

Yoga Flow class offered for free on Jan. 1

ALTON — New Year’s Day free Yoga Flow class will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 1 at the Alton Bay Community

Center with Sheila Marston. All levels flow class incorporating strength, core and balance. Class

will end with a relaxing meditation and savasana. Modifications will be offered. Fun music and a view of the lake.

Bring your mat and water. Start the New Year being strong in body and mind.

Adult volleyball pick-up games - ages 18+

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring adult volleyball on Thursdays at the Alton Central School gym from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring recreational play. Please use the following link to sign up, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A-FAA2AA5FB6-alton>. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Little Pesaukees Playgroup

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a drop-in playgroup for 0-5 years old at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The program is free, and follows the ACS calendar year. Please bring a peanut-free snack for your child. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Exercise classes
Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston now meets Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Alton Bay

Community Center. Focus is on several breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m. A fun, cardio workout that will get you moving to music that will keep you smiling.

Weight Training Class with KT is Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Use light weights to help build strength, muscle and bone density. Try a class for free.

Joy graduates from basic training

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Air Force Airman Johnathan Joy graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Joy excelled and earned himself the highest physical accolade of ‘warhawk,’ which contributed to him and his fellow flight members achieving the top physical fit-



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JONATHAN JOY graduated from basic military training in Texas.

ness flight. Joy and his flight, 017, also achieved B.E.A.S.T. Excellence (Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Train-

ing) =under the leadership of Joy as B.E.A.S.T. monitor, as well as the Company Commanders excellence award. Joy is now stationed at Shepard AFB in Texas for technical training in Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Michael and Rebecca Joy of Alton. Joy graduated in 2019 from Prospect Mountain High School.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 95 calls for service during the week of Dec. 8-14, including seven arrests.

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

One female subject was taken into involuntary emergency admission.

One female subject was arrested for domestic violence simple assault.

One male subject was arrested for possession and use of tobacco products by minors.

One female subject was arrested for facilitating a drug or underage alcohol house party and unlawful possession of alcohol.

One male subject was arrested for resisting arrest or detention and simple assault.

One male subject was arrested for unlawful possession of alcohol.

There were four motor vehicle accidents.

There was one suspicious person/activity report on Mill Cove Road.

There was one theft report on Mount Major Highway.

Police made 14 motor vehicle stops and handled five motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 70 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One assist fire department, one fraudulent action, eight employment fingerprinting, two assist other agencies, one juvenile incident, three domestic complaints, four general assistance, one missing adult, two alarm activations, one noise complaint, one lost/found property, two highway/roadway hazard reports, three general information, one harassment, one trespass, four civil matters, five wellness checks, one community program, three disabled motor vehicles, 10 directed patrols, two motor vehicle lockouts, two medical assists, seven property checks and four paperwork services.

Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders Post 72 are holding their seventh annual Coats for Kids coat drive. The Riders will be collecting new coats for children in the local community in need. New coats can be dropped off at the post home on Route 28 Alton, in the coat donation drop-off box located in the post hall.

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

KINGSWOOD ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School is pleased to announce the following students have met the criteria for honor roll for the first quarterly marking period ending Nov. 8. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all

classes will receive Honors recognition.

Cooper Welch, Makenzie Willett, Michael Zmuda.

Highest Honors
Grade 12
Grace Abraham, Cailey Aucoin, Allison Bean, Meghan Bonneau, Rachel Bonneau, Alicia Champagne, Chloe Dore, Michael Foy, Isaac Garry, Cyrus Gauthier, Scott Gordon, Charlotte Hardy, Olivia Hart, Hannah Hillsgrove, Gwendolyn MacMullen, Mary McCarthy, Elizabeth Morrison, Caitlyn Murray, Bradley Peluso, William Pollini, Elizabeth Purington, Anna Smith, Aaron Stanard, Samuel Thurston, Hunter Wrigley.

Grade 10
Gabriel Arinello, Louis Arinello, Ethan Arnold, Juliet Bonnevie, Jillian Caravella, Kaysie Currul, Karla Dureau, Ana Ekstrom, Emilia Galimberti, Marcus Hargy, Samuel Johnson, Colby Lindsay, Emily Mahler, Myles Mayhew, Erin Meyer, Carter Morrissey, Emma-Lee Newhouse, Matthew Perkins, Marissa Ross, Emma Scott, Tyler Sprince, Ethan Sullivan, Callie Thompson, Anna Tibbetts, Eliza Tibbetts, Braden Viands.

Grade 11
Nia Ashby, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Emily Carpenter, Rosemary Carpenter, Sarah Carpenter, Brooke Christian, Carolyn Day, Joshua Finneron, Matthew Finneron, Abigail Hosack, Kyle Juanillas, Calvin Kinville, Wesley Mills, Paige Moore, Jacob Nelson, Jacquelyn Perry, Irena Pettit, David Sandoval, Brogan Shannon, Mark Stanard,

Grade nine
Mariah Aikens, Langston Bellington, Marcella DeNitto, Amber Dolliver, Willa Ferris, Annelise Foss, Dakota Gahan, Charlotte Gauthier, Tyler Hasty, Jonathan Hossack, Ashley Long, Lauren MacPhee, Tyler Olkko-la, Hannah Petit, Lauren Prescott, Hannah Swenson, Tristan Tatjes, Heaven Thibeau,

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Oscar Foss Memorial Library closed Tuesday and Wednesday

BARNSTEAD — The Oscar Foss Memorial Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the holiday. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, Dec. 26.

OFML After School Club - grades two-four

Join in at the library on Friday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. for the After School Club where kids can read stories, poetry, discuss books and participate in a craft or activity. Snacks will also be provided.

Adult Book Club

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library Book Club is trying something

different for January, February and March. Since the attendance dwindles over the winter, they will be having a “virtual” book discussion group for the next three months. If you’d like to join them, you can follow their Facebook group “Oscar Foss Memorial Library’s Book Group” to participate in the discussion. This month’s book is Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney. Barnstead residents can pick up a copy of the book at the library. Feel free to invite your friends to this group.

Yoga at the Library

Mary Ellen Shannon, RYT offers two yoga classes at the library every Tuesday afternoon, Simply Yoga at 4:15 p.m. for beginners and an all levels class at 5:30 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. If you have blocks and straps, please bring those also. Classes are by donation and all are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate. Shannon has been a resident of Barnstead for 18 years and a yoga practitioner for even longer. If you have further questions, please contact her at 269-5030.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about the library’s programs or events. There is always

something happening at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays

and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed Sundays and Mondays.

Honor Roll

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Aidan Thompson, James Yarling, Christos Zavas.

Honors
Grade 12

Trevor Arnold, Sarah Bellefleur, Justus Bellington, Breana Bildeau, Jill Blocher, Abigail Bonenfant, Raelyn Booth, Kiah Borelli, Anthony Cardamone, Nicholas Catalano, Benjamin Cochran, Nathan Compagna, Hannah Crane, Patience DePasquale, Tyler Domings, Hope Drenning, Matthew Drew, Anna Gantt, Brayden Gruszewski, Nathan Hallam, Jeremy Hood, Zachary Jesus, Ian MacKnight, Edward Malone, David McCormack, Spencer Moody, Jordyn Moore, Caleb Morrill, Mariena Murray, Matthew Place, Ashley Retter, Cassandra Rourke, Lyan Sam, Grace Saunders, Jade Seery, Joshua Shapiro, Noah Shatzer, Emily Shaw, Jillian Stetson, Alexander Tessier, Alahna Teves, Brandon Todd, Cynthia Verrill, Janis Walker, Jackson Walsh, Madeline Ward, Ella Weiss, Mackenzie West.

Grade 11

Ethan Anderson, William April, Madison Arsenault, Jonathan Bean, Cassie Bedley, Nicholas Brescia, Grace Cardamone, Kaitlyn Catalano, Autumn Compagna, Atley Corson, Andrew

Cray, Erica Delemus, Rowdy DePasquale Jr., Bailey Dexter, Robert Doherty, Alyssa Dow, Brooke Eldridge, Nia Garland, Jameson Gorski, Julia Hackley, Gracie Hanson, David Hartley, Kaleb Holmes, Trentin Huffman, Kate Juanillas, Owen Lehner, Seanan Logan, Eliza Lucas, Kathryn Mann, Rebecca McConarty, Dylan McKay, Lexie McNew, Hailey McPherson, Aidan Ouellette, John Papallo, Brianna Pickle, Nicholas Potenza, Christian Ritchey, Hayden Robischeau, Mia Runnals, Patrick Runnals, Jackson Ruths, Cathryn Shannon, Maggie Shaw, Oleg Sheahan, Cassidy Simpson, Alexa Smith, Riley Smith, Taylor Smith, Lily Stinchfield, Justin Stirt, Drew Swinerton, Alexis Turner.

Grade 10

Nicholas Aucoin, Zachary Aucoin, Jesse Avery, Kayla Baker, Natasha Bamford, Reagan Blanchet, Warren Blaney, Kyleigh Bonneau, Jackson Boudman, Quinn Bouwens, Camden Colson, Alexis Copp, Audrey Daggett, Ruby Davis, Anthony DeLuca, Almyra Drinosky Mean, Alexis Eldridge, Daniel Fojtik, Hadden Gerber, Robert Hotchkiss, Timothy Huckman, John Hunt, Aidan Kelley, Izabella Kemper, Andrew Keniston, Gage Lamonagne, Jesse Leighton, Quinn Lucas, Alexander Marks, Kendylle Mohan,

Steven Moore, Cheyanne Mugford, Camden Orzechowski, Aubrey Overall, Madison Palmer, Michael Palmer, Joshua Paraskos, Rachael Paraskos, Gregory Roark, Hunter Russell, Henry Saunders, Isabella Savage, Andrew Scheetz, Nolan Schultz, Dakota Turner, Nolan Walton, Ava Wood, Hailey Woodcock.

