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# A dog's tale – miracle in New Durham

## *New Durham family reunited with dog after months-long search*

BY CATHY ALLYN  
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — This is said to be the season of miracles, and a New Durham family knows exactly what one feels like.

The story starts in Mississippi, where a dog was rescued and sent north, and weaves its way to a woman who refused to give up. The dog is Layla, a three-year old fox hound, and the woman is Doreen Gantt, who took her in.

To begin with, it was a bit of a miracle that the dog even came to be with Gantt.

"My daughter and I were at the Coheco Valley Humane Society in Dover on Friday of Memorial Day weekend, dropping off a case of dog food, and she convinced me to have a look at the dogs."

Based on their bios and behavior, Gantt decided none would be a good fit for her family. "So we were almost out of the door, when we saw Layla. It was pretty much love at first sight."

Gantt has a soft spot for hounds, having had pet beagles as a child, and currently cater-

ing to a 14-year old beagle, Mushu. "He is very docile, so I knew if I brought another dog into the house, she would have to be docile as well."

After some hand licking and walking politely on lead, the gentle dog convinced Gantt that she belonged with her. Because the family was going to be traveling the next day, Gantt asked if the shelter could hold Layla until Sunday.

Policy prevented that, and Gantt was suddenly gripped with the fear that another family would take her.

"I said we'd take her right then, but they told me they needed to do a meet and greet with Mushu." The problem was that the place was going to close in an hour.

Staff agreed to wait and Gantt dashed off to New Durham, scooped up the beagle and her younger daughter, and dashed back. "The meet and greet went great," she reported. "Everyone liked everyone. We adopted her on the spot."

Throughout the summer, it just so hap-

pened that the family never had any overnight obligations. If no one was around for more than four hours, Gantt's parents came up from Farmington to walk the new pet.

But a nightmare was about to begin. The shy, skittish dog had settled in to her new life to the point that she was trained to an invisible fence and allowed to wander around the yard. On Oct. 22, leaving for her older daughter's family weekend at her Boston college, Gantt planned to leave Layla at home and have her father check on her and walk her.

"But she wouldn't come back into the house and we were running late." Gantt packed both of her dogs into the car and dropped them at her parents' home.

The following day, while going outside for a walk, Layla's leash got tangled in a metal decoration on the porch. "The metal dragging sound scared her," Gantt said. "She slipped her collar."

The family received the news while driving back from Boston,

and upon arrival began to search the woods for the escape artist. There was no sign of her.

Several friends combed the area alongside Gantt after that. One said she did it for "moral support. I know how I'd feel it were my dog."

It was everyone's

thought that the hound would put her nose to the ground and just keep going. "She could be anywhere," said Gantt's friend, "but Doreen was always positive that she'd find Layla. She is resilient and persevered through the whole process."

Gantt turned to Granite State Dog Re-

covery, a non-profit organization made up entirely of volunteers. "They provide advice, posters you can print and post, and traps," Gantt said. "They'll often even monitor the traps with you."

Then she turned to Facebook. Granite State Dog Recovery  
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### Honor well-deserved

Scouts and leaders from Troop 53 in Alton celebrated with Harry Hamilton as he was awarded the "Legionnaire of The Year" by Legion Post 72 in Alton. Hamilton is a Korean War veteran and has spent numerous years working with Cub Scouts in Pack 53. The Boy Scouts pictured were all members of Pack 53. The Scouts thank Hamilton for his years of community service.

## Students show school board their app building prowess

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — The highlight of the Barnstead School Board Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, was a presentation by the students in Shawnda Hopkins' math class. They have been learning how to write real live apps for cell phones. This reporter and more than one school board member were ready to sign up for the class.

Hopkins explained that she was taking the students step by step through the process of learning to program. At this point the apps are not fully developed because she is only half way into the training process. The work so far has created the framework or skeleton for the app. After Christmas they will get into fleshing them out and putting "meat on the bones."

The students are working in teams of two or three and each team explained the vision for their app and its current status. Team one is building a quizzing app that will help eighth graders study for each of their courses. The home page describes the app and its purpose and gives users the choice of studying Science,

Social Studies, or Language Arts.

After Christmas the students will create dozens of questions for each of the three courses; the same kinds of questions they might find on a multiple choice or true/false test. The app will then be available for other students to load onto their phones and start studying for their next exam.

Team two is building a "Meme Dictionary." For the uninitiated (including the entire school board) a "meme" is a picture that suddenly becomes popular, usually on the web, and usually represents something of importance in youth culture or experience. So, for example, there were several memes that became popular during the election.

The dictionary will include pictures of the most up to date memes, definitions and explanations of their meaning. Keeping the app up to date will be a bit of a challenge. Memes last only a short time: sometimes a week, more likely a month or two.

Team three is working on a Town Travelers' App designed to help residents and visitors find what's

around in Alton, Barnstead and Pittsfield. More than the students expected, it turns out. The goal is to provide a list of businesses and special sites in the three towns, with a link to the web site or Facebook page of the site.

And Team four is working to replace soccer coaches with technology, or perhaps provide a tool to help them out. Called "Soccer Stalker," it will help soccer newbies learn the game. Work now is focused on describing and illustrating a range of skills and plays for soccer. Text descriptions will be supplemented with still and video images of a particular skill or play. The team hopes it will eventually add the same for each position on a soccer team, and for the rules that guide the game.

Principal Tim Rice asked the students how they would have responded two years earlier to the proposition that they would soon be making apps for their cell phones. A common response was, "Oh I can't do that because I'm not very good with computers."

Teachers Annie Bourque and Heather  
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### New Marine

Aaron Hamilton (left) along with brother Ryan (right), traveled from New Durham to Parris Island with parents Robert and Michele to witness Alan (center) graduate from Marine Corps recruit training on Dec. 16. After three months away from home, the "3 Hammys" were reunited. Alan joins his dad as he earns the title of United States Marine. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.com.

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### Beware the early deadlines

WOLFEBORO — Due to the holidays (and other commitments), the deadlines for The Baysider in the coming week have changed.

Our offices will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, and will be closed all day on Monday, Jan. 2.

Because of this, all deadlines have been moved up 48 business hours.

All advertising

deadlines that normally fall on Monday will now fall on the previous Thursday. Today, Dec. 29, is the advertising deadline for the Jan. 5 issue.

The deadlines for all letters to the editor, obituaries, press releases and photos for the Jan. 5 issue is Friday, Dec. 30, at 8 a.m.

Thanks for your understanding. Happy Holidays.

# Gingerbread house contest Jan. 28 at Gilman Library

ALTON — The Gilman Library will be hosting a gingerbread house contest on Saturday, Jan. 28. Partic-

ipants may bring in their gingerbread house as early as 9 a.m. that morning. Viewing and judging will start at 11:30

a.m. Judges will make their decisions and winners will be announced by 12:30 p.m.

There will be four dif-

ferent categories based on age group: children under eight, juniors (8-12), young adult (13-17) and adults 18 and up.

Participants will need to sign up in advance. You do not need to be present to win, but you must pick up your entry by 1

p.m. During the judging, there will be refreshments served. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

## DOG

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has a large Facebook following, but Gantt had no idea how much her own would grow during the ordeal. In fact, her page became a lifeline for her, and a host of people she does not even know were glued to their screens as Layla's escapade unfolded before their eyes.

"The first sighting happened right away." Someone called Granite State Dog Recovery to say Layla was spotted on a snowmobile trail.

Then Officer Brett Murray saw her cross Route 11. "I was walking the snowmobile trail and he called me." Gantt searched the area where Murray saw the dog go, but to no avail.

A few nights later, Layla was spotted back in the area of Gantt's parents' house. With the help of Granite State Dog Recovery, Gantt set up a trap. When the dog approached, photos from cameras on the trap were sent to the volunteers, who then notified Gantt.

"It was great to see her on camera; at least I knew she was healthy."

Layla triggered the trap, but wasn't caught. "She's smart," Gantt observed. "We think she was trapped this way before. When

I went out to reset the trap, she ran away."

Gantt described how it was to be so close to bringing her pet home, only to watch her flee. "It's heartbreaking to know that the dog you love is so afraid of everything that she just bolts. You hope that she will come when you call but she won't, because she's too afraid."

Layla never returned to that location.

Sightings continued to come in. She was here, she was there, she was everywhere, but always close to Route 11.

"For 11 days, she covered a lot of ground and we chased her all over the place," Gantt said. "Every sighting we'd get, we'd go put out food and the camera, but we couldn't get her to stay anywhere."

On Nov. 10, a property owner allowed Gantt access to feed Layla, who ate there consistently for three days. Thinking she'd settled down, Gantt placed a large, kennel-like Gracie trap from Granite State Dog Recovery in the area.

"Before setting the trap, they like to see that the dog is feeding in the trap on its own, indicating it's comfortable going in and out," Gantt explained.

Layla showed up and Gantt set the trap. "Once it's set, you have



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**LAYLA the foxhound is reunited with owner Doreen Gantt after roaming in the wild for a month. She returned to her family on Thanksgiving Day, after hundreds in the community watched every step of her recovery unfold on Facebook and also participated in her return by posting sightings of the wanderer.**

to stay up all night because the door latches, but the dog can still get out."

A volunteer stayed with her until midnight. Gantt spent the rest of the night in her car by herself, something she repeated for three full nights after working all day.

As one might as-

sume, more than just lost dogs roam the woods, and Gantt at one point had to open the door to let out a skunk.

Layla had done a disappearing act, but then reappeared on Nov. 18, feeding for two nights, then vanishing.

"She'd established a pattern of feeding for a couple of days and then disappearing," Gantt said. "I decided if she fed again, I would not wait another day to set the trap."

A woman let her stay at her house in the area so she didn't have to sit up in her car. The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the canine appeared.

"I set the trap the next day," Gantt said, then she hunkered down in "this wonderful woman's" house.

The moment Gantt and her Facebook followers had been waiting for happened. After midnight, photos of Layla in the trap were sent to the Granite State Dog Recovery volunteers, who sent them on to Gantt.

"I drove the couple of minutes to the trap and went running through the woods with my headlamp on," Gantt said. "I had no idea how she'd react, since she hadn't seen me in a month. I didn't know if she'd be vicious or mad or what."

Running pell-mell, she burst into view of the Gracie trap and there was Layla "down on the ground because she sees this crazy woman running."

Gantt quickly zip tied the door so there

was no way Layla could get out, and talked quietly to her.

"Her tail was tucked, but she sniffed my hand and then licked it."

She called her father to come help, put a slip lead on her "because she's an escape artist," and decided to wait inside the kennel with her pet.

"As soon as I opened the door, she tried to run away. We were both hyped up. Clearly she knew it was me, but she was in panic mode, and all she could think of was to try and hide."

Because the leash was tied, Layla didn't get anywhere. Taking no chances, Gantt put a second lead on her. When her father arrived, he put yet another one on her, and they walked her to the car.

