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Light Up Night a holiday joy

BY BRIAN MURRAY

Contributing Writer

ALTON When Santa Claus stepped out of the town fire engine that delivered him to Light Up Night on Saturday, it seemed like he brought the frigid North Pole cold with him.

But that couldn't stop dozens of children with their moms, dads, brothers, sisters and other family members in tow from attending the annual festival that officially ushers in the town's holiday season.

Despite the shivery temps, scores of youngsters suited up in a



KATHY SUTHERLAND

SANTA CLAUS did his best to comfort a few kids who were a bit apprehensive about the man in red at Saturday's Light Up Night.

huge display of colorful winter coats, hats and mittens greeted Jolly Old Saint Nick as he exited his holiday-red motorized sled.

And as Santa made his way up the Town Hall steps, children bursting with excitement rushed after him into the building and out of the evening chill.

On their way to have a personal chat with Santa Claus, youngsters passed by a table chockful of toys from which each little girl and boy could select

the best surprise that caught their eyes.

There was something for all: dolls in red dresses and holiday tresses, paddleballs, multiple toy cars and trucks and much, much more.

After that kids anxiously waited in line for a chance to sit next to Santa Claus and tell him their greatest holiday wishes.

Not surprisingly, their answers ranged from the traditional requests for dolls and trucks and Lego sets, to a few children wanting other gifts, such as one little boy who wanted two walkie talkies one for himself and the other for his dad.

Another child piped up that she wanted "another horse, of course."

Six-year old Ozzy Schmidt was amazingly candid when Santa asked him if he had been good.

"Nope," Ozzy replied, much to the delight of adults nearby.

Some youngsters, too shy to look Santa Claus in the eye, sent darting glances to their parents looking for answers from them.

It was there in his workshop that Santa shared his holiday message, reminding children: "Most important

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Budget and dump policy dominate **November New Durham talk**

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

DURHAM NEW "Budget, budget, budget," is how Town Administrator Scott Kinmond summarized town leaders' priorities over the past couple months. The Baysider recently had a chance to catch up with the town administrator to discuss some priorities of the selectmen, town department heads, and his own office.

"Tis the season for budgeting at least," Kinmond said, adding that numbers would be finalized on Dec. 4 the day he took a few moments to sit down with the Baysider. He said that the selectmen have been meeting weekly (as opposed to bi-weekly) since late September.

Kinmond said the financial portion for March voting is all but set, although there will still be considerable future discussion devoted to non-budgetary warrant articles.

As it stands, the expense side of the budget would require an additional 26 cents per \$1,000 of property valuation. Following this formula, a property owner whose real estate is worth \$100k might expect to pay an additional \$26 in tax.

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In total, the overall of a nickel. rate may increase from 2017's \$22.76 to \$23.02. While acknowledging the increase, Kinmond was quick to note that New Durham's rate is the second lowest in the county, right after the town of Strafford. He suggested that this was a considerable achievement given the town's lack of a commercial base and the amount of land under current use or some other kind of conservation easement.

A number of variables factor into the setting of the tax rate, Kinmond explained. He said some factors are within the purview and discretion of the town, while others are not. The overall rate takes local municipal services, district- and state-level education expenses, and county taxes into consider-

Kinmond offered a breakdown.

He said taxes devoted to municipal services such as highway maintenance and public safety will decrease from \$5.07 per \$1,000 in the current year to \$5.02 in the proposed 2018 budget. The TA noted that this is the one part of the budget where selectmen, the TA, and department heads have significant discretion.

Kinmond said that lowering this portion of the tax rate was nonetheless a challenge with the addition of an additional fifth full-time police officer, as well as continual hikes in health insurance premiums for employees. He said the proposed allocation of \$150k from the fund balance allowed budget planners to take what would have been a 31-cent-per-thousand increase and transform it into a decrease

"We were fortunate to have the resources to keep the rate low," Kinmond said. He hinted, however, that relying on fund balances indefinitely is "not sustainable."

"You can only do this for so long," he said, drawing a comparison between the town budget and a family's household budget.

"You'd eventually run out in your own household budget if you relied too heavily over the long term on your savings to pay for the day-to-day," Kinmond elaborated.

The nickel-per-thousand savings at the municipal level was offset by a five-cent increase in what the town is obligated to pay toward its state education tax contribution - an increase from \$2.44 to \$2.49 per thousand of

valuation. While the town's county tax liability dropped a considerable 12-cents-per-\$1,000 (\$3.03 to \$2.91), this savings was obliterated by a 38-cent-per-\$1,000 increase in district-level local education obliga-

tions (\$12.22 to \$12.60). Additionally, residents of the northernmost section of town in Copple Crown - also known as the "second district" - can expect an additional increase from \$8.50 to \$9.75 per thousand.

According to the town web site, "The Copple Crown Village District is a small, separate government entity located within the town of New Durham... formed in 1978 by a vote of the residents in that area." As of 2017, 83 individual homes lie in this district, which is wedged between Wolfeboro and Middleton. The web site notes that Copple Crown selects an independent board

of commissioners that oversees "the construction, maintenance and care of parks and recreational promotion; the impoundment of water; and the layout, acceptance, construction and maintenance of roads."

On the whole, Kinmond said that a town budget is a multifaceted plan that involves both expenses and rev-

On the revenue side SEE NEW DURHAM, PAGE A9

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Baysider at Jackson Hole

Skip and Barbara Cutting of Strafford check out The Baysider in Jackson Hole, Wyo. while touring National Parks in the west. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

Help fill the Holiday Food Basket to benefit food pantry

WOLFEBORO The Rotary Club of Wolfeboro's five-day "Holiday Food Basket" fundraiser this week runs through Saturday, Dec. 9, benefitting the L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food and funds are being accepting at Spencer-Hughes Real Estate Office at 22 South Main St. in Wolfeboro or online at www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.org.

Early indications are that 2017's event will exceed its goal of \$45,000, according to Rick Hilton, a member of food pantry board of directors and a deacon at Saint Katharine Drexel Church, one of the seven churches that founded the food pantry 32 years ago.



L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry volunteers make it possible to provide neighbors in need with two full meals for every single dollar donated.

"The Holiday Food Basket is our community at its best, bringing businesses.

and individuals in a cooperative effort to help our neighbors, regardless of religion, poliservice organizations tics, ethnicity, or the other factors that seem so divisive in some communities,"

Hilton. "We work well together to end hunger in our region, and the generosity of our friends and neighbors is on track right now to set a new standard of generosity."

The food pantry currently serves 719 families, including 1,791 people. Because it is staffed by volunteers in space provided by All Saints Episcopal Church, operating costs are extremely low: utilities, insurance and office supplies. The willingness of volunteers to drive a truck and trailer to Manchester each week to "shop" the large warehouse of Catholic Charities' New Hampshire Food Bank means that the pantry can

purchase food for as little as 18 cents a pound in addition to food donated by area farms, food stores, and other businesses.

The net effect of donations, Food Bank purchases, and volunteer work is the food pantry's ability to provide a needy neighbor two full meals for every single dollar donated.

WASR Radio, AM 1420, will broadcast Holiday Basket interviews and updates between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Saturday, with WASR announcers and volunteers from Rotary and L.I.F.E. Ministries.

For more information, contact the Food Pantry at 569-0202 or www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.org.

PMHS Budget Committee holding work sessions, public hearing

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Budget Committee will meet and hold two work sessions and a public hearing concerning the 2018-2019 high school bud-

The committee will hold work sessions on the budget on Friday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 12. There will not public input, the combe any public input during the work ses-

On Monday, Dec. 18, the committee will hold a public hearing on the budget. At the beginning of the meeting, the committee will hear any and all public input on the budget. Following the close of Mountain High School.

mittee will begin its deliberations and make our recommendations on the budget. There will be no further public input.

All work sessions and the public hearing will start at 6 p.m. and will be held in the library at Prospect

Rotary After Hours at Johnson's Dec. 11

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Rotary by participating

ALTON — The Al-Barnstead and New Durham Centennial Rotary will host its next monthly Rotary After Hours on Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m. at Johnson's Restaurant, Route 11, New Durham. This meet and greet invitational is open to the general public and business people who'd like to learn about Rotary, engage in business to business networking. discuss how to become involved

as a non-member volunteer, and/or on how to become a member of Rotary. A cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Discussing what Rotary is all about, exchanging of business cards, and fellowship will be the focus of the meeting.

The first Rotary After Hours was held in August as a way for Rotary to reach out and let people know what an asset Rotary can be in their communities. Rotary raises money for charitable giving and engages in 'hands on' activities

to support local needs.

Rotary is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious worldwide service organization of more than 1.2 million members of dedicated men and women working to save and improve lives both locally and globally. The Alton, Barnstead. New Durham Centennial meets for one hour every Thursday for breakfast, fun, fellowship and planning events at 7 a.m. at the Alton Community and Senior Center, 7 Pearson Road, Alton. To reserve your 'place at the table,' please RSVP no later than Dec. 8, by contacting Rotarian David Bloser at dcbloser@ gmail.com.

