

Long road to accreditation begins at PMHS

Input needed from parents, guardians, students

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

ALTON — The accreditation process is a long one and Prospect Mountain High School is officially in that process.

The result of the long process will be a continued boon for Prospect Mountain students.

The accreditation is done through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which certifies most high schools and colleges throughout the region. The process takes about three years and Prospect Mountain is starting its second accreditation cycle, the first coming right after the school opened. The accreditation lasts 10 years.

Staff members Cathy Fraser and Jesse Robidas, who are leading the accreditation team at Prospect Mountain, took time out of their schedules to discuss the process and what it means to the community.

Fraser was quick to point out that accreditation impacts the chances of students being accepted at certain colleges and universities. If fact, Fraser recalled a student in the first years of the school who was denied admission to a school because PMHS was still in the process of getting its first accreditation and as so, wasn't officially accredited.

"It definitely impacts college acceptance," Fraser said. "The first time we went through a self-study period and then judged on whether we'd pass."

The NEASC will put together a visiting team that consists of teachers, staff, principals and superintendents all over New England. Robidas has served on one of those visiting committees.

"It's kind of like jury duty," Robidas said with a laugh. "They plan every min-

ute of your day. It's a very, very structured visitation."

However, the process has been streamlined a bit since the last time PMHS went through the accreditation and the school is one of the first to start using the new process.

Fraser noted that the school will do a self-study for two to six months and then have a small visit from the NEASC group.

"They'll look at the standards they provide and study our findings," Fraser said. "They look at our stuff and help us establish a growth plan."

"They'll look at areas that need improvement," Fraser said.

"They'll either agree or give us some recommendations," Robidas added.

The NEASC will base their findings on 32 principles over five standards, seeing how Prospect Mountain stacks up with the standards.

The five standards are Learning Culture, Student Learning, Professional Practices, Learning Support and Learning Resources.

Robidas noted that every school will be a bit different, since each school has to tailor its work to the area.

"We'll have many less tornado drills than other schools," Robidas said.

"And we don't have an ELL (English Learning Language) population so we don't have to offer those services at this point," Fraser said. "It's tailored to what we have to do and the population we serve."

As part of the process, all students, faculty and staff need to take a survey and Fraser and Robidas joined Principal J Fitzpatrick in noting that they also need parents and guardians to fill out the survey.

"We need parents and guardians to participate to get the feedback," Robidas said. "The plan is to use the broadcast system (used to announce delays, etc.), to call homes."

"It impacts what we're doing if we get constructive criticism in the feedback," Robidas continued.

After a visit in May, called a collaborative committee visit, the school will get 18 months to work on things and will receive its decennial visit in March of 2020. Though normally the visits take place every

10 years, Prospect will actually go 11 years

after its first accreditation (2009) since the

school was given the new process, which option to go with the

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Helping out

On Oct. 21, the PMHS Environmental Club trimmed and blazed the Mike Burke Trail on the Alton Town Forest. Front row (l to r), Erin Bunker, Aby Reale, Amity Wilson, Tiffany White, Anna DeRoche, Gabriela Libenson. Back row (l to r), club advisor Sarah Thorne, Wes Demers, Stephanie Lundy, Brianna Duggan, Wynn Bourque, Hannah Chesley.



Dreams coming true for Lara Renner

Teen heading to Alaska for Junior Iditarod

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Achieving your dream isn't like winning the lottery. In fact, it's the exact opposite. Reaching a goal takes determination, hard work, and sometimes a leap of faith. But if the commitment is great enough, and the work is hard enough, it doesn't have to take a lifetime to reach your dream.

Fifteen-year-old Lara Renner is a case in point. When she was five years old, she uncovered a stuffed toy that had belonged to her father in the basement. The toy was a husky, but its impact on her could hardly be discerned at that time.

"I got a love of this breed from my father," she said.

At Christmas that year, she received a movie about sled dogs. "I saw that they could pull sleds and run races, and I said, 'I'm going to do that.'"

A few years later, research for a school report familiarized her with Libby Riddles, the first woman to win the coveted and definitive sled dog trail race, the Iditarod in Alaska.

That race became her goal.

"Her story is inspiring to me," Lara said, "and I hope to meet her one day."

At the time, though, she was just a little girl who amassed a collection of stuffed huskies and tied them together to run a pretend Iditarod with her younger sister Mackenzie.

Aside from that, nothing in the family indicated a passion would soon upend their lives. A normal family when it came to pets, they had two cats and a tortoise.

"The cats hated me," Lara reported, "so I had no real connection."

The turning point happened when she attended

the sled dog race in Laco-

nia at the ripe old age of eight.

"We asked younger racers how they got into it and they said they had a mentor."

Turns out, finding a musher close by was pretty easy. Peter Franke of New Durham, an accomplished sled dog runner, mentored Lara for two years.

"I learned how to care for and keep up a dog team," she said, "and I did my first sled run with him."

With her 10th birthday approaching and under the guise of going hiking, her family gifted her in the car with a book on how to care for a Siberian Husky. The car ride ended at a kennel to look at a young litter.

About to get her own Siberian, Lara was "speechless."

A few weeks later, she returned with her father to pick one out and wound up coming home with two dogs "because my dad always wanted one."

Having a dog team means running a race. "I did my first junior race with only two dogs, rather than three," Lara said. "The following season I did small races with loan-

er dogs making up the third spot."

Her results were predictable. "I was at the bottom."

There's an explanation for that, however. "Huskies are slower dogs," she explained. "I was competing in short sprints over a few miles, and other teams were always faster than I."

She wasn't "happy" about that, but gained something valuable from the experiences. "I learned I wasn't always going to win; I learned that pretty quick, which helped me in the long run."

The Renners adopted a female from Wisconsin and that summer found themselves with six puppies. "Raising them was so hard," Lara recalled.

Another adoption or two, and litter followed litter. They built a kennel and a large running yard; then four more kennels.

"A Siberian Husky was at the top of my list for gifts for years," Lara said, with a certain amount of awe in her voice, "and now I have 14 in my back yard."

The outcomes of her races began to change. She ran the Can-Am (Canadian-American)

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North of the border

Elaine Laurie of New Durham checks out the Baysider at the memorial for lost seamen on the French island of Saint Pierre et Miquelon in the mouth of the St. Lawrence just off Newfoundland Island. The island has an area of 95 square miles and a population of about 6,000 soles and is a self-governing overseas collectivity of France and still under French control. They still have a guillotine but it's kept in the museum these days, it was last put to use in 1889. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

Light Up Night is Saturday

ALTON — The town of Alton is celebrating Light Up Night on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Events include kids' craft at Town Hall, visit with Santa, holiday hayride, tree lighting, caroling and much more. Santa will arrive at the Alton Town Hall at 5 p.m. by fire truck, and will be meeting with children in the Heidke Room. The PMHS Chamber Singers will perform "A Yuletide Celebration" at the Community Church of Alton at 7 p.m. The performance will feature the music of Alfred Burt, Daniel Gawthrop and Mel Torme. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109, parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Barnstead El holds annual Turkey Trot

BARNSTEAD — The Turkey Trot Fun Run and Food Drive has become an annual tradition that is coordinated between the Barnstead Elementary School Wellness Committee and the Student Council. Student Council ran a highly successful food drive and was able to donate tons of canned goods to the town food pantry as well as the End 68 Hours of Hunger campaign. Mr. Guinta's first grade class

earned the "Thanks for Giving" trophy for bringing in the most food. The Turkey Trot took place Monday, Nov. 20, with all students and staff traversing the chilly but fun course in the name of wellness. Everyone earned a little prize and enjoyed a small posttrace snack. The top boy and girl finishers in each third through eighth grade even received the traditional prize of frozen turkeys.

PMHS class hosting dance show

ALTON — As a kick off to the holiday season and Alton's tree lighting weekend, PMHS Class of 2020 is hosting Alton Dance Academy's Winter Show in the Prospect Mountain High School

auditorium. Come be swept into Whoville on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Admission proceeds go to the PMHS sophomore class. The PMHS senior class will also be selling Grinchy concessions.



THE BES TURKEY TROT winners pictured (back row, l to r), Kathryn Hamilton, Jillian Simpson, Ella Smith, Deuce Smith, Bruce Rawnsley, Mary Hupper. Front row (l to r), Caleb Bemis, Leila Hillsgrrove, Knyte Neathery, Katie Caldwell, Joseph Deanne, Joey Howlett.

Basketball clinics coming in January

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.

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 budget.

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

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 public input, the committee 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 Mountain High School.

Democratic candidate information night is Monday

ALTON — Are you a local Democrat who has ever wondered about running for State Senate? Now is your chance to become informed. New Hampshire Senator Dan Feltes will speak on Monday, Dec. 4, about what it's like to be in the state legislature, what the role entails, what time commitments are involved, what it's like to run a successful campaign, and to answer your questions.

The guest speaker will be followed by action items and community organizing.

This meeting of the Tri-Town Democrats of

Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton will be held at the Alton Senior Community Center at 7 Pearson Road in Alton. Come for socializing and potluck any time between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. The meeting runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to any and all residents of Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton who consider themselves moderate, liberal or progressive Democrats or like-minded Independents. Potluck items to share are encouraged but not required. For more information, e-mail starryheather@hotmail.com or visit the "Barn-

stead, Alton, and Gilmanton Democrats" Facebook page.

Holiday celebration at New Durham library Friday

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library will host its annual holiday celebration at the library on Friday afternoon, Dec. 1, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Santa will be there to greet the younger guests. A program of holiday entertainment will be presented by professional storyteller and musician Steve Blunt. There will be lots of goodies for all the guests. Everyone in the community is invited to the celebration. It is an opportunity to enjoy the holiday and to see the resources of the New Durham Public Library.

This year there will be raffles, which include many prizes. Among the prizes are an American Girl doll, a large Lego set, Manchester

Monarchs tickets, gift cards to stores like Hanaford's Studley Florist and Coyote Creek, passes to family fun spots like Hilltop Fun Center, Chuckster's Family Fun Park, Strawberry Banke, Seacoast Helicopter ride, ski lift tickets, theater tickets and many more items. You do not have to be present to win. Stop in to the library to see the display of the prizes.

Guests are encouraged to bring food items to donate to the New Durham Food Pantry as a way to help others have a Merry Christmas season. There will be decorated containers at the door in which to deposit your food donations.

For additional information, contact Heather Wingate at 859-1274.

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Prospect National Honor Society inducts nine new members

ALTON — Academic stars shone brightly earlier this month, as nine Prospect Mountain High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

After the opening procession by the current members and inductees, NHS advisor Meghan Schmiernund began the ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 14, by welcoming the parents and guests gathered together in the PMHS auditorium. She commended the students for their accomplishments in academics and service and thanked the parents and families for their support of the students.

Guest speaker James Sophinos congratulated the new inductees and spoke about how he felt his life had been enriched by working with the nine students. Sophinos is an English language arts teacher at PMHS and was selected by the inductees to speak at the ceremony.

The four pillars of NHS, leadership, scholarship, character and



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THE NEW INDUCTEES for the Prospect Mountain National Honor Society include (clockwise from bottom left), Kristopher Argiropolis, Tovah Stonner, Tyler Chase, Mackenzie Burke, Nadia Huggard, Tucker Kierstead, Nikolas Neathery, Kaiden Gilbert and Rebekah Wheeler.

service, were presented by three of the chapter officers, President Justin Boyce, Vice President Tiffany White and Historian Brittany Rogers. Following the presentation, the inductees recited the NHS Pledge



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THE PROSPECT MOUNTAIN National Honor Society poses for a photo after the recent induction ceremony.

of NHS, stating that the ceremony was one of his favorites to attend.