Just think of the emotions during that car ride home. "She was overwhelmed," Gantt said. "But as soon as we brought her into the house, she was so excited."

One can imagine that the humans involved felt the same. It was 1:30 on Thanksgiving morning, which also happened to coincide with Gantt's birthday this year. Their miracle had happened and it couldn't have been on a more fitting day.

The dog curled up on the couch at first, and if Gantt moved, she would wake up. Finally, Layla jumped in bed with Gantt's younger daughter, and then slept the entire day.

Gantt posted a pic-

ture of Layla smiling and word spread rapidly that Layla's story had turned out to be a happy one. She was in good health and good shape.

"She seems more muscular," Gantt noted. "We had sightings of her traveling a couple of miles in just an hour."

During Layla's first days home, she awakened Gantt every four hours. "That must have been her routine out in the wild."

But everything is back to normal now for the family. A lot of support went into Layla's recovery. "Social media was the only way I knew where she was," Gantt said. "Pages in Farmington were active. People in the area were keeping up with the whole story and they kept posting."

Merrie Marks of New Durham said she shared Gantt's posts a lot, hoping to be of help.

"That's how we connect now, with Facebook. After she got Layla back, I wrote her to say, 'You don't know me but I'm so glad your dog is home.' It really resonated with people. I have a puppy and she could easily slip her collar."

"I was impressed with how people were sharing the posts and following the story on social media," said one of Gantt's friends. "She was good about updating and people were keeping their eyes open."

Gantt said there were a lot of animal lovers who were watching out for Layla.

Local businesses helped out by hanging posters, allowing Gantt and her relatives on their property after hours, and having employees keep "an eye open for us."

Property owners let her put food and cameras on their land.

When Gantt worried online about her Southern-hailing dog out at night in the dipping temperatures, her Facebook community members reassured her. "Everyone was supportive."

She cannot say enough about Granite State Dog Recovery. "They provided expertise, equipment, and emotional support," she said. "They have great stories of dogs rescued years after an escape and they kept telling me not to give up on her."

Gantt pointed out that the organization does not charge "for all of the help they give, and if anyone feels so inclined, they accept donations."

She also said she owes a "big thank you to the community, and to those who were on the look-out by taking different routes to work because they knew Layla was wandering. There were literally hundreds of eyes out there for us."

And perhaps that is what makes a miracle.



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# ALTON CENTRAL'S SCOOP

## Safety is no accident

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE  
Alton Central School Principal

Alton Central School is committed to keeping safety in mind with all of our actions each day. From the ways the buildings and grounds crew keep an eye on weather conditions so our sidewalks and parking areas are plowed and treated against the icy conditions, to the ways the crew indoors keeps the hallways dry and free of any bits of debris you could slid on, we think of safety each day. But, this is a much, much bigger topic than winter preparedness.

ACS has a safety and wellness committee that is multi-faceted, and looks out for this topic from many areas of expertise. The principal is one of the members, and is eagerly attending the NH Association of School Principals' Winter Conference in January, where the day is devoted to school safety. From the most current best practices, to learning from experts about such unfortunate events as having an active shooter on a campus, that conference will provide the principal with the most up to date thoughts on school safety issues on that scale. Other committee members include, as you see in the photo, our School Resource Officer, assistant principal, food services director and

the director of buildings and grounds. Members not in the photo include the district's business administrator and two students who bring their perspective to the meetings, as well. Student interests are reflecting the times, with issues about recycling, and how to make healthy, nutritious meals appealing to the cafeteria's customers. Mr. Cowan (food service director) is taking new opportunities to inform the school stakeholders about nutrition and cafeteria issues by publishing his news on the reverse side of the monthly menus going home with students. Watch for these messages and learn more directly from his professional viewpoint.

There are so many opportunities to increase awareness about health and safety and ACS is exploring all of them. A representative from School Care, an arm of the school's insurance provider, will be addressing the staff and faculty later in January so that everyone is aware of their innovations in communication, too. School employees who have their health insurance through the district are able to access informative bulletins specific to their interests and needs through School Care's web site that houses myriad links and ma-



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**SAFETY, WELLNESS and great hearts and fine minds.** Pictured here (l to r), members of Alton Central School's Safety and Wellness Committee, Officer Sullivan, Asst. Principal Paul Roberts, Food Services Director Sam Cowan and Buildings and Grounds Director Chuck Norwood, wishing everyone in the Baysider readership a happy, healthy 2017. Other members of the committee include Business Administrator Kathy Oblenes, Principal Cris Blackstone, and student representatives Makenzy Holden and Mary Gubitose. The committee is working to increase visibility to all stakeholders, including soliciting ideas for promoting wellness and offering safety tips to the school and community.

terials that are vetted and secure. With many ways to earn points and earn financial incentives, too, School Care is a leader in providing its membership with the best in personalized learning for each member. Their philosophy is one we can mirror in our own school days, too – by personalizing the learning opportunities, there is a higher level of “buy in” and stakeholders increase their options to access these benefits. We're looking forward to School Care's presentation and support as we all want to increase awareness of health, both emotionally and physically.

The wellness and safety committee is in the planning phase of a health fair, to be held later in the winter. They are looking presenters who will offer exciting

mini-sessions to expose staff to new ways to look at their own wellness. Watch for more news about this health fair.

Staff at ACS care deeply about working with each other and using their social capital to cite problematic situations and find beneficial or creative solutions to these situations. Most recently, the third and fourth grade teachers changed their “flight plan” in and out of the building when they accessed the playground for the winter time, and realized they would like the B&G crew to put additional mats out at the door they would like to use for the winter. They knew they would be spending time with their students on how to get the most snow off their boots when they came back in from recess. To have kids understand

their role in helping keep the building free of the melted water from the boots and shoes would be helpful and help build good citizenship, too. Mentioning the need for the additional mats led to discussion between these six teachers and the day B&G crew. Through this conversation, they even discovered a better way to exit and enter the building for the winter recesses to be safer and easier to clean up after. This is the spirit of collegiality and camaraderie we're very proud of at ACS.

As the winter wears on, the committee will share information about

such things as how Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) may be evident in some student behaviors, or how we need to monitor our activity and hydration during the whole year, but especially now to help keep illness at bay. Our school nurse, Mrs. April Elliott, and Health Aide, Ms. Pam Nason, take this to heart, and publish a monthly bulletin with timely advice to help keep us all active, safe and able to be at ACS every day, throughout the school year. Here's wishing you each a healthy, safe 2017, and you're always welcome to come visit and see what we're proud of at ACS.

## Proposed school district budget up 2.29 percent

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE  
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — Residents can expect an overall 2.29 percent increase in The Governor Wentworth Regional School District's proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18, according to Jack Widmer, School Board Finance Committee Chairman.

Unlike most towns, whose budgets are for calendar years, the proposed school district budget runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, following the school year.

Widmer offered an overview of the \$50,981,395 preliminary budget prepared in concert with Business Administrator Mary Patry and committee members Bridget Edwards, Dr. Jim Manning and Stacy Trites at the school board's December meeting.

That figure includes the operating budget, pegged at \$48,511,395, which reflects an increase of \$1,512,248 (up 3.26 percent from last year), and two warrant articles for \$210,000 (down 55 percent).

The two warrant articles on the docket, one for Building and Maintenance for \$150,000, the other for the Turf Field Capital Reserve fund for \$60,000, remain the same as last year.

Widmer pointed to a four percent decrease

in state grant funds and cost shifting from the state to the towns as contributing to the overall budget increase.

The school district serves 2,403 students from kindergarten through high school within a geographical area that encompasses Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro and Wolfboro and includes six elementary schools, the middle school, high school and the Lakes Region Technology Center.

The preliminary budget for fiscal year 2017-18 is online for all to view prior to the budget hearing on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Kingswood Regional High School Lecture Hall. The board will take a vote to adopt the budget following that hearing.

The last day for petitioned warrant articles to be filed for the school district ballot is Jan. 10.

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# Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2016

## A year-end thank you

This is our final issue for 2016 and we want to thank all of those people who made the past year possible.

The newspaper industry as a whole has struggled the last few years, as seen locally by the shuttering of the Lakes Region institution the Citizen of Laconia. We have continued on and we work hard to make sure we have a decent product for you every Thursday and we appreciate the support of those who appreciate our newspaper.

The advertisers are indeed the ones that make the newspaper world go around. Without advertisers, there's no way to pay for the newsprint that is needed to print these papers each week. The many local businesses who's ads you see throughout this paper are huge contributors to our success and we couldn't be more grateful for all of them for being part of our newspaper. We hope that as you go out and about in your community in the new year that you take time to seek out those businesses that advertise here and let them know you saw their ad in the Baysider.

We also wouldn't be able to put our paper together without the work of some great local residents who have stepped up to write for us. When we lost our full-time reporter position a few years ago, putting the paper out became a much bigger task, but we've found that the people we have working for us on a part time basis have done a fine job of filling those gaps. Mark Foyne, Cathy Allyn and David Allen have delivered us stories that tell the news of Alton, Barnstead and New Durham. We are grateful for their work.

We also have a great staff that works behind the scenes and in the community to help this paper continue. Our advertising manager Maureen Padula is out in the community connecting with local businesses who want to advertise and her assistant, Beth, helps to keep in contact with all of those businesses throughout the year. Our office manager, Vicky, has a thankless job that includes answering the phones and greeting visitors to our office in Wolfeboro, but is also a stalwart in many other aspects, including setting up our Real Report, booking classified ads and helping with subscription questions and inquiries. Our office would be lost without her. Our distribution manager, Jim Hinckley, makes sure that the papers make it from our printing plant in Massachusetts to your local stores and post offices every week. He oversees a group of drivers that bring the 11 Salmon Press publications all over the state and the work he and his crew do, in all kinds of weather, is greatly appreciated. Additionally, the paginators in Meredith, including Ryan, Patti and Tim, help bring the whole paper together each week and their work is appreciated.

And of course, we want to thank the readers of the Baysider who pick up the paper every week or have it delivered to their mailbox. Our community newspaper relies on the community for input and your letters, press releases and photos have been an integral part of the paper this year and your support by simply reading the Baysider each week is appreciated.

And with that, we bid adieu to 2016 and welcome 2017 with open arms.



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### Encore

**Mini-Maestros, a music program at the New Durham Public Library for four-year olds, starts up again for four Wednesdays at 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 18. Registration is requested for this free program. Several new activities and classes are slated for the upcoming winter months, including Tech-KNOWLEDGE-y, Paint Parties, and a Parent/Child Book Club. Call 859-2201 to register.**



BY CAROLYN BUELL  
New Durham

My name is Carolyn Buell, and my husband John Buell and I reside at 395 Kings Highway, New Durham. We are abutters to the proposed Green Oaks Realty Development quarry project located at 415 Kings Highway, map 206, lots 10 and 11, and we strongly oppose this project.

As stated on page two of the Green Oak Realty Development Land Use Application, this proposed project falls into a residential, agricultural, and recreational underlying zoning district.