Come see A Muppet Christmas Carol at Oscar Foss on Friday

BARNSTEAD - Joinin at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library for a showing of "A Muppet Christmas Carol" (rated G) Friday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Some light refreshments will be provided. Pajamas and snuggling items are always wel-

Oscar's elves

Bring your presents to the library on Saturday, Dec. 16, and have them wrapped by Oscar's elves. Simply drop your presents off in the meeting room with the elves and then enjoy some hot chocolate, cookies and a good book while the elves

go to work wrapping your presents for you. Gift wrapping services will be available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are by donation, with all proceeds going towards library programming.

Cold weather collection

The library will be collecting cold weather accessories (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves) for the Barnstead Thrift Store and Barnstead Elementary School. Handmade items are welcome. They will continue to collect items throughout the month of December.

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

Breakfast buffet Dec. 17 in Alton

ALTON — On Sunday, Dec. 17, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee

and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So, join them for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. They hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, to www.winnipesaukeemasons.com, or contact Jim Matarozzo at 875-7127.

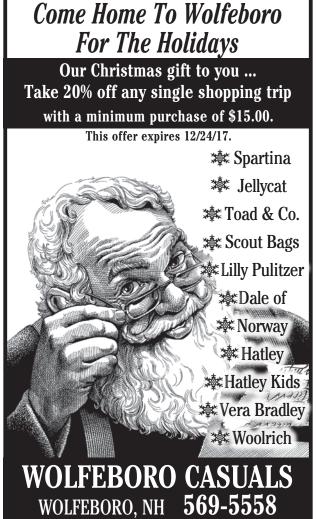


Help support Rotary's student scholarships at

Kingswood, Technology Center, and Brewster Academy

Happy Holidays to you from the Rotary Club!

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New Durham tax rate released

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Board of Selectmen and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue (DRA) have now established the official 2017 tax rate for New Durham for the December 2017 tax billing purposes. This year's rate for the town portion of the tax rate is a one percent reduction from the prior year with this year's town rate at \$5.02 per thousand dollar valuation. However, the town operating portion valuation

decrease is more than offset by a significant increase in the Governor Wentworth Regional School portion of the rate being approximately a 3.1 percent increase (or \$0.38 per thousand increase).

Additional components to the tax rate from the county and state education, when added to the municipal and school portions, make the total new tax rate for New Durham of \$23.02 per thousand dollar valua-

tion. The comparison of the most recent tax rate setting to the prior year is noted in the table that follows:

For 2016, municipal (town) rate was \$5.07 and this year is \$5.02, approximately one percent

County rate for 2016 was \$3.03 and this year is \$2.91, a decrease of 3.96 percent.

The state education rate in 2016 was \$2.44 and this year is \$2.49, an increase of 2.05 percent.

The local education (GWRSD) rate for 2016 was \$12.22 and for this year is \$12.60, an increase of 3.11 percent.

The overall tax rate for New Durham was \$22.76 for 2016 and \$23.02 for this year, up 1.14 percent.

Copple Crown Village rate went from \$8.50 last year to \$9.75 this year, an increase of 14.71 percent, with the overall rate for Copple Crown going from \$31.26 to \$32.77, an increase of 4.83 percent.

The two contributing parts that cause the current tax rate increases (Governor Wentworth Regional School District and state education) are not controlled by the town of New Durham municipal budget process. Only the town budget portion of the tax rate is managed by the New Durham Select Board and budget committee. The board of selectmen, town administrator, and the town staff note that they continue to work hard to control cost as they continue to prepare the 2018 budget.

The New Durham Tax Collector expected to have the December billing for 2017 tax bills in the mail by Nov, 22 and these will be due on or before Dec. 28. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Town Administrator Scott Kinmond at skinmond@ newdurhamnh.us 859-2091- Ext. 106.

Forestry workshops inspire woodlot owners and woodworkers

MILTON — In early November, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) teamed up with Branch Hill Farm/ the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust to offer two forestry workshops led by consulting forester Charlie Moreno. 'Restoration of a Forest' and 'Wood: From Forest to Workbench' showcased two Branch Hill Farmowned properties in Milton where Moreno has worked to improve the long term quality of the forest through sustainable forestry practices. The restoration workshop was intended for woodlot owners, whereas the forest to workbench workshop was aimed at woodworkers; several enthusiastic participants attended both.

Both workshops covered the economics of forest products — the costs of cutting, trucking and milling (different for hardwoods and softwoods) to prepare the tree products for market, and the potential value of timber from a poor quality stand up through an exceptional quality stand. For example, high qualitv hardwood veneer logs can be worth 20 times as much as an equal volume of firewood.

Participants learned its timber value. A high value tree is straight, sound, and limbless, so the boards have no knots. For white pine, long log lengths are important. Special and valuable hardwood grains, or 'figure,' such as 'tiger maple' or 'curly maple' are sometimes revealed after logs are milled into boards. Board footage can be estimated from the measured circumference and height of the tree, with adjustments for defects. The branches and treetop generally yield only low value products such as firewood, pulp, or chip-

wood. Sustainable management is key to cultivating a high value timber stand over the long term, and insuring that the forest is regenerated. A sustainably managed forest will be diverse in tree species and ages, including some mature high quality timber trees to propagate by seed. A forest that has been high-graded (all the best trees removed, sometimes repeatedly) will quickly lose both its timber value and resilience to disease or disturbance but can be coaxed



KARI LYGREN - COURTESY PHOTO RESTORATION OF A FOREST" workshop attendees posed for a group photo with forester Charlie Moreno (third from left with

back to health and quality timber with good forestry practices.

white cup).

In the Jones Brook East forest, which had been severely high-graded before purchase by Branch Hill Farm, American beech had taken over and white pine was nearly absent in large areas. Although beech is valuable for wildlife and is used for lower value wood products such as dowels and firewood, a beech monoculture is unhealthy. A lack of species diversity reduces forest value for both timber and wildlife habitat. Moreno showed restoration workshop attendees several steps being taken to restore this forest, including removal of beech in a biomass harvest, planting of thousands of white pine seedlings supplemented by natural regeneration, and successive forest stand improvement (FSI) treatments to 'release' desirable seedlings and saplings by cutting nearby beech. These FSI treatments allow critical light to penetrate through to the wanted

Touch a truck this Sunday at Alton Central

ebrating their second birthday with a touch a truck event featuring the Alton Fire Department, Alton Police Department and Alton Highway Department.

The event will take place on Sunday, Dec.

how to size up a tree for join Aroma Joe's in celp.m. at Alton Central School. This free event will feature a raffle as well as a police K9 presentation at noon.

> Those coming are asked to bring a non-perishable item as a donation to the Alton Food Pantry.

young trees and stimu-

late their growth. If given such a chance, most trees will grow an inch in diameter every year. Experiments are also under way to determine the most effective and cost efficient means to slow beech regeneration by comparing various sapling cutting intervals in several beech thicket plots.

Forest to workbench participants learned to identify the many hardwood species of trees that are the source of the types of wood they love to work with and to recognize the tree species of milled boards. They also learned about scaling logs and the meticulous process of air drying lumber after milling. Carefully stacked boards and slower air drying is crucial early on.

MMRG member Frank Frazier was one of those attending both workshops. Afterwards, he said, "I was very inspired by these workshops. My biggest take-away was the passion Charlie Moreno has to look at the forest and think not just five or 20 years but 1,000 years ahead and to start the process of putting the forest back into balance after 300 years of mankind's heavy hand upon the land. And he gave some great practical info on how to maximize future revenues on the trees you have now, how to manage your woodlands not only for bio-diversity but also for growing trees that can become valuable veneer logs and saw logs down the road." MMRG, a non-prof-

it land trust, works to conserve and connect important water resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land in Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Throughout the year, MMRG 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. mmrg.info. 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.branchillfarm.

ALTON — Come 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 PMHS sophomores hosting shoe drive

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Class of 2020 is hosting a shoe drive fundraiser. All collected shoes will be delivered to developing countries, such as Ghana, Bolivia, and Haiti. These shoes are sold at significantly lower prices and create working opportunities. The sophomore class is profited with every pair of donated shoes. Their goal is to collect 300 bags

of 25 pairs each. Shoes must be wearable and have no holes. Please donate in any of the white cardboard donation boxes stationed at the Alton Town Hall, the Barnstead Town Hall, or in the reception area at PMHS. The fundraiser is currently taking place and will run through Jan. 20. All donations are helpful and are greatly appreciated.

Legion kids' Christmas party is Dec. 16

ALTON — The American Legion Auxiliary of Unit 72 Alton will hold its annual children's Christmas party on Dec. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the

post home on Route 28 in Alton. Santa will be on hand to greet the children and there will be games, gifts and refreshments.





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Opinion

Happy holiday season

The holiday season is officially in full gear in the local communities, as Alton's Light Up Night unofficially kicked off the season on Saturday night.