The newest members of the PMHS chapter of NHS are: Kristopher Argiropolis, Mackenzie Burke, Tyler Chase, Kaiden Gilbert, Nadia Huggard, Tucker Kierstead, Nikolas Neathery, Tovah Stonner, and Rebekah Wheeler. They join the 15 returning seniors to bring the total membership for this year to 24 total juniors and seniors.

PIG OF THE WEEK by D.A. Hammond

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The Creation of Ham

Johnson's hosting fundraiser for End 68 Hours of Hunger

NEW DURHAM — Johnson's is donating 10 percent of sales on Dec. 6 to End 68 Hours of Hunger/Alton. Please join in and help raise money to feed the children in Alton. Volunteers are currently

filling 32 backpacks per week. This program sends backpacks home over the weekend to help ensure children who need food have it when they don't have free or reduced lunch and breakfast at school.

The organization has several drop off sites for food if you can't make it. NFP insurance in Alton and Duggan's Depot are two drop off spots for food. You can also drop food off at Alton Central School. They are

in need the following items: Cereal, crackers, snacks, fruit cups, pasta in a can, can soup, granola bars, ramen noodles, pop tarts, tuna fish, and peanut butter, jelly, mayo, and fluff in plastic jars.

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 Barn-

stead Town Hall, or in the reception area at PMHS. The fundrais-

er is currently taking place and will run through Jan. 20. All

donations are helpful and are greatly appreciated.

Coffee with the town features David Swenson Dec. 6

NEW DURHAM — The Town of New Durham has announced a community connection initiative, "coffee with the town."

The hope is to foster communication and connections between town officials and staff and the residents that they serve.

"Coffee with the town" will take place

the first Wednesday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the New Durham General Store, located at the corner of Depot Road and Old Bay Road.

Residents are invited to stop by the general store and meet local officials and staff. Residents are welcome to ask questions, provide comments and offer

opinions and needs. These town officials and staff will help in getting answers to questions and listen to concerns and needs.

The first "coffee with the town" took place with Town Administrator Scott Kinmond.

The upcoming schedule includes Selectman Chairman David Swenson on Dec. 6.

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Parents, PMHS needs your input

Our front page this week has a story on the accreditation process that Prospect Mountain High School is embarking on.

The school, which has now been part of the Alton and Barnstead community for more than a decade, is preparing for its second accreditation process, the first coming right after the school opened. The accreditation lasts for 10 years, but it's a multi-year process to get accredited.

First, we want to thank Prospect Mountain staff members Cathy Fraser and Jesse Robidas, who are leading the accreditation process at the school. We were supposed to meet with Principal J Fitzpatrick the week before Thanksgiving, but he was under the weather and both staff members agreed to meet with us on short notice and we appreciate them taking the time.

For those unfamiliar with the process, a school will work with a visiting committee to make sure it is meeting the proper standards of education set forth by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The visiting committee is made up of teachers, administrators and staff members from other schools throughout New England and they look at what the school offers, how it meets the needs of the students and more as a way of measuring the school's performance.

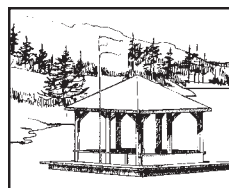
The process is in the process of changing, going from a paperwork-heavy system that required bins and bins of paperwork, to a digital system that allows easier access for everyone without the piles of paperwork. Prospect is one of the first schools to try out the new system and both Fraser and Robidas said it should be a better judge of a school's merit than the current system.

What they stressed, however, is the need for the parents of students to get involved and fill out the survey that is being distributed (on the school web site). While it might be easier to get students and staff members to fill out their surveys during the day, parents who aren't always in the building are a tougher group to get to, but their input is incredibly important. The survey will basically ask parents about the school's services and how the school meets the needs of the students. Parents who have kids in the school district should take a little time, visit the web site and fill out the survey or call the school for more information.

It's imperative that PMHS get a good number of parents to respond because without a varied group, results can be skewed in one way or another and if not enough people respond, there are other concerns.

While it may not seem like much, if your child attends Prospect Mountain High School and wants to attend college, it's important that you help the school in its accreditation process, since a high school's accreditation can have an impact on whether a student gets accepted into colleges. This happened in the school's early days when the first accreditation process was ongoing and a student was denied admission because the accreditation was not yet achieved.

So, it's important for parents to fill out these surveys and we hope you will take that time. Praise and criticism are both welcomed and will go a long way toward shaping the way the school moves forward with its accreditation process.



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Snow-capped mountains

Reader Ruth Arsenault took a hike up Mount Major last week and snapped a picture of a snow-covered Mount Washington, about 50 miles away across Lake Winnepesaukee.

Letters to the Editor

A hostile work environment alleged

To the Editor:

Former New Durham police officer Carrie Blackwood left the employment of New Durham before her three-year contract was completed and took a police officer position in the town of Milton. I had asked this board of selectmen to vote in public if the board had decided not to require payment of the \$532.40 due to the town for her unfulfilled contract. RSA 91-A, the Right to Know Law, does not allow the selectmen to make the decision in a non-public meeting.

The town filed for the money in small claims at Rochester District Court (RDC). I looked up the case at RDC. Case #471-2017-SC-00094. I found that because neither party appeared for pretrial on July 26, 2017 the case was dismissed.

Prior to the dismissal, Officer Blackwood, now Driscoll, responded to the court with a letter dated March 14, 2017 and form #2126052, which stated:

“The Town of New Durham created a hostile working environment for the defendant, and left the defendant no choice but to seek employment elsewhere.”

This is not the first time “hostile work environment” has been cited as the reason for leaving the

New Durham Police Department. Recent reports of hostile working environments in the news today have heightened public awareness of sexual harassment and hostile working environments. It's no wonder the present board of selectmen decided to cover up her claim by having the taxpayers pay off her debt in an illegal backroom non-public meeting and refusing my request to have it dealt with in public. Silencing Blackwood with hush money may have bought her silence but the underlying problem still festers just as it did in the TV, movie and political workplace when so many employees feared to shed light on the problem for so many years.

I did what I could to remove our Police Chief Shawn Bernier to end the “hostile work environment” but the town's legal counsel erred in its proceedings. The town has suffered for over 10 years by losing good police officers because of a hostile work environment. This is not the first time a New Durham police officer has made this claim but this is the first time one has dared put it in a public document.

*David A. Bickford
New Durham*

It's about the coverage

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Clay's letter in the Nov. 23 edition of the Baysider regarding the Alton Fire Department, first I'd like to thank him for his essay containing facts without castigating any of Alton's elected or appointed officials. The Alton Fire/Rescue Department is truly a hybrid department. The department and the town have adjusted its personnel procedures to make that happen. It is a town department with call members, part time members, and even some that are full time. They are all employees of the town.

AFD is actually busier than many surrounding towns who boast full time coverage. While it is about the money, it is moreso about the coverage. When a citizen has a medical or fire emergency, they want a rapid response; providing the coverage is providing insurance to the citizens for response when they need it.

To do that, AFD has part time employees, paid hourly, covering 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. shifts seven days per week – they are also call employees when not “on shift.” AFD also has call employees covering 7 p.m. to

7 a.m. and being paid on a stipend to ensure that coverage. If they get called out, they become part time employees again paid hourly. There is a full time administrative employee. The rest of the AFD membership are essentially call employees, they respond to calls as needed and as they are available and are paid on an hourly basis as part-timers.

And there is the issue: there are times during the day when there are not many call members available. And there is a lag time in the night shift for members to respond with the ambulance. The press for more service drives the need for the coverage, which the call membership sometimes struggles to provide. So, as Mr. Clay says, it is about the money. It takes money to provide the services demanded. Town government's job is to try to balance that demand with the cost – a sometimes thankless task.

My take on this, thank you to those folks taking on this task.

*Nick Kalfas
Alton (AFD, retired)*

Background checks are needed

To the Editor:

Being a veteran, ex-police officer and proud gun owner with a concealed carry permit, I am also an unabashed advocate for common sense firearm background checks.

Americans have suffered through far too many mass murders where a perpetrator was able to purchase firearms, taking advantage of background check loopholes. These days, people with a history of violence can easily acquire guns after waiting three days, going to gun shows, or purchasing them online and that is unacceptable.

We live in the only country in the entire world with such a catastrophically high rate of gun deaths. I refuse to believe that the country I fought for is in-

herently more violent and dangerous than any other.

No gun owner has anything to fear from background checks. If you are responsible with your firearms and are a law-abiding citizen, like me, no one will infringe on your second amendment rights.

But, no right, not even the right to free speech, can go completely unregulated. It is far past time that our legislators act to strengthen background checks and require them for all gun purchases.

We have a responsibility to do what we can to stop these shootings and if a background check stops even one would-be murderer, it will be worth it.

*Bob Wyszynski
Alton*

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 chil-

dren and there will be games, gifts and refreshments.

Robotics boosters holding fair on Dec. 2

ALTON — The PMHS Team 319 Boosters is holding its first craft and vendor fair on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prospect Mountain High School. The day will include raffles,

Auditions for Crimes of the Heart Dec. 10 and 11

WOLFEBORO — As the end of the year approaches, the Village Players are looking forward to a new season and with it, the first show of 2018.

Veteran Village Players director Carol Bense will be at the helm of the spring show, assisted by Bob Tuttle. They will be presenting Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley.

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 with her.

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

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-the-scenes role, e-mail producer Joshua Spaulding at trumpet138@hotmail.com.

face painting and photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring the family and shop local with more than 30 crafters and vendors.

Simultaneously with the fair is Jinglebell Junction, which gives children a chance to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. Parents can shop with their children or there will be student volunteers to help out. Children can select the perfect gifts for anyone on their list in a fun and safe atmosphere. There will be a large variety of gifts to choose from priced between one dollar and five dollars. Santa will be there from 10 a.m. to noon and there will be a concession stand with hot dogs, snacks, hot chocolate and more, plus a bake sale table with lots of holiday goodies.

MVSB hosting Mitten Tree drives

REGION — With colder weather moving in and the holidays fast approaching, Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) and Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) will be collecting mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for its annual Mitten Tree drives. A donation of \$2 for every item collected through Dec. 16 will be awarded to the New Hampshire Food Bank, who help so many families in our communities, especially during these cold winter months,” added Rick Wyman, President of MVSB.

The Merrimack is celebrating its 150th anniversary of serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities in central and southern New Hampshire. The bank and its employees are inspired by Merrimack style, which is guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship.

The Merrimack was recently honored with the 2017 Business of the Year Pinnacle Award by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and was recently voted “Best Bank” by the Capital Area’s People’s Preferences for the ninth consecutive year. To learn more, visit any of the local offices in Bow, Concord, Contooscook, Hooksett and Nashua, call 800-541-0006 or visit themerrimack.com.

For nearly 150 years, MVSB has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central NH. MVSB and its employees are guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Hampton Falls, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

store-bought mittens, hats, gloves and scarves can be dropped off at any of the local offices between Thanksgiving and Dec. 16. Non-profits who are in need of mittens, hats, gloves and scarves should contact the Merrimack and MVSB office closest to them. A complete list of offices and hours is available at themerrimack.com and mvsb.com.

