

Lending a helping hand

Rotary continues to offer support to local communities

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — A lot goes on at a Rotary After Hours meeting. The Rotary Club of Alton Centennial, which covers the communities of Alton, Barnstead and New Durham, held its fourth such event at Johnson's Dairy Bar, Seafood and Steak Restaurant in New Durham recently.

Designed to foster membership development, the After Hours meetings rotate through the communities and offer an opportunity to reach members and potential members who can't make the 7 a.m. weekly gatherings Thursdays at the Pearson Road Community Center in Alton.

There's hearty socialization, displays of the club's principles, such as leadership and personal development, and food.

The New Durham meeting also earmarked the presentation of a check in the amount of \$2,600, donated by the club and members, to the new yoga program for fifth and sixth graders at New Durham School.

Principal Kelly Colby-Seavey, Earthkeepers educator Susan Berry and fifth and sixth grade team leader Kyra Dulmage were on hand to receive the funds.

"This is the fulfillment of my personal vision to expand the Earthkeepers' culture of kindness and mindfulness to a larger population," Berry said. "Yoga is the perfect vehicle for that, and I am so thankful and touched to have this kind of support from the community."

The Earthkeepers program, which started as a small after school group creating a simple butterfly garden and has bloomed into a pilot program for fifth and sixth graders, fosters an appreciation of the natural world from the Native American perspective. Within that are a variety of mindful practices, effective at self-awareness

and self-management.

When these practices, such as yoga moves or breathing exercises, are embedded into the curriculum, students can implement self-awareness tools all day long.

Offering yoga classes with a certified instructor to up to 50 students after school has been Berry's goal, and that has now been realized.

Past president Jeremy Dube said the Rotary cares about kids in the community. "Teachers work a lot of hours and we like to show our appreciation."

He said the students will have "mindfulness" *SEE ROTARY, PAGE A11*



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Top of Africa

Jared Spaulding, brother of editor Joshua Spaulding, checks out *The Baysider* on the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa during a recent trip. As the sign says, the mountain is more than 19,000 feet high, is the highest point in Africa, the world's highest free-standing mountain and one of the world's largest volcanoes. If you have a photo of you and *The Baysider* in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

Speaker delivers on the Power of One

Modern-day hero pays surprise visit to Alton Central School

BY LAURIE GRIGGS
Alton Central School

ALTON — When Valeria Ramos started her social studies project on the Power of One in October, she had no idea how much power she had herself. Her assignment was to research and write a letter to a modern-day hero — someone who uses their own time, energy, and commit-

ment to benefit the lives of others. She completed the assignment, sent the letter, and like the rest of her classmates, hoped for a response.

Many students did get responses. For example, Andy Manzi of Warrior Surf, a program that teaches veterans suffering from injuries or the stress of returning to life after

combat, Skyped with the class, reinforcing the message that everyone needs to create for themselves a life that has purpose. Dozens of messages from all over the world found their way to ACS, offering words of wisdom, inspiration, and support. In many of the letters, the heroes expressed how honored they were to receive the thoughtful-

ly written letters and questions prepared for them by these ACS students.

But no one at ACS could have anticipated the impact that Valeria's words would have on her hero, Khalie Sweeney, founder of the Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program in Detroit, Mich.

Sweeney, one of CNN's Top Ten Heroes

of the Year, received Val's letter in a week where things weren't going so well. Running a program for more than 100 inner city students, providing reading and math tutoring, working to raise money for everything from tuition to utilities, and dealing with the everyday issues that face too many under-privileged youths in areas where gangs often replace families is just hard. Sometimes the inspiration to continue is difficult to find. But, when he received Val's message that day, that's exactly what he got. She wrote, "I admire you for starting a program after coming out of hard times. You didn't just come up with the idea and put it off for "another time" or wait for someone else to come up with the idea. You got yourself out of your situation and started building on an idea that you believed could change the lives of innocent children... If someone else had gone through what you did, they might have used it as an excuse for not being able to do what others asked of them. But you didn't. You used your knowledge of what's out there in Detroit to help others. That's really admirable and you change people's lives every day..."

These simple words of admiration and support from an eighth grader at ACS were enough not to just to raise Sweeney's spirit, but to motivate him to do something extraor- *SEE SWEENEY, PAGE A11*

The Saints among us

Local couple honored for their dedication to others

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Over the past 17 years, Dan and Ruth Emerson have touched the lives of 120 foster children to whom they've provided love, sustenance and support. This ongoing devotion to children from throughout the region - as well as their commitment to members of the local community - was celebrated by dozens of local folks last Sunday at a gathering held at the community center on Pearson Road. The Christmas-themed event celebrated a spirit of giving that their deeds embody year round.

Dan and Ruth Emerson's current "tribe" consists of seven children aged one to 13 - three of whom they've formally adopted. "We feel privileged to give them a good home and love every child we can," Ruth explained.

She joked that when the whole family of nine



MARK FOYNES

FIVE-YEAR-OLD Matthew was temporarily distracted as a Baysider writer snapped this photo during a sing-along at Sunday's celebration of the Emerson family in Alton. Matthew and the other children are among about 120 kids the family has fostered over the past 17 years. Community volunteers fundraised to help Santa purchase gifts for the Matthew and his six foster siblings.

goes out, they often garner attention. "We're a big group when you see us all together, we're kind of hard to miss - so people recognize us," Ruth chuckled.

While Ruth and Dan's direct benefits to the youngsters is an ongoing and obvious manifestation of the couple's compassion and devotion, their ongoing good works also benefit oth-

ers whom they consider to be, in Ruth's words, "part of an extended family."

The Emersons' commitment to fostering a spirit of neighborliness was testified by 95-year-old Warren Roberge and Mary, his bride of several decades. They were among the organizers of Sunday's seasonal celebration centered on Dan and Ruth's children.

"They do so much for so many kids and have been a big help to us, too," said Mary Roberge. "Frankly, they are just amazing people, and we feel blessed for knowing them; tonight' is just a small way we can invite others to celebrate."

She explained that she and her husband, Warren, a Marine Corps veteran who served on *SEE EMERSONS, PAGE A10*

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Community mourns beloved pastor

ALTON — Approximately 750 parishioners and friends gathered on Sunday and Monday at Saint Katharine Drexel Church to bid farewell to Rev. Richard H. Wegman, who died at Huggins Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the age of 89. The Lakes Region

Dean, the Very Rev. Marc Drouin, celebrated the “Rite of Reception” on Sunday afternoon, and the Vice Rector of Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., Monsignor Anthony Frontiero, served as celebrant and homilist at Mass on Sunday

evening. On Monday morning, a Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by the Bishop of Manchester, Peter Libasci, with the Very Rev. Richard Fitzgerald, the Central Region Dean in the Archdiocese of Boston and a classmate of Father Wegman’s, as homilist.

A catered community luncheon in the parish hall followed the Mass. The former pastor at Saint Joan of Arc in Alton and current assistant pastor at Saint Katharine Drexel serving Alton and Wolfeboro, Father Wegman was known for his love of people and his keen

wit. Saint Katharine’s pastor, Rev. Robert Cole, remembered, “Father Dick was extremely loyal and he loved people, just loved people.”

In his homily, Father Drouin recalled Father Wegman’s “selfless behavior, putting the needs of others before his own, putting the needs of our nation first by serving in the military during the Korean War, putting

his widowed mother’s care before his desire to serve as a priest, knowing that he would go when the time was right.”

He also remembered him as “joyful, twinkling in his eye, piano entertainer, jokester, serious theologian desiring people to know the love of God that he knew.”

See Father Wegman’s obituary on page A8.

Class of 2020 fundraiser reaches around the world

BY SYDNEY DEJAGER
Contributing Writer

ALTON — It seems logical for a high school class to benefit from its own fundraisers, but the Class of 2020 at Prospect Mountain High School is taking a different approach this holiday season. The class will be collecting pairs of shoes in good condition to benefit struggling countries around the world. Tessa Carter, the president of the Class of 2020, proposed the idea for this fundraiser.

“I wanted to find a fundraiser that would be able to bring the whole community together for a common cause. I specifically wanted an organization that would help us do this,” Carter said. “Funds2Orgs” is the group that the class is working through, which will donate a certain amount of money for each bag of shoes collected. In this way, participants in this fundraiser not only help the local high school, but also people in other countries.

“The shoes as far as we know will be going

to Ghana, Bolivia and Haiti. The more shoes that are brought in, the more people we can help,” Carter emphasized.

“The community can help by donating at any of the collection boxes located at the Alton Town Hall, Barnstead Town Hall, and the Prospect Mountain High School lobby.” She added that the class would like to encourage people to spread the news about this fundraiser, whether by word or social media. They have currently collected more than 500 pairs of shoes, filling about 21 of their collection bags. Jan. 20 is the collection deadline, giving you around another month to collect any gently used or in-good-condition shoes to donate.

“This is a really unique fundraiser in that we have the potential to get both the Alton and Barnstead communities involved,” said Carter. “Everyone is looking forward to seeing how we can all come together to support both our class and people around the world.”



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DAR decorates

Nancy Mershon Black, Vice-Regent of the Winnepesaukee Chapter, decorates the DAR tree in support of the 19th annual Wolfeboro Festival of Trees. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to preserving American history and securing America’s future through education and promoting patriotism. Any women 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join. For more information on becoming a Daughter of the American Revolution, call or e-mail Regent Susan Fossum at 581-9675 or susanbriggsfossum@hotmail.com.

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New Year’s Eve party at Alton Legion

ALTON — Alton American Legion Post 72 will be hosting a New Year’s Eve party on Dec. 31. The Echotones will play from 8 p.m. to midnight and dinner will be

served from 6 to 8 p.m., with an option of prime rib or lobster pie. There will also be prizes and raffles. Tickets are available at the American Legion Post on Route 28.

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RISE gives thanks to teachers at Alton Central

BY CHRISTINE GLEATON

Alton Central School

ALTON — The RISE program had its fourth annual Thanksgiving dinner for teachers at Alton Central School at the end of November. RISE stands for Reaching Independence through Structured Education. The RISE program is for students who have difficulty learning in traditional ways and require functional, social, and life skills opportunities.

Thanksgiving dinner is a very big project that our students pride themselves on. Many hours go into planning the dinner. The students make a list of teachers and staff that they want to invite. They then create invitations and deliver them to the staff.

After our invite list was complete and the invitations were delivered, the students began to brainstorm the types of food they traditionally have at their Thanksgiving dinner. The students came up with a long list of ideas. We discussed the different traditions that each student has with their families. The students then decided what foods would be on



THE RISE program at Alton Central School hosted a Thanksgiving dinner.

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the menu for our ACS Thanksgiving dinner.

The students decided which dishes they would be preparing for the dinner. They worked in pairs to find recipes online that they would like to make. They read the recipes and decide what ingredients they needed to buy. As a class, they then made a grocery list for the recipes that they chose.

After the lists were

made, the group went to the grocery store to purchase the ingredients. The students were given a budget and they were required to stay within that budget. Each group of students had their own grocery list. The students led the way with finding the items on their list. Since they had to stay within a budget, they had to compare prices and look for the best deal. Before they went

through the checkout line, the students made estimations about how much they thought they spent on the meal. The kids were very excited to see the total and to see if their guess was the closest to the actual total.

Once we got back to school the students were in charge of putting away the groceries. They had to determine whether the groceries needed to

go in the refrigerator, freezer or cabinet. Once they got organized, the cooking began. They did prep work the day before the dinner. The students had to decide what items could be made ahead of time and which needed to be made the day of the dinner.

Thanksgiving dinner day finally arrived. The students worked all morning to finish preparing the chicken, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing and cranberry sauce. They decorated the Family Consum-

er Science room with placemats and center pieces and set the tables with all the necessities for their guests. The students prepared for serving the meal by reviewing the menus and getting their assignments for waiter/waitress and/or host/hostess.

The dinner started at 11 a.m. The students anxiously awaited the arrival of their first guest. When the first guest arrived, the hostess brought them to a table and gave them the menu. The waiter (the student who invited that staff person) went to the table, took the order, brought the food, checked in to make sure everything was ok, took the dessert order, and then brought them dessert. Of the 15 people invited, 13 were able to attend this year's feast. Every staff member enjoys this event as much as the students.

Over the years this project has certainly grown. The first year the students cooked and ate the meal themselves. The project is much more complex now and the students get so excited. To see their excitement about serving their teachers really shows how grateful they are to the staff here at ACS.

Help create art project at New Durham Public Library

NEW DURHAM — Even the town's youngest members will have the chance to leave their mark for many years to come, by participating in the permanent art installation outside of the New Durham Public Library.

Under the direction of artist Sarah Burns, children of kindergarten age will be creating clay tile splash stones for the Story Poles art project to run

the course of the slope alongside the library's walkway. This one-time session on Monday, Jan. 8, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. is free.

A staff member will walk children over from the New Durham School, and a small snack will be provided. Registration is necessary, so call 859-2201 to register or for more information.

The Story Poles art project is an all ages

community effort, with adults and school-aged children participating, that has a focus on the natural world, the Abenaki culture, and local history. The kindergarteners' tiles of blues and greens are meant to be evocative of the Merrymeeting River.