We love this time of year, for many reasons, but mainly because of the promise of family getting together to celebrate and the general happiness that seems to permeate much of the few weeks around the holidays.

But we also acknowledge that the holidays are not the easiest of times for many people and we know it's important to be sensitive to the feelings of those around you as you celebrate the holidays.

For people who have recently lost a loved one, the holidays can be hard. We know this feeling well and can empathize. That first holiday season without that person in your life can be difficult. We urge community members to be on the lookout for friends and family who may have lost someone close in the last year and who might be feeling a little down as the holidays approach. Sometimes a simple invitation to enjoy a holiday meal can brighten up someone's day.

There's also a lot of people out there who are struggling to make ends meet, who might be fretting having to buy holiday presents for their children. This is always such a difficult time of year for those with financial struggles. Whether it's the loss of a job or an unexpected home or auto repair, there's always things that have to be dealt with and often times there's not enough money left for Christmas presents.

This is where local residents have really stepped up to provide for those in the community who might be struggling. The Mrs. Santa Fund (call Town Hall for more information) helps to provide gifts to those who might go without this season. The good work done by these volunteers should be praised up and down the streets of Alton in a George Bailey level of excitement. These people quietly go about their work and each year locals benefit from their work, as well as the donations from community members.

The same goes for the local food pantries, who do a fantastic job of keeping those in need in the community fed, not just during the holiday months, but all year. The tireless volunteers and the community supporters always seem to show up at just the right time and the holidays is certainly one of those times.

If you are one of those people who could benefit from the help of the Mrs. Santa or the local food pantry, don't be afraid to reach out. There are great people who are willing to help.

It's a message that goes throughout the year, but one that is especially notable as the holidays approach and that is to remember those less fortunate than you. Not everyone can afford to help, but if you can, please consider supporting these wonderful local groups (and the many like them) that help to make the holidays a bit better for folks who are struggling a little.



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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Band in the gym

Members of the Prospect Mountain pep band play during halftime of the girls' basketball team's home opener on Friday, Dec. 1.

Letters to the Editor

Light Up Night a success in Alton

To the Editor:

"Light up Night" was held in Alton on Saturday, Dec. 2, with community members celebrating the holidays together. The town of Alton would like to thank the families for attending the event and the organizations that helped make the event possible. A special thank you to Santa for meeting with girls and boys at the Town Hall, the Alton Business Association for decorating the tree in Ginny Douglas Park, the Alton Garden Club for decorating the Ginny Douglas Park gazebo and hanging wreaths on the town buildings, Alton Home and Lumber Center for sponsoring the

holiday hayride, PMHS Chamber Singers for performing "A Yuletide Celebration" at the Community Church of Alton, Carolyn Schaeffner for leading the caroling to Ginny Douglas Park, Joan and Paul Blackwood for sponsoring the holiday craft for kids at Town Hall, and the Parks and Recreation Department staff for decorating the Alton Bay Bandstand and town buildings for the holidays. Thank you also to Steve Parker for decorating the Alton Bay water bandstand with lights.

Kellie Troendle Alton Parks and Recreation Director

Thanks for making senior celebration a success

To the Editor:

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those who helped the 2017 Senior Holiday Celebration. With over 125 attendees, wonderful entertainment, delicious food, and neighbors to celebrate with, the event was a success.

We'd also like to recognize the 2017 recipient of the Boston Post Cane, Christina Rice and the 2017 Senior Citizen of the Year, Fred Quimby.

Special thanks to the volunteers of the New Durham Food Pantry for their time helping to plan, prep and run the event. Additional thanks to: Winnie Berry, Dana Berry, the three Lons, Anna Berry, Dot Veisel, Carol Allen, Terry Jarvis, Cathy Orlowicz, the town of New Durham, Donna Young, Sheri Joy, Robin and Dave Stuart, the Murray kids, Katie and Carl Woods, Lindt Chocolate Factory, Joan and Da-

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New Durham Parks and Recreation

Vote your conscience

To the Editor:

With all of the political turmoil and noise coming out of the White House and Congress, it's easy for us to become oblivious to the things that really matter. Especially during this holiday season, as we make special efforts to be with friends and family, and remember those who have gone before us, the overflowing Washington cesspool is the last thing we need to think about.

As you sit back and reflect on the year that has passed by so swiftly, ask yourself these questions: Are we really better off than we were last year? Has your family's income increased enough to offset your rising costs? Have the Republicans done anything to help my family? Is the impending tax cut for the rich going to help my family? Have the Republicans' efforts to sabotage Obamacare increased my family's health insurance costs? Does my outlook for the new year look brighter? Will my Republican repre-

sentatives in the New Hampshire House and Senate work for the common man, or keep pandering to the wealthy and their closely held corporations and trusts?

If you can answer all of these questions positively, then good for you and your family. Keep on doing what you have been doing. If you cannot answer them positively, don't you think it's time to make a change?

The mid-term elections are less than 12 months away. It's not too early to start thinking about who will represent your interests. Don't be easily lured by all of the advertisements that the Koch brothers and their ilk will be flooding the media with during the next election cycle. They will be buying the politicians who will represent them and their rich friends. Think for yourself and reject their pleas for your vote. Vote your conscience.

Ronald Blais Barnstead

Rights are under attack

To the Editor:

Is it a right or a privilege? This is the debate I hear when folks talk about healthcare policy and public education (my belief is that both are rights, but that's another letter). What about voting rights? Merriam-Webster states a right is something to which one has a just claim, such as a power or privilege to which one is justly entitled. A privilege is a right or liberty granted as a favor or benefit especially to some and not others. I hope we can all agree that voting in the USA is a right (and yes, we are privileged to have that right, as there are places in the world that do not). Unfortunately, we have elected representatives working to make voting a benefit to some and not to others (a privilege). Voting rights are under attack as states (NH included) pass voter suppression laws. Voter suppression is a strategy to influence election outcomes by discouraging or preventing certain people from voting; think voter ID laws, purging of voter rolls, and cuts to early voting. These make it harder for many Americans to vote. Voter fraud is often cited as justification for such laws, yet, the evidence of voter fraud is almost non-existent, both nationally and here in NH. These laws can lead to significant burdens for some eligible voters trying to exercise their

most fundamental constitutional right. Perhaps you and I do not feel it is a hardship to show identification or prove residency at the polls, but that is an example of privilege. Studies suggest that up to 11 percent of American citizens lack a government issued photo ID and would be required to navigate administrative burdens to obtain one or forego the right to vote entirely. Here in NH, SB3, a voter suppression bill, was passed earlier this year, though it is facing legal challenges. How did your representative/senator vote? Another NH bill working its way through the process is HB372, a worse version of SB3, designed to disenfranchise college students. Be informed. Don't be fooled by pithy statements and five-second sound bites. Just because a voter suppression bill might not affect you personally, everyone's vote counts and should be counted if we are to truly be a government of the people by the people and for the people. Let your elected officials know how you feel, then watch how they vote, and remember that the mid-term elections are less than a year away. America claims to be a beacon of democracy. We should not tolerate tactics that suppress voter turnout.

> Suzanne Allison Barnstead

Clearlakes Chorale presenting Handel's Messiah this weekend

ALTON — The Clearlakes Chorale will present two performances of its 2017 Christmas holiday program, George Frederic Handel's oratorio, Messiah, this upcoming weekend, Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at

2 p.m. Both concerts will liott Markow and four be held at St. Katharine Drexel church, in Alton. The 80-voice chorale, with Andy Campbell, director, and Nancy Farris, accompanist, will be joined in these performances by an orchestra, with Concertmaster El-

professional vocal soloists.

Handel didn't know whether the piece would be a flop or a hit until he heard it premiered, at the Music Hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742. That first audience was bowled



CLEARLAKES CHORALE will be presenting its Christmas concerts this weekend.

over – stunned by the music's emotional direct-

ness and spiritual power. The performance earned unanimous praise from the assembled press.

The warm reception accorded to Messiah in Dublin was not repeated in London when Handel conducted the London premier at the Covent Garden theater on March 23, 1743. The contention was that the work's subject matter was too exalted to be performed as public entertainment in

a theater. In an attempt to deflect such sensibilities, in London Handel had avoided the name "Messiah" and presented the work as the "New Sacred Oratorio".

London's initially cool reception of Messiah led Handel to make several changes in the music. Moreover, he decided to curtail, for the next six years, the planned number of performances, until a revival at Covent Garden in 1749 under the proper title of Messiah.

The following year, 1750, saw the institution of the annual charity performances of Messiah at London's Foundling Hospital, which continued until Handel's death, and beyond.

These Clearlakes Chorale performances will take place at St. Katharine Drexel Church in Alton. Tickets can be purchased in Wolfeboro at Black's, online at http:// clearlakeschorale.org/ tickets.html, and at the

NORTH RIVER BAND will be in Barnstead on New Year's Eve.

