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# Court battle ahead for PMHS teachers, board?

## *Reimbursement for room and board at conferences the topic of interest*

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Are the Prospect Mountain High School Board and the Prospect Mountain High School Teachers' Association heading for a court battle?

That question was never spoken at the board's Tuesday, Jan. 3, meeting but it was hanging in the air all through the meeting. And unless either the board or the Teachers' Association blinks the answer will be yes.

Perhaps a sports analogy will help in understanding the situation. Team A is the PMTA, Prospect Mountain High School Teachers' Association. Team B is the PMHS Board, Prospect Mountain High School Board.

There are three rulebooks for this game. Rulebook one is the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) that the PMTA and the PMHS Board negotiated in November 2014. It's the rulebook from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017. Rulebook two is New Hampshire state laws that govern CBAs for public employees. Rulebook three is the NH Supreme Court decisions and the PELRB (Public Employees Labor Relations Board) decisions that have been made over the years that interpret the laws about collective bargaining agreements in specific situations.

The game goes for no more than four innings. There is a different umpire for each inning. The game can be stopped at

any point if one of the teams says we quit.

In the first inning one of the teams calls foul because they think the other team has broken a rule in rulebook one. They have done something they are not supposed to do according to the CBA. The team that

calls foul files a complaint with the umpire. In the first inning the umpire is a hearing examiner working for the New Hampshire PELRB (Public Employees Labor Relations Board).

The other team gets to respond and tell the umpire why their actions

were totally fair and not foul. Both teams meet with the umpire and plead their case. A few months later the umpire writes a decision.

In the situation at Prospect Mountain, the first inning umpire gave the win to Team A, the Teachers' Association.

The reasons the association and board got into this game will be explained after describing the innings.

If one of the teams doesn't like the umpire's decision, they can go to a second inning. In the second inning, the loser

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## Gravel pit proposal deferred to ZBA

### *Regional impact study on tap*

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — While far from being decided upon, an effort to create a gravel pit in the northern part of town near the border with Wolfeboro and Middleton will need much additional review before the project can move forward.

At a Jan. 3 New Durham Planning Board meeting that was attended by an estimated 80 concerned residents from the towns potentially impacted by the project, the decision was to ultimately to refer the matter to the zoning board of adjustment. Anticipating the large turnout, the hearing was held in the school gym

"In a nutshell," explained planning board chair Scott Drumme, "this will be a continuation of the applica-

tion." He said the continuation hinges on a "special exception."

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

### Knight on the slopes

New Durham's Alex Gehl of the Kingswood alpine ski team races through the giant slalom course at Gunstock on Friday, Jan. 6. Prospect Mountain was also scheduled to attend the race but did not because of a weather delay. See the story on page B3.

## Barnstead's Operation Santa a community effort

### *Alliance between the town and the North Pole illustrates how a town comes together*

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — The season of giving is now in the rear view mirror, but a recent endeavor spearheaded by the police department reminds everyone that a spirit of community binds people together as they go forward into 2017.

Two nights before Christmas, an alliance between local police and the North Pole's most famous denizen brought

joy and a spirit of generosity to some 30 families in town through the execution of an initiative dubbed "Operation Santa." This was the first event of its kind in Barnstead.

"We don't just want to be people in uniforms - we're all part of this community," said Police Chief Paul Poirier. "The objective is to make some kids happy and let people know we are here to serve them."

Year's end kindles an urge to give back, ushering in a sense of hope and optimism with the start of a new 12-month cycle. The Dec. 23 Operation Santa event demonstrated that Barnstead is a giving community with dedicated public servants who value those whom they serve. The chief, who served as a lieutenant in Merrimack, said the operation was based on a similar initiative in that town.

"I want the Barnstead community to know we're here to serve them - we're here in the good times and the bad times," said Poirier.

He continued, "But I think tonight will be one of those good times."

The project involved Saint Nick traveling from home to home in a military-style humvee tricked out in multi-colored holiday lights, accompanied by an escort of police cruisers that

traversed a meticulously-planned route. Lights blazing blue and red across the highways and backroads of town announced Santa's approach.

"This is a way for the police department, in cooperation with Santa, to let the citizens of Barnstead know that we are here for them, and that community comes first with every person in this department," Poirier ex-

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### Legion donates

The American Legion Family Post 72 of Alton has donated \$1,400 to The End 68 hours of Hunger campaign. Left to right, Mo Luckern, Commander of the Legion, Monique Jalbert, End 68 Hours of Hunger program coordinator, Bruce Cornish, financial officer of the Legion, Tim MacDonald, Second Vice President of the Sons of the American Legion and Dan Molloy, financial officer of the Sons of the American Legion. Not pictured is Dick Quindley, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion.

# Communities offer ways for residents to get traction

## *Sand available for locals to use on their property*

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

REGION — As residents face the prospect of going bucket over teakettle in their driveways, locals can avail themselves of a potential solution - free sand available at town facilities. Area road agents are also doing their best to keep up with what has been a rugged winter to date.

If you have a slick driveway or walkway, the general consensus is that you're entitled to two five-gallon buckets per trip at each of our three towns' distribution sites, provided you have a dump sticker conspicuously displayed on your windshield.

All town sand supplies are available during and outside of town operation hours. Staff do not monitor residents' outtake, but the tradition is to keep it to two five-gallon buckets. One local official said, "It's a service to residents, and it's all on the honor system."

Another local official said, "The sand is there for the taking, but let's be reasonable - remember who your neighbors are and that we want there to be enough to go around."

In Alton, residents can avail themselves of free sand on the Letter S Road.

We caught up with equipment operator Nick Buonopane during a recent storm. Knowing he and his colleagues were busy keeping the roads passable, we were sure to not take too much of his time as crews were out plowing.

Buonopane said sand is available 24/7, and that Alton observes the honor system rule.

"We've not had any problem with people taking advantage of this," Buonopane said. He added, "Even someone with a good plow or snow blower will have some slick spots on their driveways. Anything that helps keep the people in town safe is a good thing."

Out on the roads, Buonopane said Alton's three six-wheelers are in frequent use - as well as its three 10-wheelers, loader, one-ton, and pickup. All were utilized as the late December storm gathered momentum - and for the critical post-event cleanup.

"It's all hands on," Buonopane said of storm situations.

Alton is one of the state's largest town's area-wise. And with a lake bisecting its sprawling geography, maintaining the community's roads is a steep task.

"We have a great crew, and they work hard," Buonopane said.

Over in New Durham, the storm found the DPW down two staffers due to illness.

"The guys who are out there are going full on," said Town Administrator Scott Kinmond.

"The town prides itself on the condition of

our roads, and so there is little anyone needs to do to motivate our crew to maintain the highest standards," Kinmond said.

As we spoke with Kinmond from a home office during a recent storm, a blue dump truck adorned with an orange plow soldiered on by at its obligatory 18 mph, leaving a trail of briney slush in its wake.

New Durham residents, like their Alton counterparts, can nab two five-gallon buckets of sand on the honor system. There's a small but perpetual pile that's located outside the dump's gate, right next to the gas pump where town vehicles fuel up.

"It's just a small service we can provide to residents to help keep everyone safe," Kinmond said.

In Barnstead, free sand is available at the facility across from the new Dollar General store.

"We put out four yards of sand out every day when we close up at 3:30," said Road Agent Jim Doucette. He noted that the pile was located outside the gate, and that the supply is available 24/7.

He said that the traditional two five-gallon bucket rule is what he hopes residents will follow. Doucette acknowledged that some residents have very long driveways and that taking an extra bit is acceptable.

"It's the people who come by and take it by the truckload that could ruin it for everyone," he added.

Doucette says he's heard anecdotally of some people who are availing themselves of large quantities of free sand and charging others for the service of treating their driveways.

"That's not fair for anyone," he said, continuing that if such practices continue, the town might consider keeping its pile behind the gate.

In such a scenario, residents could access the sand only during hours of operation - a hinderance to people whose work schedules that might preclude their accessing the sand.

"It's a disappointment for someone who needs just a little sand to get here and find none after someone's left with a truckload," the Barnstead road agent said.