Grade nine

Casey Arsenault, Amelia Bickford, Kendra Blaisdell, Gianna Borelli, Aislyn Brown, Corbin Cheney, Lirael Craycraft, Emma Damon, William Danaïs, Steven DeFranza Jr., Christopher Dodier, Craig Doherty, Abigail Fournier, Izabella Gauthier, AnnaBella Golderesi, Connor Goulden, Skylar Hammes, Abigail Heald, Logan Jeddrey, Kate Jenkins, Elizabeth Kelley, Hailey Kelly, Leah King, Miriam Lambert, Lillian LaPierre, Hadley Larson, Malia Lavigne, Natalie LoChiatto, Elora Logan, Timothy Lucia, Nathan McClain, David McWhirter, Kevin Menici, Mason Mills, Sophia Oliveira, Sarah Paraskos, Hannah Raifsnider, Brayden Rapoza, Caleb Russo, Dante Santerre, Michael Schwarz, Andrew Smith, Lucas Snyder, Shaw Swinerton, Julia Tremblay, Noah Turner, Michael Wainwright, Alexis Walbridge, Cameron Yates.



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As this paper arrives in the mailboxes of our readers and on the shelves of the local businesses, the Christmas season will be in full swing.

As another year comes to a close, we know things haven't always been easy. Tough economic times have taken their toll on many of our readers and many folks throughout the state, country and world. But as we go about our Christmas events, let's take a moment to remember that we all do have very much to be grateful for this holiday season.

Here's hoping that family members far and wide are able to come together and spend the holidays in a happy place. If you are hosting, may your home be filled with warm tidings and joy for the season. If you are traveling, may you find your way safely over the roads, rails and airways of the world to the destination of your choosing.

Here's our hope that across the windswept landscape of the Lakes Region, the Christmas spirit continues to flow. Generous donations to local charities and food banks have helped to bolster the holidays for many people less fortunate in our communities and to all who have taken time to donate and support the wonderful organizations that bring this holiday cheer, thank you from the entire community. It's inspiring to see such generosity from our local communities. The spirit of Christmas can best be exemplified in giving to others and this spirit appears to be alive and well in the Lakes Region.

Here's hoping that people get what they're looking for this holiday season. Sure, there's the things that we often wish for as children, but there are so many greater things that as adults we might all be drawn to. A safe and happy family, a roof over our heads, an infusion of the Christmas spirit that inspires us to help others, a quiet moment of reflection to look back on the year that was and all that we have been given and all that we have accomplished. Choose to remember those happy moments from the past year this holiday season. Those are the moments you should hold on to forever.

And we know not everyone's had a good year, so here's our hope the 2019 holiday season brings a brighter note to those who have struggled and that the Christmas season provides a beacon of hope toward a happy and fulfilling 2020.

As we all prepare to celebrate in our own way, we offer up our own words of thanks for the support you've shown our paper and we are thankful to be part of your holiday season, even if it is just to help get the fire started in the fireplace on Christmas morning.

The Christmas season truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year and we wish everyone in our communities a Merry Christmas.

No Locke Lake board meeting in December

BARNSTEAD— There will be no public board of directors meeting in December. The next public board of directors meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

LAST YEAR, 705 KIDS WERE ABDUCTED BY A MOUSE.



A simple click is all it takes to give a child molester internet access to your children – access that can actually lead to abduction. Reports of such incidents are everywhere as predators keep getting better at seeking out new victims. The good news is that we keep getting better at fighting back. At the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, we have created the CyberTipline in partnership with the FBI, U.S. Customs Service, Postal Inspection Service and Secret Service. To report child sexual exploitation, call the police. Then call us at 1-800-843-5678 or contact us at www.cybertipline.com. We work with law enforcement professionals who are ready to track down these criminals and bring them to justice. So do your part to help. Look out for your children online. If you don't, there are plenty of predators who will.

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Super Knights

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the Super Knights Award for self-esteem. Back row (l to r), Hunter Lemay, Cole Garland, Landon Young, Grayson Mouradian, Kaitlyn Cooper, Noah Silva, Cole Butcher and Kade Lucas. Front row (l to r), William Dumont, Bella Vachon, Lillian Davenhall and Cailean Corbally. Missing is Alistair Fleming.

Letters to the Editor

Correcting misleading statements in Bickford letter

To the Editor:

In response to the recent letter to editor from David Bickford (Baysider Dec. 5) I am again left with no choice but to respond to the glaring false, misleading statements and fabrications that were presented.

The first statement that is a complete falsehood from Bickford's Dec. 5 letter was: "Selectman Swenson told the budget committee on Nov. 21 that the board of selectmen (sic), Veisel, Chase and himself did the same as last year.... Selectmen Swenson did not tell the budget committee that the selectmen had already applied \$60,000 on Jan. 14 from the UFB fund into revenue...". If Bickford would have taken the time to properly review the matter, he would have seen that the information was presented publicly to both the bud-

get committee and select board last year for the tax rate set in Nov. 2018 and again at the select board meeting of Nov 18, 2019, and at the Nov. 21, 2019 budget committee meeting. It was publicly stated in the tax rate setting for 2019 and discussed publicly at the select board meeting of Nov. 18, 2019 during the tax rate setting in the most recent tax bills.

In his letter, Bickford "wags the dog" by misleading the reader to believe the New Durham Select Board and Budget Committee have either been misled or not fully transparent in their decisions regarding timber tax and other related items. This is blatantly false. The select board, during their Nov. 18, 2019 meeting specifically publicly cited that the timber tax is not going to be repeatable and the board significantly re-

duced the projection for that revenue line from \$100,000 in the prior year to \$35,000 for the upcoming year. Bickford should also know that the revenue projections approved by the select board were presented in detail line item fashion to the budget committee on Nov. 21, 2019.

Finally, Bickford states in his letter that "The state of NH gave New Durham \$43,466 from its revenue that could have been applied to the roads or other projects..." The select board approved applying this amount to New Durham's tax rate directly to lower that rate as much as possible. Bickford, as a former selectman, should understand that whether that amount is put to a specific project such as roads, or whether it is put to the operating budget tax rate, the net impact is

exactly the same to the taxpayer – a lower tax rate by exactly the same amount. Bickford's misleading position is so far removed from a fair presentation it is almost laughable.

What the motive behind Bickford's misleading fabrications are not entirely clear but because of the multiple number of them in his most recent letter. I felt compelled to respond so the public can understand the extensive work the New Durham Select Board, Budget Committee and CIP Committee does and the multiple opportunities the public has for learning of the issues, providing input to the respective Boards, and influencing the outcomes based on their input.

DAVID W. SWENSON
NEW DURHAM

On robo calls

To the Editor:

I get lots of complaints on those darn robo calls and for good reason, they are a pain in the butt. I dislike them as much as everyone else. The problem is the state has almost no regulatory authority over these calls. Cable TV and the phone service it provides along with wireless phones have never been regulated by the state of New Hampshire. The legacy land line phone service (Consolidated Communications), while once heavily regulated by the state, is now almost not regulated at all. These companies are regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The good news is the FCC along with the various companies (e.g Atlantic Broad Band, Consoli-

dated Communications, Verizon) are working on methods to block robo calls. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai reiterated his demand that the telecom industry adopt a robust caller ID authentication system that would help stop spoofed scam calls before they reach your phone. This system would also help authorities to track down these unscrupulous scammers. Plans to address robo calls such as NOMOROBO and STIR/Shake are being developed. It is hoped these will be implanted early this year.

Of course, the most important thing to remember is the purpose of these calls are not just to annoy us, they want to swindle money out of us. The best thing to do is just hang up, do not give

any information. I have been getting robo calls from an entity claiming to be Eversource, the electric utility and they threaten to turn off my electricity. I can assure you that Eversource or any other utility is not using a recorded message to notify customers of a pending disconnection. If you have a real concern, you can call the NH Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 271-3641.

Of course, as with most technology, as soon as a fix is available the bad guys will be working on a way to get around but let's hope these proposed fixes block at least most of these annoying calls.

On an entirely different issue, the EPA has informed me that the new draft discharge per-

mit for the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery in New Durham is on schedule and should be issued by the end of December. This is a needed big step for reducing the pollution being discharged into the Merrymeeting River from the state-owned hatchery. The draft permit will be subject to public comment once it is issued and I will let folks know when it is actually issued, where to find it and how to submit comments.

If you have questions on this or any other state matter, please contact me at 942-8691 or harringt@metrocast.net

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

REP. MIKE HARRINGTON
STRAFFORD DISTRICT 3
NEW DURHAM AND STRAFFORD

Residents learn about forest health

MILTON — As central New Hampshire was still digging out from a winter storm, about 15 area woodlot owners joined Branch Hill Farm and Moose Mountains Regional Greenways to learn about how forests in the region are affected by invasive pests. Speaker Kyle Lombard, forest health specialist with the NH Division of Forests and Lands, presented a wealth of information and responded to multiple questions from the attentive audience. Consulting forester Charlie Moreno also reported on the state of Branch Hill Farm’s forests.

Of the numerous invasive pests now found in New Hampshire forests, Red Pine Scale, Emerald Ash Borer and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid are the most worrisome. Emerald Ash Borer is likely to kill off all older Ash in New England over the next five-10 years. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid can kill Hemlocks in four-10 years and is found in more than half of NH towns. Scale infestations can also be devastating.

Lombard colorfully described scale insects as the ‘ticks of the plant



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THE SANITATION cut under way at Branch Hill Farm in Milton.

world.’ They survive by attaching to the tree and sucking fluid from the tree’s cambium or needles (depending on the scale species), which weakens the tree, leaving it susceptible to other pests and diseases. Needles of scale-infested Red

Pines turn olive green to yellow and eventually brick red, starting in the lower tree crown and moving upwards.

Red Pine Scale was first identified in NH in Bear Brook State Park in 2012 and very recently discovered in Branch

Hill Farm’s Red Pine plantation along Applebee Road. Although a single affected Red Pine tree may be saved with systemic sprays, the only treatment option at the forest level is complete removal to prevent the pest’s spread, so a

sanitation cut is now under way at Branch Hill Farm. Monoculture forests or single species tree plantations like the one at BHF are now understood to be a poor practice because they are particularly susceptible to such infesta-

tions. Once the infested trees are removed, however, the scale is not likely to spread farther on its own because scale insects do not fly.

Concerned citizens can help the health of NH forests by not moving wood in order to not inadvertently transport invasive species. More information about various pests, an invasive pest reporting form, and contact information for questions are available at NHBUGS.org.

Branch Hill Farm/the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust works to protect open space and working forests and to educate the public about sound forestry, conservation and agricultural practices, see www.branchhillfarm.org. MMRG, a non-profit land trust, works to conserve and connect important water resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land and offers many educational opportunities to inform all ages about the benefits of our region’s natural resources. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.mmrgrg.org.