New Year's Eve concert will feature North River Band

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

North River's Americana sound blends two and threepart harmonies with expressive musicianship and a familiar selection of folk, pop and country songs. The core group, from the Rochester area, features long time seacoast area musician Dan Poland joined

BARNSTEAD — On by vocalists Dianne McMillan and Vicky Poland. The full band includes keyboardist Brian Randall, bassist Tom Kesil on guitar and Dan Fishbein on drums. Poland and McMillan, the vocal dynamic duo of the band, have been singing together since 2005 and met singing in the acapella group "Vocal Exchange."

The concert will start at 7 p.m., end about 9 p.m., and as always, intermission will feature, milk, cookies, tea, coffee and assorted other desserts and beverages. At some point in the

evening, will pass out the words to the song American Pie and they will all sing. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Chris Bonoli at 340-1468, and a time can be arranged to drop off your tickets in advance. Reservations will also be accepted at the same phone number. They have 112 seats, please help fill those seats and benefit 68 Hours of Hunger. Food donations will also be accepted for the Barnstead Food Pantry. Call if you have any questions at 340-1468.

Village Players holding auditions Sunday and Monday

WOLFEBORO — The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro is looking forward to the new year with a full slate of shows scheduled in 2018 and auditions for the first show of the year will be held in the coming week.

Veteran Village Players director Carol Bense will be directing Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley. Bense will be assisted by Bob Tuttle.

Crimes of the Heart is a drama exploring the lives of three sisters from a family in the south. While it is a serious drama, it also includes moments of comedy and won the Pulitzer

Prize in 1981 and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Crimes of the Heart was made into a movie starring Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange and Sissy Spacek in 1986.

Deep in the south, three sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in a local hospital. The oldest sister is Lenny, who is unmarried at 30 and facing diminishing marital prospects. Meg is the middle sister, who has returned to her hometown after a failed singing career on the west coast. The youngest sister is Babe, who is out on bail after shooting her husband in the stomach.

Their troubles are highlighted by their cousin, Chick, and the young lawyer who tries to keep Babe out of jail while remaining helpless not to fall in love

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with her.

The cast includes four women and two men and there will be roles behind the scenes in a number of different ar-

Auditions for Crimes of the Heart will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10, and Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Village Players Theater, located on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro. Production dates for the show are April 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15.

Auditions are open to anyone interested, just show up for one of the evening auditions. If you are unable to attend either audition session, please e-mail the director at cwbense@roadrunner.com.

If you are interested in helping out the production in a behind-thescenes role, e-mail producer Joshua Spaulding at trumpet138@hotmail.

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New Durham End 68 Hours of Hunger

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

Thank goodness for the water at Levey Park

BY VIVIAN LEE DION

Contributing Writer During our last major storm, we lost electricity for 2.5 days. This meant the faithful pump for our well didn't work, and the furnace was silent. Considering the damage of downed trees, and debris in the roads, here on the hilltop at Windy Hollow, we remained unscathed. All that mattered is that we were safe from the elements and together. Antique lanterns with clear glass chimneys were lit after sunset, and the

peacefulness. Thankfully, my husband, Ray, had filled two five-gallon water containers and stored them in the cellar. Their main usage was to prime our pump, but in this crisis situation they are used to flush the toilet, and wash dishes.

glow of the wood burn-

ing stove not only pro-

vided heat, but created

a comfortable sense of

I'm reminded of the poem by English poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge:

"Water, water everywhere,

And all the boards

did shrink; Water, water everywhere,

drop to Nor any drink."

Luckily, my husband remembered the water supply at Levey Park in Alton. When we first bought our property many years ago beautiful, crystal clear water was available, and we made numerous trips to

get drinking water. Now, we are there once again, two cars are parked near the water faucet. We are third in line. Another car pulls up after we start filling our two five-gallon containers. Because it is a weekday, we are all senior citizens getting fresh water. Everyone obeys the posted sign at the water spigot; "This water supply is provided as a courtesy to the

public by the Alton Water Works. Please limit quantity to 10 gallons per visit." Commission-

ers, Alton Water Works. We were like employees around the water cooler. We mingle, and catch up on the latest storm news, learn what areas are without electricity and talk of how we are coping. The drinking water is like gold coming from the faucet, and everyone appreciates it. We smile as the containers are put in the trunk. It's another day with fresh drinking

water for enjoying a cup of hot tea or coffee, and preparing family meals.

Thanks to Alton, and the Commissioners at the Alton Water Works for allowing access to water at Levey Park. As Stephen Johnson writes, "Water is the lifeblood of our bodies, our economy, our nation, and our wellbeing." How lucky we are to have crystal, clear water during this unusual weather event.

Vivian Lee Dion of New Durham is a writer and speaker





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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 marking period ending Nov. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all classes will receive Honors recognition.

Highest Honors

Grade 12: Emma Abraham, Alexys Austin, Andrew Bacon, Sarah Bean, Kasey Birth, Nicole Cayon, Nicholas Chapman, Cheney, Christopher Bryton Clifford, Rebecca Coache, Abigail Coulter, Sarah Delaney, Patrick Doherty, Ariel Guldbrandsen, Paulo Hidalgo Romagnoli, Sarah Hotchkiss, Shawna Knowles, Brian Lindsay, Hanson Matheson, Mikayla Matos, Dylan McCann, Eileen McKenna, Elizabeth McNamara, Julia Merullo, Liam Morrissey, Connor Nelson, Molly Newbury, Sarah O'Keefe, Marianna Palladino, Garrett Perkins, Alan Sam, Aubry Shaw,

Cameron Taatjes, Jenni Talbot, Dominick Tavares, Grace Trites, Taylor Tufts, Hailey Wood.

Grade 11: Geri Andrea, Charles Arinello, Amanda Bartee, Mack-Chamberlain, Brett Conley, Rebecca Connelly, Bridget Coughlin, Joshua Duntley, Emily Hall, Sydni Hanson, Kelly Holland, Cameron Mann, Kaitlin Miller, Hunter Montgomery, Ashley Retter, Megan Roche, Madison Shatzer, Virginia Skelley, Samantha Tavares, Megan Todd, June Zavas.

Grade 10: Trevor Arnold, Allison Bean, Sarah Bellefleur, Jill Blocher, Alyssa Bolstridge, Raelyn Booth, Lillian Bouwens, Anthony Cardamone, Nicholas Catalano. Warren Dahl. Tyler Domings, Chloe Dore, Anna Gantt, Garry, Cyrus Gauthier, Nathan Hallam, Charlotte Hardy, Olivia Hart, Hannah Hillsgrove, Tyler Mahler, Molly Mansfield, Mary McCarthy, Hannah Moore, Caleb Morrill, Patrick Murphy, Caitlyn Murray, Bradley Peluso, Elizabeth Purington, Katherine Ricci, Lyan Sam,

Madeline Seigars, Anna Smith, Aaron Stanard, Makayla Swidrak, Samuel Thurston, Janis Walker, Madeline Ward, Joseph Wasson, Ella Weiss.

Grade 9: Ruth Allard, William April, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Grace Cardamone, Kaitlyn Catalano, Brooke Christian, Mercedes Covill, Carolyn Day, Erica Delemus, Bailey Dexter, Joshua Finneron, Nia Garland, Genevieve Hanson, David Hartley, Ashlyne Henderson, Trentin Huffman, Calvin Kinville, Eliza Lucas, Faith Mac-Brien, Kathryn Mann, McConarty. Rebecca Paige Moore, Nelson, Jacquelyn Perry, Irena Pettit, Aidan Phillips, Jaden Powers, Hayden Robischeau, Cathryn Shannon, Cassidy Simpson, Mark Stanard, Samantha Wainwright, Mackenzie Waldrip, Makenzie

Honors

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Grade 12: Gwyneth Anderson, Chase Bailey, Alissa Baldwin, Garrison Barron, Samuel Barton, Fisher Bickerton, Nathaniel Bolles, Philip Borel-Grace Saunders, Shane li, Alyson Brannan,

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Parent/child paint night is Friday

Several slots are still available for the parent/ child Paint Night tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at the New Durham Public Library.

"Usually we alternate the parent and child event with a Paint Night strictly for adults," Li-

NEW DURHAM — brary Director Cathy Allyn said. "But the last class had such a large waiting list, we wanted to offer it again right away."

Paint Master Felicitas Tucker leads participants stroke by stroke to create an acrylic paint

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Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

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

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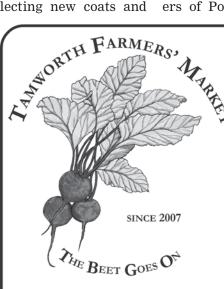
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The snow pants for children collecting coats until in the local community. Coats can be dropped off at the Post 72 home on Route 28 Alton. The American Legion Riders of Post 72 will be

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



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Hoop clinic, exercise classes available in Alton

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based

on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agen-

cy sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming

opinions or relying on this information. Additional pub-

licly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and PMHS varsity basketball teams are sponsoring a basketball clinic for players in grades one through four. The clinic will be held at PMHS on Saturdays, Jan. 6-27 from 9 to 11 a.m. The program is a skills clinic providing a fun and developmental environment for players who are beginning their journey into the game of basketball. The clinic will include skills, drills, shooting,

obstacles, dribbling, etc. The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 15, forms are available at www.alton.nh.gov.

