendors and crafters, your participation was greatly appreciated by the Society and the community. We hope you are willing and able to participate in future events we hold in town. To NevaDunn Farm, Bill Carpenter, Jeannie Terry and Denise Adjutant, the raffle items were a huge hit. Thank you so much for your donation to our cause. We would also like to thank Duane Family Farm for the donation of mulled cider. It was enjoyed by many and made the Town Hall smell wonderful. To our volunteers, to whom we are indebted, your hard work made this event go

off seamlessly. The continued support of the board of selectmen is also much appreciated. Allowing us the use of the space above the hall to store and work on our collection is invaluable. Many positive comments were received on the three display cases that have been added to the Hall to showcase our items. If you haven't had the opportunity, please take a peek the next time you are doing business with the town. Finally, we would also like to extend our gratitude to both the Suncook Valley Sun and The Baysider for continuing to provide a media outlet for our events. Merry Christmas to all and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Denise Adjutant  
Barnstead Historical Society

### Wealthy white men, slavery and the electoral college

To the Editor:

At the time the framers of the U.S. Constitution were devising the Electoral College as the mechanism for electing presidents, the only eligible voters were landowning white men. White men who did not own property could not vote. Although the Constitution gave states the right to decide who could vote, for the most part, wealthy white males retained the voting power.

One important factor, being talked about more in recent years, was crucial in the decision to vote indirectly through the Electoral College rather than by direct popular vote. Standard textbooks rarely mention "the real demon dooming direct national election..." (Yale constitutional law specialist A.R. Amar). That demon was slavery.

Southern white slave owners were disadvantaged because of a lack of eligible voters. Since the majority of their population was slaves, southerners complained that they would never win a presidential election by direct vote. James Madison proposed using the "three-fifths clause" as applied to the House of Representatives. Each southern state would be permitted to count slaves in their population with a two-fifths discount per slave because slaves' worth was "debased by servitude below the equal level of free inhabitants" (Madison). Although controversial, the North gave in and the Electoral College was born.

The Electoral College has remained controversial – there have been 700 proposed constitutional amendments in 200 years. Yet it survives, despite the fact that it has never worked the way it was intended, slavery was abolished long ago, and all citizens have held the franchise for a long time. It defies the democratic principle of one person, one vote; it counts votes unequally; voters feel their vote is meaningless unless they live in a "swing" state; and it encourages voter suppression.

For many years, we have elected our legislators and governors through direct voting. Why should we not do the same with presidents? Unfortunately, Republicans have favored the Electoral College since at least 2016, when Donald Trump was elected with almost 3,000,000 fewer votes than Hillary Clinton. The number of Republicans favoring the national popular vote fell from 54 percent in 2011 to 19 percent in December 2016.

The Electoral College has no basis in today's world. Every reason it was created has become irrelevant. And why should we continue to support an immoral system that used black slaves to give political power to an already privileged white male class?

Jane Westlake  
Barnstead

## Enjoy breakfast with the Masons on Sunday

ALTON — On Sunday, Dec. 16, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes,

French toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So, join them for breakfast between 7:30 and 11a.m. They hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, contact David Collier at 875-0816.

## Legion hosting New Year's Eve party

ALTON — Join the American Legion Post 72 family for a fun-filled New Year's Eve party on Monday, Dec. 31.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. Menu includes your choice of prime rib or lobster served

with dinner salad, baked potato and vegetable.

The Cameron Drive Project will play, there will be a 50/50 raffle, prizes and party favors along with a champagne cocktail at midnight.

Please call 875-3461 for more information.



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# Tickets selling quickly for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Show is this weekend at Village Players Theater

**WOLFEBORO** — For the past five weeks, 44 people have been preparing for this weekend's production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

Together, they've put in 32 hours of rehearsal for a one-hour performance. For 1,560 minutes, they have practiced Christmas carols, grand entrances from every direction, and stage fights that look remarkably real. That's 93,600 seconds for relationships to take root and grow among colleagues

ranging from six to 62 years old.

In that time, lines came easier, "families" looked chummier, jokes got funnier, and trust bloomed between generations. "Good job, Mrs. Armstrong, "compliments 10-year-old Julie Alie of Sanbornville to the oldest member of the cast as she gets off stage, "But did you mean to say 'Mother the Mary of Jesus' that time?" "Herdmans, I really like the way you slouched in that scene," exudes director Kathleen Hill to the five remarkably nice



JENNIFER SMITH — COURTESY PHOTO  
**SOME OF THE NICEST KIDS** in the region become the "Horrible Herdmans" in the Village Players' production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* Dec. 14 - 16. The cast and crew come from as far away as Dover, Barnstead, Sanbornville and Center Harbor to present the classic holiday show at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. Tickets are available at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com), at Black's Paper Store and at the door 30 minutes before show time if not sold out. Pictured with director Kathleen Hill are cast members (l to r) Hannah Long, Ryan Long, Austin Gibbs, Roxie Hale and Jeanne Puglisi. Front row (l to r), cast members Elizabeth Gagne and Anna Smith.

kids who play horrible children in the play. One of the "kids" is the diminutive 21-year-old Jeanne Puglisi, a Center Harbor resident you'll think came straight from the 'hood.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever shows what happens when the most awful kids in the history of earth arrive at church just as the traditional pageant is being cast. Lured by snacks, they stay for the show, and nothing will ever be the same: not the parents, not the parishioners, not the kids, and certainly not the Herdmans.

Tickets sales have been brisk for this spe-

cial family-friendly live theater production, and are available at [www.village-players.com](http://www.village-players.com) and at Black's Paper Store in Wolfeboro. There is a discount for children's tickets. There will be limited tickets available at the door at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights and 1:30 p.m. for Sunday's matinee.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever plays Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14, and Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. The Village Players Theater is located at 51 Glendon St. in Wolfeboro.

## Village Players holding auditions Sunday and Monday

**WOLFEBORO** — Veteran Village Player Priscilla Adams has chosen *The Ghost in the Meadow* by Joe Simonelli with which to make her directorial debut. *The Ghost in the Meadow* will go on stage as the Village Players' spring production and auditions will be held this Sunday and Monday evening at the theater. Joshua Spaulding will be serving as the assistant director and Catherine Collins will be the show's producer.

The *Ghost in the Meadow* has a small cast of four women and one man with the option for another man off-stage.

The characters include Kylie Roberts (30-45), the pragmatic older sister, Sheila Roberts (30-45), the younger sister who is also an artist, Julian Shaw (40-50), a friend of Sheila's, Antoinette (50-60), the psychic and Kathrynne (25-30), the ghost. There are also offstage voices needed for the pastor and the blue boy. The script can be viewed

at <http://www.joesimonelli.com/the-ghost-in-the-meadow.html>.

Fans of old fashioned ghost stories will enjoy this creepy thriller. When two sisters relocate from Manhattan to an old farm house in upstate New York, they soon realize that they may not be alone in the house. An old boyfriend drops in to visit and when the strange occurrences continue, he calls on the services of a psychic colleague to try to quell the restless spirits. The script is based on the legend of the blue boy, which is a real-life ghost story about Stevens Hall in Gettysburg College and the ghost of a little boy who froze to death.

Auditions for *The Ghost in the Meadow* will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16, and Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Village Players Theater, located at 51 Glendon St. in Wolfeboro. Anyone interested in being a part of the show in an off-stage capacity is also invited to come to auditions to meet the team putting the show together.

## Barnstead Farmers' Market seeking new board members

**BARNSTEAD** — The Barnstead Farmers Market was voted WMUR's number three Best Farmers' Market in NH for 2018.

The market is growing and they need

more board members for the 2019 season. They are seeking business owners, business minded individuals or individuals who have some background or experience within the

farming or agriculture industry. The board needs individuals who are motivated to help them move to the next level of success. If this is you, please contact Lori Mahar, Presi-

dent of the BACFM at 269-2329 or [lorimaha@tds.net](mailto:lorimaha@tds.net). Please visit [www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.club](http://www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.club) for more information about the market.



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## Shakespeare in Wolfeboro

Perform It! Stage Company is hosting "Scenes From Shakespeare" this Friday evening, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., at Brewster Academy's Anderson Hall. The show features students' favorite scenes, chosen to highlight the timelessness of Shakespeare's comedic genius. Admission is free, raffles will be offered and donations are always appreciated. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## Balance class starts today in Rochester

**ROCHESTER** — Cornerstone VNA is offering an eight-week 'A Matter of Balance' class at the Rochester Community Center on 150 Wakefield St. in

Rochester beginning Dec. 13. This class is designed to help community members manage concerns about falls and increase physical activity. Volunteer coaches, who conduct the class, are specially trained to help participants become more confident about managing falls, to identify ways to reduce falls, and lead exercises to help increase strength and balance. According to Judy Goodnow, Cornerstone VNA volunteer balance coach, "Participants really enjoy the class and feel that it helps with their

balance and stability." Classes will be held on Thursdays, Dec. 13 through Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Ford at [RFord@cornerstonevna.org](mailto:RFord@cornerstonevna.org) or 978-8975.