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Five questions for your financial advisor



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Whether you are interviewing a potential new financial advisor or meeting with your current advisor, these five questions are key to determining if this advisor and their firm are working for you, or for the broker-dealer.

Question one: Does your advisor or firm have any “revenue-sharing” arrangements with any insurance or fund company? This is important because the advisors firm may be paid to promote certain fund families for the brokerage firm’s benefit, not yours. This arrangement is usually disclosed in the small print of a long and technical document.

Question two: Do you or your firm promote “proprietary products?” Again, proprietary products are products created by the broker dealer that may pay more to the broker if sold by them. These products may not be as transparent to you, the client, as they should be.

Question three: Who is managing my money? In many cases, the advisor is using third party asset managers that split their fee with your advisor whose role is just being a “relationship manager.” Typically, these fees will be double what you would pay to an actual asset manager.

Question four: Ask the broker or advisor

about their background, education and experience pertaining to financial planning, asset management or retirement planning. There is a significant difference between passing a securities exam that allows someone to sell securities versus working in an environment that demands continued education and encourages personal growth and knowledge regarding financial planning or asset management.

Question five: Are you a fiduciary? A fiduciary works for you, the client, and is obligated to do what is in the best interest of the client, not themselves or their broker dealer. The tricky part about being a fiduciary is that an advisor may have the license to act in a fiduciary manner, but that does not

mean that they do so.

There was legislation that was set to go in effect on April 10, 2017, that will not happen. This legislation would have required that any advisor, broker or insurance agent working with retirement money would have to act in the client’s best interest. Advisors like myself are obligated to act as a fiduciary by law. So, you can probably imagine that it is my opinion as well as other investment advisors that the brokers at the broker-dealers and banks and insurance agents should view their jobs as advisors and not salespeople and they should be held to the much higher standard of a fiduciary, not just a suitability standard that they are held to presently.

I realize I’ve already

listed five questions for you, however I will give you a bonus sixth question to ask: How and how much are you compensated for your services?

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Former intern ‘curating’ history at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — At the heart of every museum, there is a collection and generally at least one individual responsible in its care and research, which in the case of Wright Museum is Justin Gamache.

“My tasks include managing and caring for artifacts, planning and putting up exhibits, and developing interactive features for our visitors,” he said.

As is the case at many museums, staff wear many hats, which Gamache said could mean helping with any aspect of the operation, including daily maintenance and event planning.

“We all do whatever it takes to advance the museum’s mission,” he said.

Founded in 1994, Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battle field. Its mission is “to provide a vivid perspective on the profound and enduring impact of the World War II experience on Ameri-



JAY KENTY, Wright Museum board member, with Wright Museum Curator Justin Gamache on the right, as they both look at a touchscreen Gamache helped set up.

can society.”

For Gamache, his fascination with Wright Museum, its mission and collection, did not begin when he became full-time curator in 2018 or even before that as an intern while attending University of New Hampshire.

“Having visited the museum multiple times before starting as an intern, I was already familiar with its unique collection and important mission,” he explained. “When I had to opportunity to stay after my internship, it was an easy decision. I am glad

to play a part in keeping the museum’s mission alive for the education of future generations.”

Wright Museum Executive Director Mike Culver said he is happy Gamache stayed, too.

“Justin has brought an area of technical expertise with technology

that has significantly impacted our operation,” he said. “He has created several wonderful touchscreen exhibits and made us more interactive with visitors. In addition to virtual exhibits, Justin is also working on future exhibits, both in-house and

outside traveling exhibits.”

According to Culver, Gamache not only possesses “a fine overall sense of American and European history,” but a willingness to do “whatever it takes to make The Wright successful.”

“He does everything from true curatorial tasks to changing light bulbs, dusting and cleaning, lifting, carrying, climbing ladders, dressing mannequins, and so much more,” he said. “He also works well with our board members, donors, volunteers, staff and visitors...Like every member of the staff here, Justin exemplifies a true dedication to our work.”

As the region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum will reopen in May of 2020, although school tours can be arranged from January-April.

For more information about the Wright Museum, or to schedule a school tour, visit wright-museum.org, or call 569-1212.

Beacon Brass to warm up Wolfeboro Jan. 12

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Friends of Music is proud to present the Beacon Brass to enliven a cold winter afternoon. The Wolfeboro Friends of Music concert by the Beacon Brass will be on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 115 South Main St., Wolfeboro. Sponsors for the afternoon’s concert are Green Mountain Communications, Taylor Community and J. Clifton Avery Insurance Agency. Season sponsors are Paul and Deb Zimmerman and YFI Custom Homes

The quintet is composed of some of the finest brass players in New England. Trumpeters

Dana Oakes and Dana Russian, hornist Kevin Owen, trombonist Hans Bohn and tubist Ken Amis perform together and separately in many prestigious orchestras such as the Boston Ballet, Boston Lyric Opera, Modern Orchestra Project, the Boston Philharmonic and the Pops Esplanade Orchestra.

The Beacon Brass was the first brass ensemble to win the Concert Artists Guild award in 1983. They are known for presenting excellent programs of widely varying repertoire. The concert in Wolfeboro will include music from the 16th through the 20th centuries. The program



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BEACON BRASS will perform Jan. 12 in Wolfeboro.

opens with the Earle of Oxford’s Marche by English composer William Byrd and then a 16th century Carmina followed by other Renaissance works including Canzona Bergamasca by Gabrieli. The modern selections feature works by North American composers Stephen Foster (Stephen Foster Medley), Jack End (3 Salutations), Leroy Anderson (Trumpeter’s Lullaby), Howard Cable (Newfoundland Sketch), Leonard Bernstein (West

Side Story Suite – including I Feel Pretty, Maria and Tonight), Scott Joplin (The Entertainer), Eubie Blake (The Chevy Chase) and Luckey Roberts (The Junk Man).

Amis is a graduate of Boston University and New England Conservatory of Music, where he was the youngest recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award. He has been a member of the Tanglewood Festival Orchestra and the New World Symphony,

and has soloed with the English Chamber Orchestra. Amis teaches at Boston University, Boston Conservatory, Longy School of Music, New England Conservatory, and Lynn University, where he also directs the wind ensemble.

Bohn augments his busy orchestral career with teaching at UMass Lowell and Tufts University. He has also performed with the Empire Brass Quintet and the acclaimed Brass Band of Battle Creek.

Owen is the quintet’s hornist. Not only has he performed with a wide array of well-known symphony orchestras, but he has also played with backup bands for Peter Frampton, the Moody Blues, Kansas and other popular artists. He has appeared on the David Letterman and Conan O’Brien shows with oth-

er rock groups. He has also toured with the Empire Brass, the Boston Chamber Music Society, and A Far Cry, Boston’s self-conducted Grammy-nominated chamber orchestra.

Russian teaches at Tufts and Brandeis Universities. In addition to his orchestral playing, he has frequently performed with choruses such as the Masterworks Chorale, the John Oliver Chorale and the Chorus Pro Musica.

Oakes also teaches at UMass Lowell, MIT and Boston Conservatory of Music. His early experience included performing with the Opera Company of Boston under Sarah Caldwell. He was also solo trumpet with Gunther Schuller’s New England Ragtime Ensemble, which helped popularize the music of Joplin. Among his many current orchestral positions, he is principal trumpet of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra.

Tickets are available at the door at Black’s Paper Store and Avery Insurance in Wolfeboro at Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith Greenlaw’s Music and Audio in Laconia, Bayswater Books in Center Harbor, by calling 569-2151 or by visiting www.friendsofmusic.org. High school students with ID and children accompanied by an adult ticket holder will be admitted free of charge.

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Alton	42 Ingalls Terrace	N/A	\$315,550	W&W Ralph Trust LLC	Russell Magliuzzi
Alton	13 Suncook Valley Rd.	Motel	\$405,000	Sajeda S. Shakikh	RB Enterprise LLC
Alton	N/A (Lot 4)	N/A	\$500,000	John A. and Ann L. Bella	Joseph M. Quirk
New Durham	21 S. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$610,000	Roman Oliszcza RE'T and Benjamin J. Oliszcza	J&H Fremont LLC

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

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Festival of Carols concert is Friday

PITTSFIELD — The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will offer a free Christmas concert entitled "Festival of Carols" Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. It will feature the church's Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. This concert is a return to some favorite carols with a narration by Pastor David Stasiak. Be sure to include this annual tradition in your family's holiday plans. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are located at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

Christmas Eve service offered in Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family to a traditional candlelight service Tuesday, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield. The service includes music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir, scripture lessons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary shimmering in candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night." Include this evening service in your holiday plans. Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

Christmas, New Year's services at Community Church of Alton

ALTON — The Community Church of Alton invites the public to celebrate Christ's birth with them.

Sunday, Dec 22, the church service starts at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve candlelight service is Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

New Year's Eve festivities and midnight communion service starting at 10:30 p.m., Dec 31

The Community Church of Alton is hosting a New Year's eve social starting at 10:30 p.m. on Dec 31 with communion service at 12 a.m. on Jan 1. This event is open to the public and anyone looking for welcoming environment is invited to join them. They will be serving appetizers, desserts, coffee, tea and juice during the social. The church is located at 20 Church St., Alton. For more information, the office phone number is 875-5561.

VOLUNTEER

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and address real needs.

"Over the years, we have grown and offer many more programs, events and community activities every summer," she said. "The support of our lakes community, members and volunteers have always been so welcome and will continue to be as we look ahead."

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Feinberg interning at Lake Sunapee Protective Association

NEW LONDON — Jacob Feinberg of Center Barnstead is completing Colby-Sawyer's internship requirement this fall with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association in New London. Feinberg is majoring in biology and is a member of the class of 2020.

Internships are field experiences designed to provide a student learning opportunity under collaborative supervision between Colby-Sawyer College faculty, staff, and work site professionals. Internships offer the opportunity for students to enhance their academic programs with work experience related to career interests in all industry areas in national and international settings.

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JOYCE MURPHY of Alton was presented the Hank Why Volunteer Award at the New Hampshire Boat Museum.

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OBITUARIES

Lois F. Hillsgrove
Founded Hillsgrove's Half Moon Store

ALTON — Lois F. Hillsgrove, age 86, of Dudley Road in Alton, died peacefully at home, Nov. 26, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 24, 1933 on the farm in Gilman-ton, she was one of 16 children, the daughter of Horace and Florence (Palmer) Partridge.