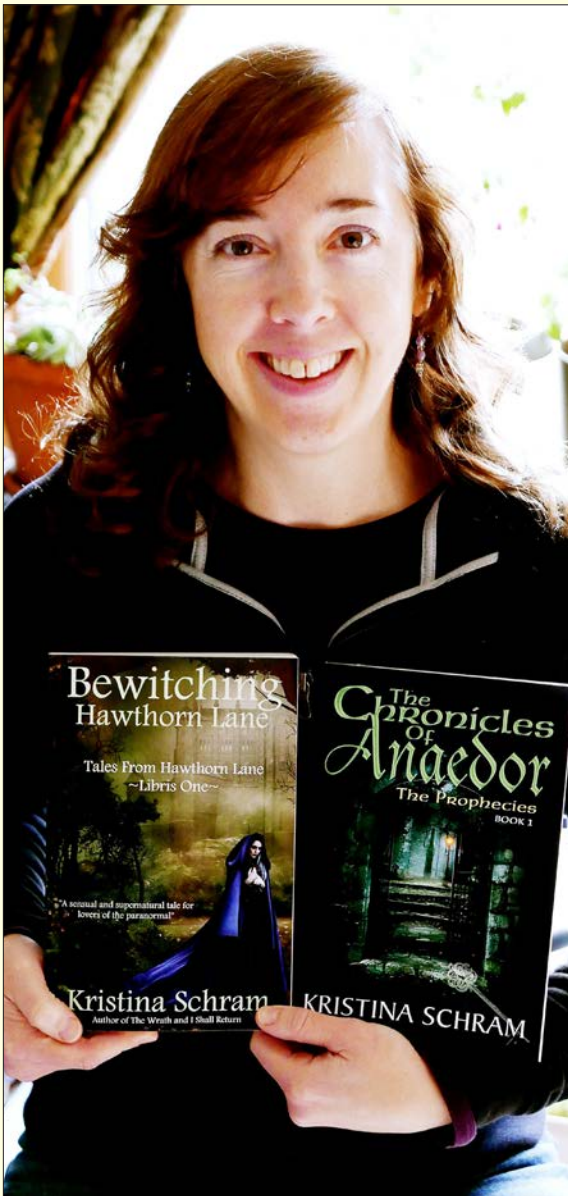
“The Mitten Tree is a holiday tradition we are proud to uphold each year,” said Philip Emma, President of the Merrimack. “It’s an honor to support the NH Food Bank, who help so many families in our communities, especially during these cold winter months,” added Rick Wyman, President of MVSB.

Kingswood Youth Center serving teens in many ways

WOLFEBORO — After a summer of full-filled programs, the Kingswood Youth Center launched into the first quarter of the school year with many new and exciting ways to serve local youth. The KYC team, consisting of Executive Director Pam Sweeney, Associate Director Zachary Porter, Teen Director Mara Michno, Program Facilitator Brandon Woody and a devoted team of volunteers, is working hard to deliver engaging programs that fulfill the KYC’s mission.

The KYC offers an afterschool program each Monday-Thursday afternoon, regular summer programs, and BTAS (beyond the afterschool) programs, which are hosted in the evening, on weekends, and during school vacations. All programs are free to high school and middle school students in the GWRSD. Programs focus on outdoor recreation, team building, life-skills, community service, substance misuse prevention and much more. Older participants have the opportunity to hone leadership skills by serving on the KYC’s Teen Council. Student leaders from the KYC recently spoke at an Eastern Lakes Coalition for Healthy Families forum. Further team-building and learning opportunities have been offered through hikes to local mountains, community service field trips, and a recent overnight trip to Camp Sentinel. Many have likely noticed that construction of the KYC’s new bouldering wall is nearly complete. The bouldering wall was made possible by contributions from the Agnes Lindsey Trust and is the latest expansion of the KYC’s outdoor fitness area.

Anyone interested in enrolling a high school or middle school student in these free programs is encouraged to contact the KYC at 569-5949. The KYC is also recruiting program volunteers. On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce members are encouraged to visit the KYC for the Chamber’s Business After Hours networking event. The KYC would like to thank everyone who has responded to the KYC’s recent annual appeal. To learn more about giving opportunities, please contact the KYC.



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Shopping time

Still need to do holiday shopping? Join local author Kristina Schram and numerous crafters and vendors at the FRC319 Robotics Team Holiday Craft Fair at Prospect Mountain High School, Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schram will be signing and selling all 14 of her books, which range in genre from paranormal gothic romance to YA fantasy adventure. They would make a great gift idea for teens and adults who love to read. The craft fair is running in conjunction with Jinglebell Junction (a Secret Santa event for kids, with face paintings, raffles and pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Admission is free.




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Clearlakes Chorale preparing Handel’s Messiah for upcoming concerts

ALTON — At this time of year, as it has for more than 30 years, Wolfeboro-based vocal ensemble Clearlakes Chorale is in final stages of rehearsal for its upcoming concert performances of Handel’s Messiah. This holiday program will be presented twice, Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

The 80-voice chorale is directed by Andy

Campbell, Director of Music in the Art Department at Brewster Academy. The accompanist is Nancy Farris, a former conductor and present accompanist of the Mount Washington Valley Choral Society, and currently the organist/choir director at Christ Church Episcopal, North Conway. Collaborating in this program will be an orchestra, with Concertmaster Elliott Mar-



COURTESY PHOTO
(Left) THE CLEARLAKES CHORALE will present Handel’s Messiah on Dec. 9 and 10.

the death of Jesus, and the third focuses on his resurrection.

Clearlakes Chorale will be performing part one in its entirety, followed by selected sections of part two and part three, including the beloved “Hallelujah Chorus” that concludes part two.

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 door.



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Piano concert

Thomas Pandolfi will be performing Holiday Spirit: Piano Works for Christmas, on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Anderson Hall in Wolfeboro.

kow and four professional vocal soloists.

Despite the fact that the piece was originally conceived as a work for Easter – it was premiered in the spring of 1742, in Dublin, during the Lent season – by the 19th century Messiah

had become a regular December staple, particularly in the United States. In the opinion of the conductor of the London Handel Orchestra, the Christmas performance custom may have come partly out of necessity. He wrote, "There is

Quindley, West featured in literary magazine

SELINGSGROVE, Pa. — A poem by Willow Quindley of Alton and a short story by Gwendolyn West of Barnstead were selected for publication in the 2017 edition of The Apprentice Writer literary magazine. Quindley’s contribution is titled “Reason Enough” and West’s contribution is titled “Love Tuesday.”

Quindley is a student at Prospect Mountain High School and the daughter of David and April Quindley. West is a student at Prospect Mountain High School and the daughter of Grandey and Karly West.

Now in its 35th year, The Apprentice Writer was created by Gary Fincke, professor of English and creative writing and director of the Writers’ Institute at Susquehanna University. The magazine publishes poems, stories, personal essays, photo-

graphs and works of art by high school students from a 20-state area. Glen Retief oversees editorial decisions, and the publication is edited, in part, by Susquehanna writing students. Each year, 11,000 copies of the magazine are printed and distributed to nearly 3,500 secondary schools.

Founded in 1858, Susquehanna University is a residential, national liberal arts college that

prepares students for achievement, leadership and service in a diverse, interconnected world. Academic excellence, study away and service learning, student-faculty collaboration, and rich opportunities for creative and personal growth are hallmarks of a Susquehanna University education. Susquehanna students come from 35 states and 17 countries, and more than

90 percent of them find jobs or pursue graduate study within six months of graduation. The university is located in central Pennsylvania, in the town of Selingsgrove, along the banks of the scenic Susquehanna River and about three hours from major East Coast cultural, financial and recreational centers. For more information, visit www.susqu.edu.

Tablescapes searching for creative folks

WOLFEBORO — Calling all designers, would-be designers and folks with décor flair. This is your event to shine. The Governor Wentworth Arts Council is hosting the fourth annual spring arts fundraiser Tablescapes “Creative Settings,”™ a community-wide event happening in April and they are looking for your

participation. Non-profits, designers, businesses and artistic individuals, Tablescapes is a chance for you to create a table-top setting that is imaginative, playful, out-of-the-box and fun. Let your imagination be your guide. It can be edgy, traditional or contemporary. Tables can simulate a time of year, illustrate an idea, story or place and can include florals, graphics, patterns, 3D and 2D elements. Your tablescape does not have to be professionally produced, however, it should be cleanly and clearly executed for viewers to be enthralled, entertained and amused (no political or sexual content please). Be sure your dishes, props and linens, lights, bangles and baubles of all kinds become an integrated part of your overall theme. You may utilize the ban-

quet tables on hand, or provide a table of your choice. Original art craft is encouraged. The tables will be judged and prizes given to the top participants. Great publicity for businesses.

Download the registration form on the Arts Council web site www.wolfboroarts.org. There is no fee to participate in creating a table display. A full color, printed program brochure, which will take you into the “table story” of each participant and give you a peak as to the artistic process of each and every table display, will be available at the tour. Table space is limited – a waiting list will be made. This is a first come, first served, opportunity. Some table spaces are already filled. Reserve your table space now, the deadline for early registration is Dec. 1.

This event is an arts fundraiser hosted by the Governor Wentworth Arts Council, funds from the proceeds are donated to local schools and libraries to help underwrite requests for arts funding throughout the year. They are also actively looking for sponsors. For more details and to have a registration form mailed to you, contact Jeannette D’Onofrio (event chair) at j@virgodesignstudio.com or call 569-0078. Special thanks to the Wolfeboro Inn, the host location for a third season.

The Governor Wentworth Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational arts organization whose purpose is to stimulate and support the arts within the local community.

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If you are in need of assistance providing necessities for your children or know of a family who would benefit from this program, contact Mrs. Santa’s Elves by December 15th.
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| Town | Address | Type | Price | Seller | Buyer |
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| Alton | 581 E. Side Dr. | Single-Family Residence | \$259,000 | Norman R. Gray | Ralph and Vicky Grover |
| Alton | 40 Range Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$280,000 | Lisa J. Arica | James E. and Bonnie Lapierre |
| Alton | 72 Shore Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$1,600,000 | Karen L. Haskell | Daniel W. Lawrence |
| Barnstead | 8 Alder Point Dr. | Single-Family Residence | \$219,933 | Scott J. and Jessica P. Fanjoy | Jordan Morelli and Shelby Bernier |
| Barnstead | 165 Cann Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$70,000 | Roger M. Loos | Peter Holmes and Constance Nolin-Holmes |
| Barnstead | 26 Crescent Dr. | Single-Family Residence | \$347,000 | Ellena A. Watson | Alan & Linnea Hallee |
| Barnstead | 59 Emerson Dr. | Single-Family Residence | \$150,000 | Stephen Pal Gagne Estate | Brittany N. Petty |
| Barnstead | 24 Lincoln Lane | Single-Family Residence | \$155,000 | Brenda J. and Timothy C. Griffin | Patricia A. Goulet and Kenneth L. Pierce |
| Barnstead | 284 N. Barnstead Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$191,000 | Candy A. Hayes | David P. McCabe |
| Barnstead | 78 Varney Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$259,933 | Patricia A. McKenzie | Thomas and Nancy Murphy |
| Barnstead | 209 White Oak Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$189,533 | Nancy C. Galli | Donna E. Frado |
| New Durham | Brackett Road (Lot) | Residential Developed Land | \$43,000 | David Bickford | David Bickford |
| New Durham | 47 Middleton Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$212,000 | David A. Thurston | Jacob T. Gorton and Alyssa C. Valladares |
| New Durham | Penny Lane (Lot) | Wetlands | \$50,000 | Penny Williams | David H. Reall |

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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

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

Susan John honored by Investment News

WOLFEBORO — Investment News has recognized Susan MacMichael John as a 2017 Women to Watch honoree. One of 20 win-

ners, John was chosen from more than several hundred nominations for her lasting impact on the financial advice industry.

Of being a winner, John said, "It is an honor to part of this group of such prestigious women. At this stage of my career, it is exciting to be recognized, not only for past accomplishments but also for things yet to come."