Doucette is also committed to community outreach to keep citizens informed about road conditions. Following a recent rain storm on Jan. 3, he took to the Barnstead community Facebook page writing, "(Road update) Gravel roads are getting icy. We've been putting sand and stone down. The stone is helping, but there's still ice underneath so please be careful and keep that in mind. We expect the paved roads to stay in pretty good shape over-

night. We are still out now on the gravel roads and we will be out early in the morning."

On Dec. 29, Doucette posted, "As we all know, we have a big storm coming today and tonight. The evening commute will be tricky, at best, with them predicting 2 inches an hour around the evening commute, with the chance of it changing to freezing rain, as we are on the line. We will be doing our best to keep up with it, but if possible, do what you have to do early, or try to leave work early, or just stay home. I will try to keep you updated with road conditions, but I myself will be busy in a plow truck."

Pamela Sargent Plante provided a note of gratitude, posting in response,

## Snow obstruction against town policy in Alton

ALTON — The Alton Highway Department asks residents who are shoveling out driveways to not throw the snow back out into the road, because the snow gets piled up and becomes a speed bump, creating a hazardous situation for travelers. Residents may not have known that there is a town policy and regulation.

Section 13: it is unlawful for any person to put, place, or cause to put or place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any class V highway or public

sidewalk. The penalty for a breach of this section shall be a violation and fine for the first offense of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and the minimum fine for any repeated offenses shall be not less than fifty dollars (\$50) not more than one hundred dollars (\$100)

In addition, it is against the law. RSA 41:11 states that it is an unlawful act for any person to put, place or cause to be put any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any class V highway or public sidewalk. The

penalty is a \$100 fine.

The department would like to add that homeowners are responsible should there be an accident caused by this.

The highway department also would like to ask that residents take the precaution while you are out shoveling your driveways or sidewalks to wear reflectors of some kind; sometimes it is very difficult to see someone until you are upon that person and then it is too late. Please use caution.

In addition to the town policy, section 9:

cautioned.

Doucette noted that he gave consideration to potential vehicle damage - but he said the value of preventing accidents resulting in injury or a fatality outweighs any minor damages to cars.

"When you weigh the possible cracked windshield against a fatality or a serious injury - that's a no brainer," Doucette said.

Over the course of the winter driving season, and as a general rule of good driving etiquette, Doucette encouraged motorists to maintain a respectable distance between themselves and the car in front of them.

"That's really just common sense and common courtesy for the person in front of you," Doucette said.

traffic regulation 9.2.D.1 it shall be unlawful for any person to cause a motor vehicle or trailer to be parked or stopped on any public highway or municipal parking lot within the town of Alton during the period Nov. 15 through April 1, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; or at any other time during snowstorms when snow removal maintenance is being performed by the Alton Highway Department

Please help the department keep the town roads safe. Public safety is their number one concern.

## Masons breakfast buffet is Sunday

ALTON — On Sunday, Jan. 15, the Masons of Winnepisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a

quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice being

served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So join the Masons for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. The Masons

hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, go to [www.winnepisaukemasons.com](http://www.winnepisaukemasons.com), or contact Jim Matarozzo at 875-7127.

## Artist Gerri Harvey to speak on Saturday at Oscar Foss

BARNSTEAD — Gilford artist Gerri Harvey will be speaking at the library on Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. at an event sponsored by the Friends of the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Her topic, Art is for Everyone, will focus on the idea that while most people will never be famous in the likes of Monet or van Gogh, anyone who wants to can enjoy painting and can be taught the skills to create beautiful art. The meeting is free and open to the public. Sharing slides of the first paintings of several of her adult painting students she will talk about the joys of observing and interpreting a scene by putting acrylic paint to canvas. As a retired RN who has been painting for

more than 35 years, Harvey believes that painting is fun, therapeutic and personally rewarding in ways most people cannot imagine until they try it.

The artist will return to the library two weeks later on Jan. 28 to offer a half-day painting workshop at 1 p.m. during which participants will complete a landscape painting in paint-along style, as she explains how to achieve a sense of light, depth and realism using water-soluble acrylic paint. Space is limited and all supplies are included in the fee (due the day of the workshop.) Proceeds will benefit the library. Pre-registration for the workshop is required either online at [oscarfoss.com](http://oscarfoss.com) or by calling 269-3900.

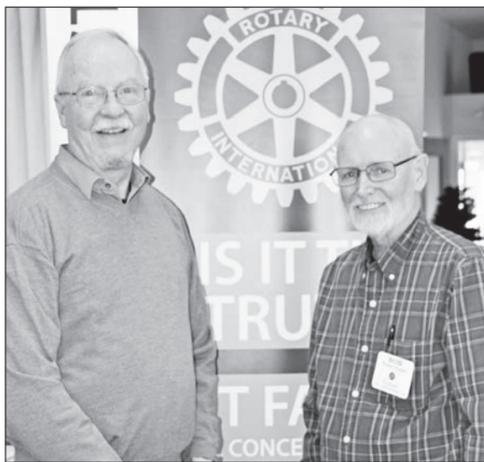
Harvey is a member of the NH Plein Air Painters, the The Westport (Mass.) Art Group, and is President-Elect of the Lakes Region Art Association. Her paintings will be on display in the library during the month of January. She maintains a home art studio in Gilford and her work is available at VynnArt Gallery in Meredith, the LRAA Gallery in Tilton and online at [gerriharveyart.com](http://gerriharveyart.com).

### New hours

New hours starting Tuesday, Jan. 17. Thanks to the feedback from patrons and the community survey, Oscar Foss Memorial Library will be changing its hours. The library hopes that a more consistent schedule and

longer days will make it easier for everyone to use the library. The new schedule will be Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 12-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday and Monday, closed. You can find the new hours on the web site, or pick up a bookmark at the library.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit [oscarfoss.org](http://oscarfoss.org) for more information about library 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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## Rock talk

Don Holm (left) of New Durham, a member of the Citizens Against Bed Rock Quarry, addressed members of the Alton Centennial Rotary about the organization's ad hoc committee for preventing the development of the newly proposed quarry at 415 Kings Highway, New Durham. The first public hearing about the proposal drew more than 130 area residents in opposition to the new quarry. The planning process needed for permitting the quarry must first be approved by the New Durham Planning Board and ZBA. To date this has not been accomplished, but once completed, future public input sessions will happen because issues dealing with blasting, traffic, property values, air pollution, ground water contamination, surface water contamination and noise will not only affect New Durham, but Alton and Wolfeboro too. Rotary and Program Director Bob Regan (right), introduced Holm.



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# Board hears of minimal proposed budget increase

BY DAVID ALLEN  
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ALTON — Tuesday, Jan. 3, was a cold and rainy evening and the PMHS Board focused on a quick meeting.

Vicky Sweezy, biology teacher and President of the Prospect Mountain Teachers' Association attempted to speak to the board during the opening public input section of the meeting.

She hoped to speak to the board about three different concerns of the teachers' association: an existing unfair labor practice complaint that has been filed with the Public Employees Labor Relations Board regarding a policy adopted by the board in Spring 2015 that the teachers' association feels was a unilateral and therefore illegal change to the school's Collective Bargaining Agreement; Principal J. Fitzpatrick's proposed change to the exam schedule, which would reduce teacher time al-

lotted to grading exams; and a letter addressed to the board from the PELRB.

Each time she began to speak, board member Steve Miller called a point of order and asked Sweezy if she was speaking as a representative of the PMTA (Teachers' Association). When she said she was, Miller moved to schedule the issue as a formal agenda item at the next board meeting. He said her comments related to a formal legal matter, and the board should be very careful in how it handled them. In each case the board voted 5-1 in favor, with Eunice Landry being the only no vote.

In the belief that transparency in government activity is critical to a healthy democracy and a key responsibility of a free press, the issues between the board and the teachers' association are more fully explained in a separate article in this issue of the Baysider

(page A1).

The board moved on to the agenda for the evening. Miller asked to move the report on negotiations with the teachers' association from the public agenda to non-public session.

The board's student representative reported on the winter sports teams. Boys' basketball team has lost three games. Girls' basketball has won all six of its games. The ski team has participated in one meet. The track team has also had one meet with a couple of Prospect athletes winning first or second place in their specialty.