Alton Parks and **Recreation exercise** classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston focuses on breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment. Geared toward participants who know basic postures. Class ends in seated meditation and savassana. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at

the Alton Bay Community Center.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay

Center Community from 8 to 9 a.m.

Strength Training and Yoga with AF-AA-certified Troendle is a class for active adults held Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Museum. Use free weights to strengthen and train

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New Year's Eve party at Alton Legion

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

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

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BY MARK PATTERSON

Contributing Writer There is a provision within many 401(k)and 403(b) plans that may be advantageous to many people who are in these plans but not aware of an available option called "in- service" distributions. Employer 401(k) plan admins and human resources departments typically do not advertise the option of rolling current 401(k) assets into a self -directed IRA. The law allows workers to distribute their 401(k) assets to an IRA, qualified account or pay the taxes and take cash. This of course is for people over the age of 59 and a half. Younger people may be able to move assets to another qualified account. Much information can be found in the plan documents as to whether your company allows the in-service distribution

and what the rules are. Before you move any money, you should have your tax professional or tax savvy planner review the plan documents and rules so you do not create a taxable event or a penalty.

There are many good reasons to consider an in-service distribution if it is available to you. Many 401(k) plans do not offer the variety of choices that we may want to consider, especially as we approach retirement age. Professional asset allocation, lower fees, access to

Mark on the Markets

"In-service" distributions

fixed indexed annuities that have guaranteed income are just a few reasons that it may make sense to consider moving some assets out of your 401(k). Structuring a bond ladder with varied maturity dates versus a bond fund whose maturity dates can't be customized 401(k)s only option, is a real consideration for in-service distribution. Some 401k plans offer a choice for the purchase of individual stocks. While that is a great option, I would want to buy these stocks in my self-directed IRA to avoid the 401ks plan

administrative cost. Moving assets out of your 401(k) doesn't mean that you can no longer participate in the plan. You should still use the plan at least to the extent of the employer match, if they match.

Many employers have done a great job choosing a 401(k) plan that offers low cost index funds or at least an assortment of funds that offer variety for good diversification. Some plans are not so good. If your plan has few choices and high fees, you may want to explore your options.

Once you leave a job you should not leave your money in your old company plan in most cases. These "stranded" assets may be much better managed in an IRA with more choice, less fees.

As an advisor, I believe that an IRA offers much more flexibility and choices than a 401(k) plan, but if you are new to the work

force and have not really accumulated assets in your 401(k), then defer as much of your income as allowed into the plan or at least as much as the employer

matches. If you have free, as you approach reaccess to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(K), you may want to pay the taxes now and let the money grow and take distribution in retirement, tax

tirement age, the choices for allocation and deployment of assets becomes more sophisticated than many 401(k)or 403(b) plans can deliver.

Mark Patterson is an investment advisor with MHP Asset Management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-Asset.com

Lake Winnipesaukee Association toasts successful partnership to protect the lake

REGION — Proceeds from the recently crafted Winnipesaukee Rosé by Hermit Woods Winery are being put to good use by the Lake Winnipesaukee Association (LWA).

Not only is Lake Winnipesaukee third largest lake in New England, it is also the most visited lake, bringing hundreds of thousands of people each year to swim, boat, fish and enjoy its magnificent beauty. A little over 44,000 acres, it's a lot of area for the Lake Winnipesaukee Association to cover in their mission is to protect the water quality and natural resources of the lake. As Pat Tarpey, Executive Director, explains "The lake enjoys good water quality today, but is under threat from stormwater runoff, invasive plant and animal species, nutrient loading, and more. Our organization relies on memberships, donations, and grants

to monitor and tackle the threats facing the lake, which is why we are very grateful to Hermit Woods Winery for their commitment to our lake protection programs."

This past spring, Hermit Woods Winery crafted a new wine. Winnipesaukee Rosé, to help raise funds for and awareness of the lake association's work. The Winery is donating 10 percents of the profits from the sale of the wine to LWA, and recently presented the organization with a check for \$1,934, bringing the total donated this year to over \$3,400. Per Ken Hardcastle, Hermit Woods winemaker, the partnership has worked out better than anticipated, "Everything came together perfectly; I am very happy with the wine, the beautiful label created by Stephen Hodecker, and am so pleased that all this came together for such a good cause." Bob

Manley, Hermit Woods Co-founder, is also enthusiastic about the partnership, "This is the second installment of what we hope to be many, many more. Our Winnipesaukee Rosé has become one of our best selling wines. It's not only a great way for us to help raise the funds this organization needs to do the good work they do, but the distribution of our wine helps raise awareness of the organization across the State. You can now find our Winnipesaukee Rosé in the New Hampshire State Liquor stores."

Local artist Hodecker generously donated the artwork for the label, as well as giving the Lake Winnipesaukee Association 20 percent of the proceeds from sale of his and his sister Christine's artwork exhibited at the winery, generating over \$600 for the association. "It's been such a great experience working with Bob Manley and Stephen Hodecker. Their positive response to this project, and the resulting success of the wine has been amazing. Our work stems from a deep appreciation and love for the lake and its environment, and desire to keep it beautiful and clean for countless generations. We cannot do it alone; it is gratifying to know that local businesses care and want to help," said Tarpey.

The Lake Winnipesaukee Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Winnipesaukee's water quality and natural resources through monitoring, education, stewardship, and science guided approaches for lake management. To learn more about the organization, visit www.winnipesaukee.org.

Hermit Woods Winery was included in the 2017 Food & Wine guide as one of the 500 best wineries in America, and their Petite Blue was selected by Ray Isle, Wine Editor for Food and Wine, as his favorite craft beverage in New Hampshire.

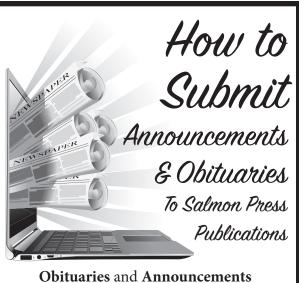
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Cookie walk Dec. 16 in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church will hold its annual cookie walk on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Parade Church on the Barnstead Parade Grounds. Christmas crafts will also be available. Join in for a free cup of coffee or cocoa while you browse.

They look forward to seeing you on Dec. 16.



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A YOUNGSTER gets a hug from Santa Claus at Saturday's Light Up Night in Alton.

KATHY SUTHERLAND ALTON HOME AND LUMBER provided a hayride at the annual Light Up Night.

KATHY SUTHERLAND

LIGHTS

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is the gift we give from our hearts, like a smile when somebody's sad."

After a visit with Santa Claus, kids with a new toy in hand clambered up the steps to the second floor where they were given out a handmade owl ornament to hang from

their holiday tree.

There children selected noodle eyes and a colored ribbon to personalize their decorative treat.

But that was hardly the last festival present in store for eventgoers.

Once again outside in the night's cold waited a hay wagon to take one and all for a ride of the local surrounds.

As soon as one merry group got off the wagon - replete with white lights strung along its sides, a small lighted holiday tree and fresh smelling bales of hay dozens of new riders boarded the wagon for their own festive spin around town.

A super special holiday surprise awaited those on the last trip, which was headed for the town tree lighting.

and

Santa Claus himself ambled up onto the hay wagon, and numerous kids scrambled to sit next to him.

After greeting all aboard, Jolly Old Saint Nick led a rousing chorus of "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Once everyone got

off the night's last haywagon ride, they rushed to gather at the nearby gazebo in Ginny Douglas Park, where Santa stood center stage while some hundred-plus people warmed the air in dis-

play of holiday songs. And to everyone's cheer, amid a heartfelt round of "Joy to the World" and just a touch of Santa's magic, the tree suddenly burst into a glorious blaze of color.

As soon as the lighting ceremony was over families raced to their nearby vehicles so they could take their holiday warmth home with them.

The success of Light Up Night could not have been possible without the numerous people working behind the scenes.

With one of their

large trucks, Alton Home and Lumber was the literal driving force behind the hayride, and Parks and Recreation Director Kellie Troendle did her part, dressed up as a holiday elf greeting the parade of youngsters as they entered Town Hall. Alton Parks and Recreation staff were also on hand to help out.

The festival was pulled together by the Alton Business Association and many, many others. Roger Sample, leader of the business association, shared why the smaller tree next to the annual one was decked out.

He explained that roaring winds ripped through the tree, dislodging the first set of lights, so they were forced to use the neighboring tree.

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of the ledger, he said there is reason for optimism with a recent rise in real estate pric-

Kinmond also said he is looking at ways to generate additional lars into town coffers. revenue. He said a proposed revision to the town's solid waste fee structure could bring in additional dollars.