Under the zoning and land use ordinance for the town of New Durham, Part III definitions, this project is defined as:

1) Commercial use: A business that has direct individual consumer contact for sales or service as its principal concern

2) Industrial use: A business that processes raw materials, warehouses products from component parts, services industrial businesses, or wholesales products as its principle concern.

Mr. Babb, in his narrative on his excavation permit application, in paragraphs one and four says that he will be providing crushed stone and earth materials to the local construction market, and that sand and gravel will be brought to the site for sale from Osipee. This description makes this project fall under commercial use by the zoning and land use ordinance as this is direct individual and consumer contact for sales and services as its principal concern.

Mr. Babb also, in that same narrative, in paragraphs one and three, describes that materials will be processed from the site itself. A ledge cut into the hillside bedrock

will be made for crushing and screened material such as pea stone, rip rap, septic stone and driveway and road gravel. Blasting of bedrock at the site and then crushing the materials on site into screened stone stockpiles to then be available for consumer sale. This description makes this project also fall under industrial use by the zoning and land use ordinance a business that processes raw materials and services industrial businesses.

Part VI General Provisions/Use Regulations for Town of New Durham, part C, 2 states that "Removal of 1000 cubic yards or more of clay, sod loam, sand or gravel for either private use or for sale, will require compliance with the New Durham Excavation Regulations, and will be in compliance with RSA 155-E as amended. (This will be further addressed.)"

As stated on page two of the Green Oak Realty Development Land Use Application, this proposed project falls into a residential, agricultural, and recreational underlying zoning district. According to Part VII Special Exceptions of the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance, this use would require a special exception through the zoning board of adjustment. A special exception can be granted for commercial use in Part 1, a in areas most suitable or moderately suitable for urban growth so long as it lies in a ground water favorability area or if an aquifer immediate to the vicinity of such an area, an impact assessment will be required in the site plan review and a special exception hearing by the ZBA. This has yet to be determined.

Part VII goes on to discuss industrial use in number 2, b, 2 in that industrial use of land in

the town of New Durham will not be allowed in areas of existing major residential/recreational use.

These two parts 1 and 2, of the special exception section VII go directly to this proposed project. This is a residential area, with homes, families, pets, and school buses. Family's wells are dependent on the existing ground water. This water could be directly negatively impacted by the commercial and industrial use of this project. Additionally, runoff and further groundwater movement could negatively impact the bodies of water around us such as Shaws Pond and Rust Pond as well, which directly feeds into Lake Winnepesaukee.

Residential /recreational use in this area is heavy. We have abutters directly next to, behind and in front of this proposed project that are families, many of whom are children. There are walkers, bikers, runners, dog walkers, horseback riders, school buses, hiking trails, ski and snowshoe activities and recreational modes of transportation in this vicinity. There is a golf course that directly abuts the entire north-end. There is wildlife, beautiful birds and habitat for these creatures in the area that will be directly affected by this project. This area is home to many people and wildlife, and their way of life could be destroyed by such a project.

Part VII, Section B number 2, page 37 of the general requirements for commercial or industrial use permitted by special exception states: Prohibitions: No business, commercial, industrial, or other use shall be permitted which could cause any undue hazard to health, safety or diminish the property

value of other land owners, or which is offensive to the public because of noise, vibration, excessive traffic, unsanitary condition, noxious odor, smoke or other similar reason.

This proposed project has the potential to inflict massive and catastrophic damage to our neighborhood. The reasons, as stated below, are just what are stated here, but are not limited to the possibilities that could affect our neighborhood:

1) Health hazards:

a) Air: Excavation of the ground and bedrock create dust and plumes of silica and other particulate matter that are hazardous to people, especially children and the elderly. Dust plumes can cause silicosis and asthma problems to all exposed, and these dust plumes can carry over vast areas affecting the neighborhood, surrounding areas, and even the roads by which substances are carried for transport.

b) Water: Blasting and excavation can affect ground water. It can change the flow of water and render wells incapable of delivering water to residents. Hazardous materials at the site such as motor oil and hydraulic fluid can spill and pollute the ground water below. Blasting and excavation can release radon, arsenic, calcium chloride, barium, nitrates, sulfur and other substances into the ground water making it undrinkable and caustic. This ground water then can flow to other areas affecting water bodies in our area.

c) Increased traffic: There is no doubt about it, there will be increased traffic. Whether it be 20 trucks or 100, there will be a substantial impact from these trucks along a country road that is not designed nor wide

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## The impact of proposed quarry project

COMMUNITY CORNER

# Barnstead budget hearings scheduled

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Budget Committee will meet and hold public hearings and work sessions concerning the budget as follows:

For the school budget, a public input and work session will take place on Monday, Jan. 9, with work sessions on Monday, Jan. 23, and Monday, Jan. 30, and a public

hearing and recommendation is Monday, Feb. 6.

For the town budget, the public input and work session is Thursday, Jan. 4, with work

sessions on Thursdays, Jan. 12, Jan. 19 and Jan. 26 and the public hearing and recommendation is Thursday, Feb. 2.

All public hearings and work sessions will

start at 6 p.m. and will be held in the library at the Barnstead Elementary

School. Work sessions will be held as needed by the budget committee.

## Auditions for Neil Simon's Biloxi Blues Jan. 8 and 9

WOLFEBORO — The second of Neil Simon's his famous comic semi-autobiographical plays, Biloxi Blues deals with life in the army.

The Village Players originally presented the first in this series, Brighton Beach Memoirs back in 2001 and the second will be taking the stage this spring. The story follows a Jewish boy from Brooklyn as he endures basic training in the deep south. Biloxi Blues won the Tony Award for best play in 1985.

Auditions will be taking place on Sunday, Jan. 8, and Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Village Players Theater. Directors Russ Ellis and Bob Tuttle will be looking to

fill a number of roles in this show.

Eugene Morris Jerome is the lead role and needs to appear to be in early 20s. He is the writer and narrator of the show, alter ego of young Simon.

Roy Selridge is a supporting role, a young man, confident, who thinks of himself as funny.

Joseph Wykowski is a supporting role, a young man, big and tough but not too smart.

Don Carney is a supporting role, a young man, a private from New Jersey who irritates his bunkmates with his singing.

Arnold Epstein, a supporting role, a young

man, a sensitive, well-read and intelligent Jew from New York City.

Sgt. Merwin J. Toomey is a supporting role, the tough-as-nails drill sergeant.

James Hennesey is a supporting role, a young man, sensitive and naïve.

Rowena is a supporting role, a young woman or adult southern prostitute.

Daisy Hannigan is a supporting role, a young woman, Eugene's first love, young and pretty.

If you are interested in a role but cannot attend either of the two audition times, please contact Ellis (ram2sak@aol.com) or Tuttle (r86tuttle@gmail.com).

The Village Players are always looking for new faces. You can learn more about this play at <http://www.samuel-french.com/p/2757/biloxi-blues>.

Also needed are all the folks required to make a show happen. If you have any interest in working on any aspect of this show, please contact producer, Joshua Spaulding at [trumpet138@hotmail.com](mailto:trumpet138@hotmail.com) or call him at 630-7410.

## Milk and Cookies Concert in Barnstead New Year's Eve

BARNSTEAD — Please join in New Year's Eve at the Barnstead Town Hall for the fourth annual New Year's Eve Milk and Cookies Concert Dec. 31, from 7 to 9:15 p.m. Chris Bonoli and the Blues Monsters will be hosting the concert with their mix of blues, rock, folk and fun. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m. Tick-

ets are limited because of the size of the Town Hall, so please call Bonoli at 340-1468 and leave a message to reserve or have tickets delivered to your door if you live in the area or e-mail Chris at [my65jazzmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:my65jazzmaster@yahoo.com). All proceeds will benefit the children's summer camp fund for the Congregational Church of North Barnstead.

## Legion hosting New Year's Eve dinner and dance

ALTON — The American Legion Post 72 Alton has announced it is hosting a New Year's Eve dinner dance on Dec. 31. They

will be serving dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinner entrees offered include prime rib or baked stuffed lobster. The Echo Tones will play

starting at 8 p.m. Come on in and ring in the New Year. Ticket information is available at the Alton American Legion Post at 875-3461.

## CORNER

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enough to accommodate such an industry, and creates a hazardous entrance and egress for trucks along a windy, twisty road at the site.

d) Safety: The nature of Kings Highway is a narrow country road. There are many blind spots and it is already a challenging road to navigate. Middleton Road, which Kings Highway feeds into, has just been redone by the state and the town of Wolfeboro. Subsequently, the road is in much better condition than it was previously. This means that travel along that road has already increased both in number and in speed as it is a better road to travel. This increase has already led the town of Wolfeboro to impose stricter speed limits along this way as it has become a hazardous road to travel. Adding additional heavy trucks with runners, school buses, cyclists and residents walking poses a greater safety hazard to our residents and our children.

e) Financial impact: The financial impact of having a bedrock quarry at this site could mean loss of value to the properties in this area. Due to the reasons stated above in (d) as well as increased noise, loss of quiet enjoyment and the visual negative impact of having a bedrock quarry in the neighborhood could deter buyers from potentially purchasing in this area. It could result in the loss of value of our homes and therefore the tax revenue of the existing homes could go down. Blasting and digging can lead to water contamination or loss of water to surrounding homes that rely on wells, cracked foundations, and translate fiscal burdens to residents and

taxpayers of the town.

f) Loss of habitat: One of the most obvious impacts that a bedrock quarry will have is the loss of natural habitat. Reclamation of the site after excavation will never put back what will be lost to the environment. Under normal conditions, it can take up to 500 years to create one inch of topsoil. The loss of layers of rock, soil clay and sand due to excavation can render this process near impossible, and reclamation efforts become, in effect, a band aid over a sore that will never heal. This site is close to some of the highest ranked habitat for the town. The potential loss of this site due to excavation could have a major impact in the surrounding areas of New Durham and Wolfeboro as plants and animals will lose more of their habitat that support the surrounding area.

g) Noise: There is no getting around it, the noise will be constant, and at times excessive. Blasting, crushing, drilling, dumping, the drone of trucks will go on and on. This will create a noise nuisance to the community and residents that surround the site and disturb the quiet enjoyment we all have lived for here.

These reasons, stated above, as well as many others are why the zoning board should not grant a special exception for this project at this residential and recreational site. We are calling on the zoning board of the town of New Durham to reject such a special exception.