Not only is the artwork a collaboration among community groups, but the funding is, also. Story Poles

is supported in part by a Youth Arts Project grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Local funding has come from the Library Trustees, the Friends of the New Durham Public Library, and a private donor.

Call right away to get your youngster signed up and part of this unique legacy.

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Nanny Rosebud making numerous appearances at Gilman Library

ALTON — Nanny Rosebud, storyteller, makes quarterly appearances for seasonal events at the Gilman Library. The next two events are:

Christmas Stories with Nanny Rosebud, storyteller, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, and Valentine's Day stories with Nanny Rosebud, storyteller, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Refreshments will be sponsored by the Friends of the Gilman Library. Story times at the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., Alton, are held at Whimsy Corner in the Margaret E. Kayser Room, (main floor - children's wing), unless otherwise posted.

Beginning in January, Nanny Rosebud, storyteller, will add two regular monthly

programs to her quarterly specials.

The second Thursday of the month from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Bedtime Stories with Nanny Rosebud, storyteller. Join Nanny Rosebud for bedtime stories. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal or blanket. Nanny Rosebud will bring juice and cookies for your bedtime snack (Thursday, Jan. 11, weather permitting).

The fourth Friday of the month from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday Morning Finger-play with Nanny Rosebud, storyteller. Join Nanny Rosebud for Friday Morning Finger-play. Mommies and toddlers will learn nursery rhymes and sing interactive sto-

ry songs with Nanny Rosebud and friends (Friday, Jan. 26, weather permitting).



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Invitation for Bids

1983 American LaFrance Fire Engine

Sealed bids for the provision of the 1983 American LaFrance Fire Engine will be accepted until 01/08/2018 in the Gorham New Hampshire Town Office at 20 Park St Gorham NH 03581. At which time they will be opened and publicly read.

The item is a 1983 American LaFrance Fire Engine with 18,813 miles and 2105 hours on it. This vehicle can be viewed at the Gorham Fire & EMS building at 347 Main Street, Gorham NH 03581

The bid is to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for 1983 American LaFrance". If mailed the envelope should be marked clearly for the Engine to protect against the actual bid being opened in error. Any questions regarding the bid must be received in writing by e-mail by 12/29/2018 you can email any questions to jwatkins@gorhamnh.org

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any minor or non-material informalities, if deemed to be its best interests. The vehicle is being "Sold As Is"

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Merry Christmas and happy early deadlines

This issue is our final issue before the Christmas holiday and we want to take this time to wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas. This has been an interesting year for sure but we hope that everyone finds a way to enjoy the holiday season. Whether its with family or friends, this is the time of year for people to come together and put difference aside and celebrate.

That being said, this time of year is also a challenging one on our end of things because we are dealing with numerous holidays in a short period of time, which makes things difficult.

As many people know, our papers are printed at our company's printing plant in Southbridge, Mass. In addition to The Baysider, the plant also publishes all of our other Salmon Press newspapers, all of which have at least two sections. Plus, our papers in the southern part of Massachusetts are all printed at the same plant, which makes for a busy printing schedule throughout the week.

So, when we have days off for the holidays, there needs to be adjustments made to the deadline schedule so that the printing schedule can be kept and the people working hard at the printing plant can also have their time off.

So, with that in mind, we are making adjustments to the deadline schedule in the coming weeks for both the Christmas week and the New Year's week.

And because we have half days off on the Fridays before Christmas weekend and New Year's weekend in addition to the full days off on Christmas and New Year's (our offices close at noon on Friday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 29, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday, Jan. 2), deadlines have to be moved up two business days instead of just the normal one that we experience during other holidays.

Therefore, things being submitted for the paper the next few weeks may be due much earlier than normal, depending on what you are submitting. The sports sections print earlier than the A section and therefore any submissions for the sports section, instead of being due on Monday at 8 a.m., are due Thursday at 8 a.m. the next two weeks. This means things for next week's sports section are due today, Dec. 21.

All advertising deadlines that traditionally fall on Monday will also be moved up to Thursday, Dec. 21, and Thursday, Dec. 28.

The A section normally has a deadline of Tuesday at noon and because of the way the holidays fall, this year we don't have to change the deadline for submissions for the A section. This means that for next week's paper, the deadline for any submissions, which include obituaries, press releases and letters, are Tuesday, Dec. 26, at noon.

We apologize for the inconvenience of early deadlines and we hope that every one is able to get their submissions into the paper in time for publication as needed.

And we want to take one last chance to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. May you find all the joy you need this holiday season.



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Open house

Business and community leaders toasted the continuing success of Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) at a recent open house celebrating the organization's new home at 15 Varney Road in Wolfeboro. Pictured here are David Osetek and past Board Chair Marcus Weeks of Meredith Village Savings Bank; Gail Patriquin of Classic Journey Company; Mary Collins, past State Director of NH Small Business Development Center; and WEDCO Executive Director Denise Roy-Palmer. WEDCO's new doors at People's United Bank are wide open to folks looking for support in business and volunteer ventures in Brookfield, Effingham, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Office hours are Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and by appointment Thursdays and Fridays.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for supporting dance fundraiser

To the Editor:

The PMHS class of 2020 would like to thank all of the dance families and community members, over 450 of you, for coming to support our "Welcome to Whoville" dance fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 1. This artistic event was a group effort, and we are thankful for the contributions of all our community partners to offer this festive holiday experience to our surrounding communities in support of the fundraising efforts of the Class of 2020. As a class, we would like to give a huge hand to all of the dancers that performed. The show was amazing. We are very thankful for all the

time and effort that was donated by the Alton Dance Academy. Also thank you to the custodial staff and crew for making everything run so smoothly. Lastly, a big thank you to the PMHS senior class and Cake Creations for selling concessions. Cake Creations donated all of their proceeds to our class, and we are grateful for their contribution from their yummy Grinch themed cupcakes. The whole night was a great way to kick off the holiday season together. Thank you all for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

PMHS Class of 2020

Embrace immigration in welcoming manner

To the Editor:

Our country was founded by immigrants, period. I realize that we cannot afford to support the world, however we do need a system that makes sense. I believe that our states should work together in determining a population amount of refugees/immigrants coming in and who can benefit from what we have to offer and in return our tax structure benefits from the income returning, thereby coming full circle in our ancestry. There are states lacking population

and jobs etc. and going into bankruptcy. An immigration/refugee population would be welcome there. I support our government to reform our laws to embrace immigration in a welcoming manner and educate on what it means to live here. Give those individuals the opportunity as we all have and let them work hard to embrace these opportunities.

Lori Mahar
Barnstead

Voting is extremely important

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter to the editor from Suzanne Allison in the Baysider. My name is Michael Harrington, I am a State Representative and one of the towns I represent is New Durham. I am also a member of the House Election Law Committee and as such, had a lot to do with the passage of SB 3, which she incorrectly refers to as a "voter suppression bill."

I certainly agree that voting in New Hampshire is a right but it is not a right for every person; you must be a US citizen, be at least 18 years old and be domiciled in the municipality where you want to vote. So, let's start with the facts about voting in New Hampshire. Anyone who comes into a polling place on Election Day can simply state I am a US citizen, I am 18 years old or older and I live at this address in this municipality, sign an affidavit to that effect and they can vote and their vote will be counted, period. They do not have to have any documentation of any type to back this up. SB 3 did not change this

What SB 3 does is to make it clear that if you are New Hampshire on a temporary basis (e.g. a tourist, or a campaign worker) that you are not allowed to vote in New Hampshire. It also requires that if you vote without showing any documentation to support your statement of citizenship, age or domicile that you must produce such documents after election day (the amount of time you have to do this varies with the number of hours the municipal office in your town is opened each week). Remember, whether one complies with this requirement or not, their vote would have already been counted. If this portion of the law is not complied with, it provides for follow up by the Secretary of State's Office and voter fraud is suspected, the Attorney General's Office.

Ms. Allison states the evidence of voter fraud is almost non-existent but that is not what we heard

at committee hearings. For example, an election official from Deerfield stated that a group of people showed up just before the polls closed and all gave their address as Bear Brook State Park. When they were told that the park had closed for the season over two weeks ago, they responded that's where we live and we are willing to sign an affidavit to that effect. After the election officials discussed this, they decided they had to let these people vote. Of course once cast, the votes were counted just like any other ballots.

It sounds like Ms. Allison wants to let anyone who shows up at the polls, vote. No need to be a US citizen, be at least 18 or live in the municipality. Apparently, just desiring to vote would be the only prerequisite to voting she would agree with

Americans are required to show documentation for many things. The second amendment to both the US and NH Constitutions guarantees the right to keep and bear arms but when you go to a gun store to buy a gun you must show a state issued ID. We are required to show an ID when taking a bus from Portsmouth to Boston, getting on a plane or when renting a hotel room. Showing that you indeed have the right to vote helps make sure your right is not watered down by those who do not have this right. As I said, voting is a right but it is not a right for every person.

As far the burden to obtain a government issued ID, I will pledge here to drive anyone of my constituents from New Durham or Strafford to Concord to obtain a state of NH photo ID.

Voting is extremely important so we want to do the best we can to make sure all those who have a right to vote in New Hampshire vote but we also want to try our best to prevent people who don't have this right from voting.

Rep. Michael Harrington
Strafford District 3



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BY BOB TIFFANY
Alton

And now the rest of the story

I am amused and bemused by the hysterical whining of the snowflake generation. They are oblivious about how the real world works. They have been indoctrinated by the media, the educators, and the social bovine effluent displayed on their fondle slabs. They have been conditioned to expect instant gratification without effort, and at no cost or responsibility.

The purveyors of misinformation are again misleading them on the net neutrality myth. They have no clue what the internet is, how it works, why it works, or how it is financed.

The internet is an interconnected network of copper wires, glass fiber cables, back bone microwave radio systems, and earth orbiting satellites. Its only function is to move digital data from one point to another. It was designed to be self-healing. If a break occurs in the connected web of devices then an alternate route around the fault is established. It was initially conceived as a nationwide military network. It was not invented by Al Gore. It has now grown to the world wide web – therefore the WWW. designator. The web is not a utility that can be regulated by any agency. It has no physical location, address, CEO, board of directors, arti-

cles of incorporation, tax liability, nor a budget.

Access is open and free to anyone and everyone. An individual has equal access to the network as do governments, businesses, hackers, criminals, terrorists, as well as you and I. All one needs, to use the network, is a few hundred thousand dollars worth of servers, routers, hub switches, several miles of cables, backup power and storage systems, and a small army of IT professionals to program and de-bug the monster. Having that in operation places you on the internet and makes you an internet service provider – ISP – capable of providing service to one or more terminals, or work stations.

The internet is like a water pipe. The only purpose is to move water from one point to another. The electrical grid moves electrons from one place to another. Highways move traffic from one place to another. Likewise the internet moves digital traffic from one place to another. All of these examples share a common limit – capacity. The size of the water main limits capacity, the size of generators, wires and transformers limit the capacity of the electrical grid. The size and design of a highway limits capacity. All of these can be easily increased by updates and upgrades.

The capacity limiting

factor of the internet is bandwidth. Bandwidth is a physical constant. It can not be added to. Think of the capacity of a tractor-trailer. The size of the box is limited in height, width, and length by highway law. If you were to ship 500 one-pound boxes of marshmallows it would cost you a lot more than to ship 500 one-pound boxes of lead. There is a valid reason for the difference, but the now generation reaction is as expected, "But that's not fair." You are paying for the use of the truck to move a product. The truck has a limited capacity. It takes the same amount of time and fuel to move a pound of marshmallows 1,000 miles as it does to move a pound of lead the same distance. The difference is that the marshmallows take far more room (bandwidth) in the trailer (Internet). The marshmallow shipper is a space (bandwidth) hog and should and does pay a premium for denying others the use if the system. An ISP gets paid for providing space (bandwidth) in the trailer (internet).

A private telephone line costs more than a two-party line. A two-party line costs more than a four-party line. Why – because the private line hog has two wires all to himself, while the two and four party users share two wires and reduce the

cost of the system. The user always bears the cost never the provider. If you need huge amounts of electricity to operate, for example, a welding shop, then you pay a demand charge on your bill to pay for the capacity the company must provide to you above and beyond their normal base load. Should you need huge amounts of water such as a brewery would need then you pay a higher rate than a homeowner using 200 gallons per day. If you wish to get from one place to another more quickly, or easily, then you can pay for premium highway access. It is called at.

The so called net neutrality effort was designed to make people that only did e-mail pay the same price as the greedy bandwidth hogs that wanted to play video games, stream video, text, Twitter, Facebook, Hulu, Netflix, shop Amazon – order and pay online, and dispense millions of excruciatingly annoying advertisements. They are the ones that should bear the costs that produce their huge profits, not your grandmother that sends you three e-mails per month.

The Communications Act of 1934 empowered the FCC to regulate, license and control the emission of electromagnetic radiation, and specifically denied them the ability to control re-

ception. They have the legal authority to control microwave and satellite radio system segments of the internet in the United States only. The internet itself does not radiate electromagnetic radiation. I believe that all else that happens is not part of their legal mandate. It is a

free market, commercial enterprise, that might be subject to Federal Trade Commission scrutiny.

I find it ironic that the liberal mantra of "pay their fair share" causes them angst when one tries to make that happen.