The band and chorus both had major holiday concerts just before Christmas. For the first time the Special Chorus went "on the road" locally and performed their concert at two local locations, one in Alton and one in Barnstead. They felt this gave them an opportunity to perform for new audiences who were

not likely to come to the school performances, and they were warmly received.

Pep band is playing at basketball games, which is adding new spirit to the games. Tryouts for the school play, originally scheduled for this afternoon, were delayed for a day because of the weather. The last day before vacation the school had a half-day Winter Carnival event and a good time was had by all.

Superintendent Robert Cullison had nothing to report. Principal Fitzpatrick noted an upcoming alumni day. A dozen alumni have been invited to come back to the school and talk with current students about life after Prospect and how to make the best of it.

The policy committee was unable to conduct business because of the lack of a quorum. They have been given the task of sorting out several conflicting policies for high school classes of-

ferred to eighth graders. Some just give the students a jump start on the high school curriculum. Others give them PMHS credits that count toward graduation. The policies have been set on an ad hoc basis as the classes have developed, and the board wants to create a standard for all of them that doesn't leave some students with credit and others without for the same level of effort.

Sweezy thanked the board for their support of her application to participate in Teachers for Global Understanding, an international program that gives teachers short term assignments in classrooms across the globe. She has been notified that she will be assigned to a school in Morocco in the last couple weeks of March. She looks forward to the opportunity for herself and to bring back new information for Prospect Mountain teachers and students.

The board approved both first and second readings of new policies related to use of video recording in classrooms. They felt comfortable combining the readings, which usually span two board meetings because they were drafted by the New Hampshire Association of School Boards as "boiler plate" policies, necessitated by action of the NH Legislature to correct a mistake made the year before. The policies clarify that video recordings can be made in special classroom situations in which they are a specific aid to the curriculum, especially for special education students.

A second policy clarified when the school will pay custodians who have had an injury that has limited their ability to do their job and resulted in a worker's compensation claim, and when the insurance company Primex will pay. This led to a broader conversation initiated by Peter Byfield about how the school avoids paying injured workers for "make work" while simultaneously paying a temporary replacement to do the "real work." Fitzpatrick assured the board that no one is given "busy work" that has no value, and that in fact there have never been injuries to custodians that have interfered with them doing their "real

job" for more than a very short time.

Fitzpatrick also reported on new curriculum opportunities planned for the following school year. The introduction to engineering class offered this year has been very successful and will be expanded next year to include a second level engineering class. And the success of the special choir has led to planning for a Chamber Singers class for next year. As with all classes offered to the student body, a minimum number of enrolled students are required before a financial commitment is made to pay a teacher to actually deliver the class.

The finance committee presented the final budget for the 2017-18 school year. They noted a few adjustments since the last version of the budget. The most significant is a reduction of slightly more than \$20,000 for fuel oil, based on the continuing low cost. Cullison noted that the board had worked towards the goal of no budget increase over 2016-17 and had come very close. The total budget of \$8,285,764 is only a few thousand dollars increase over this year.

Landry noted that there will be a change in the charge to the two towns. The Alton high school age population has decreased more than the Barnstead population. Therefore, Barnstead will be paying a larger share of the total budget. Alton taxpayers will pay a smaller amount than last year, Barnstead taxpayers will pay a larger amount.

Principal Fitzpatrick announced the hiring of two staff, Mark Anthony and Corey Roux, to coach the spirit squad. This generated considerable concern on the part of some board members who questioned their experience and qualifications. Fitzpatrick pointed out that there are two levels of spirit squad competition. PMHS will only participate in the lower level, which excludes any special tricks that take students off the ground. He also reassured board members that both teachers had experience, training, and the trust of students and faculty close to the team.

The next PMHS Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

## Alton man, young daughter critically injured in Gilford crash

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
Gilford Steamer

GILFORD—An Alton man and his one-year-old daughter remain in critical condition after a two-vehicle crash last Monday. Loved ones are now rallying to raise money for the family's medical and living expenses.

According to Gilford Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, the crash occurred around 8:13 p.m. on Jan. 2 on Lakeshore Road in the area of Lockes Hill Road and the Belknap Point Motel.

The accident involved a 2003 Ford Focus traveling eastbound that was driven by 25-year-old Brent Stranger of Alton, carrying one-year-old Arianna Stranger, one-month-old Aiden Stranger, and 22-year-old Sarah Kunst, also of Alton.

The second vehicle in the crash was a 2002 Ford Econoline van traveling westbound and driven by 30-year-old James Willingham of Laconia, who was the sole occupant.

Brent and Arianna Stranger were airlifted by DHART to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon right from the scene. At last report both remain in critical condition.

A GoFundMe page was set up by Kimberly Martin of Center Barnstead. The page says that the family does not have health insurance and the page aims to raise \$30,000 to help pay for medical and living expenses.

According to the GoFundMe page, Brent and Arianna Stranger are in the intensive care unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in comas.

Kunst was transported to Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia. The page states she underwent surgery to repair a broken arm.

Adrien Stranger sustained minor injuries.

Bean Burpee said Willingham was transported to LRGH, where he was treated and released.

The Gilford Police and Fire Departments responded to the scene and the road was closed for several hours to clear the scene and conduct an investigation.

The official cause of the crash is currently unknown.

The GoFundMe page states that the van swerved into Stranger's lane and caused the car to flip over. Bean Burpee

said he cannot confirm or deny this information until the investigation has been completed. He said there were also no direct witnesses other than those involved in the accident.

The services of the New Hampshire State Police Traffic Accident Reconstruction team were called in to help reconstruct the crash. Bean Burpee said measurements needed to be taken of the scene, which will help police to calculate speeds, possible causes and actions taken before and after the accident among oth-

er details. Bean Burpee said the investigation will likely take several months.

Since being created on Jan. 3, the GoFundMe page has raised \$16,350 as of Monday night and fundraisers are being scheduled to help the family.

The "Help Sarah and Brent's Family" GoFundMe page can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-sarah-brents-family>. More information and support for the family can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/helpsarahandbrent>.



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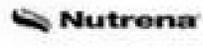
### Ice fishing

A few brave souls tested the ice of Alton Bay on the first day of ice fishing season earlier this month. Anyone heading out on the ice is advised to test for thickness in the interest of safety.





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# Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

## Last words on Santa

We know that Santa Claus usually doesn't get much play on the pages of the newspaper (or anywhere else for that matter) much after the start of the new year, but this year we had to make an exception for a great event that took place in Barnstead just prior to Christmas.

Early deadlines and technology problems delayed the publishing of this story by a week or two, but we felt that even though Santa is "out of style" for another 11 months, this was a story that was worth telling and one that really highlights the work being done by the Barnstead Police Department and others in the community who stepped up to help out.

We often write in this space about the great community organizations that help members of the local towns when they are in need, be it a food pantry or agency and this new project initiated by Barnstead Police Chief Paul Poirier appears to be a winner and another thing to be added to the list of great projects taken on by local organizations.

The Barnstead Police Department has gone through a few chiefs in the last few years, for one reason or another and when Poirier came on board we were excited to see what he brought to the table and were hopeful that he could provide some stability for a department that had experienced some turnover.

It appears to us that the new chief is eager to sink his teeth into the Barnstead community and he brought with him a program that he worked on in his former job in Merrimack, and it seems to have hit the right notes in Barnstead as well. Operation Santa got donations from businesses and residents throughout town, as well as from town officials and employees, and distributed gifts to approximately 30 different homes in Barnstead, brightening the spirit of the holiday season at every location that they stopped. Santa himself made the trek from the North Pole to ride in the police department's Humvee, decorated in festive Christmas lights.

The work of the local police can often go under the radar, unless of course, something goes wrong and there's a need for the work that they do to come front and center. But projects like this are common in police departments all over the state and we are happy to see Barnstead get involved in something like this and we are more than happy to provide the coverage that it richly deserves, even if our coverage is a few weeks behind what it was intended to be.

As we head into what promises to be an interesting and unique year, we are reminded on our front page this week that there are a lot of good people doing a lot of good things in a lot of places, including the towns of Alton, Barnstead and New Durham. Yes, there are issues, every town is bound to have those, but we also know that there are a lot of good things going on.

Kudos to Chief Poirier and the Barnstead Police Department on their new endeavor and we are hopeful this becomes an annual project for the department.