She resided in Alton for most all of her life, the founder of Hillsgrove's Half Moon Store, owner of Maple Leaf Farm and owned the school bus she drove for the town of Alton.

Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph H.



Hillsgrove, son, Wayne Hillsgrove, grandson, Joshua Wayne Hillsgrove and 10 siblings.

Survived by two children, son Leon J. and wife Shirley A. Hillsgrove, son Lee A. Hillsgrove and sig-

nificant other Cheryl; her companion of 42 years, Fred Doherty; eight grandchildren, Sandy Reinhard, Chris-tos Stavropoulos, Paul Stavropoulos, Amy Hillsgrove, Joseph L. Hillsgrove, Travis S. Hillsgrove, Shawn Hillsgrove, Stephanie Hillsgrove deNesnera, 10 great grandchildren, also five siblings, many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Pine Grove Ceme-tery in Gilmanton Iron Works. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Fu-neral Home, to express condolences, please vis-it www.peasleefuneral-home.com.

TUFTONBORO — Richard Bodwell Mad-den Jr., 68, of Lamprey Lane Tuftonboro, passed away Dec. 9 at his home.

Rick was born in Newton, Mass. April 27, 1951 son of the late Richard Bodwell Mad-den and Frances Louise (Murphy) Madden. He grew up in Needham, Mass. and spent many years working in Boston and spending summers in Tuftonboro before he made Lamprey Lane his permanent home.

If you were a friend of Ricky's, you were a friend for life. He cher-ished his time with old friends and his family. He always stayed in touch no matter how far the distance. Ricky's heart was larger than life and he wouldn't hesi-tate to share the shirt off his back or his last pen-



ny to a friend in need. He led a proud and simple life and was blessed with a contagious laugh, one that will always echo in the hearts of his family.

Pre-deceased by his father, mother and his sister, Judy Madden, he leaves four brothers, Steven (Amy) Madden of Wolfeboro, Mark (Mar-ianna) Madden of Port Charlotte, Fla., Russell (Kristen) Madden of Tuftonboro and Douglas

Madden of Tuftonboro; three sisters, Marsha Hansen of North Con-way, Peggy (Gene) Spen-cher of Tuftonboro, Jenni-fer Morrill of Wolfeboro. Ricky also leaves sever-al nieces and nephews who meant more to him than they know, as well as many close cousins and forever friends.

Since Rick was a lover of the outdoors, a graveside service will be at Townhouse Cemetery in the spring.

The Baker-Gagne Fu-neral Homes and Cre-mation Service of West Ossipee is assisting the family with the arrange-ments. Please share your condolences, mes-sages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuner-alhomes.com.

Dorothy E. Maus
Caregivers volunteer

ALTON — Dorothy E. Maus (Brugge), 66, of Alton and Green Valley Ariz., formerly of Quincy, Mass., passed away Dec. 6.

Devoted wife of Kevin J. Maus. Loving sister of Donna Whitcomb of Weymouth. Sister-in-law of Linda Williams and her husband Paul of Holbrook, Mass. and Susan Maus of Wolfe-boro. She will be sorely missed by her nine nieces and nephews, and 12 great nieces and great nephews, all of whom she cherished and loved. Pre-deceased by her mother, Isabel Brugge, her grandparents, Ellen and William Stevens and her aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Owen Ea-ton.

Dorothy worked at Lexington Insurance Co. before accepting a posi-tion with a small start-up assurance company, Allied World Assurance,



throp Historical Society and was a driver for the Caregivers of Southern Carroll County. Besides spending time with her family, Dorothy's pas-sion was traveling, she made it to six of the sev-en continents.

Visiting hours were Friday, Dec. 13, at Hamel-Lydon Chapel and Cremation Service of Mass. Funeral was Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Chrysostom Church, Quincy. Burial followed at Blue Hills Cemetery, West Street, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers, do-nations can be made to either The USO, P.O. Box 96860, Washington DC, 20077 or Caregiv-ers of Southern Carroll County, 209 North Main St. Wolfeboro, NH 03890.

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OBITUARY

Frances Louise Maddock
Accomplished at needlepoint and quilting

OSSISPEE — Frances Louise (Nevins) Maddock, 95, passed away peacefully Dec. 9, at the Mountain View Community in Ossipee. Born on Dec. 17, 1923 in Bridgeport, Conn., she was the daughter of Richard and Louise (Schneider) Nevins. She was pre-deceased in February 2018 by Lawrence Richard Maddock, her loving husband of 74 years.

She is survived by four children, Judith Lorraine Anderson of Bristol, R.I., Rebecca Ann Racine and husband Raymond of Epping, Sandra Louise Haskett of Bethel, Conn. and Jonathan Lawrence Maddock and wife Karen of Wolfeboro and six grandchildren, Darren Racine, Danielle Racine Tworek, Bryan Racine, Morgan Haskett, Thea Haskett Verner and Kelsey Maddock and nine great grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her two sisters, Virginia N. Hermann and Ruth N. Cornish.

She graduated from



Staples High School in Westport Conn. where she met Larry, they became high school sweethearts and married in 1943. As wife of a distinguished WWII veteran, Fran was active in the war effort. After their children were grown she enjoyed working at Westport Planning and Zoning. They raised their family in Westport, after retirement they moved to West Kingston, R.I. and in 2005 settled in Wolfeboro.

Fran had an artistic spirit, often hand painting and drawing cherished holiday and birthday cards for her children. She was also

accomplished at needlepoint and quilting, designing and creating quilts, which grace the homes of many family members. She enjoyed and excelled at cooking all things delicious and tending and enjoying wild flowers and gardens. She was a loving and nurturing wife, mother, grandmother and friend and always provided a beautiful warm, welcoming and happy home.

A funeral will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to <https://www.compassus.com/about-us/giving-and-donations> or Mountain View Community, 93 Water Village Road, Ossipee, NH 03864.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of West Ossipee is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneral-homes.com.

BY LARRY SCOTT
Contributing Writer

There was no room at the Bethlehem Inn that first Christmas eve, not even for a young lady in labor. No one seemed concerned about a pregnant teenager looking for a room in which to deliver her first-born. It was party time. Nary a gentleman stepped forward, willing to sacrifice the use of his room for the evening. The young couple, consigned to the dark and drafty stable, would have to fend for themselves.

Not that there was anything wrong with the inn. These people deserved a break. Living under the jurisdiction of the Roman government was no walk in the park. An evening at the inn was a welcome change of pace, a chance to share some holiday cheer, an opportunity to forget if only for a few moments, the challenge of living in the real world.

As a matter of fact, however, it wasn't "holiday time." It would be years before this evening would be celebrated. For the majority, it was just another evening and, in the manger below, just another birth. Few of them would ever know that what took place that night was the greatest

event in human history.

It is difficult to describe the uniqueness of that evening. Cleaning up the new baby and preparing Him for His first meal, not even Mary and Joseph realized the impact on all humanity that would emanate from this night. As Mary cradled her firstborn, little did she know she was holding deity in her hands.

It is significant that the first ones to learn of the events of that evening were shepherds. These were hard-working, salt-of-the-earth men, despised commoners, too poor and too busy to enjoy an evening at the inn. But a host of singing angels had already put them on notice. Something special had taken place; this was one trip to town they would never forget.

They no doubt expected to be welcomed with pomp and ceremony. The heavens had announced the birth of royalty. What they found, however, was lowing cattle, perhaps a donkey or two, and a simple manger scene. For all the hoopla, they were surely surprised to find an apparently normal, newborn baby boy. But looks were deceiving for this precious youngster, although human in the fullest sense of the word, was far from typical. He was God.

Not, I would note, like Adonis, the god of Greek mythology or Baal, the god of the Canaanites. He was no legend or the product of superstitious belief. This One came out of eternity. He had been there when the world was brought into being. He had walked with Adam, talked with Moses, and joined the three Hebrew children in Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace. God Himself had joined the human family. Some thirty-three years later, He would take upon Himself the penalty for sin and make possible the promise of eternal life.

For those at the inn, the party would soon be over. For the shepherds, however, it was the dawning of a new day. Their hum-drum existence had been crowned with new meaning. They were the first to have an encounter with the living Jesus, and they went home "praising God." Fulfillment, they discovered, was not to be found in the inn; it was to be found in a person.

And that is the message of Christmas. Happiness is a man called Jesus.

For more thoughts like this, follow me at in-defenseoftruth.net.

Christmas Eve service scheduled
at North Barnstead church



COURTESY PHOTO

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of North Barnstead will be hosting a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24.

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 they are "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., they will gather together for candlelight worship. They will hear beautiful music, sing

traditional carols and hear the Christmas story told in a way that all ages can hear it.

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

Maybe you have been away from the church for a long time, or you have no experience of attending church but are longing more meaning in your life or you have had a negative experience of Christianity and have felt excluded or you are more spiritual than religious, yet you are seeking a community where you can join with others around issues of justice and peace.

Find your way to the "edge of the community." You will find people with similar needs

and experiences. Good things are happening at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, United Church of Christ, 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead. They look forward to greeting you on Christmas Eve or on any Sunday. Worship is always at 10 a.m. with programming for children. They are an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ and are 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 squirmly children and adults.

Visit www.ccnorth-barnstead.com, on Facebook at The Congregational Church of North Barnstead, United Church of Christ. Rev. Nancy Talbott can be reached at 776-1820. Feel free to call with questions.

BARNSTEAD — Christmas changes things. Christmas causes many gifts to be wrapped, lights and tinsel to be hung on trees, songs designed just for this season to be sung. Wars require a brief truce, families reconnect and hope is renewed. Christmas is the one day every year when the world celebrates the birth of the baby Jesus.

Center Barnstead Christian Church will be celebrating this birth

on Christmas Eve from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be a quiz to test one's knowledge of Christmas, the singing of Christmas carols and of course gifts. Each family in attendance will leave with at least one Christmas gift.

The church will take a few moments to look at this baby in the manger. This Jesus that isn't changed by elections, the economy or the terrible things that people can do. In the Christmas

story, those in attendance will see the source of hope. They will look at God's narrative written for mankind. That day when God became man.

They hope to see you on Tuesday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas Eve service. Center Barnstead Christian Church is located across from the Barnstead Town Hall. Any questions, please call the church office at 269-8831 or go to <http://centerbarnsteadcc.org/>.