Letters to the Editor

Hospice Tree of Memories says thank you

To the Editor:

Relationships are one of the most significant and valued parts of life, and each year, during the holiday season, the Hospice Tree of Memories offers an opportunity to pause and remember those individuals who have filled a very unique place in our lives. Five communities, Alton, Meredith, Ossipee, Wakefield and Wolfeboro presented evergreen trees where hundreds of lights were lit in memory of loved ones and hundreds of doves were placed on the trees as a tribute to a life lived. Hospice would like to thank all those who participated and supported Hospice and its philosophy of caring, serving, and comforting patients and their families. We would also like to thank all VNA/Hospice staff and volunteers, who are there to assist, console and share our grief at a very critical time in life.

For those who were unable to attend the celebration of remembrance, we invite you to join us next year for this very special ceremony. You will be glad you did. May I share with you the traditional "Poem of Remembrance" that was offered at the celebration. Perhaps it will find special

meaning for you as you search for comfort and ponder the meaningful relationships in your life.

In the rising of the sun and at its going down, we remember them;

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter, we remember them;

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them;

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of a summer day, we remember them;

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them;

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them;

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them;

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them;

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us.

As we remember them.

Thank you for your continue interest in Hospice for without your support, Hospice would not be able to serve.

Shirley Richardson
Chairperson
Hospice Advisory

Community resource identification workshop at PMHS

ALTON — Community members from Alton and Barnstead are partnering in an effort to reduce the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol in the communities. Prevention of alcohol and drug misuse is a top priority. Through locally-supported, comprehensive and

environmental strategies, this goal can be achieved.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m., there will be a community resource identification workshop. At this workshop, community participants – students, parents, business owners, teachers, public safety, law enforcement,

health workers, parks and recreation volunteers, church pastors and members, and town employees – will gather to talk about:

What is going right in our communities?

What is working?

What do you value in Alton and Barnstead, and

why?

Together they will identify the businesses, events, organizations and people that already contribute to the community. They can bring these valuable assets together to thank them, support them and secure them.

Everyone, of all ages, please join in on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Prospect Mountain High School from 6 to 8 p.m. Let them take this first step toward creating a sustainable plan to attacking problems in the communities. They need your voice and your input.

New Year's Eve concert will feature North River Band

BARNSTEAD — On New Year's Eve Dec. 31, the six-piece North River Band will visit Barnstead Town Hall for the fifth annual Milk and Cookies New Year's Eve concert. Ticket proceeds will benefit 68 Hours of Hunger.

North River's Americana sound blends two and three-part harmonies with expressive musicianship and a familiar selection of folk, pop and country songs. The core group, from the Rochester area, features long time seacoast area musician Dan Poland joined by vocalists Dianne McMillan and Vicky Poland. The full band includes keyboardist Brian Randall, bassist Tom Kesil on guitar and Dan Fishbein on drums. Poland and McMillan, the vocal dynamic duo of the band, have been singing together since 2005 and met singing in the a cappella group "Vocal Exchange."

The concert will start at 7 p.m., end about 9 p.m., and as always, intermission will feature, milk, cookies, tea, coffee and assorted other desserts and beverages. At some point in the evening, volunteers will pass out the words to the song American Pie and they will all sing. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Chris Bonoli at 340-1468, and a

time can be arranged to drop off your tickets in advance. Reservations will also be accepted at the same phone number. They have 112 seats, please help fill those

seats and benefit 68 Hours of Hunger. Food donations will also be accepted for the Barnstead Food Pantry. Call if you have any questions at 340-1468.

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Young New Durham family honored to share in preservation efforts

NEW DURHAM — Curtis and Stephanie Richard purchased their property in late 2013. The property, located in New Durham, boasts an antique cape-style home, open field and forest, and a weathered, yet well-built 30'x30' post-and-beam barn.

"We love it here; New Durham is a welcoming community that really embraces its history and its rural identity. We are so grateful for the many conservation and preservation efforts in our neighborhood, town, and state and are honored to be able to share in those efforts as we maintain and restore our own barn," said Stephanie Richard.

The house dates to c. 1790 and the barn was likely constructed around that time as well. The Richards have a county map dated 1856 that shows the



COURTESY PHOTO
CURTIS AND STEPHANIE RICHARD'S barn in New Durham is featured in the 52 Barns in 52 Weeks program through the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.

home and barn and labels the owner as "L.H. Pinkham." The neighborhood was once known as "pig pen corner," so the property was likely home to pigs or other small livestock.

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance highlighted this barn as one of the 52 Barns in 52 Weeks to celebrate the Richards' commitment to the stewardship of the building as they con-

tinue its agricultural use. The barn currently supports the Richards in their efforts to produce meat and vegetables for their growing family. The couple raises chickens, ducks, and pigs, tends two large gardens, and enjoys fruit from the property's mature apple trees and blueberry bushes. The barn serves as storage, a workshop, a potting shed, and a winter

home for their cats and chickens. The couple has also used the barn as entertaining space for their wedding reception and birthday parties. Renovation of the barn will greatly increase its usefulness, as the leaking roof and deteriorated siding now allow easy entry for the elements and wildlife.

After several years of consideration, the Richards looked to the NH Preservation Alliance for help and were pleased to receive a grant for a barn assessment during the second grant round of the 52 Barns in 52 Weeks initiative. It was clear the roof needed replacing, but the couple questioned whether that was the best first step, worrying that future repairs may cause damage to the new roof. Ed Pape was selected to assist with the barn assessment and provided them with advice on the best course of action for restoring and preserving the structure. Based on Pape's recommendations, the Richards are aiming to start with sill replace-

ment work next year. Curtis Richard said of Pape's visit, "It is great to have professional advice about how to move forward, and I also enjoyed hearing Ed's assessment of the barn's construction and history. I'm excited to know that the framing and bracing are rugged and sturdy and am encouraged that the barn can be restored."

The goal of this 2017 initiative is to help at least 52 barn owners across the state with assessment grants, assistance in securing tax relief, and educational opportunities to help save their historic barns. Throughout the year, barns and their owners have been showcased by the Preservation Alliance to celebrate good work and offer practical information and inspiration to others.

The Preservation Alliance is grateful to all of its donors to date, and encourage others to add their support with an investment in the 52 Barns in 52 Weeks campaign so they can do more.

Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders of Alton Post 72 are holding the fifth annual "Coats for Kids" drive. The Riders will be collecting new coats and

snow pants for children in the local community. Coats can be dropped off at the Post 72 home on Route 28 Alton. The American Legion Riders of Post 72 will be

collecting coats until Jan. 1. Donations will also be accepted toward the purchase of new coats. Contact Russ at 776-2968 for further information.

Hoop clinic, exercise classes available in Alton

ALTON — Free yoga class will be offered on Monday, Jan. 1, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center with Sheila Marston. Start the New Year off with taking care of your mind, body and breath. This will be an all levels class that is suitable for everyone. Class will start with centering, warm ups and opening at the hips. Basic postures and gentle twists will be practiced. Class will end in the cord cutting meditation and relaxation.

Alton Parks and Recreation 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 savassana. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are held Mondays and Wednes-

days at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m.

Strength Training and Yoga with AF-AA-certified Kellie Troendle is a class for active adults held Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Museum. Use free weights to strengthen and train major muscle groups. Practice yoga postures for balance, flexibility and strength. Mats available for use.

No Locke Lake meeting in December

BARNSTEAD — There will be no public board of directors meeting for the Locke Lake Colony board in December.



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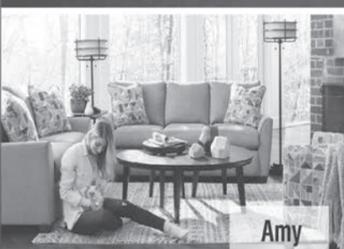
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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	508 Alton Mountain Rd.	Mobile Home	\$52,000	Citizens Bank NA	Richard Murray
Alton	104 Alton Shores Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$315,000	Jeffrey T. and Kathleen M. Stark	Michael A. and Heidi A. Polhemus
Alton	101 Andreson Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,740,000	Northern Realty Association LLC	Meagan S. Spencer
Alton	15 Cathy Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$185,533	Linda Miller-Tripp	Andrew M. and Michelle J. Carter
Alton	506 Old Wolfeboro Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$200,000	Albert I. Bartsch (for Kathleen A. Bartsch Estate)	Drew J. Bernier
Alton	34 Osprey Rd.	Mobile Home	\$119,000	James H. and Jean M. Byrne	Paul R. and Elizabeth J. Russell
Alton	254 Powder Mill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Jonathan J. and Susan D. Beam	Marc R. and Jennifer A. Rowe
Alton	225 Rand Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$274,000	Steven and Michelle Bowman	Tracey C. Doucette
Alton	448 Rattlesnake Island	Single-Family Residence	\$520,000	Clifford E. and Michelle A. George	Scott and Susan Spence
Barnstead	74 Damsite Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$98,000	Susan Hartblay	Margaret M. and Frank A. Peta
Barnstead	24 Danbury Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$130,000	Pennymac Loan Services	Ronald Tyrell
Barnstead	11 Lincoln Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$158,800	Tracey C. Doucette	Vincent P. and Amy J. Grasso
Barnstead	42 Newport Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$151,000	Cynthia Haggemiller and Robyn Hall	Jocelyn E. Murray
Barnstead	333 Pitman Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$269,000	Emmett E. and Angela J. Harris	David Springer
Barnstead	24 Ripple Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$149,933	Michael R. and Molly K. Verville	Jonathan R. Authier
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$160,000	Clarke Goodrich (for Goodrich Fiscal Trust)	Mary E. Lariviere
New Durham	181 Kings Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$295,000	David J. McFarland	David M. Corso

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 informa-

tion on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at 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.

Financial Focus announces employees' latest accomplishments

WOLFEBORO — It is an exciting time of year and exciting time at Financial Focus. The company is enthusiastic to announce Landon Fritch (Planning Associate) passed his CFP® Certifi-

cation Exam in November. The exam is administered through the CFP Board, whose mission is "to benefit the public by granting the CFP® certification and upholding it as the recognized

standard of excellence for competent and ethical personal financial planning" Fritch will complete his experience requirement in the next few months. Daosith Lemay, CFP®, a partner

at the firm, completed a two-year program at the G2 Leadership Institute delivered by The Ensemble Practice. The program, sponsored by Fidelity Clearing and Custody Solutions,

grooms experienced, future leaders in advisory firms. It provides advanced training to develop leadership and business management skills. Enrollees engage in activities involving

strategic planning, organizational design, compensation planning and structure, equity management and leadership development all centralized to the practices of financial advisors.

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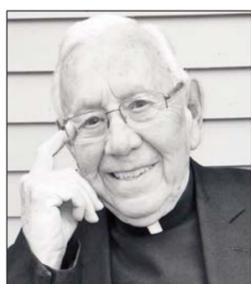
WOLFEBORO — On Dec. 12, the Reverend Richard H. Wegman died at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro. He was 89 years old.

Father Wegman was born and raised on Long Island, New York, but lived most of his adult life in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

After graduating from Jamaica High School (N.Y.) and earning a bachelor's degree from Queens College, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in Korea during the Korean War, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant.

From an early age, Father Wegman aspired to the Roman Catholic priesthood, but family circumstances prevented him pursuing this dream while young. Instead, he started his own business in Boston and in 1957 opened the Hammond Organ Studios of Boston as a co-owner with business partner Anthony R. Totaro. The business grew, opening several branch studios in the Boston area and becoming in the 1970s the Boston Organ and Piano Company, headquartered in Natick, Mass. That company is now owned and managed by the Totaro sons.

In 1985, upon the impending death of his widowed mother, Father Wegman resigned his



position with Boston Organ and Piano, leaving to begin a year of preparation for the priesthood at Boston College's School of Theology. The following year he entered the Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass., a Catholic seminary for candidates age 30 and older, to complete theological studies leading to priestly ordination.

On June 2, 1990, Father Wegman was ordained a priest in Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester, for the Diocese of Manchester by Bishop Odore J. Gendron.

After ordination, Father Wegman served for six years as parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton. He then served as pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Alton.

In 2001, his health required his retirement from being pastor in Alton, but he continued to serve as assistant pastor at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, serving Alton and Wolfeboro, where he

had established his residence following retirement.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the Rite of Reception of the Body took place at Saint Katharine Drexel Church, 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton. Father Wegman lay in state in the church from 2 to 6 p.m., concluding with Mass.

On Monday, Dec. 18, Father Wegman lay in repose at Saint Katharine Drexel Church from 10:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, presided at a mass of christian burial at 11 a.m., followed by a community luncheon.

The Rite of Committal will be celebrated in the spring at Lakeview Cemetery in Wolfeboro, at a time to be announced. Peaslee Alton Funeral Home has care of the arrangements, to express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

The Diocese of Manchester will offer three masses for the repose of his soul. Sympathy cards or notes to the family can be sent to Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, P.O. Box 180, Wolfeboro, NH 03894-0180. Father Wegman requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Retired Clergy Fund, Diocese of Manchester, 153 Ash Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, 03105-0310.

Roy Paul Ellis Pietrek Known for sense of humor and smile



BARNSTEAD — Roy Paul Ellis Pietrek, 19, of Center Barnstead, died in an accident on his college campus in Phoenix, Ariz. on Monday, Dec. 11.