Each of the advisers and executives who made the third annual Investment News Women to Watch list

were chosen from a rigorous selection process designed to identify women who are distinguished leaders, demonstrate a willingness to share their experiences with others and give back to the industry.

"These 20 women have made a lasting impact on the industry," said Suzanne Siracuse, VP/Publisher of Investment News. "All

of these distinguished women have fascinating stories to share and we hope you will enjoy learning more about them, their accomplishments and why they made our list."

John will publicly receive her award at the Investment News Women to Watch Luncheon on March 13 at the Pierre in New York City.

"It is more import-

ant than ever to highlight some of the many talented women our industry has to offer," said Siracuse. "May it serve as inspiration and motivation for others in the industry and for those who will join it in the future."

To learn more about John, the 2017 winners, awards and the luncheon, please go to www.investmentnews.com/w2event.

Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders of Alton Post 72 are holding the fifth annual "Coats for Kids" drive. The Riders will be collecting new coats and snow pants for children in the local community. Coats can be dropped off at the

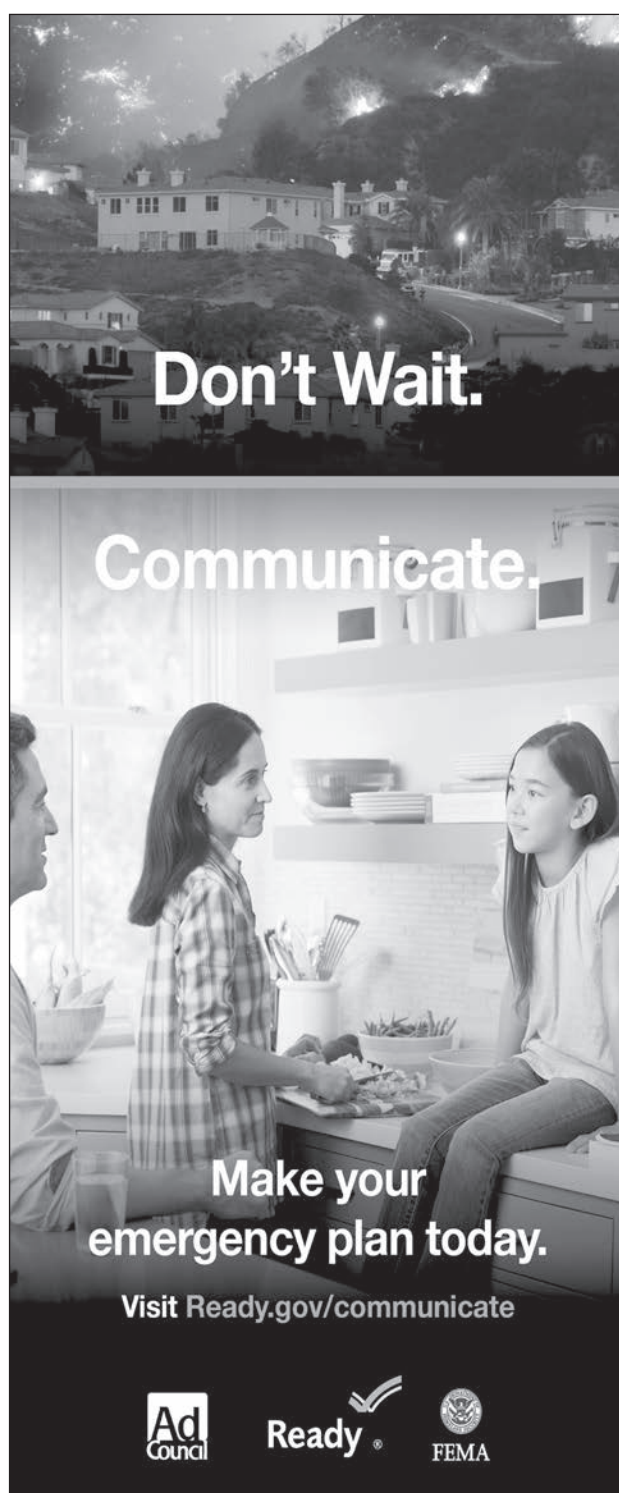
Post 72 home on Route 28 Alton. The American Legion Riders of Post 72 will be collecting coats until Jan. 1. Donations will also be accepted toward the purchase of new coats. Contact Russ at 776-2968 for further information.



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OBITUARIES

Dorothe S. Wentworth
Former Alton Citizen of the Year

ALTON — Dorothe S. Wentworth, passed away Sunday evening, Nov. 19, with her loving family at her bedside, after a lengthy illness.

Dorothe was born in Smithton, Mo. on Nov. 28, 1932, the daughter of Hilda (Young) Smith and Alvin Smith. She was raised by her grandfather, Reuben Young.

Dorothe graduated from NHTI in Concord. She retired from nursing in 1992, after working at Lakes Region General Hospital and Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Fla.

Dorothe was part owner of Alton Home and Lumber, Jesus Valley, LLC.

She received the Alton Citizen of the Year

award in 2009. Dorothe had served on Alton School Board, Alton Planning Board and as chairman of Alton Community Services. She was a 50-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph, sons Danny and Rene, and sister Margaret.

She is survived by her son, Reuben Wentworth and Chris Racine of the home; daughter, Rebecca Wentworth of Virginia Beach, Va.; granddaughters, Caitlin Wentworth and Ryan Hook of Fulton, Mo., Tara Kelley of Cranston, R.I., Marisa and husband Derek Kenerson of Center Barnstead; great

grandchildren, Harley Hook of Fulton, Mo., Levan and Ethan Kenerson of Center Barnstead, also several nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be no calling hours. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 10 a.m. at the Community Church of Alton on Church Street with Rev. Samuel Hollo, pastor, officiating. Urn interment will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery in Farmington. The family suggests memorial gifts may be made to Alton Community Services, PO Box 43, Alton, NH 03809 or to Community Church of Alton. To express condolences, please visit peasleefuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Holmes Dow
Instrumental in Granite Man Triathlon

EXETER — Marjorie Holmes Dow, 89 of Riverwoods Retirement Community, passed away Monday, Nov. 20. She had been in Exeter four years and had lived 60 years at Tuftonboro Corner. Marjorie, (Midge) was born Aug. 19, 1928 in Wakefield, Mass., the eldest child of Myron L. Holmes and Lillian Irene (Moore). She grew up in Wakefield and graduated from the University of New Hampshire, class of 1950.

Marjorie knew she wanted to live in the shadows of Mt. Shaw the first time she visited Tuftonboro Corner. She married her “chauffeur” from that first visit, Albert H. Dow, Jr. in October, 1951.

Marjorie and Al had three children, Susan, Albert III and Caryl. She is predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Albert (Sandy); her son, Albert III; a grandson, Justin David Chabot; and her brother, William S. Holmes of Reading, Mass. After the death of her son she became instrumental in the



establishment of the Granite Man Triathlon and the Albert H. Dow, III Memorial Scholarship at Kingswood Regional High School.

Marjorie was a teacher of Business at Quimby High School in Sandwich, before she joined her mother-in-law Bessie Pearson Dow and Sandy in running the family antiques business, Dow’s Corner Shop. The business operated at Tuftonboro Corner for 57 years, from 1948 to 2005. During her years in the business she specialized in china and glass items, becoming President of the National Glass Club, Boston, Mass. She loved and collected Chinese and Japanese porcelain and antique paperweights.

When Albert be-

came a pilot at age 60, her girls insisted she learn to land the plane in case of an emergency. She enjoyed flying so much, however, that she became a licensed pilot as well and they flew their plane with great joy sharing rides with family and friends. Marjorie and Albert loved to travel and enjoyed many trips across North America and Europe including trips to the Outer Banks of North Carolina with three generations and Disney World with grandchildren.

Marjorie is survived by her daughters, Susan Dow Johnson and her husband Charles of Exeter, and Caryl H. Dow of Stratham, formerly of Hampton. There remain five grandchildren: Amy E. Brown of Brentwood, Andrea L. Kumpf of Newmarket, Jacob A. Chabot of Dunbarton, Peter C. Johnson of Burlington, N.C. and Thomas (TJ) Welch of Hampton. She was greatly loved by eight great-grand-children: Carter B. and Nathaniel C. Brown, Elizabeth C. and Caroline E. Kumpf, Jasmin J. and Hailey M. Chabot, Everette A. and Wright M. Johnson, who all consider the pool at Riverwoods to be “Gigi’s pool”.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, at the Riverwoods Campus in Exeter. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Albert H. Dow III Scholarship, 37 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301 or Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars – Justin D. Chabot Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 1593, No. Hampton, NH 03862-1593

Lord Funeral Home, Wolfeboro, assisted the family with arrangements.

MARK ON THE MARKETS



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

There is often-ignored asset potentially worth one million dollars that many of us have or will have access to, but we may give little thought to planning for this asset only to realize a minimal portion.

Roughly 74 percent of the time this asset is cut to a minimum because we did not do any research or planning, and once you implement your hasty plan, it is often times too late to change. It is an asset that on average accounts for 70 percent of our retirement income.

This asset is Social Security. Yes, I know that you have probably read articles related to Social Security, I have published a few myself, but the reality is that everyone 55 old and up should start to plan for their retirement as it relates to their SS benefits. There are a whole bunch of us out there that will be retiring in the next 15 years.

Often-ignored asset

The facts are that SS will supply you with data and facts, but they will not render advice or methods of filing that could impact your benefits substantially. When speaking with people about SS, I often hear a lot of misconception surrounding the process for spousal, divorced and widowed people. For married couples, there are some methods of filing that are very beneficial to both parties, but not used that often because of the lack of planning with a knowledgeable SS and retirement planner. With many of us living longer and working longer, it typically doesn’t make sense to take early SS benefits. There are times when taking early SS is the best option, it just seems that it would not be 74 percent of the time. Currently you have one year from the time you take your first benefit payment to reverse and pay back what you have been paid. You can only do this once, so do some planning before you take that step. There are also limits on income with early SS that once surpassed will reduce or tax your benefit substantially. If you asked most people why they started their SS benefits early,

they would tell you that they needed the money, or they thought that if they didn’t get in now there may not be anything for them if they wait.

If we moved the ‘full retirement age’ ahead to 70 years old and “tightened up” the rules for collecting SS benefits, we could solve a lot of problems around insolvency.

Social Security benefits and strategies, even though simpler than before, still are somewhat confusing and complicated. Do you know what FRA means? Or PIA? How about “bend points?” I encourage anyone that is approaching their Social Security benefit election period to call our office and speak to an advisor regarding Social Security and Medicare options.

When to take your SS is a major part of most people’s retirement income plan, so do not take your benefit prematurely.

We should all attempt to stay healthy, productive and plan for our upcoming retirement, whenever that is.

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Cookie swap at Barnstead church on Dec. 4

BARNSTEAD — On Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Center Barnstead Christian Church will be hosting a Christmas cookie swap for ladies. Come and join us for some great Christmas treats, gorgeous Christmas decorations and fun atmosphere. Bring four dozen of the same type of cookie (or brownie, fudge, etc.) and they will provide containers for you to bring home a wide assortment of Christmas treats home. They will also be awarding prizes for the best three cookies. Center Barnstead Christian Church is located on Route 126, next door to the Town

Hall. Any questions, visit <http://centerbarnsteadcc.org/>. please call 269-8831 or

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Heading home

Father Richard Wegman from Alton was leaving Mountain View in Ossipee for home Tuesday. Here he is with Princessa Fiske, Santa, Lance and Fusion Nicoll. They came to say "get well father."