Christmas Eve service at
Barnstead Parade church

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church will be holding a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at the church on Parade Road. All are welcome.

Today is the day. God has kept his promise. Unto us a Savior is born. He has one promise remaining: Jesus will come again. Until then it is up to us to let His light shine. There remains one candle to be lit in the Advent wreath—the biggest and brightest of all—the white candle representing Christ, the Light of the World.

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A riverboat trip up Old Man River, against the current and into history



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Getting onto a riverboat and churning your way up the Mississippi is not something you do every day, so mention of it in a recent column drew some queries.

For some reason, I’ve long had a short list of things I’d like to do in the relatively short time I probably have to do them. Another one (other than owning an Austin Healey Mark 3000, circa 1965 or so) is to visit the Panama Canal, at the time (and with some of us still) a Seventh Wonder of the World, or at least close.

Anyway, I did indeed board an almost brand-new ship, the 345-foot American Harmony, to take a week-long trip upriver from New Orleans to Memphis. The food was excellent, the crew was great, the river traffic ranged from small boats to strings of barges pushed by enormously powerful tugs to ocean-going vessels and

the river is faster and much narrower than I’d thought (for much of the trip it wasn’t much more than a quarter of a mile wide).

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For me, the worst part of any trip to the Outside (meaning south of Winnetka) is flying. On a trip involving New Orleans, my only other choice was the train, which I vastly prefer, as long-suffering readers will know. But the timing was impossible.

Now, it should be said that I have utterly no fear of flying, except the basic kind of fear, like running out of fuel. Indeed, I’ve flown over much of northern New England, the Maritimes, the Far North and vast areas of Yukon and Alaska, mostly in single-engine float planes with the beastly power required to take off from tiny ponds and short stretches of river. This is flying, up close.

But back to reality. I trudged down the ramp to the plane for Detroit, and wedged myself into a seat that not even a shoe-maker would design, but no shoe-horn provided to help with the wedging, and endured (carefully chosen word) hops from Manchester to Detroit to New Orleans, and then, of course,



THE AMERICAN HARMONY, docked and disgorging passengers at Vicksburg. She was christened this spring and fitted out to carry 187 passengers in time for this fall’s Mississippi cruising season.

a week later, back from Memphis to Detroit to Manchester.

I remember thinking “I’ve treated sheep better than this,” and then “Sure is good to see Manchester under the wing.” This is because I remember when flying was an adventure, and you even dressed up. These days, I could have gone in my household sweats.

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I had some appropriate reading material along with me on the Mississippi, enough to rationalizing staying on board until the confluence with the Missouri, but perhaps another time.



SOMEWHERE on the Lower Mississippi: This powerful tug, used far more to push than pull, pushed a refueling barge up alongside the Harmony to fill her up for the trip.

ing in Salisbury, Md., and launched and fitted out just a few months before I boarded, had no notion or space for a paddlewheel. Instead, we moved upriver effortlessly against a sometimes swift current, thanks to two 1810-hp. Caterpillar diesel engines, aided in some tricky places and in docking by twin 544-hp. side-thrusters.

I could hear the main engines, and most certainly the thrusters, in my boat deck stateroom. But they didn’t have to work hard most of the time, and anyway, in their own steady way much like a train, they lulled me to sleep.

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One of the stops was at Vicksburg, site of one of the more infamous clashes during the Civil War, or War of the Rebellion, or (take your pick, the list goes on) War Between the States. But in this case, it was far more siege than clash.

For some reason the idea of an actual siege, on the North American continent rather than in Medieval Europe, fascinated me during my more impressionable years, and my high school history teacher, Mr. Irwin, indulged me by furnishing me with a couple of books on the topic, which I devoured. Ergo, I had more than the usual interest in Vicksburg.

I chose to forgo the scheduled bus tour and hoof it, a decision I later regretted, if only a bit. Suffice to say that Vicksburg occupies an extensive (and wicked steep) bluff, the high ground, of course, hence its storied history.

Ulysses S. Grant wound up being the hero of Vicksburg, whose defenders were forced by lack of food and water to surrender after more than 40 days. These days about the thing people know about Grant is that he’s on the front of a \$50 bill, which is why I so seldom see him, and then only fleetingly.

Please address mail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.

A Christmas Story this weekend at Village Players Theater

WOLFEBORO — Be sure not to shoot your eye out and get to the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro this weekend for two screenings of A Christmas Story.

Adult Ralph Parker (Jean Shepherd – voice only) is remembering back to a Christmas season when he was nine years old living with his parents and his younger brother Randy (Ian Petrella) in the northern Indiana town of Holman. Then largely known as Ralphie (Peter Billingsley), he, like most kids, loved Christmas, his favorite time of the year. He often fantasized about things that he knows now would never

happen, but that within a kid’s mind are totally plausible. That Christmas was memorable for his contest-obsessed father winning a prize for the first time in his life, the prize that would be the bane of Ralphie’s mother’s (Melinda Dillon) existence; his father’s (Darren McGavin) seemingly never-ending battle with the furnace in the house and the neighbor’s pack of dogs; his mother’s attempts to get Randy to eat, since he was at a stage when he never ate anything voluntarily; Ralphie’s changing view toward the Little Orphan Annie radio program and commercial advertis-

ing; Ralphie and his friends Schwartz (R.D. Robb) and Flick’s (Scott Schwartz) changing battle with Scut Farkus (Zack Ward) and Grover Dill (Yano Anaya), their primary bullies; the triple dog dare Schwartz issued to Flick; and Ralphie’s new relationship with Lifebuoy soap. But most memorable was what he wanted more than anything for Christmas, an official Red Ryder carbine action 200-shot range model air rifle, aka a BB gun. As it looked increasingly like he was not going to get this prized gift, Ralphie went about trying to manipulate and outwit those he thought would either be the decision

makers or influencers of that gift, namely his parents, his teacher, Miss Shields, and the big guy at the North Pole, even if he was in the form of a less than empathetic department store version.

Come see this Christmas classic at the Village Players Theater, located at 51 Glendon St. in downtown Wolfeboro on Friday, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 21, with 7:30 p.m. starts both nights.

The Village Players movie series brings classic movies to the theater’s big screen one weekend a month throughout the year. The price remains the same and there are movie snacks for sale as well.

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lar General – the vehicle, which was brightly decorated with a digital sign displaying holiday-themed images, was about half full. Janet Leavitt said that the department had also been receiving some donations directly to the police department before the official event. She noted that the police department would like gift cards for older children, which they don’t often receive as donations.

Officer Leavitt said that Operation Santa Claus shows Barnstead residents, especially children, that police officers are resources who can be trusted. He said that he has noticed an increasingly positive view of the police department, particularly on social media.

Janet Leavitt added that Operation Santa Claus showcases the generosity of Barnstead residents. “We are a beautiful little community,” she said.

Operation Santa Claus will continue at the Barnstead Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 22, when families will be able to come and receive gifts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be there to distribute gifts alongside police department personnel. Additionally, children can bring their letters to Santa to the police department until Christmas Eve. “Every child deserves a good Christmas,” Janet Leavitt said.



KATHERINE LESNYK
THE BARNSTEAD Police Department’s Humvee was decorated with holiday-themed lights

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As the holiday break rolls around, the high school schedule slows down a bit.

The Prospect Mountain boys' basketball team will be hosting Raymond tonight, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. in the final game before the holiday tournament.

The Timber Wolf hoop girls will also be wrapping up the pre-holiday portion of its season with a trip to Raymond tonight, Dec. 19, for a 6:30 p.m. game.

The Prospect alpine ski team will be at Bretton Woods today, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m.

The Prospect Mountain and Kingswood indoor track teams will be competing at the University of New Hampshire at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21.

The Kingswood alpine ski team will be opening the season at King Pine today, Dec. 19, at 9:30 a.m.

The Kingswood hoop boys and girls will both play Pembroke at home on Friday, Dec. 20, with the girls playing at 6 p.m. and the boys following at 7:30 p.m. The Knight hoop girls will also be at Spaulding on Monday, Dec. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

The Kingswood hockey girls will be at Manchester Central for a 4 p.m. game on Friday, Dec. 20.

The Knight swimmers will be at Keene for a 6 p.m. meet on Friday, Dec. 20, and at Oyster River for a 10 a.m. meet on Sunday, Dec. 22.

The Kingswood boys' hockey team will be competing in the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament at the Ham Arena in Conway starting on Thursday, Dec. 26, with a 4:45 p.m. game against Somersworth-Coe-Brown.



KATHY SUTHERLAND

Opener

Alex Ludwig works hard under the basket during Prospect Mountain's opener on Friday, Dec. 13. The Timber Wolves dropped a 69-59 decision to the Spartans. The Timber Wolf hoop girls split two games, defeating Franklin 54-36 on Tuesday and then fell to the Spartans in Whitefield on Friday, 54-40. The boys and girls are both playing today, Dec. 19, against Raymond, with the boys at home at 6 p.m. and the girls on the road at 6:30 p.m.

Timber Wolf boys eighth in opening meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

DURHAM — The indoor track season officially kicked off on Saturday for the Prospect Mountain Timber Wolves.

The Prospect boys came through with an eighth place finish in the first meet, held at the University of New Hampshire's Paul Sweet Oval.

Michael Mott picked up a second place finish in the 600 meters with a time of 1:42.81 with Peter Dowd in eighth place in 1:54.8.

Hunter Arsenault had a fifth place finish in the 300 meters, crossing with a time of 41.95 seconds.

Frank Dowd added a sixth place finish with a time of 5:05.13.

The Timber Wolves also got two points in the 4X400-meter relay, as they finished in sixth place with a time of 4:18.27.

In the 55 meters, Arsenault finished in a time of 7.53 seconds for 13th place overall.

For the Timber Wolf girls, Chloe Kane finished 26th in the 55 meters in 8.86, just ahead of Ashlyn Dalrymple, who was 27th in 8.87 seconds.

Dalrymple finished in 18th place in the 300 meters in 55.33 seconds and Kane was 24th in 59.99 seconds.

Dalrymple finished in 12th place in the long jump with a leap of 11 feet, 11.5 inches.

The Timber Wolves will be at Plymouth State University for a meet on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m.