He was born in Nashua on Oct. 5, 1998 and raised in Hollis and Center Barnstead. Roy attended Barnstead Elementary and graduated from Concord Christian Academy in June 2017. He was a member of the Congregational Church of North Barnstead where he was confirmed in 2014.

His interests included his dogs, video games, reading, photography, travel and hanging out

with his many friends and family. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and smile. Roy was a freshman at Grand Canyon University and was considering psychology as a career. He is survived by his mother, April Ellis; father, Paul Pietrek; stepfather, Thomas Norman; stepmother, Carrie

Smith; siblings, Lexi and Christopher Normandin; grandmothers Marcy Pietrek and Samantha Ellis and many other relatives in Rhode Island, California and Arizona.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, 03225. Casual attire or plaid requested.

Donations to the Deacon's Fund in lieu of flowers may be made to the church (PO Box 2). The Deacon's Fund helps those in need.

Shirley Bowden Eaton Active in Farmington community



NEW DURHAM — On Dec. 10, a red cardinal arrived to open the gates of heaven, to welcome our angel. Shirley Bowden Eaton, the daughter of Pearl Winfred and Hazel (Tilton) Bowden, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family. Since being diagnosed with Triple Negative Breast Cancer in August of 2013, she fought with unwavering positivity and hope.

Shirley was born on the March 15, 1948 at Frisbie Memorial Hospital. Raised in West Lebanon, Maine, she attended grade school at Lebanon Elementary, and graduated from Nute High School in 1966.

Shirley Bowden married James Eaton in 1970 and moved to New Durham, where they raised two daughters. She was employed at Sandy's Coiffures in Farmington for 50 years. Due to her caring heart, many of her clients became lifelong friends as they often shared in each other's lives. Many knew her from the Country Daisy Florist, which she owned and operated with her daughter Sandi from 1997 to 2005. Shirley was quite

active in the Farmington community and supported the Women's Club for many years. Many knew her to be very artistic and multitalented. Her family nicknamed her "The Cruise Director," because she flourished at planning many family adventures. Shirley created many happy memories with her friends and family at the family cottage, "The Sandcastle," on the beach in Wells, Maine.

Shirley was loved by all and was a guiding force to everyone she cared about. Shirley leaves behind her devoted husband James, daughter Sandra (Sandi) and son-in-law Dan Bellemore, daughter Stacy Eaton and boyfriend JT Nagle, beloved granddaughters Olivia and Allison Bellemore, brother James and sister-in-law Sandra Bowden, sister Sandra and brother-in-

law Charles Diprizio, brother Bill and wife Sonia Bowden, brother in law Craig and sister-in-law Pat Eaton, sister in law Marilyn Eaton and friend Jerry, numerous nieces and nephews as well as their spouses and families and many cherished friends.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents, mother and father-in-law Melvin and Eleanor Eaton, her niece Jennifer Zani, nephew Sean Eaton, and a very special chemo cohort Juanita Dean O'Donnell.

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu...

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to Amy's Treat at PO Box 2234, Dover, NH 03821 or Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

A celebration of her life was held on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m. at First Congregational Church on Main Street in Farmington. Interment will be in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery in Farmington. Cremation care by Peaslee Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

Eleanor Pearl Tarbox Holder of Boston Post Cane

MEREDITH — Eleanor Pearl Tarbox, 96, of Center Barnstead, died on Dec. 10, at Forestview Manor, in Meredith, after a period of failing health.

Born in Grafton on April 6, 1921, she was the daughter of Earl D. and Della B. (Smith) Chellis.

Eleanor was presented the Boston Post Cane in October of 2017. She was very special and loved by all.

Eleanor was predeceased by her husband, Fred O. Tarbox, who died in 2001, her sisters, Evelyn Lepene, Elizabeth Tetreault, Irene Chellis, Virginia Vorrion, Rita Moody and her brothers, Shirley Chellis and Herman Chellis.

Eleanor is survived by her children, Annie-Ruth Holmes of Meredith,

Clarence Tarbox of Center Barnstead, Patricia Elliott, of Alton, Frances Locke of Pittsfield and Freida Simonds of Alton; her grandchildren, Karen Simpson, Vicki Sykes, Lisa Holmes, Troy Holmes, Ashley Tarbox, Hope Keniston, Fred Elliott, Missy Ingham and Scott Simonds; her 14 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; her sister, Blanche Wooster of Jaffrey; many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on May 4, Friday, at 11 a.m. in the Riverview Cemetery, Center Barnstead.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association, 186 Waukegan St., Meredith, NH 03253 or Central NH VNA Hospice, 780

Main St., Laconia, NH 03246 or the NH Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03246.

The Mayhew Funeral Homes and Crematorium, in Meredith and Plymouth are assisting the family with their arrangements. To view Eleanor's book of memories, visit www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com.

John Chilton Charter member of Alton Rotary

ALTON — John Chilton, 67, of Alton Bay unexpectedly crossed the river on Dec. 3 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester.

He was born on May 21, 1950 to Ronald and Beryl Chilton in Ashburton, New Zealand, where he grew up playing rugby and building a life-long appreciation for nature, the environment and scenic beauty. After graduating from Lincoln University in Christchurch with a degree in Agricultural Science, he embarked on a management career

leading to CEO level of an agribusiness cooperative based in the North Island, New Zealand. John was trained by and admitted to the Institute of Management Consultants UK and gained experience as a management consultant with Orr & Boss and Partners, London.

After immigrating to the United States, John lived in Baltimore, Md., Mashpee, Mass. and Southbury, Conn., before finding his home in Alton Bay. There he honed his interests in cutting edge management prac-

tices including business incubators, B Corps, micro-finance and crowd-funding.

He was a Charter Member of the Alton Centennial Rotary Club, a Corporator of Meredith Savings Bank, a member of the Alton Beach Committee, and a board member at Genesis Behavioral Health in Laconia.

He was actively involved in the formation of OraKorps, a Rotary Community Corps promoting prosperity through job creation in local communities, and in creating an urban micro-farm and heritage apple orchard in Alton. He touched the lives of those he knew with his dreams, passion, strength, authenticity and friendship.

He is survived by his best friend and wife, Jeanne Crouse; his sons Daniel, Adrian and his wife, Michaela, and their mother, Christine Von

Eyss in Auckland, New Zealand; his stepchildren Jennifer Kovolski and her husband Roy Schlieben of Peterborough, Michael Kovolski and his wife Valarie of Leland, N.C.; grandchildren Milar Chilton, Madeleine and Johanna Schlieben, and Bryce and Kyndra Reed; sisters Jenny Digby, Joy Verissimo and Chris O'Sullivan in New Zealand and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life is planned at noon on May 19 at The Bach overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton Bay. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in his name to the Gilman Library, PO Box 960, Alton, NH 03809.

"Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Atua". (New Zealand Maori, the English translation for which is: A mighty totara tree has fallen in God's beloved forest).

Church Service

SCHEDULE

Sundays: July 2, 2017 – September 3, 2017

8am Outdoor Summer Worship Service- Alton Bay Bandstand

10am Worship Service Community Church of Alton-101 Main Street, Alton

<p>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit abundant-harvest.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.</p> <p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday Worship Service 11:00 Am. All Are Welcome. Rev. Charles Willson 998-4102. 96 Maple Street & Route 28, Barnstead</p> <p>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm; Tues-Thurs 9am. 875-6161.</p> <p>BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON Alton-9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Sam Huggard, www.befreechurch.net.</p> <p>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Morning Service 10:00 am. Adult Sunday School 9:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am. Rite 126 meet to Town Hall. Pastor Brian Gouzer, 269-8831.</p> <p>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON Prayer Meeting 9:00 am Christian Education for all ages. nursery-cradle, 9:00 am Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Hall, 875-5561. Sunday Worship Service 8:00 am 20 Church Street</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD UCC Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:00AM, 504 N. Barnstead Rd., Pastor Nancy Talbott, 776-1820, ccnorthbarnstead.com</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON Worship Services 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:15 AM 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 03835 Pastor Kent Schneider 755-4816 www.farmingtonucc.org</p> <p>FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School 9:45am; Church 11am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nasson.</p> <p>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H. on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Piers - 483-2846</p> <p>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert F. Cole, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p> <p>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Curtis Metzger, 435-7908 www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524 6488 • uusd.org</p> <p>MAPLE STREET CHURCH Sunday Service 11am 96 Maple Street Center Barnstead NH 03225</p>
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Mark on the Markets



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Research and studies regarding 401(k) plans and their participation or lack thereof is a topic year after year. But reading some material from KRC research has confirmed information that anyone who is involved with managing 401(k) plans in the field probably already knows. On occasions clients will ask me to help them with their 401(k) allocations with their current plan that their employer have provided for them. Because I'm a fiduciary advisor, in other words I work for my clients, I will do this for them to help them maximize their 401(k) plans at work, even though the plan should have an advisor to help plan participants. KRC research found that 80 percent of respondents believed that having a 401(k) at work made it a more valuable place to be employed. So, we know from the employer's perspective it is beneficial to offer a solid retirement plan to their employees, it is only good business. But the plans that I see in place often are not max-

401(k) wants

imized by the employees because of primarily two reasons that are related. The first and most basic deficiency is that the participants get very little, or sometimes no help in choosing the funds that should be designed for their objectives. The obvious fix for this is to have an advisor available to meet with the plan participants, individually if necessary to sit down and explain their choices and help them allocate their money into these plans that make it valuable to the plan participant. Over 70 percent of plan participants say that they don't ever see anyone therefore they do not participate to the maximum, or they keep far too much money in a fixed account or money market with minimal growth potential.

Plan participants also want an uncomplicated plan with fund choices that are easy to understand, low-cost and represent multiple low correlated asset classes. Employers need to be conscious of the broker or advisor managing the plan. Is the advisor acting as a fiduciary? Is the advisor really a broker that is using mutual funds with 12b1 fees attached? The Department of Labor legislation that in part went into effect the middle of April this

year has something to say about those issues. While I don't want to get into the technicalities of those issues in this article, is extremely important for the employer or fiduciary of the plan to understand the changes that they may have to implement regarding this DOL legislation. It is my observation that large 401(k) plans managed by the behemoths i.e. Fidelity, typically are structured very well, and while they may not offer that much personal help to participants, there is usually a good electronic means of communication and ability to change the plan attached to some good planning tools. It is also my observation some of the small to medium-size businesses that may have a broker sold plan platform, may need changes.

The new Department of Labor legislation is a good reason to review your 401(k) plan if you are the employer or participant and get ahead of the changes sooner than later.

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Barnstead church hosting 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." The message to all who walk through the doors is one of acceptance and inclusion.

On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., the church family 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.

They understand 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



COURTESY PHOTO
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of North Barnstead will be holding a Christmas Eve service.

attending church but are longing more meaning in your life.

You have had a negative experience of Christianity and have felt excluded.

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. They look forward to greeting you on Christmas Eve or on any Sunday. Worship is always at 10 a.m. with programming for chil-

dren. The church is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ and is an A2A, accessible to all congregation.

Drive north on Route 28, beyond the center of Barnstead, turn right on Peacham Road, then right on North Barnstead Road. The church is a quarter-mile on the left. Parking is roadside, however there are accessible spaces. The church is fully accessible and welcomes squirmy children and adults.

Visit www.ccnorth-barnstead.com, check Facebook at The Congregational Church of North Barnstead, United Church of Christ. Reverend Nancy Talbott's phone is 776-1820. Feel free to call with questions.

Pittsfield church hosting Christmas Eve service

PITTSFIELD — Include the wonderful Christmas Eve candlelight service this coming Sunday night, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, in your holiday celebrations. The service includes beautiful music by the Chancel Choir and the Jubellation Handbell Choir, scripture les-

sons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary sparkling in gleaming candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night." Make this lovely evening service a tradition with family and friends. Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

Center Barnstead Christian Church holding Christmas Eve service

BARNSTEAD — Christmas already. How come some people don't feel like Christmas? In the midst of the wonder and expectation of the Christmas season, many might feel out of step with the joy and excitement of Christmas. With the business of the Christmas season and the pressures of life, sometimes the "happy" holidays just sneak up on people before they know it.

Plan on coming to the Christmas Eve service at Center Barnstead Christmas church at 6 p.m. and get yourself ready for the big day. Bring your family, bring a friend, every family will go home with a Christmas gift. Come and create a lasting memory this Christmas Eve at the Center Barnstead Christmas Church, located right next to the town hall. Any ques-

tions, please call the church at 269-8831.

Christmas Eve service at Barnstead Parade church

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church would like to invite you and your family and friends to attend its Christmas Eve service on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. There will be beautiful Christmas music and peace and joy of the celebration of the birth of the Lord

Jesus Christ. The church is located on Parade Road on the corner of the Parade Grounds. They forward to having you join them, all are welcome. There will be no morning worship. The church family wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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EMERSONS

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Guadalcanal 75 years ago during WWII, deeply value their relationship with the Emersons.

"It's hard to think what it would be without their help," Mary said.

The Roberges moved to Alton 30 years ago following Warren's retirement. At first, the couple were able to manage their property's upkeep; but three decades later, some of the more laborious tasks, like splitting and stacking cordwood, require some assistance. Dan and Ruth help the Roberges tend their property, clear their driveway of snow, and allow them, essentially, to age in place within a community they call home.