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At the Knights of Columbus Alton Council 7533 Christmas party, District Deputy Bill Gehring, representing the State Deputy Wayne Griffen, presented to Past Grand Knight Wayne Albert and Grand Knight J. Armand Roy, an award for membership, programs, and activities that the council has held for charity. The Council right now is collecting baby articles and items for the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center at the church entrance during the month of January. The K of C meeting is held at St. Katharine Drexel Church in Alton, usually on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Pictured (l to r), Bill Gehring D.D., PGK Wayne Albert, GK J. Armand Roy and Financial Secretary Fred J. Boelzner.

## Letters to the Editor

### Plenty of unnecessary spending by school district

To the Editor:

The lack of fiscal responsibility and support for the education from the Alton School Board continues. Research (from NHDOE web site 2016) shows that Barnstead is comparable to ACS in number of students yet their budget is much different than that of Alton Central School. Chairman Steve Miller of ACS negotiated a full-time contract for the new superintendent. This was done without board approval as in the past superintendent's contracts were always part-time. Compared to Barnstead, who hired an experienced, competent school superintendent for three days a week at \$67,588, Chairman Miller hired an inexperienced person full time for \$115,000. This extra \$45,000-plus does not give ACS anything special. Barnstead has a four-day week business administrator for \$67,900 where ACS has a full-time business administrator for \$79,200. This may not seem like a great difference until you factor in that ACS also has a full-time accountant at the school. That position is filled as the "principal's secretary" but everyone knows it's just smoke and mirrors as she was hired by the business administrator and the superintendent as an assistant to the business administrator. If her job is really as a school secretary, then she is definitely making too much money. The budget for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year shows a cut in the number of classroom teachers, a cut in the number of unified arts teachers and a cut in the number of counselors. All of these cuts at the school level while the superintendent's office expands.

Another example of unnecessary spending comes with a need to revise the old school im-

provement plan. In fact, it needs to be totally re-done with accountability and costs factored in. Alton School District has a stop loss insurance provider that offers facilitation services free for this type of workshop but instead of using that service, the superintendent has hired a good friend and Kearsarge employee for \$3,500 to lead a workshop. Last year the school board appeared to be putting kids first and focused on doing what was right for education. Last year we had a superintendent that truly did put education first. She didn't do the politics, the backslapping and ego stroking that some Alton mothers crave but she did hold everyone accountable for the jobs they were hired to do. This year the school board and superintendent's office are back to cronyism. To say that I am disappointed in the school board's lack of fiscal and moral fiber is an understatement. We do not need a curriculum from Kearsarge School District. We have our own. It was developed under Mrs. Leggett. It may need revising but it certainly does not need to be tossed aside on one person's whim. We do not need an intervention block called "WIN" from Kearsarge School District either. We have been providing intervention for over three years. The prior two principals ensured that students were given extra time for specific needs. Cut central office staff to three days a week. Hold the superintendent accountable. Listen to the educators in the building and stop catering to Facebook and helicopter mothers. The rest of the world has moved on to robotics while ACS still plays with Legos.

Linda Natricheur  
Alton

### Thanks for supporting coat drive

To the Editor:

The American Legion Riders of Post 72 Alton would like to thank the local community for your overwhelming response to our fifth annual "coats for kids" coat drive. We were able to provide over 50 coats for children in the communities of Alton, Barnstead, Pittsfield and New Durham. This

would not have been possible without your generosity. Thank you very much.

Lisa Rojek  
American Legion Riders  
Chapter 72  
Alton

### Update from Concord

To the Editor:

Happy New Year. My name is Mike Harrington and I am one of your State Representatives representing New Durham and Strafford. This is my first "State House Update," which is a non-partisan update on what is going on in Concord and will be provided on a periodic basis.

The House first met in December on what is called Organization Day. On this day, all the reps were sworn in and the Speaker of the House was elected. Shawn Jasper, the former Speaker was re-elected.

The next business was assigning all 400 reps their committee assignments (I will be on the Election Law Committee), naming chairs and vice chairs and presenting the House and Senate with the results of the Governor's and Executive Council elections. Also during this time the reps develop Legislative Service Requests (LSRs). The LSRs will become the basis for proposed new legislation. All LSRs need to be signed off by their sponsors by Jan. 6. The various committees will all have organizational meetings in the middle of January after which the LSRs, by then bills, will be sent to the appropriate committees.

The first major issue will be House Bill (HB) 1, which is the budget. NH has a biannual budget and the new one must be approved before the

existing one expires at the end of June. As you might expect, this is usually a contentious issue. I will keep you updated on the progress on the budget as it moves through the development and approval process.

You can keep track of all the LSRs, bills and how reps vote at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>.

One area where there always is confusion is what is actually being voted on. The House votes on what the applicable committee has recommended for a bill. Usually the committee recommends either "Ought to Pass" (OTP) or "Inappropriate to Legislate" (ITL). An example shows where the confusion comes from. Let's suppose there is a bill that states NH is not the best state in New England to live. The committee recommendation is ITL. Most reps would vote yes but not yes that they are in favor of what the bill says but yes they agree with the committee that the bill is Inappropriate to Legislate. So a yes vote is a vote against the bill. If you are going to check to see who voted for what you must know what the committee recommendation was first.

I hope you find this useful. You can contact me at 942-8691 or [harringt@metrocast.net](mailto:harringt@metrocast.net).

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# ALTON CENTRAL'S SCOOP

## Exciting and energizing = engaging

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE  
Alton Central School Principal

Children, especially middle school students, are multifaceted as students, athletes, musicians and highly social people. While each class period may not be able to address each facet enough to meet a student's "wish list," the staff at Alton Central School understands these needs and address those characteristics at various points throughout the school day.

Friday, Jan. 6, the student needs were met in a big way. The students in grades 5-8 were wel-

comed to the gymnasium by D.J. Major playing the playlist of their favorite music while the whole group settled in to their designated areas of the bleachers. The vision for this pep rally came from the ongoing goal to develop a stronger identity for the middle level grades. To include Unified Arts performances by the band and chorus meant more students would be spotlighted during the rally. Additionally, to have the rally open with the sophisticated arrangement of our National Anthem by the middle school chorus,

led by Ms. Melinda Harrison, gave the formal beginning to the event that students attending a professional athletic event would experience. The mood was then set as the band director, Mr. Greg Neveu, encouraged the audience with his gestures to "stomp, stomp, clap" for the band to play their rousing rendition of "We Will Rock You."

Various games, including a "name that tune" encouraged friendly competition between the middle school grade levels. The fact that sixth and eighth graders tied for the sheer volume

spirit yell contest means that a rematch will be necessary during the second rally of the year, to be held later as winter gives way to spring. The year will close out with a third rally, which will be attended by the fourth graders. They'll attend as a part of the transition to middle school and it will also honor all athletes from September through May.

The spirit squad arranged a very traditional, and a very vocal, welcome entry to the gymnasium for the unified basketball team. They had a long, glittery



COURTESY PHOTO

TYLER BIRON, ACS seventh grader, is seen here fully engaged and energizing the audience as the first pep rally of 2017 begins. Band member, athlete and enthusiastic student, Tyler's blurry motion in this photo is due to the way he's dancing and rotating his Happy New Year noisemaker, psyching up the audience as the Friday, Jan. 6, event was set to begin.

## 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,

work sessions will be on Monday, Jan. 23, and Monday, Jan. 30, and a public hearing and recommendation is Monday, Feb. 6.  
For the town budget,

work sessions are 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.

## Alton Business Association gearing up for Winter Carnival

ALTON — The Alton Business Association is excited to announce the 2017 Winter Carnival date of Feb. 19.

The carnival committee is in high gear with preparation for this year's carnival. If the current ice and snow

conditions remain the same, the 2017 carnival will be the event for community, friends and neighbors to come

out and enjoy.

Further information and event schedule will be forthcoming in the next couple weeks. So mark your calendar for Feb. 19 on the ice at the Bay. There will be great food, entertainment and activities for all ages. For more information, please contact Chris Racine at 875-4100 ext. 104 or e-mail [chris.racine@profilebank.com](mailto:chris.racine@profilebank.com). You can also visit the ABA web site ([altonnhbusiness.com](http://altonnhbusiness.com)) for more information. Should it be necessary due to ice/weather conditions, a snow/ice date is set for Feb. 26.