Brewster to host day student information event

WOLFEBORO — Area families interested in learning about an independent school education are encouraged and invited to attend an information event on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Families will learn about what Brewster offers,

including information on curriculum, afternoon programs and community life.

Families will tour the school with a student tour guide; get a glimpse into life as a Brewster student and beyond; discover the Brewster difference;

and learn how Brewster can be affordable.

For more information or to let them know you are coming, contact them at 569-7200 or admissions@brewstercademy.org. RSVPs are not required. You are welcome to just stop in.

Christmas concert set for Pittsfield church

PITTSFIELD — The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, is pleased to present a Christmas concert Friday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. This special concert entitled, “Christmas Jubilation,” will

feature the church’s Chancel Choir, the JuBellation Handbell Choir along with some other special musical talent.

Be sure to include this free delightful concert and carol sing-

along for all ages in your holiday plans. Parking and wheelchair accessible entry located at rear of church on Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

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Adult Sunday School 9:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am. Rte. 126 next to Town Hall. Pastor Brian Gower, 269-8831.

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Christmas tree sales benefit New Hampshire Humane Society

LACONIA — Maggy D's Garden Center, located at 263 Court St. in Laconia, is generously donating 10 percent of the proceeds from every Christmas tree sold this holiday season to the New Hampshire Humane Society. Maggy D's donated a portion of the proceeds of Christmas tree sales to the shelter for the last two years and has pledged to continue their support this holiday season. Maggy D's will also serve as a drop-off point for animal food and supplies throughout the holiday season, including canned dog and cat food, non-clumping clay cat litter and shelter supplies such as paper towels, laundry detergent and stamps. Check out nhhumane.org for the full wish list and other ways to donate.

"This is the third year Maggy and I have donated the proceeds of our late season tree

sales to the Humane Society, every year we want to do more," says David Gouette, head grower and owner of Maggy D's Garden Center. "As animal owners and animal lovers, we want to help all of our furry friends at the New Hampshire Humane Society. If you need a Christmas tree, you should buy one of our beautiful, 100 percent NH-grown trees and help out a great cause, caring for those who have no voice, and no choice." All of Maggy D's trees are New Hampshire grown.

"Maggy D's had a lot of charitable organizations in the area to choose from and we are so grateful that they chose to support our animal shelter," said Mary Lee Gorham, Executive Director of New Hampshire Humane Society. "Care of our animals is our number one priority, and servicing

over a thousand animals per year requires a very generous community outpouring of support."

The NH Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to find responsible and caring forever homes; provide shelter for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals; advocate and be the voice for the voiceless. The society works hard to prevent cruelty to animals and offers education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets. The NH Humane Society accepts monetary donations online at www.nhhumane.org, or specific items, which can be found online at the "wish list," can also be dropped off during shelter hours or by special arrangement.

PET OF THE WEEK



LACONIA — Sixty pounds of glorious rippling muscles draped in an alluring tan and white coat describes Bronx the American Staffordshire Terrier, aged about two.

He was surrendered to New Hampshire Humane Society in August — his former owner could no longer care for him. Life at the animal welfare agency was bumpy for him until he started to understand the rhythm of the shelter and got to know his staff and volunteer handlers.

He's a very strong boy but he loves to cud-

dle and snuggle. Bronx is learning what it means to be a dog that doesn't have to worry about social settings and has developed quite the human fan club.

Shelter staff want to do right by him, place him in a home that can handle and encourage appropriate play, get him used to and monitor him when enjoy-

ing the great outdoors (there was an incident with a groundhog in his former life), take him for rides in the car and immerse him in your life as a committed dog owner.

Bronx is outgoing and a bit of a clown, a great companion in the waiting for an energetic owner — come and visit him or check www.nhhumane.org.

PMHS

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is mostly done online instead of doing the old process, which requires piles and piles of actual paperwork.

"They offered to let us go to 2020 to be in the new process, which we all agree is much more friendly to how a school evaluates students and teachers," Fraser said. "We're working on a growth plan after the small visit and we have to implement that growth plan."

"In 2020 they'll evaluate how well we achieved the growth part of our plan," Fraser said. "We'll be judged on what we've done to fix things."

Robidas pointed out that with the way the accreditation used to run, schools would not find out until weeks later when they got the first report. Now, schools get a quicker response.

"The way they changed it is much more conducive to a growth philosophy," Fraser said. "It's much more proactive."

"It's proactive and reactive," Robidas added. "It's being proactive first by identifying problem areas then we'll have to react to their findings and improve in any areas we can in the time

we have."

Both Robidas and Fraser said it was important to get lots of people involved.

"The entire school community is needed because we gather evidence for everyone," Fraser said, noting there will be a small steering committee and a small self-reflection committee. Robidas added that many staff members stepped up to help out.

Again, all parents and guardians are asked to take part in the survey, which can be accessed at the school's web site at pmhschool.com. Opinions from all parts of the school community will be included in the findings.

Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-

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Prospect announces latest Honor Roll

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School has announced its Honor Roll for the first grading period.

Grade 12 High Honors
Justin Boyce, Skyla Brewster, Erin Bunker, Dominic Carpenter, Gabriela d’Empaire-Poirier, Sadie DeJager, Anna DeRoche, Gabriella Dixon, Leah Dunne, Maddison Foss, Tristian Lariviere, Hannah Mellon, Meagan Minaya, Megan Ouellette, Abigail Reale, Emmalee Riel, Trey Stankos, Abigail Thomas, Tiffany White, Amity Wilson and Nathan Wright.

Honors
Joslyn Bald, Rebekah Bartolin, Alexandra Berry, Jacob Blair, Wynn Bourque, Wyleigh Chase, Nathaniel Cormier,

Ethan Crossman, Alec Dalrymple, Wesley Demers, Cameron Drew, Amanda Gagne, Kaci Gilbert, Timothy Guyer, Andrew Hamilton, Kayley Hoyt, Michael LeGrow, Patrick Locke, Zackary MacLaughlin, Nathan Mann, Haley McGinnis-Marston, Lucas Mostoller, Drew Nickerson, Christopher Normandin, Tiana Sargent-Wilkins, Garrett Sherwood, Damian Warren and Betty-Jane Weir.

Grade 11 High Honors
Mackenzie Burke, Stephanie Chambers, Jackson Conors, Abigail Del Greco, Tucker Kierstead, Lanni McGrath, Morgan Morasse, Justin Perrin, Caleb Piwnicki, Anthony Viscariello, Sophie Wallace and Rebekah Wheeler.

Honors
Kristopher Argiopolis, Madelyn Chase, Tyler Chase, Merrick Collett, Jonathan Curtin, Randolph Dyer, Gabrielle Fossett, Haley Gagnon, Gabriella Guzman, Laura Hamel, Jane Holiday, Nadia Huggard, Emilee Johnson, Teagan Mostoller, Nikolas Neathery, Amia Patraw, Samuel Reynolds, Hannah Robitaille, Dakota Smart, Garrett Smith, Lucas Therrien, Maxwell Tuttle and Jazzmyne Warren.

Grade 10 High Honors
Ava Blair, Tessa Carter, Ava Creteau, Grace DeJager, Sara Frenette, Reilly Gray, Isabelle Huggard, Marissa Labrie, Georgie Martin, Willow Quindley, Hannah Racine, Melissa Rojek, Samantha Simpson and Sam Stankos.

Honors
Madlynn Archambault, Sarah Archambault, Kelly Barnes, Taren Brownell, Hayley Cole, Amberlyn Cookinham, Ryan Dube, Samantha Gagne, Aidan Gehly, Anna Giuda, Kastor Gunther, Alyx Guyer, Grace Hardie, Meagan Irving, Joseph LaMontagne, Cameron Michaud, Lily Michaud, Ava Misiaszek, Ryan Nolin, Sarah Piper, Brandon Stellon, Jacob Street, Nolan Sykes, Keegan Unzen, Gwendolyn West and Mykel Whitehouse.

Grade nine High Honors
Kathryn Archam-

bault, Evelyn Argue, Samuel Bangs, Dartagnan Birnie, Natalie Cates, Maya Corriveau, Francis Dowd, Audrey Jacques, Kasidey Kelley, Madeline Kriete, Julia Leavitt, Michael Mahoney, Juliahnna Marcello, Justin Maynard, Lindsey McCullough, Carissa Messina, Emily Piper, Cadence Provost, Izabella Sorrentino, Dominic Soucy, Abagael Swenson, Aryana Warner and Fiona Wilson.

Honors
Connor Benninghove, Lucas Bilodeau, Joseph Boudreau, Jenna Brophy, Aid-

en Burke, Madeleine Cates, Owen Chase, Nicholas Clark, Abigail DeRoche, Hannah Errington, Payton Everett, David Fossett, Jonathan Frenzel, Brandon Cornick, Jonathan Gray, Lilianne Hillsgrrove, Nathan Holiday, Kylie Ingham, Hannah Irving, Katherine Jalbert, Samantha Johnson, Jiana Kenerson, Nicholas Koby, Noah Liedtke, Hannah Linsky, Alexander Ludwig, Mateo Monziona, Autumn Mussey, David Parker, Michael Perry, Autumn Sheets, Trevor Smith, Allie Stockman and Emma Vignola.

WEDCO moves into new offices, plans open house

WOLFEBORO — Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) invites the public to celebrate its new location at a pre-holiday open house Tuesday, Dec. 5, from noon to 7 p.m.

For 24 years, businesses and entrepreneurs on the eastern shore of Lake Winnepesaukee and along southern Route 16 have turned to Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) for advice, training and loans to pursue business success. Non-profits and grass-roots initiatives in Wolfeboro, Brookfield, Wakefield, Effingham, Tuftonboro, Farmington, Sandwich, Middleton, New Durham, Milton and Moultonborough have looked to the organization for support and direction. Now, on the cusp of its 25th anniversary, WEDCO has moved to new offices at People’s United Bank Bank on Varney Road in Wolfeboro.

WEDCO’s move was precipitated by the anticipated sale of 7 Center Street, the agency’s home for 21 years. Branch Manager Travis

Carloni was instrumental in the move to People’s United. He says, “People’s Bank knows how important WEDCO is to our region’s well-being. Our space meets their needs, and the move was especially fitting when this bay-side area of Wolfeboro is experiencing tremendous rejuvenation. We are thrilled WEDCO chose us for their new home, and look forward to continued collaborations within the community.”

WEDCO Executive Director Denise Roy-Palmer is quick to recognize People’s United Bank and Citizens Bank, the organization’s previous landlord, for their support of WEDCO. “They understand the importance of supportive communities to economic stability as well as continued growth. We hope that our new location, with improved visibility from the street, will put us front and center in people’s minds-whether they are thinking about new ventures, taking their businesses to the next level, or simply looking for a sounding

board. I hope they will stop by and meet us Dec. 5 or any time.”

The office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and by appointment Thursdays and Fridays.

Hearty appetizers will be available from noon to 7 p.m. Dec. 5, and a toast to success is scheduled just after 5 p.m. Past clients, community partners and people exploring new ventures are especially encouraged to attend.

WEDCO is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) regional economic development corporation serving businesses of all sizes in the New Hampshire towns that include Brookfield, Effingham, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Contact Roy-Palmer at 569-4216, info@WEDCO-NH.org or visit www.WEDCO-NH.org to learn more. WEDCO’s office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday and Fridays by appointment. WEDCO is also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WEDCONH/>.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 211 calls for service during the week of Nov. 19-25, including three arrests.

One male subject was arrested for willful concealment.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were two motor vehicle accidents.

There were three thefts/break-ins reported on Mooney Street, Roberts Cove Road and Mt. Major trailhead.