Warren Roberge was earnest in tone but effusive in praise of what the Emersons contribute - both to area children and to neighbors like himself.

"They have such big, open hearts," Roberge said. "They do so much on top of all the effort they make to give the children the best lives they can - we know we'd have a

harder time without all the help they give."

Warren explained that Dan Emerson has been a huge personal help over the past decade.

"Don't get me wrong, we do pay Dan for his work - and he's a hard worker," Warren Roberge said. He added, "But he is so reasonable - when we first met and I explained what we needed, he told me my generation saved the world from the fascists and preserved our freedoms, so he'd accept whatever we could pay him," Warren said.

Roberge described Dan Emerson as a "jack-of-all-trades" who helps with everything from yard maintenance to snow removal and even tinkering with household appliances.

"We depend on them - they're real friends; they are always there," said Mary Roberge. She added that Dan and Ruth are "always on call" and occasionally just drop by to make sure all is well.

"They are saints among us, that's how I

describe them," Mary said.

While feeling compelled to help recognize the Emersons' outreach to area youth and the elderly, Mary Roberge said she felt Dan and Ruth would be too humble to be singled out. Instead, she and other organizers of Sunday's event thought that a Christmastime celebration centered on their foster and adopted children would be most appropriate. After a nutritious supper, there was a sing-along, storytime, and several children's gifts from Santa. Coordinating with Santa were several community groups, which helped get the gifts in time for last Sunday's event.

"We know that they're frugal, good, grounded people who wouldn't want to be singled out, but since they do so much for the children, we thought doing something just for the kids with something special and some gifts 'from Santa' would be a good way to let them know how much we all appreciate

what they do," said Mary Roberge.

Community fundraisers, spearheaded by local religious and civic groups, propelled the effort. Amongst the participants were local Rotarians, as well as an ecumenical group of congregants who attend services at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic church and the Alton branch of the Be Free Church. The latter group was founded in 2006 and meets weekly at Prospect Mountain High School.

"This was totally amazing - we knew only about half the people here when we walked in," said Ruth. "The fact that so many people we don't know directly came out just says a lot about the good people who live here." She acknowledged the presence of the local groups that fundraised and turned out for the event.

Pastor Ben Ruhl of the Be Free Church was amongst the attendees.

"[The Emersons] definitely embody the spirit of what we celebrate every week," Ruhl said. He added, "The merit of all our deeds is how we are ultimately measured - and Dan and Ruth's devotion gives all of us here a chance to come together, contemplate, and celebrate."

In addition to a nutritious meal that included a variety of veggies, deli platters, cheese sticks and obligatory seasonal sweets, the Emersons' children were each given a special toy that locals helped "Santa" fundraise for.

"Oh, they included stuffed animals and even a flying toy airplane that I think us grownups, or

at least a few of us guys, had as much fun getting into flying condition," joked Warren Roberge, a one-time Marine flight mechanic during WWII. Wife Mary noted that "Santa" had pre-delivered the gifts in case any special assembly might be required.

Both Warren and Mary expressed deep appreciation for the donation of a china doll that was gifted to by Santa to 13-year-old Jasmine, the oldest child in the current iteration of the Emerson family. (Jasmine, who has cerebral palsy, was recently named Miss Miracle in a prestigious pageant that was held in the past year in Chicago).

Many of the kids the Emersons take on as foster children have medical or family issues.

"We've had some kids as young as two days old referred to us," Ruth Emerson said, noting that she is on a call list for the state Division of Child and Family Services.

"Some of them have come to us covered in flea bites, but Dan and I do whatever and all that we can," she added. She also noted that many children put up for foster care are coming from families that have drug addiction issues.

While not a medical professional per se, Ruth does have training in mental health and has a practical knowledge of general medicine, as well as an acumen to know who to call when urgent or chronic care is needed.

Ruth didn't speak to this, but husband Dan said her expertise has been invaluable. "She just has good judgment - there's some things she can do with her training,

or else she knows who to get hold of to get the kids the care needed."

Both Dan and Ruth seemed overwhelmed by the community support recognizing their efforts to better the lives of children whom they've taken in from surrounding communities and regions as far afield as the Seacoast and Vermont.

"We just do what we can and always wish it could be more," Ruth said.

After the communal supper, attendees stepped into an adjoining room at the Pearson Center. Following a row of Christmas carols, which included "Silent Night" and "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," a Nativity children's story was read by a community volunteer known to members of the Alton Dance Academy simply as "Miss Becky."

"We were not expecting anything like this, but it's so special for the kids, and that's who this is for - and we're grateful for everyone who made this a special Christmas for our children," said Dan Emerson. He continued, "[Ruth and I] just kind of feel like we're along for the ride, because this is all about the kids, and it's great to see them in the spirit - we're so thankful."

In the future, residents interested in organizing similar community events may contact their local minister, the local Rotary chapter, or a local fraternal organization. Events like last Sunday's Christmas celebration for the Emersons' children build community by establishing and strengthening relationships.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 149 calls for service during the week of Dec. 10-16, including four arrests.

One male subject was arrested for driving after revocation or suspension and suspended registration.

One male subject was arrested for operating without a valid license.

There were two other motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were three motor vehicle accidents.

There were three suspicious person/activity reports on Range Road, New Durham Road and Main Street.

Police made 22 motor vehicle stops and handled six motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 115 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One town ordinance, one assist fire department, one endangering/

threatening, four assist other agencies, three animal complaints, five juvenile incidents, one domestic complaint, 14 general assistance, five alarm activations, five highway/roadway hazard reports, seven general information, one harassment, two wellness checks, three community programs, 42 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, two medical assists and 17 property checks.

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ROTARY

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tools for life, and we wanted to show our support.”

Rotarian David Countway, who worked on the New Durham School staff in a variety of capacities, said he spent “many happy years working with the kids there. This is the recognition of the years educators spend to provide skills.”

He called the launching of this new program “exciting. It will be successful and grow.”

Dulmage, reading some of the Rotary’s information, commented that “their mission is exactly what we do.”

Berry agreed with the similarity to the school’s Wildcat Way motto.

Colby-Seavey noted the Rotarian commitment to public wellness. “Rotary has always facilitated health and wellness around the globe,” she said. “Now add that little piece here in New Durham; 50 kids, thanks to the Rotary Club. I hope it spurs others.”

Along those lines, Countway said there have been only 16 cases of polio worldwide this year. Eradicating the disease has been a focal point for Rotary.

“This is a people to people organization,” he said, “with a focus on sustainable projects such as clean water and immunizations.”

Duane Hammond said he has been a member for 43 years and has never missed a meeting. “It’s my way to give back,” he said. “It’s non-religious and non-political, made up of business and professional people who know how to get things done.”

Regarding bringing in new members, Hammond said, “We want to hear what you want fixed. We want to make it about what potential new members want.”

He said the New Durham School coming to the club for help was a case in point. “They had a need and their program benefits students.”

President Richard Leonard said the After Hours meetings are “catching on. We’re out here presenting the club and it’s working. It’s about recognizing that we’re here for all of the communities.”

Funds raised throughout the year are allocated to numerous worthy causes and the club performs regular community service to support other organizations and efforts that benefit the three communities.

Those groups helped include: Alton Community Services, Barnstead Food Pantry, The Belknap House, End 68 Hours of Hunger, Meals on Wheels, New Durham School, New Durham Food Pantry, Pearson Road Community Center, PMHS Robotics Team 319 BOB, and PMHS Future Business Leader of America.

The current fundraiser is selling birdseed and suet wreaths for feathered friends during the cold months. Duncraft Wild Bird Superstore in Concord donated the wreaths, and purchases can be made by calling Leonard at 767-2652.

Membership in Rotary is a satisfying experience, and Leonard had a pamphlet on hand that listed 20 reasons to join the organization. Friendship, fun, and personal development top the list, but the opportunity to serve



CATHY ALLYN

ALTON Centennial Rotary member Duane Hammond shows Clare and Peter Bolster a suet and birdseed wreath the organization is selling as a fundraiser at its most recent After Hours Meeting, held in New Durham. The club is on the lookout for new members.

is really what the club is all about.

The most important reason reads: “Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian; the chance to do something for somebody else and to experience the self-fulfillment that comes in the process. Being a Rotarian is richly rewarding.”

To make membership easier for people in a

busy world, the club is developing another tier of commitment. Attendance at all meetings is not necessary nor is participation in all activities. Anyone interested in helping is eligible to join.

The next After Hours meeting, usually held on the third Monday of the month, will be in Barnstead, location to be determined.

Club members urged the public to attend the meetings, either breakfast or evening, to gain a deeper understanding of the organization. And to have a good time.

SWEENEY

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dinary.

On Monday, Dec. 11, when she thought that she was just going to speak to her classmates about the hero that she had written to, Val Ramos turned to meet her hero (Khali Sweeney) face-to-face. Sweeney, along with Robin Schwartz (also from the Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program), and Matt Phillips, a friend and videographer, flew in from Detroit that very morning just to meet her. Their mission was to tell the ACS seventh and eighth graders Sweeney’s story, and to thank Val for providing words of encouragement to him at a most opportune time.

Sweeney’s story is not an easy one. Abandoned as a baby, he grew up without a family of his own and he turned to gang-life at an early age. He told the audience of middle school students, still in shock by the surprise of his arrival, how his early life was one of “negativity and crime”, but how over the last 10 years, that it has changed.

He explained how the realization that most of his friends were either dead or in prison became the catalyst for change. He made a promise to himself – to live a life of positivity and purpose. He has since dedicated himself to his program, working with hundreds of students ages 8-18, to ensure that they not only have a championship boxing program, but more importantly, tutoring in reading and math.

“Books before boxing” is the rule at the Downtown Boxing Gym, and over the last decade the educational program has grown to include many classes in everything from carpentry to fiber-optics, providing his student-athletes the opportunity to develop skills that will enhance their futures. Further, he offers his kids the support and structure that he did not have as a child because “they are his family”.

“Inspirational” is the perfect word to describe Sweeney and his program, and the students and faculty at ACS could not be more honored that he and his friends chose to visit. What better example could they possibly have for creating their own lives of pas-



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VALERIA RAMOS had a chance to meet her modern-day hero, Khali Sweeney, at Alton Central School recently.

Anny and Jeromy Grimmett, Val’s parents were in on the secret and were able to meet Sweeney as well. Jeromy wrote, “Meeting Khali was a wonderful experience for our whole family. You hear stories about the struggles of those living in the inner cities, especially Detroit since the economic downturn. It was inspirational and humbling to meet someone striving to improve life for the children in that area. How he was able to turn his own life around and use that to teach other kids to stay away from that same path is inspirational in itself.”

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PET OF THE WEEK

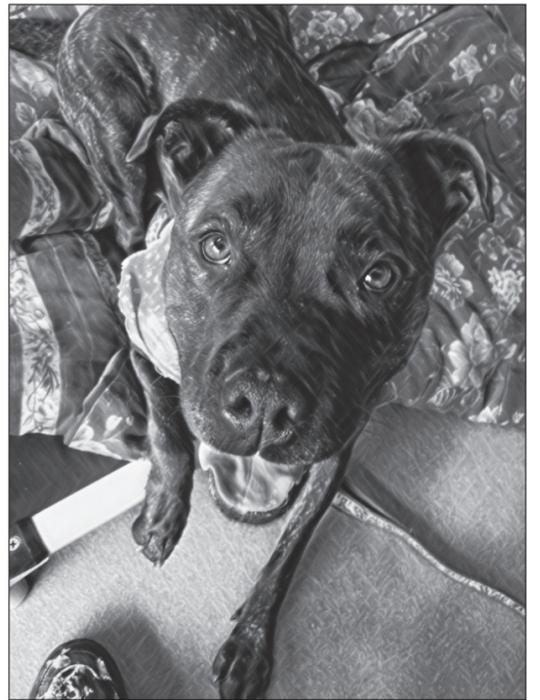
LACONIA — Tall, stately, brindle coated Terrier mix, Rhonda is a dog who has endured may twists and turns on the road to a secure, loving forever home, including a very quick return after being adopted before Thanksgiving.

Dogs need time to blend into a new family setting, rarely is this effected in a few short days. The New Hampshire Humane Society adoption counselors know what dogs need and they take the leap of faith this will be followed.

In Rhonda’s case, while she does seem to feel companionable around dogs of similar size, smaller creatures trigger her interest in a less convivial way.

Rhonda arrived via the Safe Harbor program. She’s been calling the shelter home since the summer.

Well, now the weather is cold, snow is in the air, winter has arrived, and she is still reeling from the return to the shelter,



wondering what happened.

Once more into the breach, large dogs yes, no cats and other small creatures (although to truly flourish being the only pet would be the best possible placement). A home where she can finally unpack her suit-

case of sorrow and rejection is Rhonda’s wish at Christmastime.

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Thoughts as Christmas nears and the turkeys make their rounds

I'm writing this piece to run on or about Dec. 20, which is almost (sort of) Christmas. Ergo, here are a few thoughts that may or may not have anything at all to do with Christmas.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK



By JOHN HARRIGAN

read all about it. Again. But I miss the sight of it through the kitchen window, huffing away, converting a local, renewable, sustainable product (wood) into warmth (and hot water) for an aging carcass (mine). Now it sits out there cold and lifeless, its premises not even cleared of snow, a five-gallon-bucket turned over its stack. As often expressed by



JOHN HARRIGAN

ONE RUN of blocked fireplace wood never made it through the splitter and into the house, and a snowcapped furnace is sitting out the winter.

many people who burn wood, I like the idea of my dollars staying home, to revolve around the economy several times before lodging in someone's account.