RSA 155-E:4 Prohibited Projects:

III: This article section discusses the prohibited projects and special exceptions of the state. In this paragraph, it goes on to say that special ex-

ceptions for excavation will be allowed if there are no other opportunities in the municipality for allowing excavating. We know that there are other areas in the town of New Durham that allow excavation. Mr. Babb already has one further down the road, which has as of yet to be reclaimed. We also know of the pit by Mr. McCay and the New Durham town pit. There are certainly areas for excavation in New Durham. It goes on to say that if no other areas are provided by the town, a special exception may be provided in RSA 674:33, IV, in any "non-residential" areas (this is residential) of the municipality and a special exception may be granted upon finding that:

a) The excavation will not cause a diminution in area property value or unreasonably change the character of the neighborhood. (We believe strongly it will change the character of our neighborhood and possibly devalue our properties.)

b) The excavation will not unreasonably accelerate the deterioration of highways of create safety hazards in the use thereof. (We believe the brand new road of Middleton Road that was paid for by the town of Wolfeboro and the state of New Hampshire will suffer accelerated deterioration by such use. We also believe that such use will impose safety hazards the residents, children and travelers along that road for reasons stated above.)

c) The excavation will not create any nuisance or create health or safety hazards. (We strongly feel the proposed project will create an unreasonable Noise Nuisance, and create health and safety hazards as stated above.)

IV: When the issuance of the permit would be unduly hazardous or injurious to public welfare.

VI: Where the excavation would substantially damage a known aquifer so designated by the United States Geological Survey. (This has yet to be determined and is

in question and would need to be addressed by further studies to protect our ground water sources.)

According to the state of New Hampshire DES, an alteration of terrain permit is required for such a project.

Env-Wq 1503.02 Permit Required. (a) Subject to (b), below, no person shall dredge, excavate, place fill, mine, transport forest products, or undertake construction in or on the borders of surface waters of the state and no person shall undertake any activity that will significantly alter the characteristics of the terrain without a general permit by rule, a timber harvesting permit by rule, or an alteration of terrain (AOT) permit obtained in accordance with this chapter.

Env-Wq 1502.51 "Significantly alter the characteristics of the terrain" means to undertake any activity anywhere in the state that changes or disturbs the terrain so as to impede the natural runoff or create an unnatural runoff that has the potential to adversely affect water quality in surface waters of the state. Examples of activities that significantly alter the characteristics of the terrain include, but are not limited to:

(a) Timber harvesting operations as covered by RSA 485-A:17, IV; and

(b) Earth moving activities that result in a temporary or permanent disturbance of:

(1) An area that:

a. Is more than 2,500 square feet in size.

The site plans, as drawn up by Mr. Varney state that the excavated

site will, over the span of four years be 1.8 acres in size. This is equal to 78,408 sf. This projection is well over the 2,500 sf limit in size alone.

The plans also state that Mr. Babb intends to excavate 3,000,000 c/yd of material from this site. According to the DES, it is their policy to have in place a ground water monitoring system prior to the project even beginning to monitor ground waters an anything over 5,000 c/yd. Seeing that the Friar Tuck wellhead also crosses the lot line into Lot 10, this would make this all the more pertinent.

The plans state that permits for this project are either in place or are pending. There is a timbering permit on site, and a driveway permit on site. We see that the town of New Durham excavation permit has been applied for or is at this point in the process. The plans also state that a NHDES site specific permit is pending. A site specific permit is the same thing as an alteration of terrain, just using the language prior to 2009 when it was updated and is currently referred to as an alteration of terrain. Upon looking for such a permit, we have found that such a permit has not yet been applied for and to date, nothing is pending. The date of the site plan that states such a permit is pending is Oct. 24, 2016 (<http://www4.des.state.nh.us/DESOnestop/BasicSearch.aspx>).

We are concerned for the safety and well-being of our community. The water, air, traffic, noise, pollution, loss of habitat, environmental

impact, fiscal loss and blatant change of character to our neighborhood are major concerns we have as citizens and residents of the town of New Durham. We do not feel that enough has been done to even consider such a project. As a concerned abutter, I would need to see in place studies done by a neutral third party regarding but not limited to:

Air quality studies and monitoring;

Water quality studies and monitoring;

Traffic studies and monitoring;

Environmental impact studies and monitoring;

Fiscal studies for both the residents and town;

An alteration of terrain permit obtained and monitored by the state;

A health and safety study performed and monitored using at minimum OSHA standards;

Regional impact studies and monitoring;

Input from the towns of Wolfeboro and Middleton regarding impact, roads, safety and water quality;

Fiscal assurance estimates for costs of closure by a neutral third party, and the costs for closure for each phase of the site completely.

All related costs above to be borne by Mr. Babb and Green Oak Realty Development.

We thank you for your continued interest in our neighborhood and our homes. We will do everything we can to help resolve this situation and move toward a peaceful resolution, while in the meantime work to protect our home, neighborhood and community.



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# THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	6 Happy Hollow Dr	1-Fam Res	\$186,000	F Frank S. and Donna M. Angell	Donna M. and Thomas A. Lee
Alton	96 Old Wolfeboro Rd	1-Fam Res	\$156,533	Dodge Leon T Jr Est and Debra D. Nugent	Nathan M. Dodge
Alton	522 Old Wolfeboro Rd	Mxu Res+Frst	\$250,000	Phillip B. and Janette H. Coull	Corinne and Christopher Brown
Alton	Roberts Cove Rd	Rec	\$80,000	Gwyneth DeJager 1982 T & Gwyneth DeJager	Richard A. and Csrole C. Shea
Alton	Roberts Cove Rd	Farm/Forest	\$90,000	Peter DeJager 1982 T and Gwyneth R. DeJager	Richard A. and Csrole C. Shea
Alton	28 Rum Point Rd	1-Fam Res	\$850,000	Scotfield FT and Joanne S. Ordorica	Ralph Delvecchio
Barnstead	134 S Shore Dr	1-Fam Res	\$278,000	John M. Heeter and Holly J. Diesel	Jane Thorbeck
New Durham	222 Old Bay Rd	1-Fam Res	\$285,000	Lorna F Hardy 2016 RET and Lorna F. Hardy	Jon D. Mouradian

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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

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

## BARNSTEAD

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DeLuca reported on a new teacher mentoring project. This fall all first time BES teachers were assigned a mentor tasked with the responsibility of helping the new teacher feel at home at BES and understand the way things work, both formally and informally. The goal is to help the school retain new teachers.

A preliminary evaluation showed a positive response from the new staff, especially focused on their first day at the school. During the next 6-8 weeks the mentors will be doing classroom observations of the rookie teachers and providing feedback on strengths and opportunities for improvements.

Principal Rice told the board that the BAZ after-school program had recently participated in a review and evaluation from federal evaluators. The program is funded by a federal grant. The evaluation was generally positive and gave some suggestions for improvements.

Earlier, during public input, Ethel McConaghy told the BES board she had visited the BAZ program and was very impressed with the quality of opportunities offered the children, and the positive climate in the classrooms. McConaghy told the board she had many years of professional experience with child care programs and her ob-

servations were based on that experience.

Rice said he had been approached by Rev. John Hooper, the minister of the Maple Street church across the street. Hooper wanted to offer the school the opportunity to use some of its meeting and classroom space for the BAZ program. Rice expressed gratitude for the church's generosity and said he and Jean Richards, BAZ Program Director, will work with Hooper to identify the best use for the church space.

School board members expressed their appreciation, and voted to approve BAZ program use of the Maple Street church, pending negotiation of the specific use of the facility, insurance coverage and other necessary details.

The Grandparent Thanksgiving luncheon was a huge success. Attendance was good, and everyone enjoyed a great turkey dinner and good fun. Rice hopes to repeat the program for Valentine's Day and in the Spring. He thanked the cafeteria staff for their hard work on the program.

The annual Holiday Concert of the fourth-sixth graders was held for the first time this year at the Prospect Mountain auditorium. Students, staff, family and friends all enjoyed the big step up in facility quality from the BES cafeteria. Rice said he thought it would be a

bit overwhelming to try to bring the younger children to the high school for their concert.

A special reading consultant has been working with some of the teachers to strengthen teacher skills in talking with children about choosing books for reading and writing projects. The consulting program is based on the fact there are specific ways of working with students that help them choose books that are more likely to hold their attention and provide a better learning experience.

Superintendent Dr. Brian Cochrane noted that the board had been given copies of the proposed 2017-18 budget. The board held over voting until the January board meeting. Chair Eunice Landry pointed out that the elementary school budget is essentially flat with no increase over the current year. Diane Beijer said the high school portion of the budget will increase. The primary cause is the fact that Barnstead students now make up a higher percentage of the school population than in the past.

Operating costs for PMHS are divided between Alton and Barnstead proportionate to the ratio of students from the two towns. Building and capital costs are split 50-50. Both financial splits are dictated by the law under which the high school is organized.

During public input McConaghy asked the board to include funding in this year's budget for a late bus after school. She reported she had recently talked with a number of freshmen and sophomores who strongly wanted to participate in athletics or other after school activities and could not because of lack of transportation. She said it was less of a problem for older students because many have a car or a friend with a car.

Lyla Adkins asked when the board would discuss the request for a late bus. Landry asked the superintendent to develop some cost estimates and bring those to the January board meeting. She said the board could consider adding it to the operating budget or making it a separate warrant article.

The board reviewed the other proposed warrant articles and took no action. The approved expenditure of about \$6,000 from the current year's budget to purchase the rest of the new curtains needed to completely update the stage/cafeteria curtain. The old curtain was partially replaced earlier because of worn fabric and deteriorating cords and frame.

The superintendent said he is concerned that the level of technology support for teachers and students may not be adequate. He wants to work directly with the new technology coordinator so that existing tech-

nology support can be up and running earlier in the year, and any opportunities for improved technology can be identified and addressed.

Cochrane then discussed attendance policy. He thinks the school has not placed enough emphasis on parents' legal responsibility to get their children to school, and to get them there on time. He is pleased that the police department has assigned Sgt. Doug Trotter to be the school liaison officer because Sgt. Trotter has had prior experience in that role in a previous job.

State law authorizes schools to establish penalties for various levels of absence. The most serious consequences come after a combination of five full days or 10 half days of absence. He would like the board to consider more consistent enforcement with consequences such as barring the student from extra-curricular activities. He would also like the board to consider its legal options for working with parents of students with excessive tardiness.

When the board establishes a new policy or changes an existing one, state laws require at least three "readings" meaning that the board will need to spend time in at least two more meetings working on this policy before they can give final approval.

Cochrane gave an update on the strategic

planning committee. McConaghy and Vickie Currier, President of the Parent Teacher Organization, have been added to the committee representing parents and the community. In their meeting earlier in the day the committee reviewed the draft teacher survey questionnaire and added three questions related to parents and community based on the new members' input. There will be opportunities for input from parents and community members later on in the process.

He told the board that Barnstead, like almost all small town schools, is having difficulty keeping up with the curriculum improvement that it wants to do. Curriculum improvement requires considerable teaching staff involvement and the time for that is very limited. School administrators have begun talking about setting priorities for curriculum improvement. Areas that have been identified as high priority include clarity about early reading in kindergarten through second grade, and the level of professional development needed for meeting math teaching goals.

The board went into non-public session regarding a personnel matter.

The next meeting of the Barnstead Elementary School Board will be Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. in the school library.

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# Masons donate to family of Alton police officer

ALTON — On Dec. 8, the Masons of Win-nipisauke Lodge met with two officers of the Alton Police Department and presented a check to them for the benefit of the Greg Lavallee family.