Currently, residents purchase a \$2 dump sticker that is good for life. Kinmond said that such an approach, dating back to 1991, is out of line with the practice of most municipalities, and that New Durham is potentially "leaving a lot of revenue on the table."

"We maybe make \$100 per year right now, just with a few new people moving into town," Kinmond said.

He proposed to the selectmen that they consider a two-year sticker that would cost \$10 to renew. Kinmond said the BOS was con-

ceptually onboard, but that the group thought the fee too high. A compromise fee of \$5 for every two years seemed agreeable.

Kinmond said such an approach will bring several thousand dol-

"It will also strengthen our efforts at compliance," he added, noting that, anecdotally, it is believed that residents from neighboring towns are unauthorizedly using the New Durham transfer station.

"In Farmington, they have pay-as-youthrow, so there might be some people from there who are using our service for free by taking out-of-town trash to our facility and causing a burden," Kinmond speculated.

"A biennial renewal will generate some additional revenue and help us gain some compliance," Kinmond added.

Kinmond also said that some tightening is in order for so-called

"commercial haulers." For folks not wanting to go to the dump themselves, there are a few entrepreneurs who will pick up and dump residential trash and recyclables.

fees for these haulers will increase from \$60 to \$100. Haulers will also be asked to take extra steps to verify that all trash originates in New Durham. Key to this will be asking their customers to purchase dump stickers that they can show to a hauler to verify residency. Each sticker is cross-referenced with a unique customer ID number.

Kinmond expects the new decals - whose color will change over various cycles - should be in by late this week and that they should be available for sale shortly. He said the new revenue-generating policy should be in effect by Jan. 1.

As is current practice, dump stickers will continue to allow residents to gain access to the town beach.

Kinmond said he and other town lead-Kinmond said that ers are committed to ransfer station license an ongoing open dialogue with taxpayers and residents. An example of this endeavor is the recently-instituted "Coffee with the Town" discussions that have been held monthly at the general store. Residents are invited to join selectmen or key town staffers to discuss matters of interest over coffee. Kinmond said of the first four, up to a dozen people have taken part in

each session. And as the budget is finalized, Kinmond said interested taxpayers can receive eBlasts with the latest news via e-mail. People wanting to receive news alerts can sign up at www. newdurhamnh.us.

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Love snow or loathe it or regard it as a quilt

The land needs a rest, and a good rest needs a blanket. This is how I rationalize snow, a temporary state of water but water on the brain to many a friend and relation.

You'd think, the farther north you go, the more people would be accustomed to snow and accept it for what it is, one of five seasons, the fifth being Mud. But no, they seem to hate it all the more.

So much so that in late February or early March, when the rising sun begins melting a glaze on southwest-facing snow banks, a good many people, the elderly seemingly foremost among them, actually begin shoveling snow from lawns onto briefly warmed sidewalks. This is one of my enduring memories from childhood days, when Simone Bennett would attack snow with a vengeance otherwise reserved for the only thing she ever admitted hating, Communists.

A few days ago, remembering of youthful abandon when snow was just another medium for play, I asked someone a bit younger, a couple of decades or so, whether she had ever warmed up her fingers by thrusting her hands under her armpits. This was a decidedly personal question, but I expected to be forgiven because this person was a nurse trying to get an oxygen count from a thimble jammed onto one cold finger (mine) and then another, to no avail.

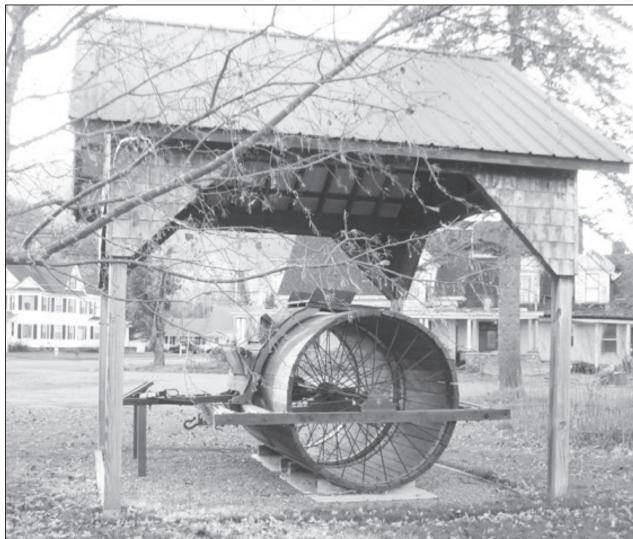
No, she answered, strangely, perhaps as surprised by my quesNORTH COUNTRY **NOTEBOOK**

tion as I was by her answer. Harking back as I did to morning-long outings in the snow to build forts and tunnels and, when conditions were right, to make snowballs, I could not imagine how she had missed out on the armpit business.

Hearing about this exchange, my neighbor, who was my transportation to the hospital and back that night, recalled helping with the milking on the family farm, and putting his frozen hands to warm up in the armpit-like space between a cow's udder and inner thigh. "I don't remember a cow ever complaining about it one bit," he said, both of us knowing from bitter experience that there are many ways a cow can complain.

On a Saturday morning, our mother would point to snow-pants and jackets and mittens and muddled piles of boots, and then to the door, and say, in the sweet mid-fifties version, at least, "Get out." It was her time to do laundry and housecleaning, and our time to get out from underfoot and play in the

For some reason, we never thought of snow as a threatening medium, but instead as just something else to push around and play in. Warmer months were different. While neighbors' kids had to stay inside, noses looking at me a bit pressed to windows, we went out and played in River, just over the



ONE OF Colebrook's old snow rollers harks back to the days before trucks were big and powerful enough to push snowplows, or before there were even trucks. Oldsters might add that it was before kids dared to whine, lest they get more chores.

We had our own front and back yards, but that was a time when everyone's back yards were held in common, and in the winter we crawled and hopped around the neighborhood like snow fleas. At noon or so we'd troop in, divest ourselves of snow gear, refuel on soup and sandwiches, and go right back out until dark.

At age 11 or so I got my first pair of real skis, as opposed to the peg-tipped, leather-harnessed skis our parents grew up on. The nearest rope-tow was across the river in Canaan, Vt., and the nearest honest to gosh real ski area was at Sunday Maine state line.

Billy Haynes and I were desperate to learn the newest turning technique, the stem christie, but back then the conventional wisdom was that you had to have packed snow to do it.

Ray Hicks was a nearby farmer with a heart of gold when it came to kids, and his broad, steep pasture was a half-mile slog from home. Yet there Bill and I headed, weekend after weekend, skis on shoulders, clomping along up Route 145 in

the bear-trap ski boots of the day.

It took six skilengths to pack a trail wide enough for the turns of the day. This meant that Bill and I spent the entire morning side-stepping up and down Ray's pasture to create a suitable ski area. Back down home for lunch we went, while the packed snow set up just so, and back up we went to spend the rest of daylight happily climbing up, and skiing

In the warming hut

of Colebrook's own rope tow a decade or so later, on that very same hill, I told this story to the newest generation of skiers, and even then they couldn't believe it.

This column is syndicated in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, including town and telephone numbers in case of questions, should be addressed to campguyhooligan@ gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Wolfeboro author's new book now on sale

WOLFEBORO Local resident James Cross wants everybody to know that The Big W is Wolfeboro. Cross is a late-comer to Wolfeboro, first visiting there at Christmas in 1994. Coming from steamy Louisiana to a quaint New England village to spend the holiday with his daughter seemed like a wonderful idea and he arrived with all sorts of preconceived notions. All of his notions were wrong, but that didn't stop him from enjoying Wolfeboro and the people there.

He returned to Wolfeboro often to visit his daughter and participate in her wedding, becoming enamored with the area. Escaping the heat and humidity of Louisiana certainly helped, but he loved visiting the people who lived in Wolfeboro and going to the many interesting places to eat, visit, and shop. It doesn't seem normal that a person from the deep South would retire to Wolfeboro, but that is exactly what Cross did.

Cross moved to Wolfeboro with gusto. He joined a local church, a men's bridge club, the croquet club, the Village Players community theater group and Friends of Music. He gleefully

told all his friends and relatives from Louisiana what a wonderful time he was having and got many of them to visit and enjoy the area with him.

He decided to write about his adventures and misadventures, and has put together a funny collection of stories he calls Tales From The Big W. The book begins with the story of how he came to Wolfeboro, ends with what he loves about Wolfeboro, and in between is filled with stories of how he experiences Wolfeboro with

great joy. Tales From The Big W is on sale at the Country Bookseller in Wolfeboro. A signing, reading, and visit with the author is scheduled there on Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. until 2



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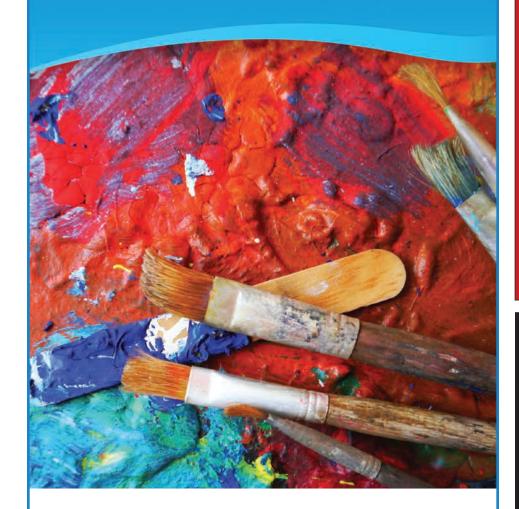
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Christmas magic

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WHAT'S ON TAP

More teams join the regular season schedule as the local high schools head into the month of December.