But for this winter, I'm just going to have to burn oil, and forego climbing up onto my frozen-solid tractor, and going out there in a snow-storm and clambering up, monkeylike, onto a frozen, snow-encrusted log pile, hooking onto two or three tree-length logs, dragging them up to the furnace, dropping them and cutting them into three-foot pieces, and then, twice a day, throwing them in.

Damn.

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Longtime friend (40-plus years) Jeff Fair lives an hour or so north of Anchorage, Alaska, and I'm always trading news with him on the latest outrageous Earth-trashing proposals.

Somewhere, one

night a few weeks ago, I caught a snippet of a story I couldn't quite take seriously, some scheme to run bullet trains under the Bering Strait, to link Siberia with the far northwestern tip of North America.

This has to be just too crazy to be true, I told Jeff.

"It's true," he said.

Let's remember here that the last time I looked, anyway, there were not exactly hundreds of thousands of people waiting to find a way to get across the Bering Strait, which is not exactly your balmy Bosphorus, at least nowhere near the kind of traffic there was 15,000 years ago, when the polar caps had melted down into a few ice-cubes and it was all high and dry.

And here I thought New Hampshire, with the likes of Northern Pass, had the corner on madcap schemes.

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In tearing apart and inspecting various tax proposals, an honorable pursuit, Big Media (and public radio and TV) have been fond of refer-

ring to alleged benefits to "investors" and "corporations" with a barely disguised curl of the lip.

The vast majority of businesses and corporations in this country are not the epitome of Big Bad Corporate America but instead are small companies, many of them so-called "Mom and Pops," something like 84 percent.

They are the hope-for-profit companies that pay local taxes, contribute to every worthy cause that comes through the front door, and give your kids and mine their first jobs.

From this corner, a "Yay."

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When is someone going to check up on these outfits touting back and knee braces as "free from Medicare, at no cost to you" for a gullible public? Sometimes their hucksters even claim to be responding to phone calls, when of course no such phone call was ever made.

Come to think of it, and in that same vein, who's checking up on these ancestral research companies that claim they're able to trace your genetics back to Mary Antoinette or Attila the Hun?

Suddenly, we all can supposedly trace our roots back to the dawn of creation, or at least back to when a Girl Named Sue emerged from the Great Rift and strolled around on the African savannah. Or maybe, for all I know, to King Tut or Genghis Khan.

I wonder, if scrapes from the inside of your cheek are sent around to three or four different outfits claiming to be doing all of this incred-

ible genetic research, they all get you back to coming from the same English nobility or noble Native American, or conversely have you dragging your ancestral knuckles (and your club) along the frozen edge of the last Ice Age.

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I now have my own personal wild turkey, an aging hen who's taken up residence under the old swing set from which my backyard bird-feeders swing.

Something is wrong with this old bird, and unlike a disabled sheep, which goes to great lengths to remain unnoticed, she does not try to hide in the flock.

Perhaps this is because she can no longer keep up with the pace of this revolving gang of marauders, whose members march around in a great circle all week long, around and around from my neighbors' places to mine, pecking and scraping and scratching away for a living.

Eventually, something will get her, some participant in the food chain that dares to come close enough to the house and barns. I'm betting on a coyote (or two).

But I cannot and would not interfere in this little drama that almost certainly will end in death, and how could I anyway?

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Christmas time is near

On Dec. 17, the Locke Lake Social Club held its annual Christmas party and Yankee swap at Domenic's Restaurant. After a wonderful brunch, a short business meeting took place and President Ann Shea handed out the upcoming year's calendar of events. She informed the members that their yearly membership dues for 2018 were due. Following the meeting, Yankee swap took place, and John Wood (pictured) was the lucky one to get number one for the gift selection, which means that he will have the opportunity to select as his swap, any of the other gifts that were opened. The social club is open to all residents of Locke Lake Colony. The next business meeting will take place on Jan. 9 at Ann Shea's house. If interested please call Shea at 393-7233.



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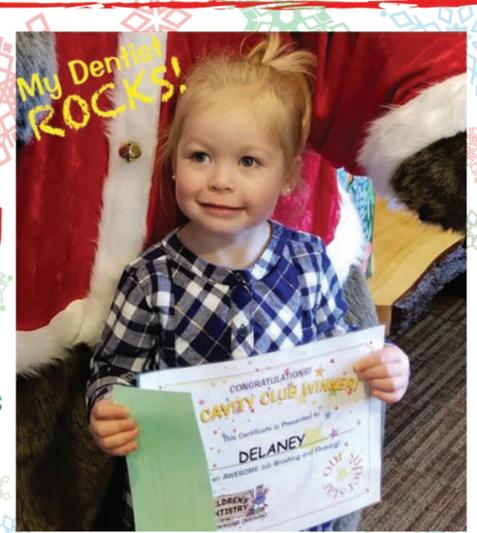
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SPORTS

WHAT'S ON TAP

Holiday tournaments begin as the regular season comes to a close for 2017 for the local high school teams.

The Prospect Mountain alpine ski team will be at Bretton Woods for a 10 a.m. meet today, Dec. 21.

The Timber Wolf hoop boys will be wrapping up the 2017 portion of their regular season at Laconia at 6 p.m. tonight, Dec. 21.

The Kingswood and Prospect Mountain indoor track teams will both be at UNH on Saturday, Dec. 23, with the Timber Wolves at 9 a.m. and the Knights at 1 p.m.

The Kingswood and Prospect Mountain hoop teams will both be competing in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford, with action opening on Wednesday, Dec. 27. In the first round, the Timber Wolves will play Laconia with the

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Two more wins keep Timber Wolves undefeated

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain girls' basketball team continued the strong start to the season with two more wins, including a hard-fought win over Belmont on Dec. 13.

The Timber Wolves hosted the Raiders a day later than planned, thanks to Mother Nature, but came away with a 44-29 win on the back of a solid defensive effort across the board.

"Our defense was extremely good, probably the best I've seen us play," said coach Rick Burley. "But the thing I liked the most was the press breaker."

The Timber Wolf coach noted that Belmont plays a man-to-man full court diamond press and his team used a couple of practices prior to the game to work on breaking it and practice did indeed make a difference.

"They didn't panic under pressure and did what they needed to with the press break," Burley stated. "I was really im-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

EMMALEE RIEL launches a three-pointer during her team's game with Somersworth on Friday night.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

BEKAH WHEELER drives toward the hoop in action against Somersworth.

pressed with how they worked the ball through the press.

"That was the key

against Belmont," Burley added. "They're a scrappy team."

Burley noted that Belmont coach Mark Dawalga called him after the game and praised the Timber Wolves' work breaking through his team's press.

The Timber Wolves also focused on a pair of Red Raiders in Julianna Estremera and Mackenzie Donovan. Donovan was held to just two points on the afternoon while Estremera got some points, but had to work for them.

"Their whole offense runs through her," Burley said.

The Timber Wolves led by seven at halftime and led by seven after three but pulled away in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Raiders by a 14-6 margin to take the win. Leah Dunne hit three of four free throws down the stretch to help seal the win.

"Belmont is a solid team, it was a good game," Burley said. "It was the best game we've played yet this year."

Ali Brown led the Timber Wolves with 15 points, while Mackenzie Burke added nine and Dunne had seven.

The Timber Wolves got an easy win over

Somersworth to close out the week, defeating the "Toppers by a 75-16 score on Friday, Dec. 15.

"I played the bench a ton," Burley noted. "We didn't press, but there was not a whole lot we can do."

Brown scored 20 points to lead the way, while Burke added 14 and Tiffany White had nine. Hannah Racine and Lannie McGrath each put in eight, while Bekah Wheeler had seven and Megan Ouellette came off the bench to score four points.

The Timber Wolves have wrapped up the

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Small pack of Timber Wolves open track season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

DURHAM — The Prospect Mountain indoor track team was a little shorthanded on Saturday as the season opened up at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

The top overall performance from the Timber Wolves came from Tommy Howlett in the 600 meters, as he ran to third place overall in a time of 1:36.74. Teammate Luke DeRoche took 15th place in 2:09.84.

Ethan Crossman ran to 23rd place in the 300 meters in a time of 50.04 seconds.

For the Timber Wolf

JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) THOMAS HOWLETT runs in the 600 meters on Saturday at UNH.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Left) TAREN BROWNELL toes the starting line during action at UNH on Saturday.

girls, Sadie DeJager had the top performance overall, finishing in eighth place in the 600 meters in a time of 2:06.74.

Taren Brownell ran to 17th place in the 55 meters in a time of 8.94 seconds.

The Timber Wolves will be back in action on Saturday, Dec. 23, as they return to UNH for a 9 a.m. meet.

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Free workshop on snowshoe hare hunting Jan. 20

HOLDERNESS — Learn about the exciting sport of snowshoe hare hunting at a free workshop being offered at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness. The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

This year, registration for the workshop will be completed online. To register, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook.html. Under "View Classes at Owl Brook," select "Learn to Hunt" and select "Snowshoe Hare Hunting Workshop."

This workshop will introduce participants to one of New Hampshire's finest small-game hunting experi-

ences — hare hunting with beagles. Presenters include Edward Vien, Vice President of the NH Beagle Club and Volunteer Hunter Education instructor, and John Fletcher, President of the NH Beagle Club. Also presenting are Volunteer Hunter Education instructors Adam Gauthier, Larry Williams, and Thomas Williams.

The workshop will cover topics such as snowshoe hares and where to find them, equipment needs, dog care and training, safety considerations, resources about hare and rabbit hunting, and clubs in New Hampshire that focus on dogs and hare hunting. The instructors have many years of experience, a true passion for their sport, and are happy to answer participant questions.

Abenaki searching for lacrosse coaches

WOLFEBORO — Abenaki Youth Lacrosse is in search of coaches for the 2018 season. The season runs from early April to late June. Practices are twice per week, and games are on Sundays. Players range from first through eighth grade. Coaches are needed for all levels, particularly for the girls' teams. Abenaki will pay for all coaches to become a US Lacrosse certified coach. If interested, please e-mail abenakilacrosse@gmail.com.



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SARAH BEAN is expected to be one of the top skiers for the Kingswood alpine girls this winter.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alpine Knights ready to hit the snow

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The first major snowfall of the season came at a perfect time for the Kingswood alpine ski team, as the Knights were ready to make their first tracks of the season.

"We usually don't ski until this weekend (Dec. 16-17) anyway," said coach Kris Niiler of the team's preparation for the season. "We only lost one day to Tuesday's snowstorm, so we've had some really good dryland training this year."

The team was scheduled to have its first practice this past Saturday in preparation for the first meet of the season, which took place at King Pine Ski Area in Madison after deadline on Wednesday.

"I love that first meet," said Niiler of the traditional season-opening meet with Kennett. "It's low stress for everyone."

The Knights will return a solid stable of skiers to the slopes this year and the girls' team will be led by a trio of senior captains in Sarah Bean, Elizabeth McNamara and Sarah

Hotchkiss. Bean was the top scorer on last year's team and Niiler expects she'll be strong again this season.

The team's returning juniors are Sami Hotchkiss and Kristy Meyer and additionally, Jillian Luby returns to the team after playing hockey last season. Sophomors Allison Bean and Hannah Crane also are returning to the team this winter and they are joined by sophomore newcomer Diana Aprea.

The team also has four freshmen, who all skied at the middle school level last year. Niiler expects Carolyn Day, Alyssa Dow, Tayghen Gelinias and Quinn Meserve to chip in at the varsity level this year.

The Bean sisters, Sarah Hotchkiss and Day are all also competing in the Skimeister competition, which means they will be skiing both Nordic and alpine this winter.

"It's always nice when we have a lot of people doing that," Niiler said of the Skimeister competition.

"We have 13 girls, 12 with pretty good experience," Niiler stated. "So we're hoping they'll

be finishing strong this year."

The boys' team will be led by senior captains Alex Gehl and Curtis Heath, both of whom skied at the State Meet last year for the Knights.

Fellow senior Dawson Cotreau finished last season strong and Niiler is hopeful he'll be able to take the next step this season. Senior Phillip Borelli is also back on the team after competing the last two years on the swim team.

Juniors James Donovan and Cormac Lennon are both back for another season and Niiler reports that they both look bigger and stronger than last year.

"They look strong from football season," said Niiler. "We'll see if that translates to the ski slopes."

Sophomores Nick Lamie, Josh and Luke Shapiro, Noah Shatzer and Jackson Walsh are also back on the team this year. The Shapiro twins and Walsh all skied at the State Meet last year.

"Hopefully they can take the next step this year," Niiler noted. Freshman Matt

Gauthier is up from the middle school team and Calvin Kinville is new to the school and the team.

"We've got decent numbers and I can't wait to get out and see how they look on the snow," Niiler pointed out.

The veteran coach will be joined again by Jake Stephen and Glenn Wilson, the fourth year the trio has been working together.