On Oct. 8, the Alton Police Association held a motorcycle ride, Fight for Ady, to benefit the family of Alton Police Officer Greg La-

vallee and family. Of-ficer Lavallee's daughter Adyson has been battling leukemia for over a year.

The Masons of Win-nipisauke Lodge 75 F. & A. M. partnered with the Alton Police Association to raise additional funds that day by holding a beanhole dinner at the Lodge, which was open to the public. Many friends



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WORSHIPFUL James Matarozzo presents the check to Officer Brett Murray. Looking on are Lodge Secretary Bro. Steve Hurst, and Officer Bill Tolios. Along with several members of Lodge, there were several wives in attendance.

and neighbors attend- raised to the Grand Lodge which, if ap- proceeds to go to the Lavallee family. In order to make the dona- tion even greater, the Lodge submitted a matching fund request to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which was approved.

The Grand Lodge Matching Fund program allows local Lodges to hold a fundraiser for a specific charitable purpose. The local Lodge then submits the money

raised to the Grand Lodge which, if ap- proved, increases the amount by up to \$300 more. A check is then issued in the name of the charitable event to be presented to that charity.

The Masons of Win-nipisauke Lodge, along with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire F. & A. M., are pleased to be able to continue the ages old practice of Charity to friends and neighbors in need.

# New Durham Public Library plans busy start to 2017

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Public Library is hitting the New Year running.

"We're scheduling lots of new programs to address a variety of interests," Library Director Cathy Allyn said.

Beginning after Christmas on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through Jan. 18, staff will be on call for Tech-KNOWLEDGE-y, providing help with any unfathomable gizmo that arrived as a present.

"Don't understand how tablets work? Want to download a book from the library's OverDrive program to your new Kindle?" asked Emerging Technologies Assistant Nichole Hunter. "We can walk you through it, from smart phones to e-readers."

Simply call the library to schedule an appointment between 1 and 5:30 p.m.

Books for the new Parent/Child Book Club will be available after Thursday, Jan. 12. Discussion of "The War that Saved My Life" will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Call the library prior to the New Year if you're interested and they'll order you a copy. If you forgot to call ahead, don't worry, they'll have extra copies. Light refreshments will be served. The book is appropriate for students in grades four through six.

Quilter Patricia Grant has found that people are often stymied as to what colors they want in a project. Choosing Quilt Colors, Saturday Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon, is here to help you solve that problem.

"So often you know what your focus fabric is going to be," Grant said, "but it can be hard to choose the other colors." She will bring color wheels and pictures of nature to the class to help with the process.

"Mother Nature doesn't mess up," she stated. "Her colors always go together. It's fascinating to look at a picture and realize colors you wouldn't have paired look great next to each other."

She will also bring a variety of fabrics. "It stimulates you to try dif-

ferent things; it can really give you incentive."

Grant suggested bringing fabric of your predominant color, if already chosen, but it is not necessary. "Mostly bring your questions," she said.

Please call the library if you plan to attend this free program.

An adult pottery class led by artist Sarah Burns begins Monday, Jan. 30, and finishes with a second session on Feb. 13. The two-hour classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Participants will create a glazed pinch and coil pot. "The kids who were part of our Stories Sung in Clay grant program had so much fun doing this, we knew there were adults who wanted to do it, too," Allyn said.

Registration is necessary and there is a \$5 suggested donation for materials. Space is limited, so call soon.

Plans for the winter include two Paint Parties, one for a parent and child, and one specifically for adults, dates to be announced. A Paint Master will lead participants stroke by stroke to create an acrylic keepsake on canvas. All materials are supplied and space is limited. Registration is necessary, with a suggested donation of \$5.

The library's new technology cove features two additional computers and will soon be the site of instruction in Excel and PowerPoint. Announcements of those classes are coming soon.

A cross stitch class for all ages is another fresh idea on the winter schedule, date to be announced.

Plans are also in the works to form a "green" group interested in the local and national environment. "We'll be discussing what can be done starting with the library and working our way up to the whole country," Allyn said. Evening meetings will be held twice a month.

Mini-Maestros will be putting in a second appearance, after a successful run in November. The music class for four-year olds will be held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 18

and "playing" through Feb. 8. Registration for this free program is requested.

Old favorites First Steps on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., Storytime on Thursdays at 11 a.m., Artist Trading Cards on the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m., Mystery Book Club on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.,

and Book Club on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. will all share 2017 scheduling.

Quilting on Mondays at 9 a.m., Cribbage on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Yoga on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and Yarn Arts on Thursdays at 7 p.m. are also at the library.

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### Legion Riders hosting coat drive

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

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# Barnstead Elementary announces first trimester Honor Roll

**BARNSTEAD** — The following students in grades four through eight at the Barnstead Elementary School have earned High Honors or Honors for the first trimester. Students who have received As in all of their subjects qualify for High Honors. Those students who have earned As and Bs in all of their subjects qualify for Honors. In addition, students qualifying for High Honors and Honors must have received grades in effort and conduct that are average or above.

## Grade four High Honors

Hannah Chmiel, Victoria Cowser, Rebecca Hopkins, Mary Hupper, Anne Killinger, Ashley Lyle, Samuel McGrath, Darien Milioto, Daniel Nourse, Diondre Thoroughgood, Wyatt Varney, Juliette West, Alexis Wilson.

## Honors

Gavin Barham-Elliott, Noah Biron, Michael Barnes, Luke Biscoe, Victoria Christie, Joseph Deane, Heath Dunn, Trey Everett, Kyle Gauvin, Avaiah Goldsmith, Anthony Hamilton, Leon Hill, Taylor Huse, Tristen Karmeris, Ava Lytle, Ethan Ring, Kida Smith, Canaan Stonner, Christopher Tedcastle, Avery

Thoroughgood, Jonathan Whitten

## Grade five High Honors

Connor Bagnell, Grace Brooks, Serafine Cormier, Lani Demers, Lia Doyle, Derek Hopkins, Shannon Kelley, Ethan Kenerson, Eli Kriete, Vera Littlefield, Rylee Lounsbury, Dillon Miller, Sarah White, Reagan Webb.

## Honors

Samantha Bergeron, Ethan Capsalis, Gwenivere Christie, Ren Connors, Cole Cote, Ariana Gilbert, Abigaile Grillo-Moore, Joseph Howlett, Kaela Marchildon, Charlie, Nourse, Erin Rawnsley, Phillip Roberts, Anthony Sanborn, Trinity Shampney, Ella Smith, Jake Tash, Aijah Thoroughgood.

## Grade six High Honors

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## Honors

Autumn Beaudet, Samuel Caldwell, Alexina Charity, Thomas Chouinard, Lauren Croft, Zoey Crossman, Thomas Duquette, Tyanna Gagnon, Robert Goodwin, Summer Gunther, Kodi Horan, Kirsten Howe, Brendan Jacques, Theodore Janczak, Aurora Kennedy, Ramsey Lytle, Owen Mahanes, Brooke Pepe, Anthony Powers, Kaylee Riel, Savannah

Russo, Willow Sanborn, Amber Shine, Zachary Sullivan, Abigail Wittenberg.

## Grade seven High Honors

Megan Burnette, Hannah Capsalis, Spencer Grow, Ethan Howe, Don Terrio, Jaren Unzen, Tazanna Roberts, Ryan Warr, Liam White.

## Honors

Rachel Adkins, Em-

alee Bunker, Jaden Burt, Kyle Cookinham, Dominique Couturier, Breanna Dumond, Rylee Duquette, Emma Grafam, Kathryn Hamilton, Cloe Hillsgrove, Steven Littlefield, Alexis Lyle, Lindsay Lytle, Emily Sanschagrinn, Deuce Smith, Melody Sylvester.

## Grade eight High Honors

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Kassidy Kelley, Madeline Kriete, Ashley Vatcher, Fiona Wilson.

## Honors

Connor Benninghove, Lucas Bilodeau, Joseph Boudreau, Theodore Broska, Natalie Cates, Emma Doyle, Hannah Errington, Payton Everett, Cyrus Gates, Taylor Kiley, David Parker, Skyler Presby, Adam Ross, Trevor Smith, Caleb Towle, Ryan Treadwell, Rebecca Wenzel.

## Refinancing to save more than \$2.8 million on school bonds

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE  
Contributing Writer

**EFFINGHAM** — The Governor Wentworth Regional School District's debt service on the Kingswood complex/renovation expansion project has recently been reduced by over \$2.8 million dollars, announced School Board Vice Chairman and Finance Committee leader John Widmer at the Dec. 5 school board meeting held at the Effingham Elementary School.

The good news from the N.H. Municipal Bond Bank is due to favorable market conditions, which allowed the NH Municipal Bond Bank to refinance a portion of its outstanding debt. That has enabled it to revise the original debt service

schedule, realizing savings of around \$90,000 a year over the course of the bonds, said Widmer.

Specifically, the 2009 Series D maturities allow savings of \$1,111,965 from 2020 through 2039, and

the 2010 Series B maturities will bring savings of \$1,700,381 from 2021 through 2039.

## Mark on the Markets

### Black swans

BY MARK PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

I suppose we have all heard the phrase "black swan event," which is a metaphor to describe an event that comes as a surprise and has a major effect. Black swan is derived from the Latin expression coined in the 16th century when the thinking was that there were no black swans, only white. But in 1697 Dutch explorers first saw a black swan in western Australia. The sighting opened the door to the theories of statistical outliers happening when it was thought they could not. We tend to remember black swan events as surprises that are typ-

ically negative such as the attacks on the World Trade Center's twin towers in 2001. While this is certainly a black swan event, so is the discovery of the Internet, which I think, most people would perceive as very positive.

So how does all this relate to the management of your assets and investments? You cannot manage or should not manage for black swan events, but your portfolio of investments should be managed per modern portfolio theory.

Harry Markowitz wrote an essay in 1952 on modern portfolio theory. Markowitz, an economist, wrote about mean-variance analy-



sis. These phrases are straight out of the statistics textbook and I'm sure many of you are familiar with. But it is how they are applied regarding your investment portfolio what makes them significant and extremely relevant. In the event of a black swan event you will likely see world debt and equity markets react in an extreme manner. In 1987, Black Monday saw the Dow Jones Industrials lose significant amounts of value. Those who were using margin or sold near the bottom did not recover. But if you remember the bell curve, as things move away from the statistical mean or average they will in fact revert to the average.

Markowitz believed having a variety of non-correlated assets you would enhance the yield of your portfolio and reduce the risk. This is very true today if you can obtain real asset diversification.

Unfortunately, what I see all too often, are mutual funds with different names, which would lead you to believe that they are diversified but often have very similar holdings in very similar asset classes. I personally have not seen an occasion where one family of mutual funds can provide true asset diversification.