"Go, Alton" banner to run in to the gym and bust through the banner as the spirit squad held it proudly. All basketball team members of "A" and "B" boys and girls had entered, ran a victory lap around the gym and then lined the back wall. The cheering and support for each and every student athlete typifies the atmosphere at ACS on a daily basis. This is a school where the many facets of student growth and development are nurtured and valued. If you know a fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grader, ask that student about the rally, and if you know a member of the PTSA, do offer thanks for their support of the goals we have to celebrate school spirit. The PTSA supplied the noisemakers to welcome 2017. Distributing these souvenirs of the rally to every student at ACS helped spread the celebration and helped knit all the students together with the fun they shared

having these noisemakers. Thank you, PTSA.

With a full schedule of practice times and games, the next big thing the winter athletes are looking forward to is the cookout light supper followed by the field trip to PMHS to see basketball firsthand, at the next level. They'll watch warm-ups for JV and varsity and get to watch both of those games, too. That will be fun, but will also offer an opportunity for the players to visualize drills the way their coaches do. The field trip can reinforce our players' skills since the coaches will be able to refer to the high school games.

We are looking forward to more assemblies in 2017 to also address social-emotional aspects of our students' lives, too. Grade level celebrations are in the works for honoring citizenship as well as academic achievements. Watch the Alton Central Scoop for reports on those events.



### ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 123 calls for service during the week of Dec. 25-31, including three arrests.

One male subject was arrested for domestic violence assault, unlawful possession of alcohol and criminal mischief.

One female subject was arrested for theft.

One male subject was taken into protective custody of intoxicated person.

Police responded to five motor vehicle accidents.

There was one suspicious person/activity report at Hannaford.

Police made 11 motor vehicle stops and handled three motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 103 other calls that consisted of the following: One background/record check, two assist fire department, one fraudulent action, three assist other agencies, six pistol permit applications, two animal complaints, three domestic complaints, three general assistance, five alarm activations, one noise complaint, one highway/roadway hazard report, two gen-

eral information, one vehicle ID check, two civil standbys, two civil matters, one wellness check, one abandoned motor vehicle, one disabled motor vehicle, 43 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout and 21 property checks.

The Alton Police Department responded to 148 calls for service during the week of Jan. 1-7, including three arrests.

One male subject was arrested for alcohol ignition interlock circumvention.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were four motor vehicle accidents.

There were two suspicious person/activity reports on Wolfeboro Highway and Suncook Valley Road.

Police made 16 motor

vehicle stops and handled four motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 122 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One fraudulent action, five assist other agency, five pistol permit applications, two animal complaints, one juvenile incident, one missing/runaway juvenile, four general assistance, four alarm activations, two lost/found properties, one sexual assault, three general information, one vehicle ID check, one harassment, one civil matter, one wellness check, one abandoned motor vehicle, two drug destructions, one disabled motor vehicle, 41 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, two medical assists, 40 property checks and one unwanted person.

### BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT FILING NOTICE

The filing period for the School District Officers will be held from Wednesday, January 25 through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Town Hall Clerk's Office.

The following offices will be available:

- Moderator - 1 year term
- Clerk - 1 year term
- Treasurer - 1 year term
- Two School Board Members - 3 year terms

### Locke Lake meeting is Jan. 19

BARNSTEAD — The next public Locke Lake Colony Association Board of Directors meeting will take place on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the lodge.

### INVITATION TO BID BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

The Barnstead School District is requesting sealed bids for the printing of the 2015-2016 School District Report. Specifications for printing of the report may be obtained from the SAU #86 office, 1 Suncook Valley Road, Barnstead, NH 03218, or may be requested by calling (603) 435-1510 or email [dwalsh@mybes.org](mailto:dwalsh@mybes.org). Sealed bids should be submitted to us before **1:00 PM on January 17, 2017.**

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# Local organizations receive grants from Meredith Village Savings Bank

REGION — The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund at New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded \$106,400 to 35 non-profit organizations. These include \$92,400 awarded to 21 local agencies, and \$14,000 donated to 14 area food pantries. These grants are additional to the bank's many local contributions in the form of sponsorships, donations and scholarships, as well as the impressive volunteer efforts of its employees.

"The community has always been at the heart of our mission," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "We're very proud to be able to offer any support we can to organizations that provide

so many wonderful local resources and services."

Local recent recipients of the MVSB Charitable Fund include:

New Durham School awarded \$6,000 to help students attend the Camp Invention Enrichment Program for one week. Camp Invention is

a summer STEM enrichment program where students are given the opportunity to practice innovation, creative problem solving and apply engineering skills.

Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (Gilford) was awarded \$6,000 to support the institute's four-

day Camp Resilience program for disabled veterans. Camp Resilience, which consists of life-skills training and outdoor team-building activities, empowers disabled veterans to gain greater self-confidence and to improve their quality of life.

The Village Players (Wolfeboro) was awarded \$5,000 toward the repair and replacement of its theater roof. The Village Players is a non-profit amateur community theater in Wolfeboro.

Wolfeboro Senior Center and Meals (Wolfeboro) was awarded \$1,500 to extend the Center's meals and activities service period one month; beginning services in August instead of September and lasting through May of the following year. The Wolfeboro Senior Center was

founded in 2010 to enrich the lives of local seniors through educational programs, informative events, recreation and nutritious meals within a welcoming community.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund was established in 1997 under the leadership of John Starrett, then President and CEO of the bank. Since then, 329 grants totaling \$1,290,867 have been awarded to a wide range of environmental, social, educational and historic projects throughout the Greater Lakes Region and Plymouth areas. Over the years, the Fund has supported literacy programs, after-school programs, environmental monitoring and education, restoration of historic structures, organizations that provide support for individuals

and families in challenging circumstances and equipment that helps save lives. The deadline for consideration for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. Applications are available on the bank's web site and at all MVSB offices.

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

## More Barnstead students earn Honor Roll status

BARNSTEAD — Sixth graders Madelyn Kelley, Blake Brown, Garrett Mullen, Anthony Powers and Jayden Booker all earned Honors status. Published last month.

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## Rehearsals under way for Eat Your Heart Out

PITTSFIELD — Rehearsals are now under way for "Eat Your Heart Out" and the cast and crew are working to deliver a deliciously funny play to audiences at The Scenic Theatre in Pittsfield this spring.

Producer Jon Martin and director Mike Hobson have teamed up once again following their successful production of The Game's Afoot last year. They have picked a comedy by au-

thor Nick Hall that presents a unique look at the human situation. Set in present time, "Eat Your Heart Out" follows the plight of an out-of-work actor named Charlie who waits tables in six New York City restaurants while hoping for his big break in show business. The remaining four cast members portray multiple roles as customers who come in the restaurants and interact with their wait-

er. The steady flow of changing locations, customers and personal revelations provide the audience with wonderfully amusing insights into all the characters' lives. And, with the action, audiences will learn the proper way to eat escargot and raw oysters.

A dynamic and high-spirited cast has been selected for this mouthwateringly humorous show. Jonathan Flower portrays Charlie, the waiter, who is the server for the show. The four actors playing multiple customer roles are Mike Towle as Man, Vicki Watson as Woman, Tony Pfaff as Boy, and Alexis Keyes as Girl.

So prepare yourself for a connoisseur's delight by marking your calendars and getting your tickets to "Eat Your Heart Out," performing March 24, 25, 31 and April 1 for evening shows at 7:30 p.m., and on April 2 for the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. All shows will be presented at The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield. Tickets will be available in March.

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ALTON

Alton Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session to accept voter registrations:

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7 – 7:30 pm for the correction of the checklist at the Alton Town Hall, side entrance on Depot Street  
Saturday, January 28, 2017, 11 – 11:30 am for the correction of the checklist to be used at the Town and School Deliberative Sessions at the Alton Town Hall, side entrance on Depot Street

Alton Supervisors of the Checklist

Anna Griffin  
Sharon Kierstead  
Mary Murphy



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INTERSECTION will perform as part of Wolfeboro Friends of Music concert series on Jan. 29.