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Swimmers kick off the new season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The swim season officially began on Sunday, Dec 8, for the Kingswood and Prospect Mountain swim teams.

The squads competed at a meet hosted by Gilford. Prospect Mountain junior Trevor Smith won the 50 Free in a time of 24.06 seconds. He also won the 100 Free in a time of 53.23.

Kingswood's lone boy was Nolan Schultz, who finished fifth in the 50 Free in a time of 37.53 seconds and was third in the 100 Back with a time of 1:40.21.

Kingswood senior Sarah Bellefleur won the 100 Fly with a time of 1:12.15 and also swam to third place overall in the 100 Breast with a time of 1:24.26.

In the 50 Free, Kingswood's Lily Stinchfield finished in a time of 31.48 seconds for fifth place and Willa Ferris finished in eighth place in 35.93 seconds.

In the 100 Back, Stinchfield finished in second place in a time of 1:21.15 and Ferris swam to a time of 1:44.55.

The next meet is set for Friday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. at Keene and on Sunday, Dec. 22, there is a meet at Oyster River at 10 a.m.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Preseason tourney

Keeper Oleg Sheahan prepares to cover the puck during preseason action at Ham Arena on Saturday. Kingswood defeated Pembroke-Campbell by a 4-0 score, skated to a 1-1 tie with host Kennett and finished the night with a 1-0 loss to Berlin.

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Knight alpine boys return strong lineup

KINGSWOOD GIRLS HAVE NUMEROUS HOLES TO FILL

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys’ and girls’ alpine teams start the season in very different places.

The boys’ team graduated just one senior and returns four of its top five skiers from last year.

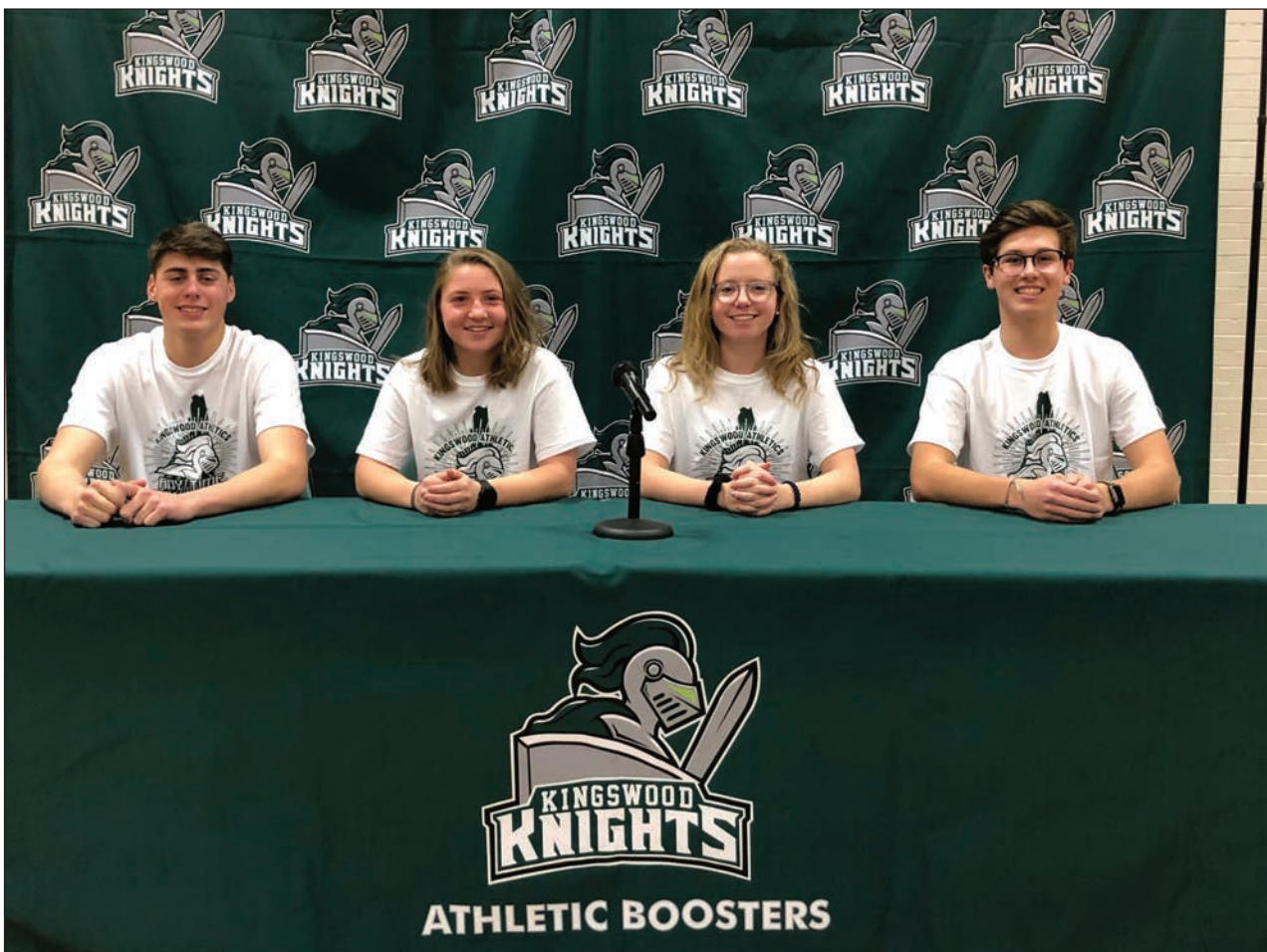
The girls’ team lost a large number of seniors from last year’s team, meaning there are plenty of spaces to fill in the lineup.

“The boys’ team lost just one senior and the top four are all back from last year,” said coach Kris Niiler. “But we lost a lot seniors for the girls, they’re going to have to work harder to maintain what they did last year.”

For the Knight boys, Jackson Walsh will serve as the team captain, returning to the slopes after being the team’s top skier much of last year.

He will be joined by fellow seniors Luke Shapiro, Josh Shapiro and Nick Lamie, all of whom are returning to the lineup as top five skiers from a year ago.

Fellow senior Noah Shatzer is making a bid to move up in the lineup



SENIORS on the Kingswood alpine team include (l to r) Jackson Walsh, Allison Bean, Hannah Crane and Noah Shatzer.

and crack the top six.

The boys’ team has just one junior, Calvin Kinville, who was a consistent scorer for the Knights during his sophomore season.

Sophomore Lou Arinello stepped up to fill in for a sick teammate in the State Meet last year as a freshman and will be back for another sea-

son on the slopes. Classmates Camden Colson and Robbie Hotchkiss are also both back, with the latter once again competing for Skimeister points. Skimeister combines both alpine and Nordic points at the State Meet.

Niiler notes that Cameron Yates was the team’s best eighth grad-

er a year ago and she is hopeful he can step up to a scoring spot as the season moves along. Fellow freshman Matthew Burch also moves up from the junior high team.

On the girls’ side of things, Hannah Crane and Allison Bean are the lone seniors and they will be serving as the team captains.

Bean was a top scorer for the Knights last year and is the defending Division II Skimeister champion.

Tayghen Gelinas, Carolyn Day and Alyssa Dow all return for their junior seasons. Gelinas

was a consistent scorer for the Knights during her sophomore season and this year she will join Day and Bean in competing for Skimeister points.

Sophomores Kylie Lewis and Rachael Paraskos are also back for the Knights. Paraskos was the team’s sixth skier at the State Meet last year and Niiler notes she has done a lot of offseason work.

“We’re going to have to count on some freshmen to step up,” Niiler said. “They all did well as eighth graders, but it’s hard to know where they’ll fit in.”

The freshmen include Abby Fournier, Abby Heald, Logan Jeddrey, Hadley Larson and Natalie Marcoullier.

While it’s tough to know how freshmen will do in the high school race, Niiler said that Kingswood does have an advantage since she coaches both teams and has a good idea of what each racer is capable of.

“I think we’re one of only a few schools where the middle school and high school teams are so closely connected,” Niiler stated.

The Knights were doing a lot of dryland training in anticipation of the opening of King Pine over this past weekend, when they were expected to be on snow for the first time.

“King Pine always has good snow,” she said. “We’re looking forward to the first race. It will be good to get on skis this weekend.”

The Knights have home meets on Dec. 19, Jan. 24 and Feb. 7. They also race at Cranmore twice and Gunstock twice in the regular season.

The Knights will open the season today, Dec. 19, at King Pine at 9:30 a.m. in the traditional pre-Christmas meet with Kennett.

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Kingswood Legends Games set for Dec. 27 and 29

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood Knights will host Kingswood Alumni “Legends” Games on Friday, Dec. 27, and Sunday, Dec. 29. This event provides Kingswood alumni the chance to play alongside their fellow alumni for the sports of basketball and ice hockey. All proceeds from the event will benefit the current respective programs.

A limited number of roster spots are available. For alumni interested in participating in these “Legends” Games, players must be graduates of Kingswood Regional High School and have lettered in their respective sport.

The entry fee for the Kingswood alumni girls’ and boys’ basketball “Legends” Games will be \$20. Each player will receive a game day “Legends” tee shirt.

The entry fee for the Kingswood alumni ice hockey “Legends” Game will be \$30. Each player will receive a complimentary “Legends” hockey jersey.

Visit www.kingswoodathletics.org for more information on participating in the Alumni Games.

Both games are open to alumni families and the public. Each game will feature “even” graduation years squaring off against “odd” graduation years.

The Kingswood alumni girls’ basketball “Legends” Game will be played at 5 p.m. on Dec. 27 in the KRHS varsity gym. The Kingswood alumni boys’ basketball “Legends” Game will be played after the girls’ game at 7 p.m.

The Kingswood alumni ice hockey “Legends” Game is a co-ed game, and will be played on Sunday, Dec. 29, at Pop Whalen Ice Arena. The puck will drop at 2 p.m.

For more information regarding these games, contact Kingswood Director of Athletics Aaron House via e-mail at ahouse@sau49.org or by phone at 569-8100.

Softball winter workouts Saturday afternoons

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Knight boys have eyes on D2 title game

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — There's plenty of familiar faces on the Kingswood boys' hockey team this year, which should bode well for the Knights in their bid to get to the Division II championship.

"We should be in decent shape this year," said coach Mike Potenza. "I think we're going to be in a position to be skating all three lines."