In a truly diversified asset mix, not all your investments will be doing great at the same time and conversely, they will not all do poorly at the same. Bull markets in equities often give us a false sense of security and tend to make us chase the winners and shun the laggards. Things change and go through their various cycles. Rebalancing a diverse portfolio is necessary otherwise you no longer have properly diversified asset mix. Risk and your portfolios objective will also determine the asset mix. Is growth your objective? Income? Capital preservation? All these objectives can be managed in a properly diversified mix of low fee, high value investments.

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## Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition seeks board members

**REGION** — The Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition is recruiting volunteers to expand its board of directors.

The Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition, one of four regional housing coalitions in the state of New Hampshire, was established in 2005 as a non-profit 501-c-3 organization. The coalition's goal is to support and facilitate creation of affordable quality workforce housing in the re-

gion to allow those who work there to live there. A diversity of housing means a mix of housing types including market-rate, affordable and mixed income housing. It includes both ownership and rental opportunities in single and multi-family options.

Past accomplishments include the construction of 48 workforce housing units at Harri-man Hill in Wolfeboro. The coalition has also

hosted numerous educational events throughout the region, including forums and workshops on a variety of housing topics and legislation. Most recently, the coalition hosted a forum on new regulations pertaining to accessory dwelling units (in-law apartments).

The board of directors generally meets once a month on the second Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the WEDCO office at 7 Center St. in Wolfeboro. The coalition's committees may meet more often at other times or as-needed.

While they encourage volunteers with wide ranging skills and talents to apply, an individual willing to take over the popular spring geranium sale and fall chrysanthemum sale, and to expand on these – would be especially welcomed.

For more information or to be considered for board membership, please contact Program Director Larissa Mulhern at lmulhern@elrhc.org or call 522-7150.

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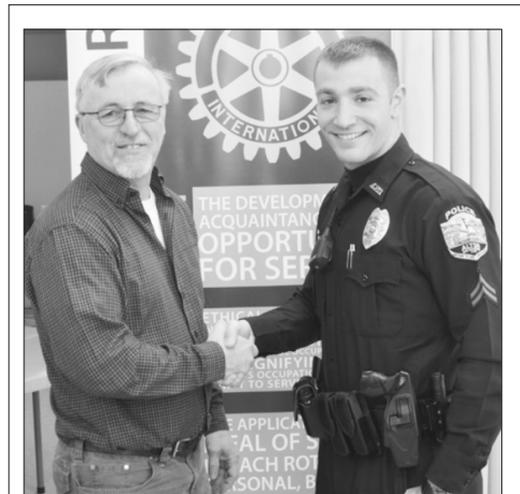
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## Talking police

Program Chair of the Alton Centennial Rotary Rick Fogg (left) extends his hand of thanks to guest speaker Corporal Bill Tolios (right) representing the Alton Police Department. Cpl. Tolios answered numerous questions related to local issues including drug use, highway safety and domestic violence. He stated that by far the most dangerous calls deal with domestic violence because there's usually one or more people who are emotional detached from reality, high, drunk or unstable, and sometimes they're armed with a weapon. He credits his ability to solve, or control dangerous situations as a result of his training received from the Police Academy and his degree in business. He's been with the Alton Police Department for six years.

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# Of mice and men, and New Year's regimen

This column will appear just four days shy of 2017, too late for my usual Christmas Gift List, but not too late for readers to roll their eyes at my infrequent New Year's Resolution List.

This is actually an unusual thing for me, because I long ago resolved to avoid resolving anything because (a) I've never lived up to a resolution list, and (b) nobody cares. But I received a shocker of a telephone call this morning, and a resolution list will sooth my shattered nerves.

The telephone call came from a reader in Lincoln who reported that there is a move to regulate log and firewood piles there on account of endangering neighbors' property values. This made me rush out to take a fresh look at my own log piles, which are admittedly pretty shabby. But the prospect of putting up a giant painted pastoral scene or something to screen my log piles from possible tax litigators moved me to mollify myself with a Resolution Column. So here goes.

- Burn more wood in spring and fall chill fires. Of late I've become lazy about this, and have been burning a little oil instead. This is un-American of me, and in line with keeping energy dollars at home I should think about friends and neighbors who run skidders and chainsaws, and get my butt in gear.

- Plant some fruit trees. I've been putting this off on account of

## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK



By JOHN HARRIGAN

life expectancy (mine, not the fruit trees'). But I've already defied my own expectancy by living past 65, and new varieties of fruit trees bear fruit in an amazingly short time.

- Ditto for solar panels. I have an ideal southwest-facing situation in the form of the back wall of my last (so far, at least) barn. Never mind that for most of the year it is enshrouded in snow, mist, fog and low-lying clouds. Besides, solar panels are cheaper by the minute, and all I really have to do is look up my nearest Solar Power Guru.

- Downsize my garden. Currently I could feed half of Texas. I should leave all that grubbing to grubs, of which I have plenty. My lawn has so many craters it looks like the moon.

- Speaking of which, I should look into vari-



JOHN HARRIGAN

A TYPICAL scene at the end of my barns, showing what a dandy place it would be for solar panels

ous strategies on skunk control. This was never a problem before, because what few skunks I ever saw around my place were just passing through on sort of seasonal visits, like leaf-peepers, and evidently sought warmer climes before the snow flew. These days some skunks are looking suspiciously like squatters. I'm blaming global warming.

- Double up on the birdfeeders (or double down, as gamblers and political commentators are fond of saying). This is partly because I like seeing lots of happy, otherwise starving winter birds, and partly because I sometimes fail to heed overwhelming Fish and Game warnings and take my birdfeeders down before the bears get them. This past fall it was Bears 3,

Harrigan 0.

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# Gerri Harvey's work on display at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — New Hampshire artist Gerri Harvey will be displaying some of her artwork here at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library throughout the month of January. Come by anytime during the library's open hours to view her beautiful paintings.

### New hours

The library has new hours. Thanks to the feedback from the patrons and the library community survey,

Oscar Foss Memorial Library will be changing its hours. The library staff hopes that the more consistent schedule and longer days will make it easier for everyone to use the library. The new schedule will be Sunday and Monday: closed, Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday and Friday: 12-8 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This new schedule will take effect on Tuesday, Jan. 17. You can find the new hours on the li-

brary web site, or pick up a bookmark at the library.

Please call the library 269-3900 or visit [oscarfoss.org](http://oscarfoss.org) for more information about the programs or events. There is always something happening at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Mondays, 2 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m., Fridays, 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

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to avoid having to tend a trap line. Trap lines are no fun unless you get to hole up in a cabin all winter, drinking cheap whisky and thinking about how to build a better mouse trap, and emerge in the spring, rubbing your eyes like a half-blind woodchuck.

Winter Woodshed, right there beside the outdoor furnace, so I can actually see what I'm doing when I'm out there in the dark heaving 100-pound pieces of wood around. It's an expensive prospect, but it has to be a whole lot cheaper than visiting the Emergency Room.

- Happy New Year to you and yours, and the

best for 2017 and beyond.

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## WHAT'S ON TAP

Regular season action returns as the calendar turns to 2017, while 2016 wraps up with holiday tournament action finishing up.

The finals in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament are today, Dec. 29, at 4:30 p.m. for the girls and 6 p.m. for the boys in Gilford.

The Prospect Mountain indoor track team will be competing at UNH on Friday, Dec. 30, at 9 a.m.

The Timber Wolf unified hoop team will make its debut on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 4 p.m., hosting Farmington.

The Kingswood indoor track team will be at UNH on Friday, Dec. 30, at 9 a.m. and will be at UNH again on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 4 p.m.

The Knight hoop boys will return to regular season action on Tuesday, Jan. 3, as they host Plymouth at 6:30 p.m.

The Kingswood girls' hoop team will also return to regular season action on Tuesday, Jan. 3, against Plymouth, playing on the road at 6:30 p.m.

The Kingswood girls' hockey team will be hosting Exeter at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, and will be hosting Keene at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5.

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# Timber Wolf girls head to break undefeated

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — After a 58-29 win over Winnisquam on Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Prospect Mountain hoop girls headed to the holiday break undefeated at 6-0.

"It was a pretty ugly game," said coach Rick Burley of the Winnisquam battle. "We definitely didn't have our best game."

However, the Timber Wolf coach noted that he was able to get a lot of kids in the game and the girls never trailed. Prospect led 18-7 at the half and 34-19 at the break before finishing off the 58-29 win.

Ali Brown led the charge for Prospect with 13 points, while Emma Hardie added 11 points and Mackenzie Burke finished with 10 points. Brianna Burley added seven, Alyssa Spiewak put in six and Tiffany White added five. Megan Ouellette also scored her first varsity points with a bucket.

With the undefeated record, the Timber Wolves headed to the Lakes Region Holiday Tournament in Gilford, where they met up with

Laconia after deadline in the tournament opener.

"The big thing is keeping fresh over the break," said Burley. "The schedule will get a little tougher after the break."

"But we're just taking it one game at a time and we'll see what we can do," the Timber Wolf coach continued.

The Timber Wolves will face off with the defending champions from Gilford in the first game back from the break and Burley is excited to see how his squad stacks up, though he noted it was possible they would see each other in the holiday tournament as well, though it would take both teams getting to the finals for that to happen.

"They're still a solid team," Burley said of the Golden Eagles. "I'm looking forward to the challenge."

The holiday tournament finals are today, Dec. 29, at 4:30 p.m. at Gilford High School.

The return to regular season action comes on Friday, Jan. 6, in Gilford.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

ALI BROWN led Prospect with 13 points in the final regular season game of 2016.

# Prospect boys can't push past Winnisquam

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Pros-

pect Mountain boys' basketball team couldn't fight through a tough

Winnisquam defense and closed out the 2016 portion of the regular season schedule with a 45-37 loss to the Bears on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

"Great defensive work by the Winnisquam squad forced us into too many turnovers," said coach Michael Joy. "We lost our offensive composure in the second quarter and though we refocused and played well, we were unable to regain ground against the Bears."

The Timber Wolves came out of the gate strong and took a 14-5 lead after one quarter but the Bears rallied in the second quarter, scoring 23 points while Prospect managed just eight, giving the Bears a 28-22 lead heading to the half.

The two teams were fairly even in the third quarter, with Prospect coming away with a 9-8 advantage to cut the lead

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HUDSON INGOLDSBY led the Timber Wolves in the final regular season game of 2016.



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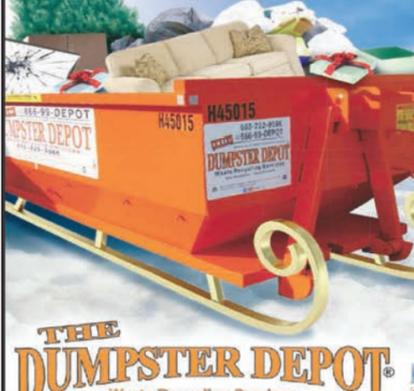

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## Early deadlines for next week

REGION — Due to the holidays, the deadlines for the newspapers in the coming week have changed.

Our offices will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, and will be

closed all day on Monday, Jan. 2.