## Friends of Music welcome Intersection to Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music is excited to present the nationally acclaimed and award winning trio Intersection on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m. at Brewster's Anderson Hall. The members of Intersection, Laura Frauttschi on violin, Kristina Cooper on cello and John Novacek on piano, bring their unique and highly varied backgrounds to seamlessly fuse the traditional and the surprising, the premeditated and the improvisatory, and their easy verbal interplay with each other and with the audience in a way that is guaranteed to entertain. An evening with Intersection is a virtual collaboration between artists and audience.

Intersection has become one of the more sought after chamber groups on the stage today, having successfully toured Asia, Europe and the United States. The group's numerous recordings have been best-sellers in Asia and have topped the classical and crossover charts. In Japan alone, Intersection's

recordings have sold well in excess of 100,000. In addition to best-selling recordings, Intersection has released over half a dozen performances on video, and has become a familiar presence in the popular media, through numerous magazine covers, high-profile appearances on television, and through their much loved cameos on television commercials.

Sunday afternoon's program will be sure to delight, with the first half of the program focused in dramatic and moving Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor of Felix Mendelssohn. The Mendelssohn provides a surprisingly well thought out pivot to the second half of the program, where, after intermission, Intersection will take the audience to the movies. The second-half program will explore many dramatic soundtracks from beloved films such as The Godfather, Breakfast at Tiffany's and other gems that are guaranteed to please in a way that only the exuberance and verve of Intersection can achieve.

Wolfeboro Friends of Music is pleased to bring the Intersection trio to the people of the greater Lakes Region during its 81st season, which runs from September through May. This concert is made possible, in large part, to the sponsors for this concert, Taylor Community, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and MillRiver Wealth Management. WFOM also thanks season sponsors Benefit Strategies, LLC and Paul and Debbie Zimmerman.

Tickets for Intersection are available and may be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert. Advance tickets may be purchased at Black's Paper Store or Avery Insurance in Wolfeboro, Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, by calling 569-2151 or by visiting the Wolfeboro Friends of Music web site at wfriendsofmusic.org. In WFOM's continued effort to make music accessible to youth, all high school students with ID and all children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.

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# THE REAL REPORT

## RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	Alton Mtn Rd	N/A	\$159,000	Westen FT and Charles J. Westen	Leslie A. Rentel and Lawrence J. Sullivan
Alton	542 E Side Dr	1-Fam Res	\$247,000	James Gardner & Jane Landry-Gardner	Christy L. Taylor
Alton	23 Eagles Way	Mobile Home	\$57,000	Maureen Jette	O Dutton RET Of 2016 and Orin F. Dutton
Alton	Roger St	Res Dev Land	\$664,000	Alia Fadili & Deutsche Bank Natl T Co	Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr
Barnstead	18 Meredith Ln	1-Fam Res	\$66,134	Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr	Bethal Bullders LLC
Barnstead	729 N Barnstead Rd	1-Fam Res	\$80,000	C Richardson FT & Jacqueline Adams	MKF Properties LLC
Barnstead	33 N Shore Dr	1-Fam Res	\$137,533	Justin L. and Sharon E. Hall	Doris Blanchard
Barnstead	232 Province Rd	1-Fam Res	\$152,000	Jason M. Proulx	Joshua M. White and Rebekah L. Calley
Barnstead	White Birch Rd Lot	Res Open Lnd	\$10,000	Mary V. Case	Huntress Pond Reasonable
New Durham	19 Depot Rd	1-Fam Res	\$62,000	FNMA	Darrin L. and Christine M. Mccarthy
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$20,000	Reginald Meatley and Lura Meatey	Damien and Rebecca Megna

### 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.

### PIT

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At issue between the developer, Green Oak Realty, and the town is the fact that the proposed project would be slated for a section located in a rural residential section of town. The extraction, transport and sale of gravel would represent a commercial use of the site - at variance with current regulations.

The Green Oak proposal involves parcels at tax map lots 010 and 011, which is located in a part of town where New Durham, Wolfeboro and Middle-

ton converge. The site would be accessible via the Kings Highway and involve dozens of heavy trucks traversing the roadway daily.

"This would be a different use, so it needs further consideration," Drummey explained, in a phone interview, noting that the parcels are not zoned for commercial or industrial use.

"As things are now, this type of use is not allowed - which isn't to say it can't happen, it will just need special consideration," Drummey continued.

He said the process

relating to this type of consideration involves referring the project to the zoning board of adjustment, which considers land use and planning matters that need special consideration.

Drummey said that the fact the project was deemed to be of "regional impact" has some bearing on future deliberations.

Since the site is at the intersection of three towns, proposed activities there, according to board members, could potentially impact residents in other towns. At the De-

cember meeting, the board recognized language in state statute that established that such a project required special consideration to study potential impacts on surrounding communities such as Wolfeboro and Middle-

ton. Drummey said that the matter is now in the hands of the ZBA. He also noted that since it is a project of regional impact, the town is awaiting the opinion of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC).

While SRPC does not have the authority

to accept or deny applications, its recommendations are given due weight as municipalities deliberate matters such as this.

"We take what they say seriously, but it's not the final word," Drummey said of the forthcoming SRPC recommendation.

Looking ahead - and noting that the potential action of the ZBA are unknown at this time - Drummey said there are a number of scenarios that could play out. One is that the project could move ahead per the applicant's proposed timeline. Another is that SRPC recommendations could warrant further study by town officials. Drummey said it is in the purview of the ZBA to deny the variance, in which case the applicant could request a re-hearing or file a lawsuit.

For his part, Drummey declined to make any predictions as to how the matter might play out.

"There are a lot of variables and all of the interested parties have a chance to take part in the process," he said in a phone interview after the meeting.

Drummey said the planning board was respectfully receptive to comments made by several members of the large turnout. He described commenting attendees as "cordial" and "polite."

"They made their positions known - in no uncertain terms, but everyone was respectful of the process," Drummey said.

Among the attendees was Stacy Trites of Wolfeboro. She said she is an abutter of the pit site and has ongoing apprehensions

about the proposal.

The Baysider caught up with her after the meeting.

"People are concerned about this - about what it means for our neighborhood, our safety, our quality of life," Trites explained.

As earlier reported, the proposal could involve some bedrock blasting about which abutters earlier expressed concern. They claimed potential impacts to house foundations and drinking wells. She also, in an earlier conversation, expressed concerns about traffic impacts.

"As residents, we just know that this is a matter of regional impact and are committed to just ensuring that it follows the established process," Trites said.

Noting that the matter was referred to the ZBA, she added, "We will be there - we will be respectful of the process, but we will have a presence to make our voice heard."

The Baysider also reached out to engineer Tom Varney, who is representing Green Oak Realty, the applicant. He said he and his client are committed to following the processes and procedures that are currently in place.

"Not much was decided at the last meeting, so we're just going to take things to the next step," Varney said.

With things going to the ZBA, residents should call 859-2091 to learn of details. As of deadline, the ZBA has not posted its next meeting date, so contacting the town hall directly is the best source of information about upcoming hearings.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mary Downing Former Alton teacher

ALTON — Mary Downing, age 87, of Alton Bay, died peacefully on Dec. 28.

Born Oct. 13, 1929, in Lynn, Mass., to James and Agnes Semple, she was the wife of the late Richard "Dick" Downing, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage.

Mary graduated from Salem State College in 1951. During her college summer breaks, Mary waitressed at Myrtle Ann Restaurant in Alton Bay where she met the love of her life, Dick Downing. She was quickly embraced by the Downing family and was soon baking her famous blueberry pies and muffins for Land Ho. When Mary and Dick married in 1951, they built their home on the Merry-meeting River. They shared many happy memories there, boating on Winnepesaukee and spending time with their grandchildren by the pool.

Mary taught third grade in Alton for 17 years and found great joy in seeing her former students, a trip to the grocery store, where she often ran into them, was a happy adventure for her. Mary was an active member of the Community Church of Alton and the Women's Christian Fellowship.



She was a member of the Alton Historical Society, the Alton Garden Club and the Alton Senior Citizens Group. Mary especially loved the Alton Senior Center, continuously expressing her gratitude for her friends there. The "Saturday Breakfast Group" was a bright spot of every week. The support of the caring community of Alton allowed Mary to remain independent and enjoy her retirement.