Cornerstone VNA is a non-profit home, health and hospice agency currently serving Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. The team at Cornerstone VNA provides skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, social

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## Knight Watch

Lakes Region Technology Center presents *Knight Watch*, a weekly broadcast. *Knight Watch* goes live every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10:24 a.m., and can be found on Channel 26 or on their Youtube channel, [KnightWatchTV](http://KnightWatchTV). Once a week on Tuesday, Cam and Ali, the anchors for *Knight Watch*, do a challenge at the end of the broadcast to add some fun to all the information that they throw at you. Make sure to tune in every Tuesday and Thursday to be in the know and also have some fun along with the kids. "It's a fun way to get information," says anchor Ali Champagne. They are excited to show their viewers their new segments they worked hard to produce. From a new challenge every Tuesday, to guest appearances from their other friends in the studio, to sports, you don't want to miss this fun broadcast. So, don't forget Lakes Region Technology Center's broadcast, *Knight Watch* goes live at 10:24 a.m.



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# Bonoli planning New Year's Eve concert

BARNSTEAD — If all goes as planned, on New Year's Eve, Roy D'Innocenzo will sit down with Chris Bonoli, with a cup of tea, and a music stand to play a two-hour "parlor concert" at the Barnstead Town Hall. They will be playing "All the Songs I Can't Remem-

ber The Words To" and the public is invited to attend. As usual, the concert will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 and doors will open at 6 p.m. with a short intermission to snack on some milk and cookies. D'Innocenzo will play some instrumentals in his jazzy style and he

will also back Bonoli up as she plays and sings. As tradition has it, Bonoli will pass out the words and they will all sing the song American Pie just before intermission. This year all proceeds will benefit the memorial to honor public works employees who have died on the job from all New Hampshire municipalities, counties and the state. To date, there are 33 names for the memorial being

constructed in Concord.

There will be a suggested concert donation. Please call Bonoli at 340-1468 or 776-3616 and leave a message to reserve your tickets. All additional monetary donations to the memorial, or donations of cookies and desserts are graciously accepted and Bonoli will call you back to confirm your reservation. If you are a public works employee and

receive your paycheck from a municipality or the state, you and your family may attend for free as their "thank you" for your public service designing, building and maintaining the infrastructure — and hopefully you won't have to be out plowing and treating roads on Dec. 31.

"In closing, I want to thank the Milk and Cookies New Year's Eve concert fans from Barnstead, Gilmanston,

Alton, New Durham and Pittsfield, who have supported this event over the last seven years," said Bonoli. "Many of you have asked me "Would I be hosting another New Year's Eve concert for 2018?" Well, the answer is "yes" and you are the reason this is happening. Have a safe and happy holiday with your loved ones and family and we'll see you on New Year's Eve."

## Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders of Chapter 72 Alton are holding their sixth annual "Coats for Kids" drive. The Riders will be collecting "new" coats for children in the local community in need. Coats can be dropped off at the post home on Route 28 Alton, in the

coat donation drop-off box located in the post foyer.

The American Legion Riders of Chapter 72 will be collecting coats Nov. 1 to Dec. 25. Donations will also be accepted toward the purchase of new coats. Contact Russ at 776-2968 or Lisa at 520-0672 for more info.



## ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 226 calls for service during the week of Dec. 2-8, including 10 arrests.

One female subject was arrested on a warrant.

One male subject was arrested for transporting alcoholic beverage by a minor, unlawful possession of alcohol, open container of alcohol and driving after revocation or suspension.

There were eight motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were five motor vehicle accidents.

There were two thefts reported at Hanaford's and Alton Village Store.

There were two suspicious person/activity reports on Main Street and Larry Drive.

Police made 56 motor vehicle stops and handled three motor vehicle complaint-in-

cidents.

There were 158 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One background/record check, two fraudulent actions, one employment fingerprinting, four assist other agencies, two animal complaints, eight juvenile incidents, five general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, two alarm activations, one case work follow up, three lost/found

properties, one highway/roadway hazard report, one simple assault, one general information, one vehicle ID check, one trespass, one sex offender registration, four civil standbys, one civil matter, one wellness check, one community program, 101 directed patrols, one 911 hang-up, one motor vehicle lockout, two medical assists, four property checks and six paperwork services.



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Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	Basin Road	N/A	\$49,000	Roberts Cove Inc.	Marye G. McKenney
Alton	Dewitt Drive	N/A	\$4,915,000	Eunice Olin-Higgins (QPRT)	Michael K. Higgins
Alton	Dewitt Drive	N/A	\$3,068,000	Eunice Olin-Higgins (QPRT)	Richard W. Higgins (for Higgins Fiscal Trust)
Alton	395 Dudley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$278,000	Christopher J. Pappas	Allen F. and Charline P. Everson
Alton	94 E. Side Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$216,000	Linda R. Crosby (for Roberts Fiscal Trust)	James F. and Nancy R. Colbroth
Alton	1 Garden Park Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$960,000	Elaine M. Wakely and Donna M. Geer	WWD Properties LLC
Alton	NH Route 11	N/A	\$28,800	State of New Hampshire	Rand Hill Realty LLC
Barnstead	102 Loon Mountain Lane	N/A	\$33,000	Paul S. and Kristen M. Hallett	Howard W. and Cynthia A. Guy
Barnstead	New Road, Lot 28-1	N/A	\$27,000	Joy Couch (for Brenda J. Smith Estate)	Paul and Corrine Rollins
New Durham	416 Kings Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$156,733	James D. Attridge	Ryan P. Carr
New Durham	63 Tash Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$89,877	Sandra A. Meloon and FNMA	FNMA

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are

usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at [www.real-data.com](http://www.real-data.com) or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.



BY MARK PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

Any fee in the absence of value is too high. I'm referring specifically to fees regarding your investments, whether it is a fee that you are fee-only advisor charges, fee and commission advisor charges, registered rep or insurance representative. Whether we are in the business of charging fees for advice, fees for asset management or commission and fees for product, the fee should be made known and very transparent to the client.

The registered representative or financial advisor, as many call themselves, typically sells product such as loaded mutual funds, or variable annuities, which all have commission and ongoing fees attached. Mutual funds with an A share designation usually charge an upfront commission and an ongoing management and marketing fee known as a 12b1 fee. So, using a fund from a very popular broker sold fund family, you might pay

a 5.75 up front commission, and close to one percent management and marketing expense of which the broker may receive .25 basis points in what is called trail commission. Other shares of mutual funds that are designated as C shares may have little or no commission upfront but provides a one percent annual trail to the broker. The client usually pays about 1.75 percent to the fund company. These fees are not a line item charge but they are extracted from the return to the client.

That same registered representative may have a fee platform to manage your assets. Investment advisors that are fee-only will manage assets for a predetermined fee based on the assets under management. So, for the sake of this example, let's say your asset management fee is one percent annually. Then you must determine if there are any additional fees or expense for any mutual funds or exchange traded funds that are being used inside the management platform that has a one percent asset management fee already in place. Even if the advisor is using

advisor class funds, that tend to have lower fees, you are still looking at probably 50 to 100 basis points for a managed mutual fund. So all in you may be at 1.5 to two percent.

Variable annuities sold by registered reps can have fees that approach four percent. The compounded annual total return for the S&P 500 over the

last 15 years including dividends has been just over four percent. It has been my experience that most advisors whose business is made up primarily of fee-based or fee-only typically try to use very low cost mutual funds or exchange traded funds to keep the overall fees low to the client.

My advice to you,

the client, would be to find out what the advisor plans to use in your account to manage your money, what the typical fees would be for those funds or if they're going to use individual stocks and bonds before you really concern yourself of what the asset management fee would be, because any fee in the absence of value is too

high. I have also seen some financial advisors charge a "financial planning" up-front fee for nothing more than an asset allocation. Work with a fiduciary advisor who will work for you.

Mark Patterson is an advisor with an MHP Asset Management and can be reached at 447-1979 or [Mark@MHP-asst.com](mailto:Mark@MHP-asst.com)

## Mark on the Markets

### Absence of value

## No Locke Lake board meeting in December

BARNSTEAD — There will be no Locke Lake Colony Association public board of directors meeting in December. The next public board of directors meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

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# OBITUARY

## John Peter Lashnits US Army veteran

ALTON — John Peter Lashnits of Alton Bay, who grew up and lived most of his life in Connecticut, passed peacefully at age 72 on Dec. 6 while surrounded by his two daughters and his wife. John (known early in his life as Peter) attended The Hotchkiss School, earned a B.S. in engineering from Yale University and an Executive MBA degree from the University of Hartford. He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and commanded a HAWK missile battery in South Korea. He held flight instructor and airline transport pilot licenses, taught flying lessons, and flew charter for several years after graduating from Yale. Then he embarked on a career as an engineer for the Hamilton Standard division of United Technologies Corporation.



John held a number of positions within Hamilton, including starting up and running two new companies as Hamilton subsidiaries. In 1999, he transferred to the United Technologies corporate office in Hartford, Conn., where he established and managed UTC's computer security department with responsibility for protection of UTC assets globally. He traveled extensively for business and retired from UTC in 2013.

Some of his interests included flying, metal-

working, woodworking, photography and riding his motorcycle.

John is predeceased by his parents, John and Ivy Lashnits. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Janice (Wentworth), and their two daughters, Kristen Wentworth Lashnits and Caitlin Wentworth Lashnits. He will also be missed by two sisters and numerous friends.

Calling hours will be Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. immediately followed by a celebration of life at Lord Funeral Home located at 636 Center St., Wolfeboro.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be sent to Patient Airlift Services ("PALS"), which is a charitable organization that John belonged to as a pilot. PALS arranges free air transportation through a network of pilots using their aircraft for individuals requiring medical treatment and have a financial need. Visit [www.PALServices.org](http://www.PALServices.org).