Because of this, all deadlines have been moved up 48 business hours.

Therefore the deadline is Friday, Dec. 29, and will be

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# Mistakes haunt Knights in overtime loss

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' hoop team showed in the first game of the season that the Knights of old are meant to stay in the past.

The team rallied from a 13-point deficit with a 35-point quarter to win the opener and carried that momentum into the second game of the season on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

However, a couple of old problems came back to haunt the Knights in their home opener and Timberlane took advantage, escaping Wolfeboro with a 58-56 overtime win, hitting a shot at the buzzer to seal the victory.

"We had our chances," said Kingswood coach Dan Place. "I want to run, but we have to know the time and the score. Do we need more points or do we need to hold the ball?"

The Knight coach was referring to the overtime frame, where the Knights coughed up a 54-47 lead in the final two minutes.

"We were waiting for them to foul but they were just aggressive on their traps," Place said. "They didn't foul us down the stretch."

The Knights got the game's first hoop, with Will Treuel working inside for the basket. Timberlane followed with a hoop and a three-pointer to take the 5-3 lead. However, Kingswood outscored the Owls 7-2 the rest of the way in the quarter. Pat Meyers hit a free throw and Nick Duntley took a Meyers feed for a hoop to tie the game at five. After another Owl basket, Treuel hit two from the line and then Meyers finished off a Duntley steal and hit a free throw for a 10-7 lead for the Knights at the end of the first quarter.

Cole Johnston hit a free throw to open the scoring in the second quarter but a Timberlane three got them to within one at 11-10. Duntley hit a three for the Knights at the other end to push the lead to four but the visitors hit a hoop to get within two. Meyers came back with another three for a 17-12 lead and the Owls then hit a free throw. Jack Saunders came up with



WILL TREUEL battles through the Timberlane defense in action on Dec. 20.

a big block on the defensive end and Meyers came back with another three for a 20-13 lead.

The Owls drilled a three-pointer to cut the lead to four but Johnston answered with a hoop for the Knights. After another Timberlane hoop, Duntley drilled a three and the Owls got the final basket of the half, cutting Kingswood's lead to 25-20 at the break.

Duntley finished off a nice feed from Colton Mercier for the first bucket of the second half and after an Owl hoop, Cam Place drove to the hoop for two. The Owls hit another hoop and Treuel hit a free throw and Duntley drained a hoop for a 33-24 lead.

The Owls then closed the quarter on an 8-0 run, as they hit two

hoops, a free throw and a three-pointer to cut the lead to 33-32 heading to the fourth quarter.

Johnston got the scoring started in the fourth quarter with a hoop but a Timberlane three-pointer tied the score at 35. Liam Morrissey hit a hoop for a 37-35 lead but the Owls hit a pair of hoops and a pair of free throws to take the lead at 41-37.

Back-to-back buckets from Treuel tied the score at 41 with 2:10 to go but the Owls hit a free throw for a one-point lead with 1:37 to go. Treuel hit a hoop with 1:15 to go to put his team in the lead by one at 43-42.

The Knights missed a free throw and Timberlane came up with a steal in the backcourt and converted for a 44-43 lead

with 15 seconds to go. With two seconds to go, Place hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 44 and the teams headed to overtime.

The Owls scored the first three points of the overtime frame but a three from Place tied the score at 47. Meyers hit two free throws and Mercier finished off a steal with a three-point play with 2:30 to go, stretching the lead to 52-47. Duntley put back a rebound to make it 54-47 before the Owls came charging back. The visitors got a hoop with 1:36 to go, then added another with 55 seconds to go. They then stole the ball and finished off with another hoop with 41 seconds to make it 54-53. Another steal and basket with 35 seconds to go gave the Owls a 55-



NICK DUNTLEY drives the base line in action against Timberlane.

54 lead and a free throw with 27 seconds to go made it a two-point lead for the Owls.

However, Meyers was fouled with eight seconds to go and calmly drained his two free throws to tie the game with eight seconds to go.

Out of the ensuing timeout, the Owls were able to work the ball into the paint and big man Robert Horgan hit a runner in the lane for the 58-56 win as time expired.

"Hopefully we learned something," Place said. "They (Timberlane) hung tough without a doubt, I give them all kinds of credit."

The Knight coach noted there were plenty of good things to take from the first two games of the season.

"We've seen some good things," Place said. "We've improved from the past and we definitely see what we need to improve on. "Rebounding is going to be key for us," the Knight coach continued. "They had a lot of second chances. If we clean up some of that, it's not even a game."

The Knight coach noted that the team probably may have shot a few too many threes early on, but he was pleased that the team came out of that and again began taking the ball to the hoop,

which brought them success in the opener.

Duntley and Meyers led the way with 14 points and Treuel added 12.

The Knights were in action in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament after deadline and the finals of that tournament are today, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. at Gilford High School.

The Knights return to regular season action on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. hosting Plymouth.

JV  
The JV Knights picked up a 55-39 win over the Owls in their home opener. Connor Sloat led the way for the Knights with 11 points on the night.

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Kingswood 56  
Johnston 2-1-5, Mercier 1-1-3, Meyers 3-6-14, Morrissey 1-0-2, Treuel 4-4-12, Place 2-1-6, Duntley 6-0-14, Totals 19-13-56

Timberlane 58  
Perry 5-3-14, Kakarias 1-0-3, Blackadar 1-0-2, Schott 2-0-5, Hovan 6-1-17, Simmering 0-3-3, Doherty 3-0-6, Horgan 5-0-10, Totals 23-7-58

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## Ruel nets OT winner for Knights

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

DURHAM — The Kingswood hockey boys came through with a huge overtime win over Oyster River on Wednesday, Dec. 21, sending the Knights to the holiday break with a 2-0 record.

Andy Contrada scored a pair of goals in regulation and then in overtime, captain

Burke Ruel buried the game-winner to give the Knights the 3-2 win.

Kingswood will be in action after the holiday break, hosting Kennett

at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

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## PMHS seeking JV volleyball coach

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SARAH BEAN was the top finisher for the Kingswood girls in all three races at King Pine on Dec. 21.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

NICK LAMIE was tops for Kingswood in the morning race at King Pine on Dec.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ALEX GEHL carves through a gate in action at King Pine on Dec. 21.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

JASPER SHAPIRO skis through a gate at King Pine on Dec. 21.

# Knights kick off the season at King Pine

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

MADISON — The Kingswood alpine team couldn't have asked for a better day for the first meet of the season, as the Knights played host to Kennett on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at King Pine Ski Area.

While the Eagles swept the podium finishes, the Knights put up some solid results in their first time on snow this season.

The racers ran a total of six giant slalom runs, which translated into three different races, with four runs before the lunch break and two more after.

In the first race of the day, Sarah Bean led the way for the Knight girls, as she finished in fifth place in 1:03.91.

Liz McNamara was second for Kingswood in 1:06.52 for eighth place, while Allison Bean finished in 11th place in 1:08.88.

Kristy Meyer rounded out the scoring for the Knights with a 12th place finish in 1:09.3.

Jill Blocher finished in 13th in 1:09.46, Sami Hotchkiss was 14th in 1:10.21, Jasper Shapiro finished in 16th place in 1:10.68, Hannah Demain

was 17th in 1:11.77, Sarah Hotchkiss was 18th in 1:14.95 and Hannah Crane placed 19th in 1:15.53.

For the second race of the day, Sarah Bean again led the way for the Knights, finishing in fifth place in 1:03.51.

McNamara was again second for Kingswood, finishing in eighth place in 1:06.23 and Allison Bean was ninth in 1:07.09.

Shapiro rounded out the scoring with a time of 1:09.46, which put her 12th overall.

Sami Hotchkiss was 13th in 1:10.15, Blocher was 15th in 1:10.55, Meyer skied to 16th in 1:10.63, Demain was 17th in 1:11.03, Sarah Hotchkiss finished 18th in 1:13.8 and Crane finished in 20th in 1:16.39.

In the final race of the day, Sarah Bean was again tops for the Knights, as she skied to fifth place in 1:08.26.

McNamara skied to eighth place in 1:12.29 and Shapiro finished in 10th place in 1:12.86.

Allison Bean rounded out the scoring for the Knights with a time of 1:13.08 in 12th place.

Blocher was 13th in 1:13.7, Meyer was 14th in 1:14.29, Demain finished

in 15th place in 1:14.92, Sami Hotchkiss was 16th in 1:16.11, Sarah Hotchkiss was 17th in 1:19.63 and Crane finished in 19th place in 1:21.26.

On the boys' side of things in the morning runs, Nick Lamie led the way for Kingswood with a seventh place finish in 1:02.92.

Matt Ridings finished in 10th in 1:04.59 and Mark Chrysafidis was 11th overall in 1:05.13.

Isaac Sheahan rounded out the scoring for the Knights with a time of 1:06.8 for 12th place.

Alex Gehl finished in 13th in 1:07.3, Josh Shapiro was 14th in 1:07.66, Dawson Cotreau was 15th in 1:09.43, Joel Chick skied to 16th in 1:09.9, Jackson Walsh was 17th in 1:11.49, Luke Shapiro was 18th in 1:11.64 and James Donovan finished in 19th in 1:11.77.

Cormac Lennon was 20th in 1:13.3, Curtis Heath was 21st in 1:13.91, Noah Shatzer finished in 22nd in 1:16.15, Brennan Loring was 23rd in 1:19.06 and James Riley placed 26th in 1:41.43.

Ridings led the way in the middle of the three races for the Knights, finishing in seventh place in 1:02.66.

Lamie was second for

Kingswood with a time of 1:02.97 for eighth place and Chrysafidis finished in 10th place in 1:03.19.

Sheahan rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 1:06.27 for 12th place.

Gehl skied to 13th place in 1:07.27, Cotreau was 14th in 1:07.47, Josh Shapiro was 15th in 1:07.98, Luke Shapiro was 16th in 1:08.92, Walsh was 17th in 1:09.78, Donovan was 18th in 1:12.46, Heath finished 19th in 1:12.74, Lennon was 20th in 1:13.04, Shatzer finished in 21st in 1:15.08, Loring was 22nd in 1:16.58, Chick finished 23rd in 1:16.72 and Riley was 26th in 1:39.02.

In the final race of the day, Chrysafidis led the way in a time of 1:06.82 for sixth place overall.

Lamie was second for the Knights with a time of 1:07.01 for seventh place and Ridings skied to eighth place in 1:07.1.

Sheahan rounded out the scoring again with a 13th place finish in 1:10.18.

Gehl finished in 14th in 1:12.73, Josh Shapiro was 15th in 1:13.02, Cotreau was 16th in 1:13.76, Walsh was 17th

in 1:15.54, Luke Shapiro finished 18th in 1:16.76, Heath was 19th in 1:16.93, Chick finished 20th in 1:17.34, while Donovan finished with the same time to tie for 20th. Lennon was 22nd in 1:18.87, Loring was 23rd in 1:20.26, Shatzer was 24th in 1:20.47 and Riley was

27th in 1:43.62. The Knights will return to action on Friday, Jan. 6, at Gunstock at 9:30 a.m.