Mary attended as many concerts, plays and school sporting events as her calendar could hold. She especially looked forward to the basketball season and attended home and away games, thanks to her nephew, Ben Jones and his wife, Lisa. The Alton boys' basketball team presented her with a team jacket, em-

broidered with "Aunt Mary." She treasured the jacket dearly and wore it to all the games. Mary had many friends who were kind to her over the years, helping her at a moment's notice.

Mary will be greatly missed by her daughters and their husbands; Susan and William Lowe of Shelburne, and Beth and Joseph Cipriano of North Reading Mass. She was the loving "Grammy" of Tyler and Jennifer Lowe, Emily and Chris Somerville, Nicholas and Nicole Cipriano and Lauren Cipriano and her fiancé, Osvaldo. Mary was loved by her many nieces and nephews, who have given her continuous spiritual support since the loss of her beloved husband. She was predeceased by her sister, Nan Small.

In accordance with Mary's wishes, a private memorial service will be held in the spring. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Alton Senior Center, the Community Church of Alton, or a charity of one's choice. Mary's family would like to thank the nurses of Compassus Hospice Services for their compassionate care and guidance.



BY MARK PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

Having reviewed many existing financial plans or insurance policies that may be a part of the plan, there are a few common problems that exist in these plans and maybe in yours. The first is a term life insurance policy that was purchased years ago that is known as "annual renewable level term." This term policy starts out being affordable for most but increases in price every year or renewal period. Eventually this becomes very expensive and not viable for most. The biggest problem is that this policy becomes very expensive as we age. If you have had a health issue, it may not be viable to get a policy where the premiums are fixed for a period of time, say 10 or 20 years. For some a more permanent policy may have been a better choice when they were younger and possibly healthier. A combination of term and permanent may be a great strategy for those who need more insurance for the next 20 years or so, but still want some cov-

# Mark on the Markets

## Outdated planning

erage for the remainder of their lives. There are many ways to structure the proper life insurance plan, it should be specific to your needs.

The other scenario that I run across often is a plan with no plan for maybe one of the greatest threats to your family's financial future and legacy, the lack of "long term care insurance." I also see many policies that were purchased some time ago that are not adequate for today's cost of care. Many policies are structured for a two-year payout. While the average time to need LTCI is around three years, there are far more healthy people that just become older and need some help in their own homes. That can go on for extended periods of time. I make it a point to structure Long term health insurance for that very common scenario of extended in home care. Traditional LTCI policies are a "use it or lose it" proposition, meaning you pay for it and hope you do not use it, however you do not get your money back if you don't. I prefer using an "Asset Based" policy that has other features

and benefits that can be used in conjunction with an existing LTCI policy. This policy can pay out over an extended period of time if needed. If it is not used or partially used, the remainder LTC benefit reverts to a death benefit to your beneficiaries. This money can also be borrowed from the policy or just retrieved if you want your money back, less any benefits that you may have used. The opportunity for you to re-visit your plan or lack of plan should be addressed and brought up to date. Have an advisor who is well versed in all aspects of financial planning review your current plan and policies. Often times, the policies you have can be updated or supplemented to suit your needs going forward.

Structuring steady, sustainable income is a third key ingredient that many portfolios lack. Longevity risk, or outliving your assets is a real threat to a successful retirement income plan.

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## Kenneth David Martinsen Wiz at bridge

MANCHESTER — Kenneth David Martinsen, 61 of Manchester, passed away peacefully at his home Dec. 31, after a long-illness.

Ken was born in Staten Island, N.Y. June 20, 1955, son of the late Sven and Janet (Stirn) Martinsen.

Prior to his illness, he worked as warehouse

manager for Century Box in Methuen, Mass.

Ken enjoyed playing golf and was a long time member of the Kingswood Golf Club in Wolfeboro. He was a wiz in competitive bridge and an avid fan of professional football and baseball.

Survivors include two daughters, Heath-

er Faith Grabow and her husband Chris of TwentyNine Palms, Calif. and Katie Elizabeth Beer and her husband Scott of Riverside, R.I.; a brother, Glenn Martinsen and his wife Christine of Wolfeboro and Sun Lakes, Ariz. and two grandchildren, Hannah and Christopher Grabow.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is assisting the family with the arrangements.

To send your condolences, leave a short note and sign an online guestbook, go to [www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com](http://www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com).

## Church hosting chili cook-off

BARNSTEAD — The Center Barnstead Christian Church will host a chili cook-off on Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. Judges will conduct blind tastings and a unique homemade trophy will be awarded for best chili. Special awards will also be presented.

This is an open-class chili recipe event and is open to the community. If you would like to enter your chili into the cook-off, please e-mail organizers at [info@centerbarnsteadcc.org](mailto:info@centerbarnsteadcc.org) with "chili cook-off" in the subject line. Due to the num-

ber of entrants, please bring your chili already warmed up and ready to be judged (and eaten). This is a free event. All are welcome to come enjoy the chili. The Center Barnstead Christian Church is located on Route 126, next to the Town Hall.

## Retired educators meet on Tuesday

REGION — The Lakes Region Retired Educators Association's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Giuseppe's Restaurant at Mill Falls Marketplace on the corner of Routes 3 and 25 in Meredith. They will gather at 11 a.m. for an informal social time to share books read, hobbies,

and/or types of volunteering. You may bring books to swap with others if you wish. Lunch will be a delicious buffet. Your phone captain will be contacting you soon. You may also

make a reservation by calling Jan Panagoulis at 536-3349. They hope to see you there willing to share with books you have read, hobbies you enjoy, and trips you may have taken.

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**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON**  
Prayer Meeting 8:30 am; Christian Education for all ages, nursery-adults, 9:00 am; Worship Service 10:00 a.m. — 20 Church Street  
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# Barnstead Farmers' Market preparing for new season

**BARNSTEAD** — The Barnstead Farmers' Market is announcing its 2017 season to begin June

10 through Columbus Day Weekend. The market is looking to expand this year. Organizers are seeking

the following type of vendors: Maple syrup, honey, corn, bakery sweets and more veggies. They are

also seeking licensed breakfast and lunch vendors. They are also looking for musicians to play from 10 a.m.

to noon. Applications are now available online at [www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.club](http://www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.club) or for more in-

formation, please call or e-mail Lori Mahar at 269-2329 or [lorimaha@tds.net](mailto:lorimaha@tds.net).

## SANTA

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plained.

"We approached Santa about this and were delighted he expressed an interest in helping, knowing this is his busy time of year," the chief continued.

Poirier, who took the helm earlier this year, had forged a similar partnership with his former force in Merrimack and the North Pole.

"It was so well received there, I knew it would work here," Barnstead's top cop explained. "We're honored that Santa here has joined our team of officers."

As the event's kickoff approached, and things came down to final details, Poirier summarized, "The crew spent last night wrapping and mapping," referring to the route a police escort would take in accompanying Santa to each of his destinations.

Poirier explained, "It was a great effort - the guys, and their wives, I'm sure, spent a lot of time in preparation."

The PD's Operation Santa meant that Kris Kringle visited Barnstead twice in two days at his busiest time of the year.

"Any chance I have to visit here is welcome, so I was so happy to get the chief's invitation to make Christmas that much more special for some local families," Santa said.

We asked if he was a "helper," but he insisted he was the real deal. "When Santa says he will come, he is good on his word," Saint Nick insisted.

Since Santa had already allocated his allotment of gifts for local children for Christmas itself, all the presents distributed during the Operation had to be provisioned locally through the generosity of town staff, community members, selectmen and area businesses.

Therefore, an important part of the project involved the solicitation of gifts from a variety of constituents. Poirier said a Facebook campaign and personal asks made by staff were integral to the effort. The chief added that several anonymous contributions were made - many of which were deposited into a drop box at the station by folks not seeking any recognition.

"This was a gift outright from the community to the community,"

Poirier said. He said presents included Lego sets, dolls, other toys, and warm winter clothing.

The chief continued, "Staff and the public paid for the gifts out of pocket. All we are doing is the coordination - getting Santa from one place to another - one family to the next."

The chief did concede a certain pride in landing the event's celebrity deliveryman.

"He's real busy this time of year, but Santa knows what a special town Barnstead is and was happy to make room on his busy schedule," Poirier said.