If you wish to express a condolence or leave a fond memory, please visit [www.lordfuneralhome.com](http://www.lordfuneralhome.com).

# Barnstead church preparing for Christmas Eve service

BARNSTEAD — The Congregational Church of North Barnstead, UCC, is not on the main road, nor in the center of the community, in fact people might say it is "on the edge" of the community. For those who find the little church off the beaten path, the welcome is wide and real.

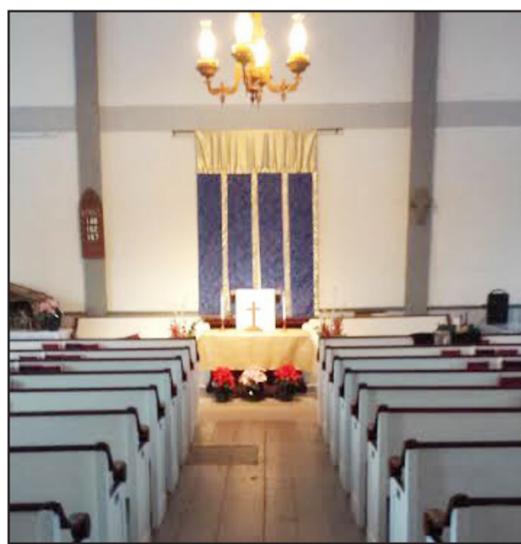
The church is an "open and affirming" church of the United Church of Christ, which means, "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, no matter who you love, you are welcome." Their message to all who walk through the doors is one of acceptance and inclusion.

On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., they will gather together for candlelight worship. They will hear beautiful music, sing traditional carols, and hear the Christmas story told in a way that all ages can hear it.

The church understands that for some, attending a worship service may bring on some anxiety. People wonder if the experience will be a positive one.

Maybe you have been away from the church for a long time;

Or, you have no experience of attending church but are longing



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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of North Barnstead, UCC, is hosting a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24.

more meaning in your life;

Or you have had a negative experience of Christianity and have felt excluded;

Or, you are more spiritual than religious, yet you are seeking a community where you can join with others around issues of justice and peace.

Find your way to the "edge of the community." You will find people with similar needs and experiences. Good things are happening at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, United Church of Christ, 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead. Sunday worship is always at 10 a.m. with programming for children. They

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Visit [www.ccnorthbarnstead.com](http://www.ccnorthbarnstead.com) or check out The Congregational Church of North Barnstead, United Church of Christ on Facebook. Rev. Nancy Talbott's phone is 776-1820. Feel free to call with questions.

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BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church Mission's annual cookie walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9

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## Pittsfield church hosting Christmas Eve service

PITTSFIELD — Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole

family to a traditional candlelight service Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield. The service includes beautiful music by the Chancel Choir and the Jubilation Handbell Choir, scripture lessons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary shimmering in real candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night."

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**NURSE**

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know I could do this.”

Applying to a competitive program, she wrote about her shadowing experiences and was told she was exactly what they were looking for. “More than a good grade point average, they wanted someone with passion,” she said. “I was the kind of nurse they wanted to develop.”

Chapman put in time as a nurses’ aide and then moved into an aide position at the birth care unit at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

“They offered me a job on the medical surgery unit as a nurse.” She worked there for two years, at which point Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro had an available position as a nurse in labor and delivery.

“I worked there for two years. Overall, the experience was wonderful because it was a small staff that supported each other. You learned how to support women because you were the only one there.”

Chapman was grateful to learn more about labor at Huggins, but it was low-risk labor.

“I wanted a place with more resources and where I could learn more from other people.”

There was a place that fit the bill; that was Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, where she gave birth to her first child.

“I applied to work there on the way out.”

They offered her a post. Following her maternity leave, she began work at a place that felt like home for

more than one reason.

“I was born there. My grandmother and mother had worked there, so I spent a lot of time in those halls as a child. I felt like I was part of the walls; it was the perfect place for me.”

In addition, the nurse she shadowed as a university student is now a lactation consultant there and a fond colleague of Chapman’s.

“Four generations of my family have worked here,” Chapman said, adding that her older son has been on the front desk as a greeter. “This was where I was supposed to be.”

One night she was on duty with the doctor who had cared for her mother while pregnant with Chapman.

“He showed me my birth in the birthing book, and took me to the room I was born in.”

Now, when she gives tours of the hospital to new nurses, she includes the room on the tour. “I love that. It’s not a patient room anymore and the numbers have been pulled off, but you can still see their outlines.”

Chapman did not confine herself to just labor and delivery. She taught childbirth classes, and instituted and taught a pre-natal yoga program in 2002, that is still running.

She also serves as the Baby Friendly Project Coordinator, making efforts to support best practices for mothers and babies, such as keeping mothers and newborns together, offering lactation support, and staff training.



COURTESY PHOTO

**MATERNAL/CHILD Health Nurse Angela Chapman of New Durham holds one of the carbon monoxide detectors she carries when she makes home visits. After saving a family from carbon monoxide poisoning, she applied for funds from the Wentworth-Douglas Foundation to provide a detector to households without them.**

The hospital was just re-designated as a Baby Friendly Hospital this year, a prestigious award that follows criteria outlined by WHO and UNICEF.

Another service the hospital provides is home visits when the baby is four to five days old, which brings us to the event Chapman will never forget.

As the Maternal/Child Health Nurse for the past two years, she travels to the mothers to weigh the babies and clarify any issues the new parents may have.

“They are more relaxed in their own space,” she said. “It’s easier for them to ab-

sorb any advice you’re giving them. They can get encouraged that they are doing things right or they can ask questions if they feel things aren’t going the way they should.”

One extremely cold day last winter, Chapman visited a patient who lived in a house divided into three apartments.

“They had the basement apartment, and it was a small, dark space.”

Chapman began her assessment by asking how things were going.

“I noticed the mom was sleepy, but you could expect that. She was holding the baby,

though, so I had her move to the couch.”

Other family members were present and they, too, seemed sleepy.

“I started feeling nauseated and had a headache.”

After a quick search, Chapman discovered the building’s furnace around the corner, with nearby windows sealed with plastic to keep out the cold.

“I was concerned for their safety so I called the fire department,” she said. “I told them I wanted someone to come immediately, as there was a small child here and the family had nowhere to go.”

As suspected, the fire department found high carbon monoxide levels at the residence. Paramedics ran assessments of everyone, including the other families in the building and Chapman, who did not require oxygen.

The landlord arrived and called to have the furnace cleaned at

once, so the families could return later in the day.

And Chapman simply kept her car window open to relieve her headache, as she drove to her next patient.

That family’s situation was a disaster waiting to happen, and they were fortunate it happened when Chapman was there.

“They didn’t have a carbon monoxide detector,” she said.

Without a detector, it is impossible to be aware of the odorless and colorless, but potentially lethal, gas.

“We’re always looking how to make a safer place,” Chapman said, “so I talked to some people at the hospital about getting the detectors for those who don’t have them.”

The Wentworth-Douglass Foundation allocated funds to purchase detectors, and Chapman now carries them along with her other supplies as she makes her home visitations.

“I ask if they have one.” If not, she can provide it.

“I felt proud,” she said of her lifesaving actions. “I may have more awareness with those issues because I was raised by a firefighter, so it was nice to have that kind of save as a nurse.”

Chapman said people at the hospital learned of her actions when she cited the incident in her annual Expert Nurse essay on care.

Normally, word would not have spread, but the case wound up in the hospital newsletter, and everyone agreed that being able to provide detectors was a great idea.

“People congratulate me,” Chapman said, “but this is just what we do; we identify something and find a way to make it happen. We’re always thinking about how to be better nurses and provide better care.”



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**A FAMILY PONDING ACTIVITY** took place at WidowMaker Farm earlier in the year.

**FARM**

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Several perennial and intermittent streams link more than 32 acres of ponds and wetlands that are pristine headwater sources for downstream drinking water. MMRG’s 2017 Conservation Action Plan rates this land as Tier 1 (highest) for conservation values with overlapping attributes and for its connectivity to more than 5,000 acres of conserved lands to the south. The land also falls within MMRG’s Priority 1 Greenway and facilitates wildlife migration along safe

corridors.

WidowMaker Farm’s working forests will continue to generate revenue for the community through taxation of timber harvests. The conservation area is open to public access for gentle use along well-groomed woods trails that lead to scenic vistas and several historic features.

In keeping with landowners’ interest to share this land for educational purposes, MMRG has led several events on the property. Last May, families explored the beaver ponds for early signs of spring, expe-

rienced the quake of a sphagnum moss bog, and befriended newts and semi-aquatic salamanders that migrate between aquatic and terrestrial habitats. MMRG looks forward to hosting more programs at WidowMaker Farm for years to come.

MMRG, a non-profit land trust, serves the seven towns of Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. To learn more about MMRG’s land conservation and educational outreach work, visit [www.mmrinfo.com](http://www.mmrinfo.com).

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**BAND**

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back into the wayback machine, but in 2018, Jimi Hendrix would have been 74 had he lived; Pink Floyd's David Gilmour is 72).

Smart noted that many of the band's songs are uptempo, but use a lot of minor chord modulations. "That kind of makes sense since a lot of our inspirations are classic rock," he added, noting that pentatonic minor scales are a backbone of much of the rock and jazz music Organized Chaos draws inspiration from. (The five-pitch scale is a staple of modern Western music and can be heard in tunes ranging from "Oh! Susannah" to Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven.")