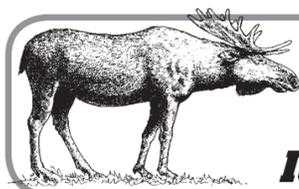
"After a few years, you start to gel and do good things with the kids," the Knight coach said. "It's a good combination of coaches."

The Knight coach also praised King Pine for getting the area ready for the first meet of the season. Even before the almost a foot of snow that came last week, King Pine was preparing for the meet.

"They've been blowing snow on the trail so we can have the race," Niiler said.

The Knights will have three meets at King Pine during the new season, including the season opener. They will also compete at Cranmore twice and Gunstock twice. King Pine and Cranmore will host the State Meets this winter.

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Knights claw past Cougars in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — After a great start in the season opener on Friday night, the Kingswood hoop boys saw their 12-5 lead disappear in a 15-0 Con-Val run spanning the end of the first quarter and the start of the second quarter.

However, the Knights rallied with a 15-2 run of their own to close out the first half and held on for a 57-51 win to open the season in fine style.

“There’s nothing better than starting with a win,” said coach Dan Place. “It’s a game of runs. That team played hard, they hit some big shots.”

The Knights got the game’s first hoop from senior Liam Morrissey and after Con-Val tied the game, Nick Duntley finished off a pair of Erik Madden steals. The first steal resulted in a field goal, the second resulted in a three-pointer and Kingswood’s lead went to 7-4. Duntley then drilled another three-pointer for a 10-4 lead before a free throw got the Cougars back on the scoreboard.

Richard Curran hit a hoop for the Knights to put the lead at 12-5 but the Cougars closed out the quarter with eight points in a row, converting a three-point play, drilling a three-pointer and a field goal to go up 13-12 after one quarter of play.

The visitors continued their run to open the second quarter, hitting a three-pointer and a pair of buckets for a 20-12 lead before Bryton Clifford hit a pair from the free throw line more than two minutes into the quarter. Con-Val responded with another three-pointer to go up



JOSHUA SPAULDING

NICK DUNTLEY puts up a shot for two of his 19 points against Con-Val on Friday evening.

by nine points but from there, the Knights took over.

Josh Duntley hit a hoop to start the 15-2 run and then Nick Duntley hit a hoop and Morrissey drained two from the free throw line. A Nick Duntley three-point play with 3:19 to go tied the game at 23 and the senior then finished off a Morrissey steal for a bucket. Nick Duntley then added a steal of his own and finished it off for a 27-23 lead and Morrissey hit a hoop to make it 29-23. The visitors were able to get two free throws in the final seconds of the half to make it 29-25 after 16 minutes of play.

The Cougars came out and hit a three-pointer to open the scoring in the second half, cutting the lead to one, but Josh Duntley came back with a pair of free throws to start an 8-0 run for the

Knights. The junior hit a bucket and then Curran and Clifford each came through with hoops in the paint to make it 37-28 before Con-Val got on the board again. Morrissey answered the Cougar basket with a hoop and after another hoop from the visitors, Josh Duntley and Matt Place drained baskets for the Knights.

Place came down with a defensive rebound and fired the ball up the court to a running Josh Duntley, who put it home and then Nick Duntley hit another basket for a 47-32 lead. Con-Val hit a hoop and then Place drilled another for a 49-34 lead before the Cougars got the final basket of the third quarter, making it a 49-36 score heading to the final quarter.

Morrissey converted a three-point play to start the fourth quarter,



JOSHUA SPAULDING

BRYTON CLIFFORD gets off a shot in the face of Con-Val pressure on Friday night.

stretching Kingswood’s lead to 52-36 but another one of the runs that defined the game saw the Cougars make things interesting. The visitors hit consecutive three-pointers to cut the lead to 10 and then drilled two hoops and two free throws to make it 52-46 with five minutes to play in the game.

Erik Madden hit two from the line to get the Knights back on the board but Con-Val hit a hoop and a three-pointer to make it 54-51 with 3:06 to go in the game. The Knights then buckled down on defense and slowed down the offense to hold the lead. Josh Duntley hit a free throw with 45 seconds

to go to make it a four-point game and then pulled down a defensive rebound and was fouled, hitting another free throw for a 56-51 lead. Curran added a free throw in the final two seconds to finish off the 57-51 win.

“That’s what you call holding on,” said Place. “I still don’t have the rotation figured out completely in the first game.”

The Knight coach praised the way his defense responded, particularly after the Cougars went on one of the runs.

“I’ve got a bunch of guys that can get up and play defense,” Place said. “And that’s what we have to do.”

However, he also noted that there were certainly things to work on.

“I think we can be more confident with the ball down the stretch,” Place said. “I think we looked a little nervous.”

“We want to run, but when we’re winning at the end, it’s time to slow it down,” the Knight coach continued. “Sometimes you have to be slower, slower is going to help us out at that point.”

Nick Duntley led the way for the Knights with 19 points on the night, while Josh Duntley added 12 and Morrissey put in 11.

The Knights will be back in action in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford starting on Dec. 27, when they play Newfoundland, with a 4 p.m. scheduled start time. The tournament continues on Dec. 28, also at 4 p.m.

The next regular season game is at Plymouth on Jan. 2.

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Knights and Timber Wolves dive into the swim season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Kingswood and Prospect Mountain swim teams opened the new season at the Gunstock Inn on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Kingswood senior Cam Stinchfield swam to a couple of wins on the day. In the 100 Free, he took the win in a time of 54.20 seconds, with Trevor Smith of Prospect Mountain taking fourth overall in 1:01.5 and Dylan Trach of Kingswood in fifth in 1:09.09.

Stinchfield won the 100 Breast in a time of 1:15.6, with Trach swimming to a time of 1:24.84 for third place overall.

Smith picked up a win in the 50 Free with a time of 26.05 seconds.

In the 50 Free for the girls, Kingswood’s Abigail Larkin finished in second place in 31.1 seconds, with Essence Bourque of Prospect in third place in 32.5 seconds and Taylor Smith of Kingswood in ninth place in 39.11 seconds.

Sarah Bellefleur of Kingswood won the 100 Free in 1:02.48, with

teammate Lily Stinchfield in second in 1:11.6 and Bourque in third in 1:12.11.

Larkin won the 100 Back in a time of 1:16.53, with Stinchfield in second in 1:20.21 and Smith in 1:38.13 for eighth place.

Paije Fenderson of Kingswood was third overall in the 200 IM in a time of 2:55.26 and also finished second in the 100 Fly in 1:20.53.

Bellefleur swam to third place in the 100 Breast in 1:26.01.

The Kingswood girls won the 200 Free relay in 2:02.89 and finished second in the 200 Medley relay in 2:19.04.

On Friday, Dec. 15, both teams traveled to Keene for a meet that also featured Monadnock and Milford.

The highlight of that day came from Bellefleur, as she picked up a pair of wins. She won the 200 Free in 2:38.26 and won the 500 Free in 6:00.27.

Fenderson swam to fourth in the 50 Free with a time of 29.29 seconds and teammate Taylor Smith was 11th

in 37.97. Fenderson also added a second place finish in the 100 Back in 1:15.95, with Bourque in fourth in 1:20.58 and Lily Stinchfield in 1:22.74 for fifth place.

Lily Stinchfield also added a fifth place in the 100 Free in 1:11.83 while Bourque finished in second place in the 100 Fly in 1:24.85. Larkin took third in the 100 Breast in 1:27.91 and added a fourth in the 200 IM in 2:49.86.

For the boys, Trevor Smith of Prospect had the lone win of the day, taking top honors in the 100 Back in 1:13.98.

Cam Stinchfield was second in the 100 Free in 56.34 and Trach swam to seventh place in 1:07.24. Cam Stinchfield added a second in the 100 Fly in 1:03.71, with Trevor Smith in third in 1:07.66. Trach placed third in the 100 Breast in 1:25.04.

The next scheduled meet is Jan. 6 at Portsmouth.

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SAM DANAI'S moves the puck in front of the net during the team's opening night win over Alvirne.



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SEAN HARRINGTON carries the puck into the zone on Dec. 13 against Alvirne.

Knights skate away with opening win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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WOLFEBORO — It took a little for the Kingswood hockey boys to get their skates under them during opening night action on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

However, once the Knights got moving, things went their way and they skated away with a 4-1 win over Alvirne.

"In the first period, I think we were a little too amped up," said coach Mike Potenza. "They had the happy hands, they couldn't control the puck."

"We had 27 shots tonight and last year we averaged around 15 a game," the Knight coach said. "That's a big step forward."

Robbie Fuller had to make a number of saves early on to keep the game scoreless and Sam Barton sent a good look to Burke Ruel that the defense stopped. The Knights took a penalty less than four minutes into the game but Barton and Andy McMullen had bids in the offensive zone. Fuller made a couple of saves and the Knights killed off the penalty.

The Knights got on the board first with 8:36 to go in the first period, as good work around the net paid off. Colby Clegg sent a shot on net that was denied and Nick Potenza reached for the rebound and put that on net, but it was also denied. However, Sam Danais was able to put the rebound past the keeper and in the net for the 1-0 lead.

Potenza and Sean Harrington continued the offensive attack for the Knights but could not put another goal in the net. Fuller made a nice save in the Knight net

and Alvirne sent another shot wide of the net. Ruel also sent a nice centering pass in front that just missed Logan McEvoy in front and the first period came to a close with the Knights up 1-0.

Ruel and Clegg had early chances in the offensive zone in the second but the Knights took a penalty just 2:10 into the period and the penalty lasted just nine seconds before the Broncos scored to tie the game on a rebound.

The Knights bounced right back and wasted little time taking the lead back, scoring just more than a minute later.

Danais circled behind the net and sent the puck toward the front of the net and it slipped past the Alvirne keeper for the 2-1 lead. Clegg and Drew Luby had the assists and the Knights never relinquished the lead.

Fuller came through with a couple of saves and Danais had two bids that were denied by the Alvirne keeper. The Knights took a penalty but Ruel had a good short-handed bid denied. The Broncos had a shot go wide and then McMullen, Barton and Ruel all had good clears before Fuller turned away another two chances and the penalty was killed off.

Luby, Drew Swinerton and Danais all had chances as the offense continued to click for Kingswood. Ruel also had a bid denied by the Alvirne keeper.

The Knights were able to up the lead to 3-1 with 4:49 to go in the second period. Ruel sent McEvoy in with a good pass and McEvoy fired the shot on net that was stopped. However, Ruel gathered the rebound and put it in the net for the goal.

The Knights got right back on the board just more than a minute later, as Jonathan Bean carried the puck into the zone. As he was falling to the ice he was able to get the puck to Harrington, who fired it home for a 4-1 lead with 3:25 to go in the second period. Fuller continued to make saves in the net and Danais and Potenza had chances at the other end. The Knights took a penalty late in the period and killed off the penalty between the two periods.

Out of the gate in the third period, after the Knights killed off the penalty, Danais sent a bid wide of the net, McMullen had a bid denied by the keeper, Erick Skelley sent a shot wide and Potenza sent a puck off the post. Joe Moore and McEvoy also had bids in the zone, while Ruel had a bid denied. The Knights got a power play for the last 4:32 of the game, with Ruel, Danais, Barton, Clegg and Bean all getting chances before the clock ran out

and the Knights had the 4-1 win.

"We want them to play like junkyard dogs, with that mentality," Potenza said. "But really, Sam Danais was the one who broke that chain today. He worked hard start to finish."

The Knight coach also noted that he expects things will continue to click as they go along.

"You can see the group, once they really start clicking, they'll get better and better," Potenza said. "And it will be

nice to get Cole (Emerson) back (from injury) next week."

The Knights had a week off after the first game and Potenza said it will be a good chance to check the video and see what they struggled with and what to work on after the first game.

The Knights are back in action after the start of the new year, visiting Kennett on Jan. 3.

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Knights kick off track season at UNH

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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DURHAM — The Kingswood indoor track team opened up the season on Saturday, Dec. 16, competing at the University of New Hampshire.

The highlight of the day came from Tucker Gosselin, who came home first overall in the 55-meter dash. In the preliminary round, Gosselin had the top time in 7.04 seconds and then finished first in the finals in 6.94 seconds. Brian Winn ran to eighth in 7.34 seconds, Devan Wade was 14th in 7.54 seconds and Chris Nelson finished in 28th place in 8.04 seconds.

Wade picked up a third place finish in the 300 meters, crossing in 41.24 seconds and Winn was right behind in fourth place in 41.74 seconds. Drew Roiter placed seventh in 43.64 seconds and Hunter Montgomery was 19th in 47.34 seconds.

Brent Coope added a second place finish in the 1,000 meters, finishing in 3:01.24 seconds, with teammate Adam Richardson in 3:19.54.

Patrick Murphy fin-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ELIZABETH MORRISON breaks from the blocks in action at UNH on Saturday.



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HUNTER MONTGOMERY clears the high jump bar on his way to second place at UNH on Saturday.

ished in fourth place in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 10.74 seconds.

Montgomery had a strong showing in the high jump, as he took second place overall, clearing five feet, two inches.

Wade jumped to fifth place in the long jump at 17 feet, with Montgomery in sixth place at 16 feet, six inches, Nelson in 11th place at 14 feet, 8.25 inches and Roiter in 14th place at 14 feet, one inch.