While that was the plan last year, a couple of injuries derailed those plans but the Knights seemingly have a full roster this time around that will allow them to challenge teams with more than one line.

Last year's top line of Nick Potenza, Colby Clegg and Sam Danais lost just one member to graduation after scoring the majority of the team's points last year. With Danais graduated, Potenza expects that Cody Emerson will slide into that role in his sophomore season. Emerson missed the end of last season with an injury and Potenza is happy to have him back in the lineup.

Senior Logan McEvoy, who joins Potenza and Clegg as the team captains, will be on the second line along with a pair of freshmen in Will Danais and Shaw Swinerton. The freshmen duo skated with the Knights all last season in practices, so they have been able to make the jump to the varsity level nicely.

The third line will see Austin Perkins, Jack Thompson and Cam DeVito. Additionally, Josh Paraskos and Braden Cash will be working to challenge for a spot on one of the lines.

Bailey Savage and



JOSHUA SPAULDING

LOGAN MCEVOY, Nick Potenza and Colby Clegg are the captains for the Kingswood boys' hockey team.

John Bean are back on the defensive side of things for the Knights and they will be asked to anchor the blue line with a couple of newer players. Cam Kean skated with the team last year as an eighth grader and is back as a freshman while Riley Smith returns to the ice after a year away and will also be asked to step in to a defensive role.

The Knights will have a trio of goaltenders on the back end of the defense, with Oleg Sheahan returning with the most experience and he will likely get the majority of the playing time. However, Luke Cassidy and Gage Lamontagne will also be vying for time.

"It's a nice luxury to have," said Potenza of his three keepers. "And I think we're going to be in a position that the other two will get some

time."

The coaching staff will also be a bit different this year, though the same faces are present at the rink. Assistant coach Peter Kelly has taken over the girls' program as the head coach but will still serve as an assistant for the boys. Assistant coach Bob Hughes will also serve as an assistant with the girls' team and on nights when the teams are playing in different places, Kelly and Hughes will travel with the girls and Potenza will be joined by assistant coaches Matt Tetreault and Andy Bonenfant. Potenza is also serving as an assistant coach for the girls' team.

"It's worked out well," Potenza said of the coaching arrangement, that sees the teams also share ice time at different points. "We've got plenty of coverage and we do joint skills time to-

gether as well."

Potenza notes that kicking the season off with Dover will be a nice challenge for his team

right out of the gate. And he's hopeful it's the start of a journey that takes a few steps farther than last year.

"I'd like to go a little farther than the last few years," the Knight coach said. "I'd like to make it to that last game this year."

The Knight schedule will include two games against Dover, Spaulding, Oyster River, Lebanon-Stevens, Portsmouth-Newmarket and Kennett as well as single games against Keene, Winnacunnet, St. Thomas, Goffstown and Merrimack.

The season kicked off after deadline on Monday against Dover and continued Wednesday at Spaulding. The team will be playing next in the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament at Ham Arena in Conway starting on Thursday, Dec. 26, against Somersworth-Coe-Brown at 4:45 p.m.

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Holiday tournaments on tap for local squads

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Lots of local teams will be participating in holiday tournaments over the final days of 2019.

The Kennett hockey team will be hosting the seventh annual Peter Hall Christmas Tournament at the Ham Arena.

Action will start on Thursday, Dec. 26, with a 3 p.m. game between Kennett and Berlin and a 4:45 p.m. game between Kingswood and Somersworth-Coe-Brown.

On Friday, Dec. 27, Berlin and Dover will play at 10 a.m., Somersworth-Coe-Brown and John Stark-Hopkinton will play at 11:45 a.m., Kennett and Dover will play at 3 p.m. and Kingswood and John Stark-Hopkinton will play at 4:45 p.m.

The final day of the tournament is Saturday, Dec. 28, with the consolation game at 3 p.m., the third place game at 4:45 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

The Kennett hoop boys and girls and the Plymouth hoop girls will all be taking part in the 41st annual Mike Lee Holiday Basketball Bash in Farmington starting

on Dec. 26.

The Plymouth girls will play Sunapee at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 26, with the Kennett boys playing St. Thomas at 2:30 p.m. and the Eagle girls playing Franklin at 3:45 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 27, Plymouth will be playing St. Thomas at 1:15 p.m. and the Kennett boys will be playing Derryfield at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 28, the Kennett girls will play at 1:15 p.m. while the Plymouth girls will play either at 10:45 a.m. or against Kennett at 1:15 p.m. and the Kennett boys will play either at 9:30 a.m. or 5 p.m.

Games on Sunday will have girls paying at 3 p.m. and boys at 7:30 p.m. The finals are on Monday, Dec. 30, with the girls playing at 5:30 p.m. and the boys at 7 p.m.

Newfound, Prospect Mountain and Kingswood will all be playing in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament at Gilford High School and Gilford Middle School.

On Friday, Dec. 27, the Kingswood girls will be playing Laconia at 11:30 a.m. in the high school, the Prospect

girls will be playing Belmont at 11:30 a.m. in the middle school and the Newfound girls will be playing Winnisquam in the middle school at 2:30 p.m. The Newfound boys will play Laconia at 1 p.m. in the high school, Prospect boys play Belmont at 1 p.m. in the middle school and the Kingswood boys play Winnisquam at 4 p.m. in the middle school.

The tournament continues on Saturday, Dec. 28, with consolation games in the middle school at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. The semifinals are at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the high school gym.

The championship games are Sunday, Dec. 29, with the girls at 4:30 p.m. and the boys at 6 p.m.

The Plymouth wrestling team will be competing in the Noble Holiday Tournament with 9:30 a.m. starts on Friday, Dec. 27, and Saturday, Dec. 28.

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Knight hoop boys aim for playoff spot

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — If the offseason is any indication, the Kingswood boys' hoop team is in for a good season.

"It's been a real good offseason," said Knight coach Dan Place. "A lot of kids showed up throughout the summer and fall. A lot of kids played."

Add to the strong presence in the offseason is the fact that the Knights return four of their five starters from last year's squad and they have a couple of younger players who are almost ready to step into varsity roles already.

More good news for the Knights includes the fact that all the coaching positions from the middle school through the JV program have been filled this year after Place had to do a lot of those jobs on his own last year.

Lynette Place returns as one of the junior high coaches while former Knight Andy Arsenaault has been hired as the other middle school coach. Dennis Zilembo, who comes to Kingswood with a ton of experience on the sidelines, will be the new JV coach and local coach Jeremy Sprince will take over the reserve program.

"Hopefully we'll stay with some consistency," Place said.

The four returning starters for the Knights include senior Matt Place, junior Brogan Shannon and sophomores Carter Morrissey and Ethan Arnold. All



JOSHUA SPAULDING

KINGSWOOD hoop seniors are four saw significant minutes for the Knights last year and return a year older and more experienced.

Junior Josh Fineron, after the first week of practice, had the inside track on the fifth starting spot but there was plenty of people in on the competition for playing time.

Seniors Ben Cochrane and Anthony Cardamone return looking to earn more playing time in their final seasons. Junior Patrick Runnals is also return-

ing to the varsity roster and should be competing for time.

Sophomore Ashton St. Pierre and senior Trevor Arnold, who played as a freshman but hasn't played since, are both vying for time as well.

Moving up from the JV team are sophomores Henry Saunders and Camden Orzechowski, who Place notes will likely see some time swinging down to the JV team to see some more minutes.

The Knight coach

knows that there is nothing easy about the Division II schedule but he is hopeful that his team is able to battle its way to the tournament for the first time since the 2011-2012 season.

"We know there's nothing easy out there," Place said. "There's no easy game on the schedule."

"But we're looking to compete every night and get into the tournament," the Knight coach continued. "I think that's a legitimate goal this year."

The Knight schedule includes two games each with Coe-Brown, Kenett and Plymouth and single games against Pembroke, Hanover, Sanborn, ConVal, Hollis-Brookline, Bow, Pelham, Oyster River, Souhegan, Merrimack Valley, John Stark and Manchester West.

Additionally, the team will once again be competing in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford. The tournament kicks off on Friday, Dec. 27, against Winnisquam.

The Knights will play just one game prior to the holiday break, as they will welcome Pembroke to town as part of a varsity doubleheader with the girls' team on Friday, Dec. 20. The boys are scheduled to tip-off at 7:30 p.m.

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Each match, held at Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro, runs for two hours, starting at 5:15 p.m.

Registration is open to men and women aged 14 or over. No previous experience is required, and participants may

join as individuals, with a partner, or as part of a complete team.

The LRCA will offer new players a learn-to-curl session on Sunday, Jan. 5, during which experienced curlers provide instruction in the rules and game play of curling. Curlers can use the traditional sliding delivery seen in television matches or use a "delivery stick" that lets the player walk to send the stone down the ice.

All equipment is provided and organizers will assist unaffiliated registrants in finding a

team.

Registration fee is \$195 per person. Registration forms as well as waiver forms for adults and for minors are available for download from the LRCA web site at lakescurlingnh.org.

Sometimes referred to as "chess on ice," curling originated on the marshes of Scotland in the early 1500s and came to North America with British colonists in the 18th century. First demonstrated at the 1926 Winter Olympics, it became an official Olympic sport in 1998

Nordic skiing program offered for K-8 students

WOLFEBORO — Winter is right around the corner. Get your kid outside and embracing the winter with the Kingswood Learn to Nordic Ski Program. Nordic skiing is a great source of exercise that gets you out in the fresh air and snow. This program is free and takes place over five Mondays in January and February. The exact dates are Jan. 6, 13, and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10.

It will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Abenaki Ski Area.

This program is available to K – 8 students of all athletic levels and a desire to learn what Nordic skiing is all about. They'll be taught the basics of skiing by members of the Kingswood Nordic ski team and coaches from the Wolfeboro Nordic Ski Club. Registration for the program can be done

at www.kingswoodathletics.org.

Need equipment? Skis, boots and poles can be purchased for a discount at the Nordic Skier in Wolfeboro or rented through the program. There is a limited supply of seasonal rentals for program participants. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bean at ebean@sau49.org or Kate Kerin at kate.e.kerin@gmail.com.

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New coach has high expectations for Knight hockey girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — A new coaching staff and an influx of new players has sparked a little life into the Kingswood girls' hockey program as the new season begins.

With 19 girls eligible to play, including 14 who are either sophomores or freshmen, the Knights will be a young team but new coach Peter Kelly likes what he's seen from his group.