At Prospect Mountain, the girls' basketball team will be at Raymond on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. and will be hosting Belmont at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Timber Wolf basketball boys will join the regular season fray when they visit Belmont on Tuesday, Dec. 12, for a 6 p.m. game.

The Prospect alpine ski team is also expected to open the season in the coming week, journeying to Bretton Woods on Thursday, Dec. 14, for a 10 a.m. meet.

At Kingswood, the girls' basketball team will open the season on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., hosting Merrimack Valley and will be hosting Oyster River on Tuesday, Dec. 12, also at 6 p.m.

The Kingswood hockey teams will be starting the season on Wednesday, Dec. 13, with the girls hosting Lebanon at 5 p.m. and the boys hosting Alvirne at 7 p.m.

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Timber Wolves battle to opening night win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — Prospect Mountain girls' basketball coach Rick Burley knew his team would not be able to rely on the height advantage that got the Timber Wolves to the Division III semifinals last year.

However, in the first game of the season, the front line came through with 26 of the team's 46 points, including nine of the team's 11 points in the fourth quarter as Prospect picked up a 46-41 win over St. Thomas on Friday, Dec. 1.

"We knew we had to find our identity, we knew we are a small, scrappy team," Burley said. "That being said, some of the smaller girls stepped up fundamentally, boxing out.

"Any time you lose six players, it's going to be a new look," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "I'm pleased with how they responded defensively."

Emmalee Riel got Prospect's first basket of the new season but the Saints came back and tied the game at two. Ali Brown drilled a three-pointer to put the Timber Wolves up by three but the visitors answered with a hoop to get back within one. Back-toback hoops from Brown



ALI BROWN puts up a shot during her team's win over St. Thomas on Friday night.

Nadia Huggard up by a 9-4 score. The put the Timber Wolves Saints answered with



JOSHUA SPAULDING

LEAH DUNNE drives to the basket in action on Friday night against St. Thomas.

two hoops in a row to cut

the lead to one again but

Leah Dunne then sank

St. Thomas came back with two hoops to tie the score at 12 but a Tiffany White three-pointer finished out the quarter for the Timber Wolves, giving them a 15-12 lead through the first eight minutes. Mackenzie Burke had

a three-pointer for a 12-8

the first hoop of the second quarter and then came back with a block on the defensive end. Riel hit a free throw to up the lead to 18-12 before the Saints got their first hoop of the quarter more than two minutes in to cut the lead to 18-14. Brown hit a hoop and then Burke put back a rebound for a 22-14 lead. After a St. Thomas basket, Dunne hit two free throws to make it 24-16.

The visitors went on a quick spurt, drilling a three-pointer, a free throw and then a hoop in the final 20 seconds to cut the lead to 24-22. However, Burke hit two free throws to close out the first half, giving Prospect a 26-22 halftime lead.

The two teams exchanged baskets to open the third quarter, with SEE HOOPS, PAGE B3

Knight girls hosting kids' hoop clinics

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood girls' basketball team will once again be hosting six weeks of basketball clinics for girls in kindergarten through sixth

Any players interested in taking part in the clinic can sign up on the school's athletic department web site at kingswoodhsathletics.com or they can just stop in on the first day and register then.

The clinics will start this Saturday, Dec. 9, and will run from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. each Saturday morning.





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Faragher takes helm for Prospect hoop boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — After four years coaching the JV boys at Kingswood, Joe Faragher is taking his basketball talents a few miles south on Route 28 to serve as the new varsity boys' hoop coach at Prospect Mountain High School.

The new coach inherits a team that won just two games last year but returns a number of players from last year's varsity roster.

"We've got a young program overall and the main focus is creating a competitive atmosphere while getting better each day," Faragher said. "The guys seem receptive and have worked very hard early on and it's a good start."

Faragher, who will continue to teach at Kingswood while coaching at Prospect Mountain, played high school basketball outside of Cleve-

land, Ohio and came east to play college basketball at New England College. He stayed on at the school as an assistant for two years and after that went on to coach a year of middle school girls' basketball before taking the helm of the Kingswood JV boys under varsity coach Dan Place four years ago. He has also helped out at various basketball camps throughout his career.

Faragher notes that seniors Luke Mostoller and Bobby Quirk, juniors Cutlas Greeley, Randy Dyer and Justin Perrin and sophomores Keegan Unzen and Brandon Stellon all are returning to the varsity squad after seeing at least some time last year on the varsity court.

"Several other players who were in the program last year either will be making a varsity or JV appearance," Faragher stated.

Perrin was set to have a big role on last year's team before he was injured in the preseason, while the other players saw time on the court. All of them will be looking to take their game up a step in the coming year.

The Timber Wolves, who got wins over Laconia and Newfound (coached by former PMHS coach Tom Bourdeau) last year, will see both of those teams again this year, with one game each against both schools.

Also included on the schedule are two games each with Gilford, Berlin, Belmont and Somersworth and single games each with Winnisquam, Franklin, Sanborn, Campbell, Inter-Lakes, White Mountains, Raymond and St. Thomas.

The Timber Wolves will play five of their first six games on the road, with five of those six games coming before



JOSHUA SPAULDING

CUTLAS GREELEY is one of a number of returning players for the Prospect Mountain hoop boys.

the holiday break. After 2018 portion of the seaa road game to open the son, the team will play six home games in a row and will then play five for the final seven games of the season on the road.

Prospect will also take part in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford this season, opening with Laconia on Dec. 27 at 1 p.m.

Faragher is excited to see what the team can do on the court as the season gets under way.

"I'm appreciative of the opportunity and look to continue working the guys to make this season a good one," Faragher stated.

The first game of the season will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, as the Timber Wolves travel to Belmont for a 6 p.m. game. The first home game for the Timber Wolves is Tuesday, Dec. 19, against Winnisquam.

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Student Athletes

Prospect Mountain fall athletes were honored as scholar-athletes for their work both on their fall sports teams and in the classroom. The awards are traditionally handed out by the Timber Wolf Booster Club at the fall sports awards, but because grades were not closed at that time, they were handed out last week.

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Laconia Lacrosse Club hosting free clinics

LACONIA — In preparation for the spring lacrosse season, girls and boys in grades one through eight from Meredith, Center Harbor, Franklin, Tilton, Sanbornton, Belmont and Laconia are all invited to try lacrosse at the Laconia Lacrosse Club free clinics, Sunday nights, beginning Jan. 7.

Clinics will be held in the Laconia High School gym. All girls and boys in grades one through four will take the floor from 6 to 7 p.m. Boys in grades five through eight will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Some equipment will be available to borrow, but all players need mouth guards to participate.

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Teddy bear toss returns to Brewster on Friday night

Ridings hoping to collect more than 200 bears during annual event

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WOLFEBORO — Every year for the past couple of years, the students of Brewster dorm Sargent 3 have taken to Radley Court inside the Smith Center to collect teddy bears.

Yes, that is an unusual use of the school's basketball court, but it's for a good cause and dorm parent and Brewster athletic trainer Kirsty Ridings is hoping that this year breaks all the records for teddy bears collected.

"People like coming to the basketball games so we want to tie this into it," Ridings said of the third annual Teddy Bear Toss, which will take place on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. during the national champion prep basketball team's opening game of the Trey Whitfield Tournament.

Each of the last couple of years, the Sargent kids have collected about 200 teddy bears and this year Ridings expects that number to grow.

"This year, I think we're well on track to blow that out," Ridings said. She noted that money already donated, including by the Nuria Garcia Foundation, which is the event sponsor this year.

"It's shaping up to be a bigger event, which is awesome," Ridings said. "Because it's about getting kids gifts at Christ-

"But there's also a year-round impact," Ridings continued.

Ridings, who grew up in Wolfeboro and has been part of the community her entire life, said that she thinks it's important to continue to make Brewster part of the Wolfeboro community in general.

"It's a nice way to connect the school and the town," Ridings stated. "It's a cool event and it's nice to share it with the community.

"I'm always trying to find ways to connect the school with the town, especially since I'm from town," she continued. "We are part of the town."

And while the event is a community service project for her dorm, it has also spread out to become a service event for Brewster as a whole.

"Everyone looks forward to it," Ridings stat-

She pointed out that the event gets the kids in her dorm involved in the community, as well as helps them feel good about what they are doing.

"The feeling they get, you can see how cool they think it is," Ridings stated. "They get a good chance to feel good."