There were three

suspicious person/activity reports on Kee-waydin Drive, Davis Road and Elliott Road.

Police made 62 motor vehicle stops and handled three motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 138 other calls for services that consisted of the following: Two assist fire department, two assist other agencies, one pistol permit application, three animal complaints, one juvenile incident, three domestic complaints, three general assis-

tance, one wanted person/fugitive, 14 alarm activations, two case work/follow-up, one highway/roadway hazard report, one simple assault, one general information, three vehicle ID checks, two sex offender registrations, two civil matters, one wellness check, four community programs, one drug destruction, one disabled motor vehicle, 56 directed patrols, two motor vehicle lockouts, one medical assist, 15 property checks and 15 paperwork services.

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RENNER

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Crown 30-mile class, which is a technical, hilly course, in 2015.

“Just being able to run it at age 12 was extraordinary,” Lara said, “but then to place fourth with a yearling dog team was huge.”

Upon hearing the results, she was once again “speechless.”

The following year at the Can-Am 30, she placed fourth again, with slow conditions. “To finish with Siberians at the top of the pack against adult racers was impressive.”

Last winter she ran the 100-mile class in the Can-Am. “The conditions were fast and icy,” she said, “and at one point we were running through a river. Experienced racers said it was the hardest course they’d ever done.”

Lara’s attitude was that “anything other than last is a bonus.”

She needn’t have worried. She finished fifth as the top rookie, top female finisher, top Siberian team, and the youngest to ever compete in that event.

Why does she do so well? “We were lucky with the dogs we bred,” she suggested. “They are fast and also have endurance. All of our dogs turned into great lead dogs.”

Her philosophy is to spare the dogs during the races, also. “Mushers don’t always run up hills, but I push the sled up hill for them and it pays off.”

The dogs preserve their strength and Lara is, well, in “amazing shape. Every winter I run a half marathon.”

Caring for the dogs on a daily basis, handled basically by Lara and her

father Steve, is a bit of a marathon, also.

“It’s definitely a family commitment,” Renner said, “not just in the dogs’ direct care, but financially, too. And our day-to-day schedule is built around accommodating the training and needs of the dogs.”

Lara has been homeschooled for the past two years so she can immerse herself in her pack. She has what might be called a hobby of sketching and painting, but it turns out that her subjects are the dogs.

“They are my inspiration,” she said. “My life revolves around this and there are no vacations.”

And now, the dream is in sight.

The first step to the Iditarod is the 2018 Junior Iditarod, for which Lara easily qualified.

Several factors have fallen into place to make 2018 the perfect year. The race is open only to youngsters 14-18, and many of her dogs are in their prime. As a homeschooled student, she is also able to take the time to have this experience.

“Most of the kids who run it already live in Alaska,” Renner said. “It’s rare for someone to come from the East Coast.”

Dog sled racing is a sport unto itself. There are woods, lakes, ice, rocks, snow, cold, and the dark.

Take the Can-Am 100, for instance. The 100-mile run takes about nine hours, plus a mandatory four-hour rest period. You’re definitely returning in the dark.

Lara called the conditions of that race “fast and icy,” but an adult who returned said the conditions were “terri-



COURTESY PHOTO
LARA RENNER of Alton has qualified for the Junior Iditarod and there will be a couple of fundraisers to help her cause this weekend.

ble.”

“He showed my mom pictures and she was white-faced.”

Mushers use headlamps, but Lara’s grandmother worried that the light might die or be defective. “She stood at the finish line in minus 40 degrees to wait for me.”

The Junior Iditarod is 150 miles. Longer races such as these have required gear, including a first aid kit, fire starters, and extra headlamps “in case you need to spend the night with your dogs. I would be prepared.”

She also carries a two-way communication device.

So are mushers risk takers?

Lara wouldn’t say so. “I’m pretty cautious when it comes to other things. I’ve never thought of it as a risky activity or being dangerous because I know my team and my abilities.”

She has taken survival courses and knows “how to react if something bad happens. I’m confident in my ability to take care of the dogs first and then myself.”

In fact, beyond the race itself, she’s mostly excited about meeting kids her age with the same interests. “So far it’s been all about the dogs, and now I’ve already started

following on Instagram the people I’ll compete against.”

The logistics involved in getting out to Alaska aren’t easy. The trip is four thousand miles in their modified pick-up truck with 12 dog crates built into it. The race is 10 dogs, but the extra two are in case of injury. Sleds and harnesses take up the back.

Lara’s mother and sister will fly out for the event, but Lara and her father will drive. And she’ll be racing across the country.

“We’re figuring out what races we want to do, and also contacting mushers along the way to use trails to train on.”

The dogs need to run every two or three days to be in shape upon arrival. “We’ll be leaving the end of January,” Lara said, “and travel for a couple of weeks. We need to get there by mid-February to get in long training runs before the race.”

The dogs are used to traveling eight hours, with frequent stops. “Their boxes are like home to them.”

Cold temperatures do not deter Siberian Huskies or Lara. “I’ve always liked being outside and winter never bothered me.” She is, however, on the lookout for a new

jacket. “I need one that goes lower than minus 30.”

A jacket isn’t the only thing she needs at this point, and that is why fundraising is so important. “The original goal was to get 3,000 dollars from individual donations and 3,000 in corporate,” Lara said, “but the expenses just keep coming and coming.”

She’s been keeping track of income and expenses on a spreadsheet. “Our sponsors are incredible. It means so much that these people are there for me and supporting me financially to help with my dream. It’s eye-opening that we have this kind of support here.”

Local and regional business sponsors have made a huge difference to the Renner family, as have the families that have been inspired by Lara’s story.

“A lot of these people have known me for a long time and they know the dedication it takes to do this. People can relate to the skills I’ve learned along the way and it’s the kind of story that resonates with a lot of people.”

To help put Lara closer to her goal, two fundraisers will be held this weekend. Drop by JP China restaurant on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., and pick up gifts and gear at the Prospect Mountain High School’s vendor fair on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Direct contact is possible at Team Snowspeeder on Facebook or by e-mailing teamsnowspeeder@gmail.com.

“I never thought we’d be at this point,” Lara said. “I don’t even know where to start to put into

words how it feels that a dream can literally come true.”

Belief in her by the community is only one component that makes this dream possible; the other is Lara herself.

“Some days I’m on the sled for nine hours a day, and then I spend two hours outside doing kennel chores every day.”

Quality time with her teammates is important. “The more they feel a part of your pack, the more they will respect you, which is a huge part of the sport. They need to trust you.”

A lot of people are incapable of this degree of commitment. Many days she’ll train 25 miles in the rain. “I have different concerns from my friends, but I love being with the dogs.”

“There are costs,” Steve Renner said, “but the rewards outweigh the costs.”

He wouldn’t trade the experience of “watching her grow as she’s raced for four years. She’s grown in confidence, and learned physical and emotional lessons she couldn’t have learned any other way at this age. We trust her out there on her own.”

Upon return from Alaska, Lara is willing to spread the wealth of experience and expertise; she is interested in listing as a mentor with the NH Mushers’ Association.

Dog sled racing is an exciting, exacting sport. It has been at the center of Lara Renner’s being for two-thirds of her life, and she is on her way to the iconic race of her dreams.

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Recent finds make Bering Strait theory much harder to accommodate the facts

Archeological digs in Randolph, Jefferson, Berlin and Colebrook during the past two decades are helping spur new debate over just when the peopling of the Western Hemisphere occurred, and from whence.

A recent report by three well-known paleoindian experts helps challenge to the conventional wisdom that the first people came to this hemisphere by crossing the Bering Sea land bridge approximately 15,000 years ago.

Conjecture derived from recent digs in northern New England now puts the first human habitation here, around the edge of the melting glaciers, at about 14,000 years. And many other digs and carbon datings far to the south, in Florida, California, Central America, and South America, have yielded bones and artifacts dating to 15,000 to 20,000 years ago, and perhaps more.

This does not square with the Bering land-bridge theory, or for the number and dispersal of people who arrived over what is now accepted as a much longer time. Under the old scenario there simply would not have been enough time, the growing argument

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



goes, for people to have reached from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from the Arctic Circle to the southern tip of South America.

Dick Boisvert, New Hampshire's state archaeologist, has been refreshingly open and candid while presiding over various digs north of the notches, and this has earned much public interest in who came here before us, and how they lived.

He is among the contributors to "Paleoindian Adaptation to the Landscape of Northern New Hampshire," which ran in a Texas A & M publication on early human migration and dispersal.

Hunters today, with modern gear and chip-generated trappings, might have a hard time identifying with hunters back then, except on basics like animal behavior and the lay of the land.

Hunters then, armed with spears and arrows tipped with sharp points made by chipping chert, or obsidian, herded animals, chiefly caribou, into very wide containment areas that nar-



JOHN HARRIGAN

PART of the Presidentials skyline as seen from Route 2, pretty much what people 14,000 years ago would have seen, except for the trees.

rowed to choke-points where they could be killed. It's worth noting to me, a hunter who loathes weasel-words, that the report uses "harvest" rather than "kill" at every opportunity. Whenever I see this I can't help thinking "Come on, how preachy."

But how did primitive people, whose populations in far northern climes were never very large, muster enough people to herd, or drive, or push, such skittish animals toward pinch-points that would enable close-striking and kills? It is worth noting that in these vast barren-lands there was no fencing material whatsoever.

During my travels in the far north, on several trips, I noticed what looked like the stone cairns along hiking trails here and around the

world, built as path-finders during darkness and storms. But these in the sub-Arctic, I soon learned, were piles of stone built to resemble people, to help herd caribou toward a choke-point, where hunters using bows and spears would have their best chance.

For many years, I lived on Route 2 east of Jefferson, very near to where archeologists and helpers were excavating one of the better Jefferson sites. I had often hunted that hillside, and further news about paleoindian hunting made me want to visit the dig again.

I did so, and scouted around a bit above the dig and just east of it, all within the area where the ancient people are thought to have camped. And it appeared, through a hunter's eyes, to be the perfect place to live and work and be on the lookout for approaching herds--the prevailing wind in your face, and on barren ground, long vistas in all directions.

It wasn't too much of a stretch to picture peo-

ple camped there, knocking the edges off pieces of chert to make arrowheads and spear points, while lookouts strained their eyes for caribou.

But with all that's going on, the carbon-dating of tools, fire-pits and bones from all over the Western Hemisphere, it's hard to get a handle on just where these people came from, and how long ago.

This column runs in a dozen papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Lakes Region Singers to present two concerts

REGION — Are you wondering how to entertain your family and friends this holiday season? Let the Lakes Region Singers make it easy for you. This well-known community choral group will offer two Christmas performances — one on Friday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m., and another on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. "Our musical program will have something for everyone," said Director Karen Jordan. "We will perform new pieces as well as old favorites, for all ages, and we will showcase many talented soloists and instrumentalists from our local communities."

Both concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church, on Route 11A in Gilford, and the youth chorus as well as the adult chorus will perform. A suggested donation will be taken at the door to help cover expenses. There will be free homemade refreshments available for the public at each intermission.

The adult chorus program offers exciting new arrangements of familiar favorites such as "White Christmas," "Sleigh Bells," and "It's



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THE LAKES REGION SINGERS will present two Christmas concerts.

Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," along with the lovely Appalachian carol, "I Wonder as I Wander," and Clement Moore's famous poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" set to music. Their performance also includes challenging treatments of "Festival Gloria," "Let All Creation Celebrate" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory." The youth chorus will take center stage with spirited versions of "The Cantate Canon," "Let It Snow" and "Peace on This Silent Night." Then they will join the adult chorus for the concert's grand finale, "Joyful, All Ye Nations, Rise."