"We only have one senior graduating, so the numbers are really strong for the next year or two," Kelly said.

The new coaching formula for hockey combines the coaches for the boys' and girls' teams. Kelly has served as an assistant coach for the boys' team the past few years and will continue to help out that team. Fellow boys' assistant coach Bob Hughes and boys' head coach Mike Potenza will also serve as assistants for the girls' team. Additionally, Sara Potenza and girls' lacrosse coach Meg Anderson will also serve as assistant coaches.

"I wanted them to see players who played at a higher level and they can relate to better than the male coaches," Kelly said. "I wanted someone that would help improve



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ABBY HOSSACK (left) and Abby Kelly will be the captains for the Kingswood girls' hockey team.

them and help them be better players."

The Knights have just one senior, Katherine Lessard, who has been part of the team the last few years and will be looked to for her experience.

There are three Knights returning for their junior seasons in Alexis Booth, Abby Hossack and Quinn Meserve. All three saw time for the Knights as

sophomores and will be expected to pick up more time this year.

There are also four sophomores back in the fold for Kingswood, including Abby Kelly, the team's leading scorer from a year ago. Ella Savage returns to play goal for the Knights and both Alexis Eldridge and Haley Brooks are back for their sophomore seasons.

Kelly and Hossack

will be the team's captains this season.

The Knight coach notes he is expecting good things from freshman Sarah Paraskos, who's had a good pre-season and Ella Santulli, who practiced with the team last year as a middle schooler. With seven freshmen and seven sophomores, more than half of the team is underclassmen.

"We're working on

a new system this year that should make an impact," Kelly said. "Keep it simple."

The Knights have also seen a lot more practice time this year than they did last year and they have also spent time practicing with the boys' team.

"The number of practices they have is three times the amount of last year, so they'll see more ice time in general," Kel-

ly said. "And practicing with the boys, it allows the girls to see drills done at a higher tempo so they can better understand how it's supposed to work."

With all of the girls' hockey teams in the state in one division, the Knights will certainly have a hard road ahead, but Kelly is optimistic.

"I'm expecting this year, the goal is to make the playoffs," he said. "It's a large division but I have a good feeling we should be able to win half our games."

The Knights will have two games each with Manchester Central-Memorial, Bedford, ConVal-Conant and Berlin and single games against Oyster River-Portsmouth, St. Thomas-Winnacunnet, Concord, Bishop Brady-Trinity-West, Pinkerton, Keene-Monadnock-Fall Mountain, Exeter, Bishop Guertin, Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge and Souhegan.

The Knights will kick off their season on Friday, Dec. 20, at Manchester Central-Memorial at 4 p.m.

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Locals earn football All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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REGION — Following the conclusion of the football season, the Division II North Conference All-State team was selected.

Plymouth coach Chris Sanborn earned the Coach of the Year honors while Steven Guerrette of Bow was named the Player of the Year.

Offense First Team went to running backs Dom Jones of Kennett and Joe D'Ambruso of Plymouth, receiver Kyle Perry of Kennett, linemen Jacob Duquette of Plymouth and Cody Eastman of Kennett and

kick returner Parker Coleman of Kennett.

Also earning First Team honors for offense were running back Thomas Rolla of Bow, quarterback Alex Cheek of Gilford-Belmont, tight end Cooper Larrabee of Bow, linemen Andrew Berube and Hunter Laflamme of Bow and Jake Currier of Merrimack Valley and kicker Kayden Easter of John Stark.

Defense First Team went to linemen Sean Griffiths of Plymouth and Bobby Graustein of Kennett, linebacker Austin Tallman of Plymouth and defensive backs Cole Johnston and Cale

Swanson of Plymouth.

Also earning First Team for defense were linemen Will Zachistal of Bow and Seth Baylus of Merrimack Valley, linebackers Chris Wheeler of Bow, Zach Williams of Merrimack Valley and Jacob Ride-nour of John Stark and defensive backs Caleb Morse of Hanover and Nikos Biskaduros of John Stark.

Offense Second Team went to quarterback Cody Bannon of Plymouth, receivers Braden Bailey of Kennett and Trevan Sanborn of Plymouth, linemen Atley Corson and Aiden Pennenga of Kingswood

and kick returner Devan Wade of Kingswood.

Also earning Second Team for offense were running backs Travis Knouse of Merrimack Valley, Blake Desco-teaux of Gilford-Belmont and Nate Quinn of Pembroke, tight end Nate Cassidy of Pembroke and linemen Benjamin Wagner of Hanover and Jonathan Muise of Bow.

Defense Second Team went to linemen Joe Thorne of Plymouth and Joe Deighan and Jackson McCullough of Kingswood, linebackers JC Gaumer of Plymouth, Matt Drew of Kingswood and Gaven Gagne of Kennett and defensive back Justin Olson of Kennett.

Also earning Second Team for defense were lineman Devin Bourget

of Pembroke, linebackers Jonathan Mitchell of Gilford-Belmont and Tanna Valliere of Merrimack Valley and defensive backs Andrew Bliss and Sebastian Beaulieu of Bow and Jack Schaefer of Pembroke.

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Girls' Hoops at Raymond; 6:30
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Friday, Dec. 20

KENNETT
Boys' Hoops vs. Coe-Brown; 6:30
Girls' Hoops at Coe-Brown; 6:30
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Hoops vs. Pembroke; 7:30
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Saturday, Dec. 21

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Indoor Track at UNH; 10
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Indoor Track at UNH; 10
Sunday, Dec. 22


KINGSWOOD
Swimming at Oyster River; 10
Monday, Dec. 23

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Boys' Hoops at Laconia; 6
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KINGSWOOD
Girls' Hoops at Spaulding; 6:30
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KENNETT
Boys' Hoops at Farmington Tournament; 2:30
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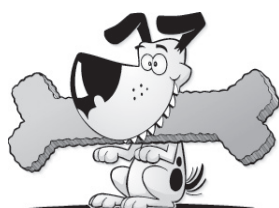
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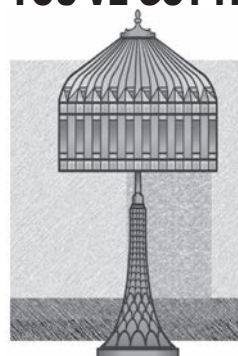
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Knight girls fourth in opening meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

DURHAM — The Kingswood indoor track team kicked off the season at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday.

The Knight girls finished in fourth place overall on the day for the first meet.

Caitlin Carpenter finished in second place in the 55 meters in a time of 7.92 seconds with Elizabeth Morrison in seventh place in 8.33 seconds and Irena Pettit in 35th place in 9.21 seconds.

In the 300 meters, Morrison ran to second place with a time of 47.64 seconds.

Rosemary Carpenter took third place overall in the 600 meters with a time of 1:58.67.

Sarah Carpenter was second overall in the 1,500 meters in a time of 5:54.19 with Carolyn Day finishing in third in 5:54.82 and Karla Dureau in ninth place in 6:47.2.

The Kingswood girls



SENIORS Elizabeth Morrison (left) and Caitlin Carpenter represented the indoor track team at the winter media night at Kingswood.

finished in second place in the 4X400-meter relay with a time of 4:48.61.

Caitlin Carpenter fin-

ished in third place in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 3.75 inches.

Kathryn Mann was

11th in the shot put with a toss of 21 feet, half an inch and Emily Carpenter was 18th with a toss

of 13 feet, 9.5 inches.

The Knight boys finished ninth overall on the day.

Devan Wade had a fourth place finish in the 55 meters, finishing in a time of 7.27 seconds with Quinn Lucas in 31st place in 8.16 seconds.

Freshman Riley Saxby ran to fifth place in the 600 meters with a time of 1:52.32.

Classmate Michael Wainwright ran to sixth place overall in the 55-meter hurdles with his time of 11.18 seconds.

Wade also added a fourth place in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 10.5 inches.

In the shot put, Tyler Houle was 13th at 27 feet, 7.5 inches and Caleb Russo was 15th at 26 feet, five inches.

The Knights will be back in action on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the University of New Hampshire at 10 a.m.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

A well-deserved honor for one of the good guys

I was hired by New Hampshire Hall of Fame sportswriter Mike Whaley to cover sports at Kennett High School for the Carroll County Independent in early 2001.

I started with the spring season that year and one of my first calls was to Kennett softball coach Peter Ames.

Up until this past

spring along with track coach Bernie Livingston, Ames was only one of the two coaches left that I talked to in that first season that is still coaching to this day.

Now, he joins three other coaches I talked to that spring in having facilities at the high school named after him. The Peter Ames Gymnasium

was officially dedicated on Friday night in a ceremony prior to the girls' basketball team's first game of the season. The Peter Ames Gymnasium is now part of Kennett history, along with the Livingston Oval, named after Livingston, the Jon C. Judge Tennis Courts and the Bob Burns Baseball Field, named after

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



longtime baseball coach Bob Burns, who I also spoke to in that original season covering sports at Kennett.

It's weird to think that, along with late football coach Gary Milen, there are four facilities named after people who I've worked with on a regular basis. That speaks volumes about their coaching legacies

and their impressive records over the course of their careers.

It was great to see the dedication ceremony on Friday night in the gym at Kennett High School. I always like to see people that I respect and admire being honored with things like that. There are a lot of facilities named after people who donated a lot of money, which is understandable. But the coaches I deal with on a regular basis didn't get their names on facilities by donating lots of money, but because of the legacy they have left on their respective sports.

Now that I've been doing this for a long time, I've seen the impact that good coaches can have on the lives of the athletes they coach. It boggles my mind to think of the number of lives that veteran coaches have touched over their careers. People like Bernie and Pete, who recently retired after more than four decades at the helm of the Kennett softball team. Or people like current Kingswood baseball coach Chip Skelley who's been around just as long. Recently retired coaches Tom Underwood and Chuck Lenah-


an at Plymouth, Bubba Noyes at Prospect Mountain and Karri Peterson at Newfound also fit that mold. It's truly been an honor to watch them all coach.

And there's also lots of great new coaches out there too and it's quite possible that one day I'll be covering ceremonies where facilities are named after them.


It was an absolute honor to work with coach Ames for almost two decades and it was great to see his hard work for Kennett High School pay off with something so well-deserved.

So, finally, have a great day Peter and Joan Ames.

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