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## Abenaki Lacrosse registration open, coaches needed

WOLFEBORO — Abenaki Youth Lacrosse is seeking volunteer youth coaches for the 2017 season. Practices occur two days per week, with games every Sunday. The season is approximately 12 weeks long. Coaches must

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Abenaki Youth Lacrosse has opened signups for the 2017 season.

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# Kretchmer out to defend her Nordic titles

## *Kingswood cross-country ski team opens on Jan. 4*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**WOLFEBORO** — The Kingswood Nordic girls skied to third place overall in Division II last year, while the Kingswood Nordic boys didn't have enough racers to qualify for team points.

This year, veteran coach Tom Merrell sees both teams with a good chance to improve on those finishes.

And as an added bonus, there is snow on the ground this year as well, something that was an issue for the Nordic teams all over the state last year.

The snow was so much an issue that it was decided to bump the Nordic season back a bit, with the first race not coming until after the start of the new year and the State Meet moved to early March.

The captains of this year's Nordic team are seniors Mary Kretchmer and Emma Bellefleur and they bring plenty of experience (and a few banners) to the squad.

"Our captains both competed in the Meet of Champions last year," Merrell said.

Kretchmer won both the Division II classical and freestyle state cham-

pionships a year ago and also won a banner for her first place finish at the Meet of Champions.

"She of course is hoping to repeat this performance," Merrell stated.

Bolstering the chances of the high school girls improving on their third place finish of a year ago is the fact that last year's middle school state champions are also moving up to the high school this year.

Kretchmer and Bellefleur will be joined by fellow seniors Becky Peternel and Hannah Demain, who will be competing for Skimeister points (alpine and Nor-



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
**MARY KRETCHMER** will be looking to defend her Division II championships when the Nordic season gets under way on Jan. 4.



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### Tennis champs

Nancy Tothill from Barnstead (left) and partner Joyce Sylvester from Loudon, recently won the fall "B" women's championship at the Gilford Hills tennis and fitness club in Gilford.

dic combined).

Sarah Bean also returns to the team as a Skimeister candidate after winning the Division II Skimeister title a year ago. Classmate Sarah Hotchkiss finished third in the Skimeister race last year and is back at it for a new season.

Sophomores Mary Peternel and Sarah Huckman will be asked to carry some of the weight for the girls' team, which numbers 12 this season.

Joining the team as freshmen are last year's middle school champions in Allison Bean, Sarah Peternel, Sarah Bellefleur and Maddie Rosiak. Allison Bean is the reigning middle school Skimeister champion and will be again competing for that honor, just at the high school level.

Merrell also has sophomore team manager Maddie Shatzer on hand to help.

The boys' side of the team has five racers this year, a step up from last year when the Knights struggled to put together a full team.

Returning junior Adam Richardson will be joined by fellow juniors Wyatt Pooler and Cameron Stinchfield, both of whom are new to the team.

Sophomore Jim Huckman returns for a second season and freshman Axel Plache makes the jump from the middle school team.

Merrell also has the middle school team under his watch and that squad will consist of four boys and two girls.

David Sandoval is the lone eighth grader among the skiers, while Jackson Boudman, Robert Hotchkiss and Tim Huckman round out the boys' team. Hotchkiss will be skiing for middle school Skimeister points.

The girls' team consists of seventh graders Olivia Martin and Ginger Plache.

With the delayed start to the racing season, the Knights have had time to prepare and Merrell and his charges will hit the trails for the first meet on Jan. 4 at Plainfield.

The schedule also includes another meet at Plainfield, plus a couple at Great Glen, one in Whitaker Woods in North Conway, one at Gunstock, one at Plymouth and one at Oak Hill at Dartmouth College.

The State Meet will be held on March 7 at Great Glen Trails in Pinkham Notch.

The Knights will also host a meet at Abenaki Ski Area on Monday, Feb. 6. Merrell notes that it will be a repeat of the three-round skate sprint race the team used last year, which revolves around the base of the ski area.

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## Woodbury, Murzin, Howlett score points at UNH

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**DURHAM** — A few members of the Prospect Mountain track team braved the winter weather on Sunday for the first meet of the season. The meet was originally scheduled for Saturday but was moved to Sunday because of the snow.

For the boys, Jeremy Woodbury ran to fifth place in the preliminaries for the 55 meters in a time of 7.34 seconds and then finished fifth in the finals in the exact same time.

Tommy Howlett competed in the 3,000 meters and ran to sixth place overall in a time of 10:34.24.

The only Timber Wolf girl competing was Naomi Murzin, who tossed the shot put 26 feet, eight inches for fourth place overall.

The Timber Wolves will be back in action on Monday, Dec. 26, at the University of New Hampshire at 9 a.m.

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# River Drivers climb the ranks

BY JODY HOULE  
Contributing writer

**BERLIN** – The FHL Berlin River Drivers had dropped in the ranks after a four-game losing streak last month. Immediately after, Berlin won the first four games in December and climbed. They defeated the Cornwall Nationals three times and Danbury once. That streak was broken when the Danville Dashers defeated Berlin 6-2 on Dec. 17. Berlin went on to defeat Port Huron the next day, earning them more points in the standings.

The Berlin team started out well in the season and averaged third place. However, after a four-game losing streak, the team dropped to last place. The losses came from two games against the Danbury Titans, from Danville and from Cornwall. At this time, Danville was in first and still is.

After losing to Cornwall 5-3 a week prior, Berlin avenged them on Dec. 1 and shut them out 3-0 climbing them to fifth. It was the start of their four-game winning streak. Berlin beat them again 7-4 two days later. The next day they defeated the Titans 5-3, it was the first time this season Danbury lost to Berlin. That win lifted Berlin back to third place status. Five days later, Berlin defeated the Nationals once again, 11-3. That streak ended when the number one team, the Danville Dashers, won 6-2.

Berlin picked up another win on Dec. 18 against Port Huron winning 6-3.

Three games would have been played by this time as early newspaper deadlines due to the holidays prevented any coverage. The three games include Berlin at the Wattertown Wolves on Dec. 22, a home holiday game against Danbury the next day, and a rematch with the Wolves on Dec. 27.

On Friday, Dec. 23, Santa Claus was expected to show up at the No-

tre Dame Arena to cheer on the Berlin boys and to pose for pictures on the ice after the game.

As of Dec. 21, the Dashers remained in first place with 14 wins, four losses and one overtime loss.

Danbury ranked second with eight wins, two overtime wins and nine losses.

Berlin, in third place, had won eight games and lost nine including two overtime losses up to that point.

Cornwall dipped to fourth with six wins, three overtime wins, eight losses and one overtime loss.

It is expected that Berlin will have earned points defeating the Wattertown Wolves, who were in last at the time.



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The Berlin River Drivers have climbed that ranks with wins in December. After the holidays, it is hopeful that they have climbed even higher. Pictured here they pose in Christmas spirit. Santa was scheduled to cheer them on Dec. 23 at the Notre Dame Arena during a game against the Danbury Titans.

## Some random thoughts as the year comes to an end

This is the final issue of 2016, so it's time to clear out the cobwebs from the back of my mind with a few random thoughts here.

It was great to get out and ski for the first time this year last Wednesday at the first alpine meet between Kennett and Kingswood. I missed this meet last year when it was cancelled due to lack of snow. King Pine hosts this meet and they do a fantastic job of making the snow and getting the mountain ready for the kids. I love meets at King Pine for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the staff there are wonderful and are always helpful and friendly and that's fantastic. Additionally, I can get in a lot of quick runs without killing my legs first thing in the morning. I spend much of the day standing around in ski boots, so the runs I get in during the morning and at lunch are my exercise for the day and at King Pine, there's a chance to get a lot of runs in. This year also brought almost perfect weather, with decent temperatures and plenty of sun, which made for some great pictures.

### SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

I am not a fan of early deadlines and this time of year always brings extra early deadlines because of the two holidays on back to back weeks plus the half-day holiday for the Christmas and New Year's Eve. We have to move everything up two days, which means we only have a couple of days worth of stuff in the paper and the paper essentially has to go to bed a week before it comes in your mail. I'm writing this on Wednesday, Dec. 21, for papers that will come out on Thursday, Dec. 29. Early deadlines usually also make for long nights at the office and this week is no exception, since I was here until after midnight Tuesday and expect to be here well past 1 a.m. this evening.

The holidays tend to bring a slight reduction to the schedule, as many teams take breaks, but the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford features

Kingswood, Newfound and Prospect Mountain, while Kennett hoop teams play at the Mike Lee Holiday Basketball Bash in Farmington and the Kennett hockey team hosts the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament. This makes for a busy few days after Christmas, so here's hoping that things went well.

So far this season I've seen both Kingswood, Prospect and Plymouth hoop teams, the Kennett and Newfound girls' hoop teams, the Kearsarge-Plymouth and Kingswood girls' hockey teams and the

Kennett and Kingswood alpine teams. There are still a number of teams left that have started playing that I haven't seen, including the Kingswood swim team, Prospect and Kingswood indoor track, Kennett hockey and boys' hoop teams, the Kingswood boys' hockey team, the Plymouth wrestling team and the Newfound boys' hoop team. The plan was to see the Newfound boys and Kennett hockey in their holiday tournaments and the Kennett hoop boys and Plymouth wrestlers before Christmas. Soon the Nordic teams and uni-

fied basketball join the fray, making for even more fun.

Finally, have a great day Dave McKenney.

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### DEADLINES

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line for submissions for the Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Baysider, Newfound Landing and Plymouth Record-Enterprise is 8 a.m.

today, Dec. 29. The deadline for submissions for the Granite State News is today, Dec. 29, at noon. The deadline for submissions for the Carroll

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### BOYS

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to 36-31 heading to the final quarter.

However, Winnisquam outscored the Timber Wolves 9-6 in the final eight minutes to give the Bears the 45-37 win.

Hudson Ingoldsby led the way for the Timber Wolves with 12 points on the night while Anthony Cusson added nine and Cutlas Greeley added seven. Dan St. Laurent pulled down nine rebounds.

"Headed into the holiday tournament 0-3 makes us hungry for a win and determined to work towards that goal," Joy said.

The Timber Wolves were in action after deadline in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford. The tournament finals are to-

day, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. at Gilford High School.

The Timber Wolves will return to regular season action on Friday, Jan. 6, at home against Gilford.

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### Fighting hunger together

The Kingswood alpine ski team challenged its rivals from Kennett to support the King Pine food drive during the first meet of the season on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The two teams piled a table high with food and the team captains posed for a photo with the donated goods. Pictured (l to r), Kennett's Liz Robert, India Drummond, Jamie Kelemen and Dennis Morgan and Kingswood's Hannah Demain, Matt Ridings, Mark Chrysfidis, Jasper Shapiro and Isaac Sheahan.

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