Sargent is the dorm for the freshman and sophomores on campus and Ridings' floor (three) features 20 freshman and sophomore boys.

The teddy bears collected will go to the Wolfeboro Police Depart-

ment's Christmas tov drive and Ridings said she expects at least one representative from the police department to be on hand at the game.

While everyone from the community is welcome to attend the Brewster games (admission is free for high-quality basketball), if you can't make it to the game, donations of new teddy bears are welcome at a couple of locations in town. Action Sports and Physical Therapy on Grove Street and Keller Williams Realty downtown are serving as collection points for teddy bears. Additionally, any monetary donations made to the cause will be turned in to teddy bears to give to the Wolfeboro Police Department's annual drive.

The third annual Teddy Bear Toss will take place on Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. during the first called timeout of the game. Everyone is welcome to come and support the basketball team and the Wolfeboro Police Department's annual toy drive.

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Thanksgiving, Christmas decorations lead to a busy few weeks

It has certainly been a busy couple of weeks, as is usually the case around the Thanksgiving holiday.

As I've noted before, Thanksgiving is the one time of year where I take a number of days off in a row and this year was no different, as I journeyed to upstate New York with my mother and her boyfriend, Michael, to visit family. We left for New York the day before Thanksgiving and arrived shortly after 8 p.m. This year's Thanksgiving was a bit different than in other years. Because a couple of family members had commitments on Thursday, our usual Thanksgiving dinner was moved from Thursday to Friday. However, my cousin Ryan's wife, Carrie and her family had a Thanksgiving dinner at their camp on Sacandaga Lake, so we spent Thursday eve-

Our normal Thanksgiving dinner was held on Friday afternoon at what used to be my grandparents' home, now home to my cousin

ning with some good

food and good company.

SPORTING CHANCE By JOSHUA SPAULDING

Justin and his girlfriend Sandy. Justin cooked a couple of delicious turkeys and the rest of the food was just as delicious and for the second day in a row, I ate way too much and completely put my diet out of commission.

After another delicious dinner on Saturday, we headed home on Sunday morning and I was back in the office by about 5:30 p.m. and back at my second job a little after 9 p.m.

After a full week of work, I headed back north to Stark on Saturday morning to start the annual Christmas decorating. I got home just after 8 a.m. and Michael and I went to work on the wreaths and after they were all up, we worked on the trees. I had put up five trees the day before Thanksgiving and one stays up all year, so there were only nine left to put up and we got through them before lunch. We then put all the lights on and then I put up all the candles before dinner,



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THE HOUSE in Stark is all decorated for the holidays, as is the covered bridge.

making for a pretty full day of work.

That left Sunday to do the majority of the inside decorating, which is pretty simple compared to the constant up and down of doing the outside decorations. And I was able to head back to work in decent time to get things done before heading to job number

two on Sunday night. All told, we decorated 14 Christmas trees with lights and put up more than 50 wreaths on the house and another 10 or so on the picket fence. All in all, it was a solid day's work on Saturday. And the house is now ready for the Christmas season, except for the inside Christmas tree, which my mother and Michael will purchase sometime

before Christmas. It's the only real tree of the entire bunch, with the rest of the trees of the fake variety. in another

head back north and take all the lights down. Finally, have a great day, James and Martha

month, it will be time to

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Winter curling ahead

With the Winter Olympics set to spotlight the ancient sport of curling in February, it's game on right here in the Lakes Region. With the fall curling season largely in the rear view mirror, the Lakes Region Curling Association is now registering players for the its winter league. LRCA leagues are for men and women of all ages and experience levels. Participants can join individually, as couples, or as entire teams. The upcoming winter season runs for eight Sunday evenings from January to early March at Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro. There's no equipment to buy, and new members get an introduction to the basics of the game at a learn-to-curl session before the season begins. Registration for the winter season begins now. For more information and for registration forms, check out the LRCA's web site at lakescurlingnh.org.

HOOPS

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Riel putting in a rebound to get the scoring started in the second half. After a Saint hoop, White hit a free throw to make it a five-point game. St. Thomas came back with a three-pointer but Riel hit two from the stripe for a 31-27 lead. The visitors got another basket but Burke answered with a basket to again put Prospect up by four but again the Saints cut the lead to two.

However, Brown hit two free throws down the stretch and the Timber Wolves finished the third quarter with a 35-31 lead.

St. Thomas answered a Brown hoop to open the fourth quarter but Burke followed up with a basket to make it 39-33. From there, however, St. Thomas hit four hoops in a row, tying the score at 39 with just a tick less than five minutes to play. The Saints then took their first lead of the game at 41-39 with 3:53 to go.

However, Brown hit a free throw and then put back a rebound with three minutes to go to put the Timber Wolves

ON TAP

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The Kingswood swim team is slated to open the season on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. at Gilford.

back on top at 42-41. Hannah Racine followed with a hoop to up the lead to three and Dunne put the finishing touches on the win with two free throws to finish out the 46-41 win.

"We battled the pressure better in the second half." Burley stated. "In the first half we were a little anxious with the passes.

"But tonight is a great night to build off of," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "I was pleased with the intensity."

The Timber Wolf coach praised the play of Burke and Brown up front and noted he was happy to see Racine have a solid game in her first varsity action.

"If we can get Hannah to play like she did inside, that frees up Ali more out on the wing," Burley stated. "I'm happy Hannah stepped up. That only makes us that much better."

Brown led the way for the Timber Wolves with 14 points and Burke added 10.

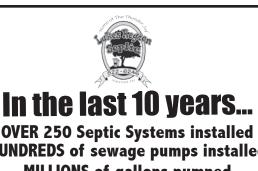
Prospect Mountain will be back in action on Friday, Dec. 8, visiting Raymond at 6:30 p.m. and will be hosting Belmont on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

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PMHS: Riel 2-3-7, Dunne 1-4-7, White 1-1-4, Huggard 1-0-2, Racine 1-0-2, Brown 5-3-14, Burke 4-2-10, Total 15-10-46

STA: Carberry 1-0-2, Towle 9-1-20, Marsh 3-0-6, Benelli 1-0-2, Doyle 2-0-4, Predaris 3-0-7, Total 19-

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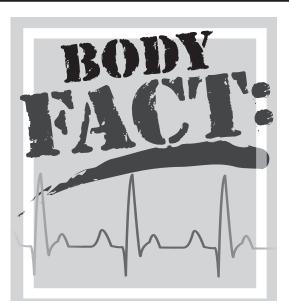


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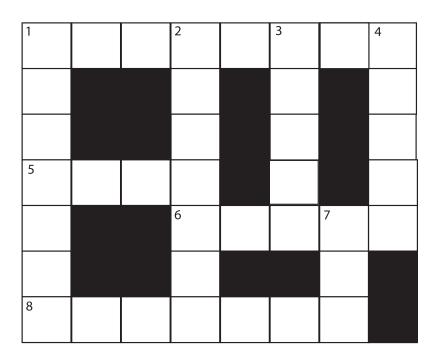




TRUE OR FALSE? LAUGHTER CAN HELP RELIEVE STRESS AND MAKE A PERSON FEEL BETTER.

ANSWER: TRUE

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Making happy sounds
- 5. Pleasant
- 6. Completely
- 8. Showing happiness

DOWN

- 1. Silly people
- 2. Happy
- 3. Perfect
- 4. Silly
- 7. Carry with effort

1. Loonies 2. Gleeful 3. Ideal 4. Goofy 7. Lug Down

> 1. Laughing 5. Nice 6. Fully 8. Smiling Across :SIOMSUY



- 1884: CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON **MONUMENT IS** COMPLETED.
- 1922: THE IRISH FREE STATE COMES INTO EXISTENCE, EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY WAS SIGNED.
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HUMOR

the quality of being amusing



ENGLISH: Laugh

SPANISH: Reir

ITALIAN: Ridere

FRENCH: Rire

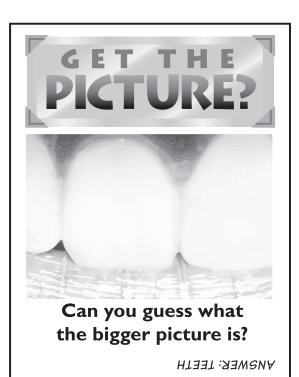
GERMAN: Lachen





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21 3 8 4 Α.

Clue: Venue

B. 17 22 5 4

Clue: Small disk

15 23 8 26

Clue: Enthusiasts

26 25 14 6 D.

Clue: Try on goal

SUDOKU

	4				7		9	
	5	2						
	1			5			8	3
				6				1
	9		5					
		5		3				
3				7		5	6	
2								4
			2	9				

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Here's How It Works:

Answers: A. rink

B. puck

C. fans D. shot

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8	2	3	L	Þ	G	9	6	Z
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9	Z	Þ	6	ŀ	ε	2	G	8
G	6	7	Z	2	8	3	Þ	9

ANSWER:



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