Smart said the band plays out pretty regularly and has attracted crowds to venues like J.P. China and several local watering holes. These have included Dover's Brick House, the Rusty Moose, and even Foxwoods in Connecticut.

While the group is accustomed to performing before large groups, bandmate Luciano Monziona quipped during the performance for an audience of about 50, "This is like four times as many people as we kind of expected - sometimes we'll get over 100, and other times we're just basically playing for our moms and dads."

"Thank you for coming out, he added," referencing the fact that all proceeds are benefitting the USMC's efforts to provide lower-income and at-risk kids with toys at



MARK FOYNES

**MEMBERS** of the PMHS-based band Organized Chaos teamed up last week with the U.S. Marine Corps to benefit local Toys for Tots fund- and gift raising efforts. Pictured (l to r), drummer Riley McCarthy, guitar/vocalist Lucian "Luc" Monziona, and keyboardist/vocalist Dakota Smart. They were joined by the USMC's Lance Corporal Romell Sanchez, who traveled up from the Corps' Londonderry station. About 80 toys and \$270 in cash was raised last Thursday. Reckoning that an average toy costs about \$10, the total raised exceeded \$1,000.



MARK FOYNES

**VOCALIST** Mikayla West, a Prospect sophomore, was the opening act at last Thursday's Organized Chaos concert, which raised funds for the Marines' Toys for Tots program. West was a last-day addition to the ticket. In spite of her lack of lead time, her contralto voice resonated throughout the auditorium.

Christmas. As for the band's name - Organized Chaos - Smart credited

bassist Alex Amann with pitching the quartet's moniker.

"Sound is essentially chaotic to begin with - there's usually some kind of underlying order, but it's the musicians' job to organize that chaos," Smart said. "So, we round up the sound and arrange it into music."

While the concert was enjoyable in and of itself, Organized Chaos pulled the event together for a greater cause.

Monziona, who learned his musical fundamentals from his father and has since combined formal study music with self-instruction, said he and his bandmates wanted to utilize their prowess for some kind of public benefit.

"We like to perform, and it makes us stronger - but we thought about how we could do something as a band that would help people," Monziona said.

He noted that with Christmas coming up, it was almost a no-brainer to partner with the school and the Marines to fundraise for the USMC's Toys for Tots program. He said

principal J Fitzpatrick was very enthusiastic about making the auditorium available for the fundraiser.

"Music makes people feel good; giving feels good; and hopefully we can raise some funds to make some kids feel good over the holiday," Monziona said.

He noted that the high school was very receptive toward their proposal to do a charity concert. "Yeah, it was pretty easy - we just said we'd like to do something for the community and they helped us make it happen."

Representing the Marine Corps at the event was Lance Corporal Romell Sanchez. A native of Dorchester, Mass., he serves with the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines out of Londonderry.

LCpl Sanchez said his appearance "was out of recognition of the community - this is a great effort these student-musicians are making tonight and I am proud to be here."

He continued, "Americans share a common commitment

to service," noting that as a diverse nation, our citizenry brings together a wide array of talent and skills. "On their own, these young people made the decision to make this all happen."

The performance itself featured a wide variety of songs. After being warmed up by opening act Mickayla West - a last-minute addition to the ticket - Chaos's set list featured covers from the likes of Tom Petty ("Last Dance with Mary Jane"), Hendrix ("Foxy Lady"), and Pink Floyd ("Wish You Were Here"), along with several mid- and up-tempo originals. Being a holiday-inspired event, the band also did their own version of Elvis' "Blue, Blue Christmas."

While the show featured both covers and new compositions, the band also expressed their creativity by mixing and matching unexpected combinations of cross-genre pop songs. A true highlight was an unexpected mashup that set the lyrics of Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean" to the riffs and chord progression of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit." Folks living through the 80s and 90s might have initially thought this to be a rather incongruous pairing; but the band's sheer chutzpah and skillful audacity of the pairing of a pop standard and a grunge classic earned Chaos one of their most fervent ovations of the evening.

Following the concert, LCpl Sanchez said, "It was a bit of a drive coming up from the border, but it was a great band that put on a great show for a great cause - I think they will make a lot of kids happy these holidays with the funds they raised."

The band has a web site that reads, "We are Organized Chaos. We are a four-piece band consisting of our bassist Alex Amann, drummer Riley McCartney, keyboardist/vocalist Dakota Smart and guitarist/vocalist Luciano Monziona. We have been together for the last two years, and in that time, we have been playing in local bars, restaurants, clubs and even opened for national recording artists. We have developed quite the community following in the Lakes Region. Our sound is heavily influenced by classic rock and jazz icons alike, but with our own unique sound."

The band also has a Facebook presence where there is high-quality video footage of their past live performances and updates on upcoming shows.

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# New Hampshire, often a leader, demonstrates dragging one's feet

I graduated from high school at about the end of the Ozzie and Harriet era (okay, Millennials, you'll have to look it up), just before the first marijuana wave hit town. Up until then, beer had been radical enough.

But it was 1965, after all. A year later I found out that my younger brother smoked a joint now and then. Not much after that, my little sister's stash was discovered by our mother, who feigned outrage (she was a thinly disguised radical).

Having grown up pretty much unfettered, I have made it a lifelong avocation never to tell an adult what or what not to do, within the usual bounds of reason (i.e., mayhem). Hence my opposition to periodic attempts in the state Legislature to enact a helmet or seatbelt or hunter orange law, my own practices to the contrary.

Hence too my never-ending wonder that we never seemed to learn anything from Prohibition. On the lighter side of this, some of us can still name several local businesses that were founded with rum-running profits by respectable people who spent much of the day lounging in the doorway and, after a certain vehicle left the premises, switched from a wooden toothpick to a gold one on the way to the bank.

But it was not all so funny. Everybody was in on the national joke, the speakeasies and the like, but Prohibition made heroes out of two-bit thugs and helped organized crime get organized.

In recent times, we have made the Prohibition mistake all over again, this time with marijuana, which

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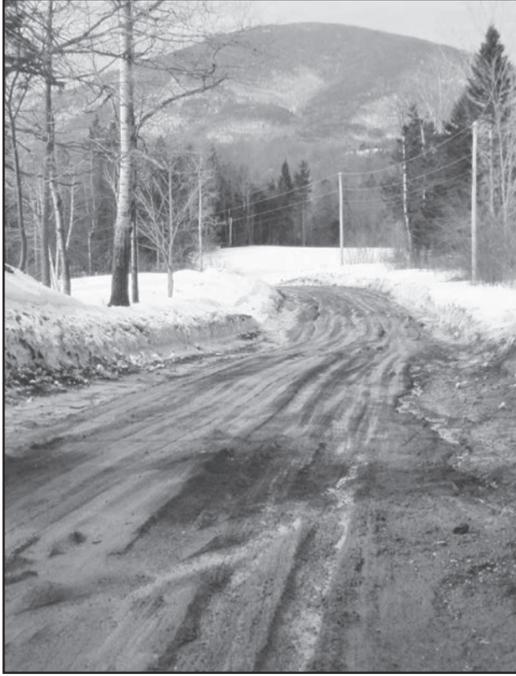
grows so well here that it may be the state's biggest cash crop. By the by, New Hampshire farmers once grew thousands of tons of hemp, an industrial-use plant and marijuana's close cousin. Experts are fond of saying that to get the effects of one joint you'd have to smoke about a boxcar of hemp.

Anyway, New Hampshire seems to have lost its leadership zeal, and nowhere is this better illustrated than in its attitudes toward pot. Other states have been far ahead of us, leaders, not followers, to make marijuana legal for adults, in the name of freedom of choice. We are famous (or infamous) for this with helmets and seatbelts, but are uncharacteristically timid with pot.

In the years before the Civil War, lawmakers and businesses in New Hampshire were often in trouble with southern states (and federal officials) for refusing to hand over runaway slaves. Our people and government earned reputations as leaders in the anti-slavery and women's suffrage movements, and as activists in other great social causes of the day.

In more recent times, our Current Use law, also known as the open space law, has been used as a blueprint by some 27 states. It has heavy penalties for misuse and is not, as so often portrayed, a tax dodge for the rich. It keeps wild places wild, and landowners on the land. It works. Imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

New Hampshire isn't very good at tooting its



JOHN HARRIGAN

**ABUNDANT water (here in the form of ice and snow and yes, mud) is one reason New Hampshire suits the hemp family. The photo shows South Hill Road in Colebrook in April, and that's northeastern Vermont's Monadnock looming in the distance. This is the kind of photo that some people at college and in the military say makes them homesick.**

own horn. That's okay, sometimes it's better to stay under the radar. But when we tire of outside media beating up on our 400-member House when they "rediscover" New Hampshire every four years, we should perhaps note that we are among the nation's leaders in female members of House and Senate (125 out of 424, or 29.5 percent, vs. the national average of 24.9).

New Hampshire women attain office through real elections, actual votes, not by some kind of mandatory makeup, a la Scandinavia. For some reason (and I admit it, this is a reach) I support this the same way I'll support the wolf coming back only if they come in on their own four feet.

The only thing that keeps the percentage of women serving in New Hampshire from being as high as it should be, I'd bet, is that not enough women choose

or are able to run. The percentage, to be in tune with national demographics, should be

51 percent, and I'd be tickled to live to see it.