Devin Holt added a 10th place finish in the 600 meters in 1:51.84.

In the 4X400-meter relay, the Knight team of Coope, Camden Paten, Richardson and Wade ran to second place overall in 4:12.44.

The Knight boys were third in the 4X160-meter

relay in a time of 1:23.34, with the team of Gosselin, Roiter, Winn and Wade doing the running.

Overall, the Kingswood boys finished in third place with 47 points, with Oyster River and Sanborn taking the top spots.

The top performance for the Kingswood girls came from Sarah Huckman, who ran to second place overall in the 600 meters in 1:53.34.

Caitlin Carpenter also had a second place finish, as she jumped 13 feet, 1.75 inches in the long jump.

In the 55 meters, Elizabeth Morrison and Carpenter tied for ninth place with identical times of 8.64 seconds. Huckman ran to ninth in the 300 meters

in 50.84 seconds, with Olivia Chasse in 21st place in 55.94 seconds and Morgan DeHaven in 24th place in 1:01.34.

Grace Trites took seventh place in the 1,500 meters in 6:23.64.

The Kingswood team of Carpenter, Chasse, Morrison and DeHaven ran to fifth place in the 4X160-meter relay with a time of 1:43.34.

Overall, Kingswood finished in seventh place with 14 points, with Sanborn and Oyster River taking the top two spots.

The Knights will be back in action at UNH on Saturday, Dec. 23, for a 1 p.m. meet.

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Locals earn soccer All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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REGION — With the soccer season wrapping up, local players have been honored for their work with All-State honors.

For Division II boys, Plymouth striker Lucas Johnstone earned Second Team honors, while teammate Danny Carey earned Honorable Mention at midfield. Kennett defender Mackenzie Murphy and Kingswood defender Nick Duntley both earned Honorable Mention as well.

For goalies, First Team honors went to Tyler Smith of Pembroke, Second Team honors went to Chase Patterson of John Stark and Honorable Mention went to Zach Leichtman of Oyster River and Bradon Degroot of Milford.

On defense, First Team honors went to Brian Sheahan of Windham, Nate Moore of Oyster River and Justin Smith of Pembroke. Second Team honors went to Lawson Murphy of John Stark, Bo Underhill of Keasarge and Ryan Hickey of Souhegan. Honorable Mention went to Benjamin Guertin of Bow, Cameron Magani of Lebanon, Nick Sanderson of Coe-Brown, Oliver Allen of Portsmouth and Dhan Mapchhan of West.

In midfield, First Team honors went to Christopher Gallier of Bow, Jake Reynolds of John Stark and Owen Johnstone of Lebanon, while Second Team honors went to Mike Fortin of Goffstown, Jake Morgan of Windham and Jonathan Brackett of Hollis-Brookline. Cameron Woodman of Merrimack Valley, Jacob Hopfenspringer of Souhegan and Ryan Lancaster of St. Thomas earned Honorable Mention.

At striker, Kyle Cocciardi of Windham, Max Eisasser of Bow and Luke Sandmann of Lebanon earned First Team, Micah Black of Con-Val and Nick Mason earned Second Team and Evan Caswell of John Stark, Brad Underhill of Keasarge and Dillon Arant of Merrimack Valley earned Honorable Mention.

Damon Smith of Pembroke was First Team for utility and Ethan Frenette of Trinity was Second Team.

Ken Fuller of Merrimack Valley was named Coach of the Year, Trevor Carigan of Windham was the JV Coach of the Year and Jeff Cousineau of Derryfield was given the Preston Eames Award.

For Division II girls, three local girls earned

Honorable Mention. Emily Boyd of Plymouth and Sydni Hanson of Kingswood earned honors at defenders and Sophia Killeen of Kennett earned honors at midfield.

For goalies, First Team went to Sally Rainey of Lebanon, Second Team went to Lilly Bachelder of Souhegan and Honorable Mention went to Oliva Gomes of Windham and Maggie Rasumussen of Sanborn.

For defenders, Emma Gagne of Bow, Mindy Wu of Hanover and Meg Blanchette of John Stark all earned First Team, while Second Team went to Frankie Getman of Portsmouth, Taylor Burnham of Bow and Nathalie Larson of Souhegan. Honorable Mention went to Hannah Jaworksi of Tirnity, Alexis MacConnell of Keasarge, Meghan Wood of Milford and Sarah Birch of Hollis-Brookline.

Among midfielders, Cara Easter of John Stark, Cate Wagner of Hanover and Lauren Goyette of Bow all earned First Team, Syd Ludes of Portsmouth, Amanda Marshall of Bow and Kiley St. Francis of Coe-Brown all earned Second Team and Honorable Mention went to Christa Vordenburg of Souhegan, Bryn Kable of Ha-

nover, Kaylyn Storozuk of Keasarge and Alana N'Tapolis of West.

For strikers, Ginger Provost of Portsmouth, Lilly Proulx of Goffstown and Carly Craft of Hanover all earned First Team, Xiana Twombly of Oyster River, Madi Paul of Bow and Devan McClain of Oyster River were Second Team and Emma Gray of Milford, Kaliana Palhof of Merrimack Valley, Kayleigh Marshall of Bow, Madison Burke of Pelham, Nicole Bell of Con-Val and Annie Metz of St. Thomas.

Grace Angulas of Souhegan was First Team utility and Kayla Paquin of Pembroke was Second Team.

Jay Vogt of Bow was DII Coach of the Year and JV Coach of the Year is David Martinez of Trinity.

In Division III, two local boys earned Honorable Mention. Cian Connor of Newfound earned honors at midfield and Tucker Kierstead of Prospect Mountain earned honors at defense.

At goalie, First Team went to Ethan Warren of Gilford, Second Team went to Jimmy Dalesio of Somersworth and Honorable Mention went to Hunter Fauteux of Berlin and Thomas Ferguson of Hillsboro-Deering.

Defense First Team went to Sean Gannon of Campbell, Connor Leggett of Gilford and Caleb Burke of Belmont, Second Team went Jared Walker of Fall Mountain and Emir Islamovic and Trent Henrich of Derryfield and Honorable Mention went to Chandler Zullo of Stevens, Micah Howard of Mascenic, Killian Dowd of Mascocoma and Christian Shepard of Franklin.

First Team midfield honors went to Max Rossignol of Hopkinton, Nate Kelsey of Derryfield and Tyler Hanf of Gilford, Second Team went to River Mathieu of Belmont, Colin Plante of Brady and Zach Ennis of Belmont and Drew Grenier of Stevens, Ryan Smith of Conant, Thomas Turpin of Laconia and Sam Call of White Mountains all earned Honorable Mention.

Gerry Donahue of Hopkinton, Jeff Pratt of Derryfield and Justin Furlong of Campbell all earned First Team striker, Andrew Dubreuil of Derryfield, Nate Sottak of Belmont and Adam Donnelly of Gilford earned Second Team and Isaac Jasinski of Monadnock, Hunter Hinxman of Winnisquam, Steven Walker of Fall Mountain, Ian Messina of Sanborn and Ian Daly

of Inter-Lakes all earned Honorable Mention.

For utility, Oliver Simon of Derryfield was First Team and Nick Brazeau of Raymond was Second Team.

Coach of the Year honors went to Mike Foley of Belmont and JV Coach of the Year is Bill Brace of Belmont.

Among girls in Division III, Prospect Mountain had three honorees. Ali Brown earned Second Team for defense, while Meagan Minaya earned Honorable Mention at midfield and Mackenzie Burke earned Honorable Mention at goaltender.

First Team honors for goalies went to Jaida Mitchell of Raymond, Second Team went to Allie Stroddart of Fall Mountain and Honorable Mention went to Julia Shepard of Derryfield and Anna Pysz of Newport.

For defense, Caitlin Ball of Hopkinton, Madison Parrot of Fall Mountain and Kate Stoncius of Campbell earned First Team, Zoe Utton of Fall Mountain and Madeline Parisi of Hillsboro-Deering earned Second Team and Chloe Sottak of Belmont, Grace Feigl of Derryfield, Alexis Aiken of Stevens, Rebecca Leberman of Inter-Lakes and Briana Connolly of Somersworth all earned Honorable Mention.

Anna Harmon of Raymond, Taylor Signor of Hopkinton and Olivia Crainich of Bishop Brady earned First Team for midfield, Hannah Coasta of Raymond and Ali Monty and Zoey Luopa of Fall Mountain earned Second Team and Kallie Polgrean of Derryfield, Kelsey Belisle of Stevens, Jillian Patria of Conant, Kiara Law-As of Berlin and Taryn Breton of Gilford earned Honorable Mention.

At striker, Danni DesRuisseaux of Bishop Brady, Grace Clark of Hopkinton and Julianna Estremera of Belmont all earned First Team, Izabella Warren of Hillsboro-Deering, Karleigh Schiltz of Campbell and Jordan Banish of Conant earned Second Team and Honorable Mention went to Audrey Puksta of Stevens, Rebecca Howe of Laconia, Skylar Tenny of Conant and Halle Bertolami of Monadnock.

First Team utility went to Erin Douglas of Campbell and Second Team went to Kaitlyn Nelson of White Mountains.

Coach of the Year honors went to Mark Dawalga of Belmont and Troy Corriveau of Prospect Mountain was named JV Coach of the Year.

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Quick start sends Raiders over Knights

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WOLFEBORO — When Kingswood coach Tom Cayon saw the Lebanon Raiders take the ice for the season opener at the Pop Whalen Arena on Wednesday, Dec. 13, he suspected they would give his hockey girls a bit of trouble.

And the visitors did just that, taking a 3-0 lead through one period and eventually the 6-2 victory.

“If you told me the score would’ve been 6-2 after I saw them come out and we have four girls who have never skated before I would not have expected it would be that close,” Cayon said. “But they continue to have heart.”

Out of the gate, keeper Nikki Cayon held her ground in the Kingswood net, making a number of saves as the Raiders attacked the zone, sending a number of pucks on net and more through the crease. The Raiders also sent pucks wide of the net as they blitzed the zone, forcing Cayon to make save after save.

The Raiders finally broke through with 9:49 to go in the first period, as they buried a shot top shelf after controlling the puck in the zone for much of the first five minutes.

Kingswood came back with a look in the zone, with Shawna Knowles and Breanne Leblanc working their



JOSHUA SPAULDING

SHAWNA KNOWLES (bottom) and Allie Moore battle along the boards during opening night action against Lebanon.

sending a shot high and Knowles getting a shot off that was turned away by the Lebanon keeper.

At the other end, Cayon turned away a couple of more shots before the Raiders were able to double their lead, finishing off a nice feed with 6:31 to go to make it 2-0. Cayon continued to make saves in the Kingswood net and Claire Richard made a run into the zone that was turned away by the defense.

With 4:30 to go in the first, the Raiders were able to put one more goal on the board, upping the lead to 3-0. The Raiders had a few more chances in the final minutes of the period and Sofia Marshall sent a shot on net that was denied and Knowles put the rebound wide of the net. Cayon held tight on her end and the period ended with the score at 3-0.

The second period saw the Knights get a few bids early on, with Savannah Thomas

sending a shot high and Leblanc sending a shot on net that was turned away. Alissa Baldwin made a run into the zone that the defense was able to turn away. After a Cayon save at the other end, Knowles sent a puck through the crease and then turned around and cleared out a bid at the other end.

With 7:34 to go in the second, a long shot from just inside the blue line slipped past Cayon and into the net for a 4-0 lead. Cayon came right back with a big save on a breakaway and Richard was stoned on a breakaway at the other end.

Kingswood was able to get on the board with 6:23 to go in the period, as Richard skated behind the net and was able to sneak the puck past the Lebanon keeper for the 4-1 lead. Marshall got the assist on Kingswood's first goal of the season.

Cayon came back with a couple more saves



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BRITTANY LAPOLLA reaches for the puck in action against Lebanon last week.

and Richard had another shot denied. Lebanon was able to make it 5-1 with 2:31 to go in the period and with just more than two minutes to go, the Knights took a penalty. The Knights were able to kill off the penalty thanks to a good clear by Faith Murphy and a shorthanded bid by Richard to finish out the period with the score at 5-1.

Cayon continued to earn her keep in the opening minutes of the third period, turning away a few more bids and the Knights were able to get their second goal of the game. With 10:44 to go, Knowles was able to push the puck from behind the net around the keeper to make it 5-2.

Cayon continued to make saves for the Knights and then Knowles came back with a pass through the crease that just missed connecting. Leblanc had

times as the previous day against opponents to be determined.

The Kingswood girls' hockey team will also have a regular season game during the holiday break, hosting Keene at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

HOOPS

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2017 portion of their regular season and will be in action again for the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament, which begins on Dec. 27, as Prospect takes on Laconia at 11:30 a.m. in Gilford. They will also play

the next day, Dec. 28, at 11:30 a.m., with an opponent to be determined.

The next regular season game in Jan. 5 at home against Gilford.

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girls at 11:30 a.m. and boys at 1 p.m. Kingswood will play Newfound, with the girls at 2:30 p.m. and the boys at 4 p.m. The tournament continues Dec. 28, with the teams playing at the same

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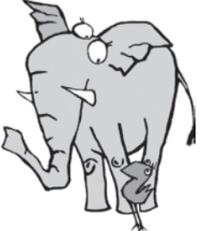
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