Several numbers will feature soloists on strings, flute, organ, brass and percussion, plus a performance by the adult bell choir. Phil

Breton on piano will continue to accompany the adult chorus, while Kelly Cleveland will once again accompany as well as direct the youth chorus.

Directed for the past seven years by Jordan, the Lakes Region Singers have been entertaining this area with winter and spring concerts since 1992. The chorale now has nearly 40 community singers from Laconia, Belmont, Gilford and Gilmanton. "It makes us so happy to bring you the joy of music every year," said Jordan. "We hope you and your friends can join us on Dec. 15 or 17 for this year's holiday celebration."

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Timber Wolves look to return to Final Four

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — After advancing to the Division III semifinals last year, the Prospect Mountain girls' basketball team lost four of its five starters to graduation and will face an uphill battle to return to that level.

But coach Rick Burley believes he has the players who can make that happen, if they're willing to do the work to get there.

"Obviously, this year is a little different dynamic," Burley stated. "But I still feel we're pretty strong. We've got to find our own identity and I think we will."

"I believe we're one of the top teams, we can



JOSHUA SPAULDING
ALI BROWN returns
as a captain for the
Prospect hoop girls.

"We need people to step up but I'm hopeful some of the seniors will step up being it's their senior year," Burley stated. "I told all the girls going in that everybody is fighting for a position."

The Timber Wolves will be led by returning captain Ali Brown, who is back for her senior year. Last year she played more at the three but this year will be counted on to be more inside.

"I expect her role to be more vocal this year," Burley said. "We'll need her inside this year, but will still need her outside shooting."

The team will have three other senior captains, all playing in the backcourt. Leah Dunne, Tiffany White and Emmalee Riel will all be looking to step up for more varsity playing time.

"This is their opportunity to show what they have in their senior year," Burley said. "And I think they'll step up and fill those roles."

The other senior is Megan Ouellette, who will come off the bench for the Timber Wolves.

The team's juniors are Mackenzie Burke, Rebekah Wheeler, Nadia Huggard, Maddie Chase and Lanni McGrath. Burke is the returning

junior with the most experience, as she saw time at the varsity level last year and will be expected to step up again. The other juniors will be counted on to take a bigger role.

The team has a pair of sophomores, with Hannah Racine expected to fill some of the open time in the front court and Burley expects her to take the step up from the JV to the varsity level. The other sophomore is Ava Misiaszek, who will be seeing time with the JV and the varsity.

Burley said that he expects to see Gilford and Newfound at the top of the standings in Division III and both are on the schedule for the Timber Wolves.

"You have to have luck on your side but you also have to make your own breaks," Burley said. "There's going to be good nights and bad nights and we'll have to work through them."

The Timber Wolves will open the season on Friday, Dec. 1, at home against St. Thomas and will be hosting Berlin on Tuesday, Dec. 5, both at 6 p.m.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

The winter sports season officially gets under way for a few teams in the coming week.

The Newfound girls' basketball team opens the season at Belmont on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. and then hosts Gilford on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

The Plymouth wrestling team opens the season on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at home against John Stark.

The Prospect Mountain hoop girls will open the season with two home games, hosting St. Thomas on Friday, Dec. 1, and Berlin on Tuesday, Dec. 5, both at 6 p.m.

be," the Timber Wolf coach said. "I believe we can play with anybody. If we put the effort and time in, we can be right

back where we were last year."

Last year the team relied a lot on its size and most of that size has

graduated so the team is smaller this year, requiring a different approach, most likely running with three guards.

Dates announced for Great Meredith Ice Fishing Derby

MEREDITH — The Meredith Rotary Club is pleased to announce that the dates for its 39th annual ice fishing derby will be Feb. 10-11. The Great Meredith Ice

Fishing Derby brings anglers and families from all over New England to enjoy the beauty of New Hampshire and also be in the running for more than \$50,000 in prize awards.

The derby draws participation from all

over the country to the scenic Lakes Region of New Hampshire, which provides a great variety of lakes teaming with fish. The region is truly a winter wonderland, and the Great Meredith Ice Fishing Derby headquarters is located in the

picturesque town of Meredith, a popular tourist destination on the shores of famous Lake Winnepesaukee. There are plenty of lodging options, from rustic to fancy, all nearby to all the lakeside action. There are also plenty of dining options and attractions in the region, which makes the 39th annual fishing derby a great family getaway adventure.

The 2018 event boasts

more than \$50,000 in cash prizes and a Disney World dream vacation for four. Event producers encourage everyone to register, since you don't even need to fish to win one of the many cash prizes that are drawn throughout the weekend. Registration for the event is just \$40 per person. Each registration provides the opportunity to win one of

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The making of a champion

Local teen pedals to cyclocross championship

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — David Sandoval of Wolfeboro was riding his mountain bike for the Jewett State Farms team when the season was coming to an end and he was interested in finding something else to do.

“They were doing cyclocross and I tried it,” Sandoval said. The rest, as they say, is history, as the Kingswood Regional student has turned himself into a New Hampshire state champion in the 15-16 age group.

Cyclocross is a unique sport that involves cyclists riding on a course that features pavement, wooded trails, grass, steep hills and obstacles, some of which require riders to dismount and carry their bicycles.

“It’s a mix between obstacles and riding on pavement and dirt,” Sandoval said, noting there are jump barriers, stairs, steep dirt run-ups and sand, among other obstacles.

Sandoval has moved on to the Barker Mountain Bikes team out of Bethel, Maine and now competes around the northeast in cyclocross events throughout the fall. The season starts in September and runs through November. In his most recent race, he finished second on Saturday and first on Sunday in a field of more than 130 racers in Northampton, Mass.

Sandoval notes that the size of the races varies, with smaller races running anywhere between 20 and 50 riders, while the larger races can feature upwards of 120 racers. In cyclocross, all racers are on the course together. He noted that the biggest races he’s been part of have been races that offered World Cup points, with more than 130 racers at a time.

Sandoval began riding with a group of men that ride on Sundays throughout the Lakes Region, usually doing 80 to 90 miles in a trip and he has used that as a training vehicle, trying to do high-intensity rides and the youngster’s father, Vincent,



JOSHUA SPAULDING
DAVID SANDOVAL shows off his medals and numbers from cyclocross races.

noted that riding with a group helped prepare his son for cyclocross.

“Riding with a group helps him learn to ride with the pack,” the elder Sandoval said.

The Kingswood freshman get in to as many races as he can throughout the season, which is 16 races long. Over the course of the season he’s built up points to help earn a chance to compete in larger competitions. At the beginning of the season, the US Cycling rankings had Sandoval predicted for a 27th place finish and as of the end of October he has shown himself to be among the best in the northeast. The national championships are being held in Reno, Nev.

and he is waiting to see if he can qualify for that race.

Sandoval noted that he enjoys racing against some of the top competitors from around the region and the country, as they push him to be better.

“All the kids train in the winters, so it’s cool to see them, they’re so good,” he said of the high-level competition.

At the same time, he noted that it’s tough to train specifically for cyclocross, as there are not a lot of tracks around to work with. He does get out and ride on the Sewall Woods and Abenaki Ski Area trail systems.

“You can’t really prepare for it,” Sandoval



COURTESY PHOTO
DAVID SANDOVAL (center) celebrates a win during this cyclocross season.



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DAVID SANDOVAL takes a turn in cyclocross action this year.



COURTESY PHOTO
DAVID SANDOVAL goes up over an obstacle in action earlier this year.

said. “Once you get out there, you’re out there and you do what you need to do.”

His work on the circuit got him noticed last year and he was invited to take part in the Kill-

ington Mountain School cyclocross camp, where he trained with some of the top athletes in the sport.

“We were immersed in a week of cyclocross, learning with national champions,” Sandoval said.

The work paid off, as he was won the state championship for his age group in Keene in late October.

“It’s always a pleasure to see him compete at that level,” Vincent Sandoval said.

However, as the winter slowly begins to set in, cycling gets a bit more difficult, so Sandoval turns to another form of training, something that he’s used over the last year-plus.

That training is Nordic skiing. Last year, as an eighth grader, he was one of the top skiers in the state and this year he moves up to the high school team. He said, like cyclocross, Nordic skiing involves a lot of endurance, something he’s built up over the years. He noted that he’s still learning the skills of the sport of Nordic skiing, but on endurance alone, he’s moved up the rankings in the sport.

And it’s pretty likely his rise in the cyclocross world this year has prepared him for continued success there and in the upcoming Nordic season.

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Locals earn fall sports awards at Brewster

WOLFEBORO — Brewster Academy celebrated fall interscholastic athletes during recent ceremonies and the following local students were among the recipients:

For girls’ varsity soccer, junior Anya Found received the Coaches’ Award while sophomore Carolyn Trepanier received the Coaches’ Award on the junior varsity team.

Senior Dawson Allwine received the Coaches’ Award on the cross country team.



Dawson Allwine



Brianna Brown



Ethan Emerson



Anya Found



Dexter Hanson



Carolyn Trepanier

On the varsity golf team, senior Ethan Emerson earned the Most Valuable Player award while senior Dexter Hanson received the Coaches’ Award.

Junior Brianna Brown received the Coaches’ Award for the junior varsity sailors.

The winter sports season has begun at Brewster. Winter interscholastic sports offerings include basketball, ice hockey, alpine ski and snowboard. Non-interscholastic sports include recreational ski and snowboard, yoga, conditioning and advanced strength training.

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KINGSWOOD hockey players dropped off animal beds they made at the Lakes Region Humane Society. Front row (l to r), Nick Potenza, Cole Emerson and Gavin Goodwin. Back row (l to r), coach Mike Potenza, Sam Danaïs, Burke Ruel, Drew Luby and Andy McMullen.



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COLE EMERSON, Kolbe Maganzini, Bailey Savage and Andy McMullen make dog beds to donate to the Lakes Region Humane Society.

Swapping hockey sticks for sewing machines

Kingswood hockey boys make beds for Lakes Region Humane Society animals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

OSSIPEE — It's might be considered unusual to see a bunch of hockey players huddled around sewing machines and fabric.

But that was exactly the scene for members of the Kingswood boys' hockey team earlier this fall, as the Knights spent a day putting together dog and cat beds for the Lakes Region Humane Society in Ossipee.

Members of the team, accompanied by coach Mike Potenza, delivered the beds they made to the facility on Saturday, Nov. 11.

"I'm trying to get them to give back all the time to the community," Potenza said. "Usually we do skills sessions for Back Bay hockey, but I thought we needed to do more."

Potenza credited his wife, Sara, with coming up with the idea of making the beds for the humane society and 10 players showed up at the Potenza home to make the beds.

"We got together and made them all in one day," Potenza said. "And then we picked a time to go drop them off."

Sara Potenza, as part of her job at Keepsake Quilting, had access to the fabric needed to make the beds, which were created of fit in a standard animal crate. The Knight coach went and bought the stuffing for the beds and the kids did the rest.

"There was one group at the table cutting, one group sewing and one group stuffing," Potenza said.

The Knight coach said he was expecting a couple of players to show up but he got more than half of the kids who will likely be on the roster come this winter when the team takes the ice.

"The whole idea is to get them a little more involved and get a little appreciation of where they're from," Potenza stated.

He pointed out that he is hoping to also get the team involved in a local nursing home in the coming months.

"And we'll be doing something else for the humane society," Potenza said.

Staff at the Lakes



COURTESY PHOTO

RILEY SMITH sews a dog bed that was donated to the Lakes Region Humane Society.