All this occurred to me, oddly enough, during the bobcat fiasco, the fight, two years ago, over whether New Hampshire should allow the hunting and trapping of bobcats. The public was vocal in letters and testimony that it shouldn't, and a legislative committee followed suit.

But one of the arguments touted for us having a season was that neighboring states had one, so we should too. This was an odd turn of events, I mused, New Hampshire, which we were saying should set an example and be a leader, was being urged to get in line and be a follower.

However, we were indeed followers, not leaders, in the fight for medical marijuana. New Hampshire dragged its feet on legalization itself until we were behind all others in the territory, and then was so slow set-

ting up licensing outlets that suffering patients and their families were forced to go out of state to buy what they needed.

How embarrassing was that? Wherever is our spark of old? It was right there in our historical lap and then departed for parts unknown, perhaps nether parts (perish the thought), forever. Well, at least until the Legislature next meets. But in the interim, it's enough to ask Santa for a giant set of jumper cables, for the Legislature, the Senate, the Corner Office, the whole shebang.

*This column runs in a dozen newspapers covering the northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, are welcome via [campguyhooligan@gmail.com](mailto:campguyhooligan@gmail.com) or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.*

## Playgroup meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in Alton

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a drop-in playgroup for kids up to years old at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. (Group does not meet during Alton school breaks). The program is free. They provide the books, puzzles, toys and games and you provide the interaction. Please bring a peanut-free snack for your child. This is a great program to introduce you and your child to other members of the community. For more information, contact [LittlePesaukees@gmail.com](mailto:LittlePesaukees@gmail.com).

### Local walk or snowshoe program

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a local snowshoe walk on Saturday mornings led by Ruth Arsenault. Join community members on a walk or snowshoe walk each week from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walks will be held in local parks and will be easy to moderate. The free program is ongoing. Meet at the Alton Bay parking lot. For more information and/or to register for this program, e-mail your name and contact information to [arsenault1977@aol.com](mailto:arsenault1977@aol.com).

### Exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston focuses on breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment. Geared toward participants who know basic postures. Class ends in seated meditation and savasana. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center, no classes on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m.

### Donation Yoga Flow class

Start the new year off by giving back to the community. Donation class at the Alton Bay Community Center on New Year's Day, Jan. 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. with Shelia Marston. All donations will be given to the Food Pantry in Alton. Class will be for all levels, if you have always wanted to try yoga, join in this beautiful space to start the new year off taking care of you and donating to a great cause. Modifications will be offered. Stretch, breathe and feel great for 2019.

### Ice skating rink at Mill Pond - volunteers needed

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning to create an ice skating area at Mill Pond, across from the fire department on Route 140 this winter, weather permitting. Volunteers are needed to help clear snow and flood the rink. Please contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 875-0109 if you are interested in donating your time to assist with maintenance of the outdoor rink.

## Kingswood Youth Center teaching life skills

WOLFEBORO — Think of those crucial skills that get the average person through everyday life. Those skills that are now often second nature needed to be developed. The Kingswood Youth Center's Skills for a Lifetime Program serves local youth by reinforcing what students learn in school and by exposing students to skills that often don't fit into busy school curricula. These programs specifically address a very important component of the KYC's mission: to teach students "life skills critical to their success in the adult world."

The Skills for a Lifetime Program addresses five broad categories of skills: employment; education; family and relationships; hobbies, adventure, and travel, and 'the nuts and bolts' (everything from

budgeting, to cooking or maintaining a car). KYC staff members plan engaging activities that rotate weekly through the five categories. As the school year progresses, students' knowledge and understanding will become deeper and more well-rounded. Activities may include anything from presenting current local job postings to peers to a hands-on woodworking project. Activities like 'resume two-truths and a lie' and 'job application scavenger hunts' are fun and engaging ways for students to learn with their peers

Life-skills programs draw on volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds; two KYC volunteers have professional experience working with students on post-secondary school planning. Volunteers at the KYC come from many

professional and educational backgrounds, allowing them to share broad and complementary talents and skills. Field trips to local businesses and opportunities to participate in community service are experiential learning opportunities with purpose. The KYC's staff and volunteers work hard to get to know each participant. These relationships really pay off when teaching life skills because they give the

KYC's adult mentors the opportunity to appeal to emergent interests, individual needs, and specific learning styles.

The KYC is currently recruiting program volunteers to help support valuable programs for local youth. To learn more about the KYC's programs or to learn about opportunities to volunteer or otherwise support the KYC, please contact [associatedirectorkyc@gmail.com](mailto:associatedirectorkyc@gmail.com) or 569-5949.

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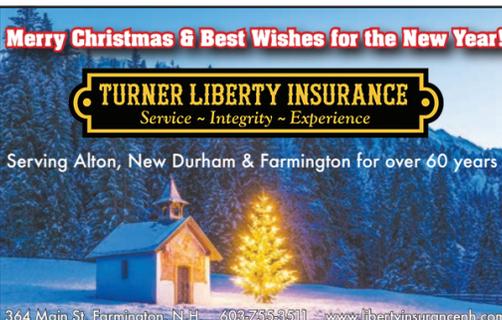


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# SPORTS

## WHAT'S ON TAP

The winter schedule continues for local sports teams as the calendar closes in on the holidays.

At Prospect Mountain, the girls' basketball team will be hosting Raymond on Friday, Dec. 14, will be at Somersworth on Tuesday, Dec. 18, and will be hosting White Mountains on Thursday, Dec. 20, all with 6 p.m. start times.

The Prospect hoop boys will be at Raymond on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m., will be hosting Somersworth on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. and will be at White Mountains Regional on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m.

The Prospect Mountain indoor track team is slated to be at UNH on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. The Timber Wolf unified basketball team will be hosting Berlin to open the season on Monday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

Prospect Mountain's ski team kicks off the season on Thursday, Dec. 20, at Bretton Woods at 10 a.m.

At Kingswood, the girls' hockey team will be kicking off the season on Saturday, **SEE ON TAP, PAGE B3**

# Burke powers Prospect past Franklin

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — After a slow start, the Prospect Mountain hoop girls got into a solid rhythm and picked up the first win of the season in the home opener Dec. 4 against Franklin, 42-29.

"I thought we outplayed them in the second half," said coach Rick Burley, who was surprised to see that the Golden Tornadoes actually outscored his Timber Wolves by one point in the final 16 minutes. "And it was a much better game to watch in the second half."

The game got off to a slow start, with neither team able to find the bottom of the net. Mackenzie Burke and Hannah Racine turned in solid defensive plays for the Timber Wolves but the visitors were able to get the game's first two points, hitting a pair from the charity stripe.

Prospect answered back with the final six points of the quarter, as Burke hit a pair of baskets sandwiched around two free throws and the Timber Wolves took the 6-2 lead after the first quarter.

The visitors scored the first basket of the second quarter, their first field goal of the game, but Burke answered with her own hoop. After



JOSHUA SPAULDING

**MACKENZIE BURKE goes to the hoop for two of her 21 points last Tuesday night.**

another Franklin bucket cut the lead to 8-6, the Timber Wolves went on a 9-0 run to open things up.

Racine started the run by putting back a rebound and then Bekah Wheeler and Ava Miaszsek each hit hoops. Racine added a free throw and then Wheeler drained another basket to stretch the lead to 17-6.

The Golden Tornadoes finally got back on the board with another two from the free

throw line but Nadia Huggard came back with a three-pointer and Wheeler hit two from the line to close out the first half and Prospect took the 22-8 advantage to the third quarter.

Burke got the first basket of the second half to stretch the Prospect lead to 24-8 but the visitors hit a hoop and a three-pointer to get back in the game. After a Wheeler free throw, Burke put back a rebound to keep Franklin



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**HANNAH CAPSALIS plays tough defense against Franklin last week.**

at bay. The Golden Tornadoes hit another free throw but Sam Weir finished off her own steal, taking a feed from Wheeler to make it 29-14.

Franklin got another basket but then Cassidy Kelley finished off a steal by Burke to push Prospect to a 31-16 lead. The visitors got the final hoop of the quarter and the Timber Wolves took the 31-18 lead to the final eight minutes.

Huggard fed Burke for the first hoop of

the fourth quarter but Franklin hit the next two baskets to cut the lead to 11. After Burke got another basket, a three from the visitors made it a 10-point game with six minutes to go. A minute and a half later, Franklin cut that lead to eight at 35-27.

Prospect responded nicely, as Burke and Wheeler hit back-to-back buckets to push the lead to 12. After a free throw from Franklin, Burke

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# Youngsters will play key role for Knight boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**WOLFEBORO** — The Kingswood boys' basketball team will need to get some production from some young kids this season.

Coach Dan Place will be putting a team out on the court that has just three seniors and just two players with significant varsity experience, meaning that there will be plenty of players who need to take a step up and produce.

"Experience-wise, we're definitely young," Place said. "Most of them are brand new and there's a couple of freshmen who are going to get significant minutes."

With the lack of experience, Place has noted that the experienced guys have been making sure to make the point in practice that the team needs to work hard in order to be competitive in a tough Division II.

"The four guys with experience have been building it up in practice, it's about how hard we work in Division II," Place said. "We're going to have to work hard every night, there's not coasting."

"We have to work hard and leave everything on the floor and live with the results," Place added.

While they're young, the Knight coach is happy to see the energy and enthusiasm along with a willingness to learn.

"The kids are working hard," he said. "It's a good group, they really want to play."

The lone senior with experience is Richard Curran, who Place said has been a very vocal leader in practice. He is joined by classmates Kobe Zimmer and Connor Sloat, both of whom are moving up from the JV team and are looking to make their mark.

The other player with significant varsity experience is junior Matt Place, who played a lot of minutes as a sophomore and will be counted on to lead the way for the young team.

Two other juniors are moving up from the JV, with Anthony Cardamon looking to earn time on the front line and Ben Cochran earning a reputation as a "scraper" from his coach.

Sophomore Brogan Shannon and Davis Ekstrom saw a little time as freshmen last year and will be seeing more minutes in their second seasons.

They will be joined by classmates Patrick Runnals and Joshua Finneron. Place notes that Runnals plays with a lot of heart while Finneron knows the varsity atmosphere from his

time on the varsity soccer team.

The roster is rounded out by a pair of freshmen in Carter Morrissey on the front line and Ethan Arnold as a guard/forward.

"Those two are going to be playing, they're going to get some substantial minutes without a doubt," Place said.

While the majority of the players are new to the varsity team, Place notes that many of his kids play basketball throughout the year, which is a good thing.

"We have a bunch of guys who play a lot of basketball in the offseason," the Knight coach said.

Place will be joined on the sidelines by Kingswood alum Adam Chick, who will serve as the JV coach and the assistant at the varsity level. Lynette Place is coaching the two middle school teams and as of right now, there is no reserve coach, with Dan Place and Chick

handling that team in addition to their other duties and the Knight coach said he's hopeful someone comes forward to apply for the job.

"We have three coaches for five teams," Place said.



THE THREE seniors on the Kingswood boys' hoop team are (l to r), Connor Sloat, Kobe Zimmer and Richard Curran.

The Knights will feature a schedule that includes two games each with Plymouth, Kennett and Coe-Brown along with single games against Pembroke, Hanover, Sanborn, Con-

Bow, Pelham, Oyster River, Manchester West, Souhegan, Merrimack Valley and John Stark.

The season kicks off with a trip to Pembroke on Friday, Dec. 14, for a 7 p.m. game. The first

home game of the season takes place on Friday, Dec. 21, against Hanover.

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# NHMS building new Flat Track facility

**LOUDON** — It is known simply as 'The Flat Track,' but when the green flag drops at New Hampshire Motor Speedway next spring, 'America's Original Extreme Sport' - American Flat Track - will make its first appearance in New Hampshire, giving race fans a new reason to enjoy the thrill of racing in Loudon. Construction crews are already hard at work on a brand-new racing surface, and in just a few weeks, the dirt and clay will be transformed into an exciting racing venue.

"Each year the facility hosts the oldest motorcycle race in America, the Loudon Classic, which is nearing its 100-year anniversary. New Hampshire Motor Speedway is adding an electrifying new chapter of two-wheeled racing to our summertime line-up," said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "It's astonishing how much action can be packed onto a quarter-mile flat track when these pro riders enter the arena. We can't wait to host American Flat Track, and I'm confident this will quickly become a fan favorite."

"The Flat Track's' headline event - aptly dubbed the Laconia Short Track - will feature AFT on Saturday, June 15, during Laconia Motorcycle Week. AFT Twins and AFT Singles classes will compete in a full race



THE NEW 'Flat Track' at New Hampshire Motor Speedway is set to open in the spring of 2019.

program including heat races, semis and a main event, which will co-headline the racing action at New Hampshire Motor Speedway along with the 96th running of the Loudon Classic, the longest running motorcycle race in America, on Sunday, June 16.

Known as the fastest-growing sport on two wheels, AFT has added multiple new venues to its 2019 schedule to accommodate its growing fan base. With more than three million viewers tuning into the sport in 2018, AFT plans to capitalize on the partnership with NHMS to further this momentum.

"We look forward to kicking up some dirt

at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in 2019," said Cameron Gray, COO of American Flat Track Events. "We are bringing the American Flat Track experience to where our fans are, and New Hampshire is home to many devoted AFT fans. Working together to design and develop this racetrack means we can guarantee some truly exciting, wheel-to-wheel action that will excite fans and riders alike."

Located directly behind the North East Motor Sports Museum, crews are turning roughly 186,095 square feet of ground and 3,000 tons of clay to build the 0.25-mile track. Construction on 'The Flat Track' began in early

October and is expected to take three months to complete, depending on winter weather conditions.

The weekend of on-track racing will be accompanied by off-track entertainment with Katancha featuring live music, interactive displays and demo rides for motorcycle enthusiasts as well as new camping options, which will soon be rolled out at New Hampshire Motor Speedway during Laconia Motorcycle Week.

"The Flat Track' will become the fourth racing surface to be added to New Hampshire Motor Speedway, which already includes the famed 1.058-mile NASCAR oval, 1.6-mile

road course and a 0.25-mile mini-oval.

Tickets for the 2019 Laconia Short Track will be available on [www.americanflat-track.com](http://www.americanflat-track.com) in the coming weeks. A variety of ticketing options (including exclusive VIP packages) will be available so that race fans may experience all the bar-bangin' action exactly as they'd like.

The race will also be streamed live on FanChoice.tv and broadcast on NBCSN.

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# Knights loaded with experience

## Hockey boys look to take another step forward

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — After making a run to the Division II semifinals last season, the Kingswood boys' hockey team returns a solid stable of athletes and coach Mike Potenza expects more good things from his team.

"They've put themselves in a position that now they expect to win, they want to win," Potenza said. "That's what a successful season has done for them.

"Across the board, I've seen a big step forward from last year," the Knight coach added.

The good news for the Knights is the fact that three of the top four point scorers from last year are back in green and white on the Pop Whalen ice.

"I think we're going to have one very strong line, I think one of the best lines in the state this year," Potenza said.

That line includes senior captain Sam Danais, junior alternate captain Colby Clegg and sophomore Nick Potenza. The trio skated together on a split season team for the New England Wolves and scored a total of 72 points in just 11 games.

While Potenza expected to see lots from that line, what he has seen so far in the pre-season from the rest of the lines has been a nice surprise.

"After the first week, I was pleasantly surprised," the Knight coach said. "I don't think you're going to see anybody who sits on the bench the whole game."

Behind the aforementioned trio on the top line, the depth is solid, with the second line consisting of senior alternate captain Andy

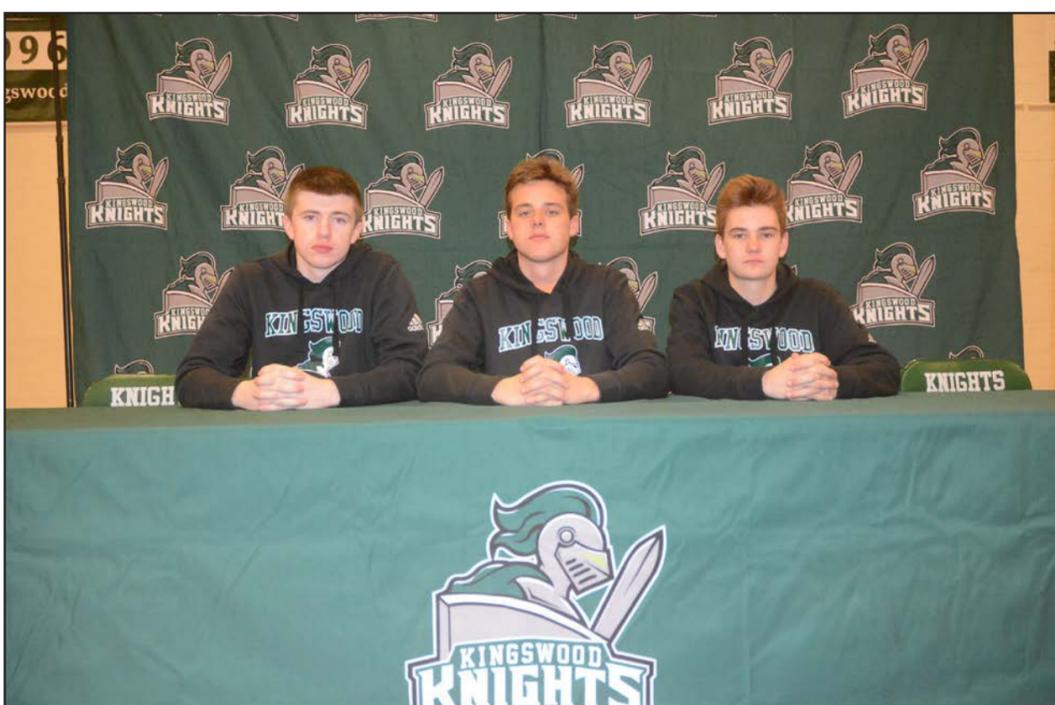
McMullen, junior Logan McEvoy and sophomore Bailey Savage. McMullen and McEvoy played significant minutes last year and Savage was able to get his skates on the ice in his first varsity season.

The third line will consist of sophomores Drew Swinerton and Jack Thompson, both of whom were on the team last year and freshman Cody Emerson. Joshua Paraskos and Austin Perkins are new to the team and will be counted on to provide depth on the front lines.

Senior alternate captain Cole Emerson moved back to defense with his split season Wolves team and will be on defense for the Knights this season, with classmates Erick Skelley and Kolbe Maganzini also providing tons of experience on the blue line. Potenza singled out Maganzini's play in the preseason.

Gavin Goodwin also returns to the defensive corps, as does Jonathan Bean, who is returning to Kingswood. Freshman Garrison Hendrickson rounds out the Knight blue liners in the new season.