Region Humane Society accepted the team's gifts and gave the facilities, they got the players a tour of the chance to meet a

Kingswood football supports Coaches vs. Cancer

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood High School football recently played with more than one goal in mind. Aside from the ball in the end zone, they also wanted to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer. The team raised \$790 this year for the American Cancer Society to support cutting-edge cancer research and cancer patients.

For two weeks leading up to their Oct. 20 game against the Pembroke Academy Spartans, the players gave up their lunches to work a table in the cafeteria collecting donations and pledges. In addition, they also held a bake sale during the game. Devin Leonard, a senior captain, spearheaded the efforts but overall it was a total team effort to raise the donation.

"This team's support of the Coaches vs. Cancer program is invaluable," says American Cancer Society Community Manager Kathy Metz. "It is really not just a team effort, but also one for the whole community. That sort of support is invaluable to the American Cancer Society's life-saving mission."

To learn more about Coaches vs. Cancer or to get your team involved in the Coaches vs. Cancer program, contact Kathy at 512-490-8787 or Kathy.metz@cancer.org.

About Coaches Vs. Cancer

The Coaches vs. Cancer program is a nationwide program founded by the American Cancer



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THE KINGSWOOD football team supported Coaches vs. Cancer.

Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) that empowers athletic coaches, their teams, fans, and communities to

Cranmore cuts the ribbon on Kearsarge Brook Condominiums

NORTH CONWAY — State and local leaders gathered at Cranmore Mountain Resort on Monday, Nov. 20, for an official ribbon cutting ceremony that marked the completion of phase one of Cranmore's \$50 million base area redevelopment project called Kearsarge Brook Condominiums at Cranmore. When completed, the six-phase Master Plan will bring six new buildings, 106 year round residences and

45,000 square feet of new day lodge space to the resort.

The ceremony recognized phase one of Kearsarge Brook Condominiums, which sit at the base of Cranmore's South Slope, providing 18 two and three-bedroom condominiums with easy access to the slopes and views of Cranmore and the surrounding White Mountains.

Cranmore President and General Manager

Ben Wilcox kicked off the event by welcoming the crowd and acknowledging the completion of phase one of

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save lives from cancer by participating in a variety of national and local events. Since its inception in 1993, high school and college coaches and their wives involved in numerous sports across the country have raised more than \$85 million with the American Cancer Society to save lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back against cancer.

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ACROSS

DOWN

1. Feeling of wanting to know something

1. Island country

4. Joyous activity

2. Mold again


7. Musical movements

3. Near future

5. Formal form of “on”

6. To present

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HISTORY

• 1337: EDWARD, THE BLACK PRINCE IS MADE DUKE OF CORNWALL.

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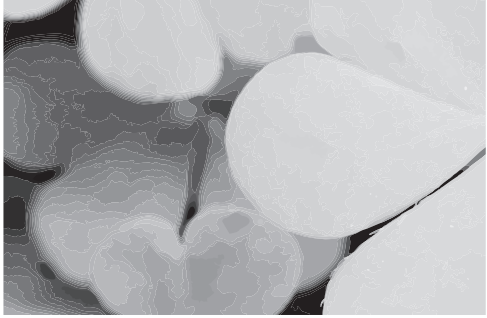
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B. 25 6 15 13 18 11

Clue: Part of a series

C. 10 22 9 11 3

Clue: They're in books

D. 4 11 22 21

Clue: Comprehend meaning of words

Answers: A. book B. volume C. pages D. read

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ANSWER:

Remembering a truly wonderful woman

One of the best things about this job is the many great people I get to meet. Be it the coaches, athletes, parents, grandparents or community members, it seems that no matter where I go, I am always running into interesting people, people who have great stories and live unique lives.

Last week, I was sad to learn of the passing of one of the truly wonderful people I have had the pleasure to know over the last 15 years doing this job.

I first met Marjorie Dow a number of years ago at the Granite Man Triathlon and over the years, it was always great to talk to her at the annual event in Wolfeboro. For those who don't know the story of the Granite Man Triathlon and its origins, that story alone would make you realize how impressive a person Marjorie really was.

Back in the early 1980s, Marjorie's son, Albert Dow III, was involved in a search and rescue mission in the Presidential Range, with a large group of people out looking for hikers who were stranded high in the mountains on a winter evening. While the missing hikers were eventually found, Albert was killed in an avalanche, giving the ultimate sacrifice while trying to help others.

A scholarship was started in Albert's name and now the Granite Man Triathlon, which



has been held every year since then, is run in his honor, with all proceeds from the race going to support the Albert Dow III Scholarship, which is given to a Kingswood student.

While Marjorie was the first person to tell you she did not start the Granite Man, she and her family were instru-

mental in continuing the tradition each year since then, volunteering at the Granite Man each year. Wolfeboro welcomes hundreds of athletes each summer and those athletes take to the waters at Carry Beach and the roads in and around the Wolfeboro area to swim, bike and run their way to glory in the Granite Man Triathlon.

Marjorie was absent at this year's Granite Man, but longtime friend Judy Drew, another of the great people

I have the pleasure of getting to know through my job, made sure to mention her and her incredible family (who were there, volunteering as they traditionally do).

I have been lucky enough over the past 15 years to meet some great people. I've met professional and Olympic-caliber athletes, longtime veteran coaches and coaches making their sideline debuts who have interesting stories. There are par-

ents who have unique jobs and community members who have some incredible accomplishments under their belts. But sometimes, it's the quiet people who go about their lives every day who are some of the most interesting and wonderful people.

And Marjorie Dow was one of those people. Without a doubt, the Granite Man Triathlon won't be the same without her presence.

Finally, I send my condolences to Marjo-

rie's family on the loss of a truly wonderful person.

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Kearsarge Brook on the eve of the resort's 80th anniversary. "We've been talking about Cranmore's future, Kearsarge Brook, for the past few years, and today we can say this is Cranmore's present." Wilcox continued by outlining the larger picture plan of the project, which is to make Kearsarge Brook a trophy resort in New England. "Kearsarge Brook will heighten everything done at the mountain, and will set the table for the next 80 years to come."

Special Assistant to Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Chuck Henderson, shared the Senator's comments at the ribbon cutting. "Today's ceremony marks a major step forward as you write the next chapter in Cranmore's rich history. I would

like to congratulate the folks at Cranmore, the Fairbank Group and all who came together to make this vision a reality."

Joe Kenney, Executive Councilor, congratulated the resort and Fairbank Group on the completion of the first phase. "This particular project and future development is going to be a great addition to the ski industry and the state of New Hampshire," he stated.

Dave Miller, President of Glen Builders – the project's general contractor, stressed the local focus of the project, workin3g with more than 70 vendors and suppliers.

Cranmore owner Brian Fairbank, who also operates Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort in Massachusetts and Bromley Mountain in Vermont, implemented a similar develop-

ment at Jiminy Peak in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. Fairbank had high praise for the team who completed the project. "With Kearsarge Brook, we're going to do everything we can to preserve the character, but wanted to make sure what we did in this base area was unlike anything else in New England. Taking this base area and making it spectacularly beautiful, becomes an essential ingredient for us to say how we're going to differentiate ourselves for the future. Kearsarge Brook is a symbol of that uniqueness."

Phase one residences range from 1,220 to 1,695 square feet for the top floor penthouse. Phase one owners will enjoy ski-in/ski-out access to the slopes as well as a variety of resort amenities, gated parking and private

owner ski lockers. For more information on Kearsarge Brook Condominiums at Cran-

more, visit Kearsarge-BrookNH.com or call the on-site sales office at 356-1111.


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the cash prizes as well as the Disney trip. Each registration includes a \$10 dining certificate from T-Bones and Cactus Jack's. Prizes for the top winning fish are \$15,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000.

For more information regarding the Great Mer-

edith Ice Fishing Derby, visit meredithrotary.org. Information will also be posted on the Meredith Rotary Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Meredith.Rotary.Club>. Additional information is available from the Meredith Chamber of Commerce at 279-7600 or meredithareachamber.org.



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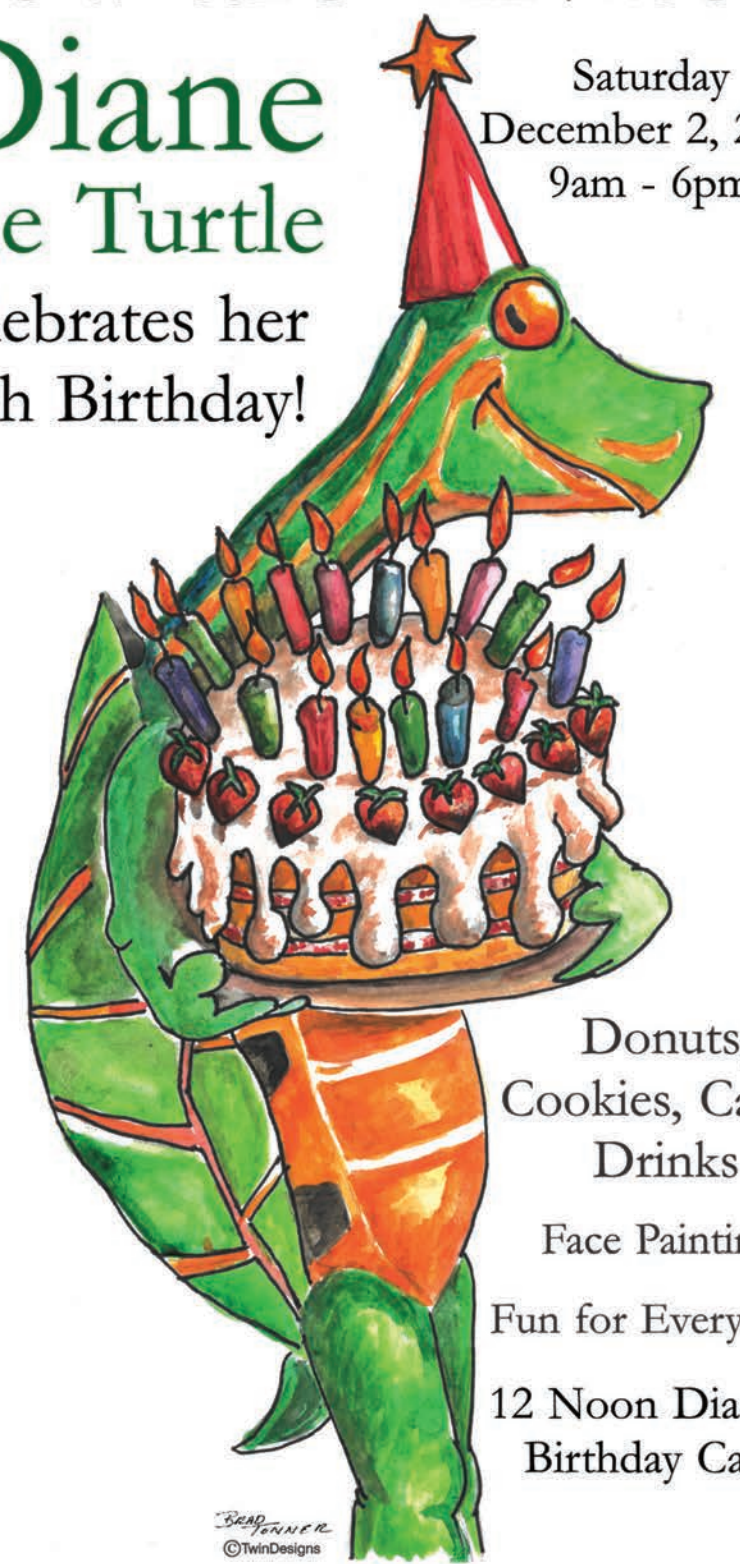
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