Potenza also has a problem that he doesn't



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
**SENIOR CAPTAINS (l to r) Andy McMullen, Sam Danais and Cole Emerson will be joined by junior captain Colby Clegg in leading the Knight hockey boys this year.**

believe has ever been encountered at Kingswood before in that he has four goaltenders on the roster.

Senior Joey Vetanze leads the way in experience, with sophomore Oleg Sheahan also seeing some time last year. Freshman Gage Lamontagne moves into the program and Luke Cassidy-Andruzzi joins the team for the first time.

"The goal is to win two more games than

last year," Potenza said with a laugh, noting that he thinks the kids are better prepared for the spotlight this season.

"When they got to the semifinals last year, it was the biggest stage they had ever been on," Potenza stated. "They let that get to them and this year they know what to expect when we get to that point."

The Knights will also add to the coaching

staff this year, as Bob Hughes joins assistant coaches Peter Kelly, Andy Bonenfant and Matt Tetreault.

"He's going to be a big help," Potenza said of Hughes. "He's a wealth of hockey knowledge."

The Knights play a schedule that includes two games each with Dover, Spaulding, Oyster River, Lebanon and Kennett and single games with Keene, Timberlane, Winnacunnet,

St. Thomas, Goffstown, Somersworth-Coe-Brown, Merrimack and Portsmouth.

The season officially kicked off after deadline with games against Dover and Spaulding. The Knights continue on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at home against Oyster River at 7 p.m.

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## Amy Annis Tournament is Jan. 6

GILFORD — The annual Amy Annis Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 6, starting at 10 a.m. and will take place in both the Gilford Middle School and High School gymnasiums. This fundraising event is a recreational co-ed volleyball tournament for high school age students through adults. All proceeds go to the

American Cancer Society and the Amy Annis Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship is given annually to a graduating senior. The entry fee is \$100. There is a 12-team limit and will be on a first registered basis. Twelve teams will be playing on three courts and each team will be guaranteed three matches in pool play and one match in the tournament round.

To register a team

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### HOOPS

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connected on three free throws to round out Prospect's scoring for the night, while Franklin added one final free throw for the 42-29 final.

"I thought when we switched to man and started pressuring the ball, it picked the whole temp of the game up," Burley said. "And it helped us to be able to run in the fast break.

"We had a little lapse in the third defensively, we weren't as aggressive as we usually are," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "But in a timeout, I told them we had to win with defense and they responded."

Burley noted that Burke is going to be a key piece of the Prospect puzzle this season and they realized that she

had the advantage under the hoop against the Golden Tornadoes. And the team worked to get her the ball, particularly in the early going and in the end, when she was able to carry the team.

"We had some good looks in the first half, but the ball didn't fall," the Timber Wolf coach said. "That's the way it goes sometimes."

After a 41-37 overtime loss to Berlin in the season's opening game, a game in which Prospect had the 22-9 lead at half-time, Burley noted that the objective for the next few practices was to take shots.

"We just need to get some shots of in practice," he said. "We should be 2-0 right now."

Burke led the way for the Timber Wolves with 21 points while Wheeler

added nine.

Prospect will be back in action on Friday, Dec. 14, hosting Raymond at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 18, they will visit Somersworth at 6 p.m. and then are home again on Thursday, Dec. 20, to host White Mountains Regional, also at 6 p.m.

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PMHS 42

Weir 1-0-2, Wheeler 3-3-9, Huggard 1-0-3, Racine 1-1-3, Kelley 1-0-2, Misiaszek 1-0-2, Burke 8-5-21, Totals 16-9-42

FHS 29

Turner 1-0-2, Haskins 1-0-2, Kaspszak 3-1-8, Martin 2-3-8, Magoon 3-2-8, Long 0-1-1, Totals 10-7-29

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### Snowy morning

The snow guns at Abenaki Ski Area were going full blast on Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, as the town-owned ski area prepares for the upcoming season.

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Dec. 15, at home against Manchester Central at 7 p.m. The girls are at Bedford at 6:10 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

The Knight hockey boys will be hosting Oyster River at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Kingswood alpine ski team will be

kicking off the season on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at King Pine at 9:30 a.m.

The swimming Knights will be in action at UNH on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m.

The Kingswood indoor track team will be competing at UNH on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. to kick off the sea-

son.

The Kingswood hoop teams will both be at Pembroke on Friday, Dec. 14, with the girls playing at 5:30 p.m. and the boys following at 7 p.m. The girls will also be hosting Spaulding at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

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# New the name of game for Knight hockey girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**WOLFEBORO** — It's a whole new game for the Kingswood girls' hockey team.

Now in its fifth year, the team has a new coach and a slew of new players as the quest to build a program continues.

Paul Landry replaces Tom Cayon, who had coached the team since its inception. Landry brings a great deal of experience to the table, having been an assistant coach with the Exeter girls' hockey team for many years.

"In Exeter, we had our early battles, it took time, but it built," he said. "And we were in the championship the last two years."

"The numbers are low and we have some inexperienced players, but they're all enthusiastic and they want to play," Landry continued. "We're going to make a go at it and get better at hockey every day."

He's hoping that the girls on this year's team will be a foundation of good things to come for the Kingswood program, as there are seven freshmen and sophomores on the roster.

Seniors Allison Gifford and Rebecca Dow return to the ice for the Knights and are joined by sophomore Quinn Meserve as players bringing back some experience.

Additionally, senior Jillian Luby, who did not play last year, returns to the ice, splitting time between hockey and alpine skiing.

"She has some good skills and can move the puck," Landry stated.

The Knights will also rely heavily on freshman Abby Kelly, who comes to the team with plenty of hockey experience.

"She will have an integral role in what we want to do offensively," the new Knight coach stated.

The rest of the roster is comprised of new kids who will be looking to learn the game and get better each and every day as the program looks toward the future.

"Hopefully we can get enough numbers to keep

us going, pushing us in the right direction," Landry said.

After four years of Nikki Cayon in goal, the position has been passed on to freshman Isabella Savage, who has stepped up to fill the void by going to goaltender clinics and working to improve her game. Noting that he isn't a goalie coach, he wanted Savage to get some good coaching in that area so she is attending clinics in Hooksett to work on her game.

"We wanted to make sure she got the right set of eyes on her," Landry said.

The Knight coach reiterated the fact that he hopes this group can be a foundation for years to come.

"Even though hockey's been here four years, it's still new," he said. "These freshmen and sophomores, they really are the foundation and hopefully we can steal three or four every year."

The Knights have been doing a lot of off-ice conditioning in the



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REBECCA DOW is one of only a handful of players returning to the ice for the Kingswood girls' hockey team.

preseason to get the cardio going and build up strength as they prepare to take the ice.

"We may see the rubber a lot in the defensive zone early on," the Knight coach said, but praised his girls for the work they've been doing

and the attitudes they bring to practice.

The Knights feature two games each with Manchester Central, Bedford, Con-Val-Conant and Berlin and single games against Oyster River, St. Thomas-Dover, Concord, Bish-

op Brady-Trinity-West, Pinkerton, Keene, Bishop Guertin, Lebanon, Souhegan and Landry's former team, Exeter.

The season kicks off on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at home against Manchester Central. The Knights will be at

Bedford on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6:10 p.m. at Sullivan Ice Arena.

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## Cowboys heading to national championships

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**LAKES REGION** — The Lakes Region Flag Football League 6U team recently won the Division 1 NSFFL Turkey Bowl at Endicott College in Peabody, Mass. on Nov. 24, and now the Cowboys are heading to the NFL Flag National Championship in Orlando, Fla. in an event called "Battle Orlando."

In the Turkey Bowl, the team won 32-0 over the Southcoast Blue Raiders in game one and then 22-6 over the Heavy Hitters in game two. In the semifinals, the Cowboys beat Tewksbury 11-8 and then Lakes Region beat the Heavy Hitters in the finals 12-0.

The Cowboys are coached by Drew Guay, Rodney Guerin and Jeff Kane. The team includes the following players from all around the Lakes Region: Ethan Benson (Belmont), Keegan Connelly (Laconia), Ben Cooper (Wolfboro), Harlow Corliss (Meredith), Logan Dubois (Meredith), Luke Fernandez (Laconia), Aus-

tin Guay (Plymouth), Austin Guerin (Gilford) and Saygen Kane (Bristol).

The Lakes Region Flag Football League is in conjunction with NFL Flag Football, and provides structure football focusing on basic fundamentals of football. It is a five on five league that involves boys and girls ages four through 17.

The mission of the league is to provide safe and fun flag football for players and their families at any skill level. Here is an emphasis on teaching the importance of sportsmanship, discipline and life skills that will help well beyond the game of football.

Coach Guerin explained that it was a huge surprise when the team was invited to the championship event, but said that it was very well deserved, as the young athletes went undefeated in tournament play. The Cowboys are the first team in the history of Lakes Region Flag Football to qualify for the championship. Going into Battle Orlando,



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The Cowboys are heading to Battle Orlando, which is the national championship of flag football taking place Jan. 19 and 20

the Cowboys are ranked 18th out of 64 teams.

"That is just crazy when you think about the fact that these are a bunch of kids from the woods of New Hampshire that are taking on teams from big cities from all over," said Guerin.

Coach Guay added that it shows how talented their team is con-

sidering they will be playing teams from huge markets with large talent pools.

Guay said that the great thing about Lakes Region Flag Football is that it unites child athletes from all over the Lakes Region and creates friendships with people from surrounding towns that they may not have met before. He said an interesting aspect is that these players could end up playing against each other in travel sports years from now, and they will always have this bond.

"It is really cool," said Guay. "We have nine kids on the team from seven different towns, which is such a neat thing that we have going on. Some of these kids are great players now and maybe 10 years from now they will be going head to head."

Guay said that another interesting aspect is that this is the second year the team has won the Turkey Bowl, although it is the first time the team qualified

for the championship. Guay had sons on both teams playing quarterback. Three of the players from this year's Cowboys were on both teams.

"These kids are kind of like an all-star team that are used to being the best players on their team, but they all play together and work together," said Guay.

While the Cowboys have qualified for the national championship, the team is looking for help getting there as the trip will cost the team roughly \$10,000 for 10 children and chaperones. On Dec. 30, there will be a pancake breakfast at Pauli's Restaurant in Tilton from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., where a portion of proceeds will benefit the team.

Battle Orlando takes place on Jan. 19 and 20. To help the Cowboys get to Orlando, check out the team's GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/send-6u-cowboys-to-national-championship-in-fl>.

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# PMHS fall scholar-athletes honored

ALTON — Prospect Mountain recently honored its fall sports scholar-athletes.

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For boys' soccer, Nathan Holiday, Tucker Kierstead, Michael Mahoney, Mateo Monziona, Travis Stockman, Nolan Sykes, Christopher Cox, David Fossett, Cody Gayer, Nathan Kidder and Connor Meehan were the winners.

Ava Blair, Mackenzie Burke, Tessa Carter,

Madelyn Chase, Grace DeJager, Reilly Gray, Grace Hardie, Madeline Kriete, Hannah Racine, Mackenzie Renner, Rebekah Wheeler, Megan Burnette, Jaden Burt, Hannah Capsalis, Payton Everett, Cassidy Kelley, Lena Reichmann and Brooke Stellon were the winners for girls' soccer.

For cross country, winners included Francis Dowd, Veronica Dowd, Michael Mott, Nikolas Neathery and Liam White.

Unified soccer team winners were Jeremiah Winslow, Madison Paul, Kastor Gunther, Jonathan Gray, Jillian Nason and Jasmine Emerson.

Trevor Lavigne and Emily Sanschagrín were



PROSPECT MOUNTAIN'S fall sports scholar-athlete award winners pose for a photo.

the honorees from the bass fishing team.

For the golf team, Conrad, Aidan Gehly, Dartagnan Birnie, Aidan

Asa Guldbrandsen, Seth

Huggard and Maxwell Tuttle were the winners.

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## The comeback kid

### Doran battles back from injury to earn Twin State spot

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — As she closed in on the end of her sophomore year in high school, Kingswood's Mackenzie Doran was looking forward to two more years of her favorite sport, field hockey.

But things took a tough turn in that spring lacrosse season and an ACL injury forced Doran to miss her entire junior season of field hockey.

However, she worked through the rehab and made the ultimate comeback, earning a spot on the New Hampshire Twin State Team, a squad of the best senior field hockey players in the state that plays against Vermont's best next summer and committing to a collegiate field hockey program for next year.

"Field hockey is my passion, it's what I love to do," Doran said. "It has taught me a lot of things beyond high school, like work ethic, achieving goals, real life things that are hard to put into words."

It was that passion, that drive to get back on the field, that pushed Doran through her rehab process and got her back out on the field for one final season.

The injury happened in a game in Hanover near the end of the lacrosse season and she went into surgery in June. The recovery process went through December, as she was able to cut a few months off with her hard work.

"Therapy was a lot of work," she said. "Usually ACL injuries take nine months to heal, but I worked my (butt) off for five and a half months of therapy."

"I worked hard because I needed to get back on that field," she said.

Noting that the hardest part was not being able to get out and be active while rehabbing the injury, she said as soon as she was cleared to do things, she started.

While she was unable to play field hockey during her junior season, she was at every practice and every game, doing what she could to help the team, including warming up goalies pri-



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MACKENZIE DORAN will represent Kingswood in the Twin State Game coming up next year.

or to the game. "The day I got cleared to run, I did the warmup lap with the team," she said. "And the week I was cleared to play, I was at a field hockey showcase in New Jersey."

She was able to play winter field hockey through a club in Concord and then returned to the lacrosse field last spring, which she said brought a little trepidation

due to the recovering injury and then she trained for her senior field hockey season all summer long.

"When you get knocked down like that, it's completely devastating at first," she said. "My mindset was the quickest way to get back on the field."

When preseason rolled around there was a little emotion as she prepared for her senior

campaign and opening day brought even more emotion, but it's something she learned to harness.

"A lot of athletes take it for granted, but it goes by so quickly," Doran stated. "They don't think anything of it until something like this happens to you."

"You're dying to be able to go for a jog or just walk on your own two feet," she continued. "To

play in a game for the first time, it was definitely very emotional."

With her high school field hockey career now (mostly) in the rearview, Doran is preparing for a new challenge, that of playing collegiate field hockey.

The coach at Nichols College reached out to her and as someone looking to study business, she knew that the school had a great business program. She attended a clinic at the school last spring and took a tour of the campus and they offered her a spot in the field hockey program. In August she got accepted to the school and is ready to go.

"It's a full commitment, you have to love the sport and be passionate about it," she said of the Division III experience. "I am so excited."

Doran also had nothing but praise for the person who helped grow her high school career, coach Kaitlin Reilly.

"She has been the best coach anyone could ask for and I wouldn't be where I am today without her," she noted.

While she still has a lacrosse season in front of her, Doran also has one more high school field hockey game to play, the Twin State Game.

She recalls attending the game her freshman year to watch teammates Emma Danais and Abby Dubel represent Kingswood and is honored to be following in those shoes.

"I'm very honored to represent Kingswood and the state," she said. "I am so grateful to have that opportunity."

And after fighting her way back from such a devastating injury, expect that Doran will soak up every moment of that opportunity.

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## A lot of Christmas fun on The Village Players stage

Christmas is a busy time of the year for just about everyone and that's no exception in my life, as there is early deadlines and holiday tournaments to deal with, not to mention time to spend with family and friends.

But this year, it becomes even busier as the Village Players Theater in Wolfboro is putting on a Christmas show, and as I have been since the summer of 2012, I am taking part in the show.

Last summer I was part of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and the director for that show, Kathleen Hill, proposed doing The Best Christmas Pageant Ever during this holiday season. Since I had a great time working with Kathleen on that show, I signed up to help out with the Christmas show as producer. I gathered the necessary people to put on the show, including a stage manager, lighting and sound person, house manager and more. That group of people also included myself, as I decided to work backstage on the

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

stage crew.

Of course, as things do, there were a few changes along the way and as it turns out, there's a chance that if you go to see the show this coming weekend, you might see me on stage. There's two walk-on roles for firefighters late in the show and I just might be one of them.

We decided before we started the show that we wanted to get the Wolfboro Fire Department involved in the show, with the possibility of having actual firefighters handle those parts. However, we also know that firefighters are busy and they may not have a chance to cover every night of the show. Deputy Chief Tom Zotti helped us out with possible firefighter help but also arranged for myself and fellow stage crew member Bob Tuttle to get outfitted with firefighter gear so we can cover the roles if

need be.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is based on a book and is a pretty funny story. It's also a pretty quick show, lasting just about an hour and features a large cast of kids from around the area. And I must say that the kids have been a joy to work with and they've done a good job learning the show and the adults have blended in well with the kids, giving us a nice mix of a cast in a funny show.

The Village Players did this show just more than a decade ago (also with Kathleen directing) and there's a couple of current cast members who were also in the show back then.

If you're in the Wolfboro area this weekend, I encourage you to buy a ticket to see The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. It's a show that is suitable for kids or adults, is not too long and is a lot of fun. This is sure to add a little more fun to your Christmas season.

Finally, have a great day Allyson Vignola.

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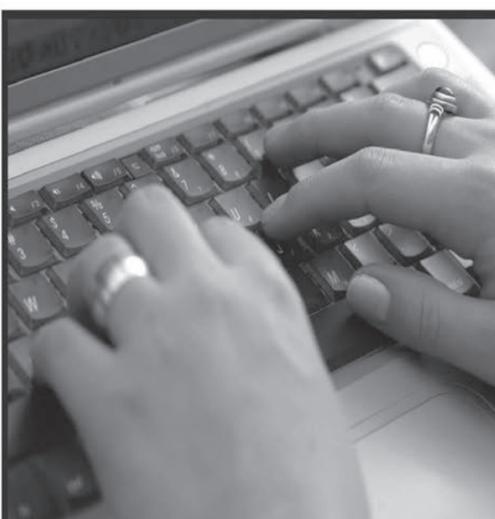
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versity. He will lead a hitting clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. Sachs led Salem High School to a record 18 state championships and accumulated nearly 600 wins before moving into a role of pitching coach at Merrimack College. He will direct a pitching clinic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additionally, Plymouth State softball coaches and players will lead four separate three hour-long clinics throughout February.

Clinics will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 3, 9, 17 and 23. All clinics take place in the Bank of New Hampshire Field House at ALLWell North on the Plymouth State campus. For additional information, including individual costs, team discounts and preregistration instructions, please refer to the Plymouth State softball web page (<http://athletics.plymouth.edu/sports/sball/index>).

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