"It's everyone coming together to do something special," Poirier elaborated.

Operation Santa involved some international logistics that required the local PD coordinating the conveyance of an international celebrity from the North Pole to town to execute this mission.

While it would seem that such an endeavor would require much time and effort, Chief Poirier explained that the combined efforts of staff and selectmen made the matter very manageable.

The chief said he pitched the proposal to the BOS back around Thanksgiving.

"They liked the idea so we got on it right away," Chief Poirier said, adding, "Inviting Santa seemed like a good partnership."

"It was all them - we're just here to show our support," said Selectman Rick Duane, who stopped by the station just before things got under way. He helped load some bags of presents as the Operation got under way but remained modest in terms of his own involvement.

Duane said that the event is in keeping with Poirier's overall style.

"The chief is an embodiment of community policing - he wants people to know their mission is to serve," Duane said.

"When the chief approached us about this, it was a total no-brainer," Duane recalled. "Chief Poirier has made building bridges between the police, the selectmen, and the community a top priority - and you can see that in effect here tonight," he continued.

Duane made it clear that his only real contribution to the effort was to "provide moral sup-



MARK FOYNES

**BARNSTEAD** Police Chief Paul Poirier and Saint Nick took a moment to talk with Channel 9 news before beginning the execution of "Operation Santa," in which Kris Kringle himself delivered presents to about 30 local families by police escort.

port."

"Except for showing up tonight to express my appreciation, I had nothing to do with any of this - this was all them," he continued. He added, "I wish I could say I had more to do with this, but this was really an effort of the department - the officers, their spouses, anonymous donors - it makes you feel good," Duane continued with a smile.

"The chief is dedicated to good communication and good relations - and that's important to the board and to the town," Duane concluded.

At the station the night of the event, participants were greeted by a veritable smorgasbord of appetizers and goodies at 5 p.m. to fuel up for a night of escorting Santa from home to home.

The Baysider caught up with the event's VIP just prior to making his first stop. Santa grazed lightly noting, "A couple nights from now, I'll be wanting to save room for all the cookies kids will put out - I've got plenty of room, but just so much."

He added that the Dec. 23 event represented the first time he could recall delivering gifts via a military-grade Humvee.

"We can both spread some joy and give Rudolph the night off," he joked.

While packing presents into a stuffed Barn-

stead PD cruiser trunk, Santa added, "When Chief Poirier calls, he gets my attention - and I want to help him serve his community. I can't wait to deliver these presents."

A veritable bucket brigade of officers and volunteers transferred presents from a store room in the station into the Humvee and the trunks of police cruisers to await delivery.

Among Santa's elves for the evening was Justice Crockwell, whose husband, Brian, serves on the force.

"This is my favorite time of the year - and this just gave me a chance to help spread a little cheer - so, yeah, I was on it," she said.

Santa said just prior to that the Dec. 23 event that everyone he planned to visit was on the "nice list," although "a few were on the border of being naughty."

"Santa believes in the goodness of all and hopes anyone a little in between will be nicer for next year," Saint Nick explained.

At the risk of being naughty listed, the Baysider challenged Santa, asking him if he was just justifying some questionable behaviors.

"When you are generous and nice to others, they become nice," he sagely responded.

With three police vehicles laden with

toys and warm winter clothes, the small motorcade alighted the station's parking lot, turning right onto Route 126.

With the cruisers' lights flashing, the vehicles drove to their first destination. The Baysider followed behind at a respectable distance, banging a right onto Gray Road. Snow had fallen recently, so everyone took caution as they traversed the peaks and curves of this side road en route to Santa's first stop of the night.

Channel 9 covered the event, too - and they drove ahead of the motorcade. They also nabbed the best parking spot as the two cruisers and the Humvee pulled up to the first home. So the Baysider pulled into a snowbank a bit down the road and hoofed it up to watch Santa work his magic as the BPD looked on.

"Ho, ho,ho" Santa said as he walked into the driveway of Jen Burns and Bill Caldwell.

Bill Caldwell was just getting home from work as Santa arrived at his home. Spurred by the excitement, young Sam and Caleb excitedly emerged to investigate as Santa walked up the driveway. They were so excited, they forgot to put on their coats.

As Kris Kringle proffered wrapped boxes to the boys, Caldwell good naturedly chided, "I hope they're jackets - what are you doing out here without a coat?"

The boys opted not to open their gifts on the spot but to wait. And Santa's visit was short-lived since he had dozens of more stops to make. So the boys retreated to the warmth of home as the caravan of flashing lights pulled quickly away.

Young Katie was among the children also

at the stop. She was delighted by Santa's visit.

"We were like, 'what's going on,' and then we saw Santa and knew it was all okay," she said.

Parent Jen Burns was also at the first stop and joked, "We saw the police come and wondered what was going on - we thought there was like a real serious accident - so this is a relief, and a real nice surprise."

Burns continued, "What a nice thing for the police to do; even if our kids hadn't gotten a thing, I still think this is something that Barnstead can be proud about - to create a sense of joy in the town is a good thing that brings us all together."

Social media took note of the event, with comments and pictures shared widely on the Barnstead community page.

"The PD here has really impressed me with all they do for the community," wrote Scott Walker.

Heidi McIntyre of Suncook wrote, "God bless; wish more towns did this."

Lynn Varney wrote, "I've just recently met all the new officers, they truly are wonderful people. They definitely showed us the true meaning of Christmas."

The White Buffalo also chimed in, "A big thank you to our Barnstead Police Department and all who came together to make Operations Santa a big success. A class act. Merry Christmas."

Poirier summarized, "I'm proud of this force - and hopefully, as a result, we can help make some families' holiday a little happier and let everyone know Barnstead residents look out for and care for each other."

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of the first inning appeals to the PELRB and explains why the umpire was wrong. The winner of the first inning writes a counter claim explaining why the umpire was right.

A word of caution. The PELRB doesn't have a lot of extra staff. So when the first inning umpire hears a case she tapes it. But she does not make a transcript of the tape.

The first inning loser can appeal because they think the umpire did not get the facts straight, or because they think the umpire did not get the law right, or both. If any part of their appeal is about the facts, they have to pay for a transcript. The second inning umpires, now a committee of three, will need to read the transcript in order to make their decision on the facts.

The loser of the second inning can ask for a third inning. Evidently when the PMHS Board got together after losing the first inning, they decided they would probably go all four innings if they needed to, unless something unexpected happened. So on Jan. 3, the school board called for a third inning, filing a "motion for rehearing." And the Teachers' Association immediately filed a "request to deny the motion for rehearing." Each side explained why the issue should or should not be reheard.

In the third inning there are even more umpires. The case will be heard by the full PERLB board of seven members. It is not known yet if the umpires will agree to a third inning. And it is not known how long it will take them to decide. Both sides are in a wait and see mode.

The fourth inning is the last shot. Once again they change umpires. The loser of the third inning has the right to ask for the New Hampshire Supreme Court to step

in and make things right for them.

So what is this particular game all about anyhow? There's a get to the heart of it answer, and there are all the details.

The question that has both sides willing to go the full four innings is this: Are the details something that are part of the management responsibility and authority of the board, or are they about the board and teachers working something out in a collective bargaining negotiation? The school board and superintendent say the first, and the Teachers Association says the second.

Here is the abbreviated version of the details.

The Teachers' Association says that since the school started, teachers who were granted permission to attend a professional conference were reimbursed for their travel, board and room costs. If the conference was more than 50 miles away and started first thing in the morning they would be reimbursed for hotel the night before it started.

Since it was always done that way it gains a special status in the legal battles: "past practice." The third rulebook says that "past practice" holds the same force as something written in the CBA.

Here is what the CBA does say in Section 4.3.1: "The Board agrees to pay... not less than \$2,000 for professional improvement... for courses, workshops, seminars approved in advance by the superintendent or his designee.... The board will only pay lodging/travel expenses for conferences/workshops that require traveling fifty (50) miles or more from the teacher's residence...."

The hotel the night before is not in writing in the CBA, but, according to the Teachers' Association it is past practice and so it's the same as

if it were written in the CBA.

During the 2014 negotiations for the current CBA, the board said let's put something in writing in the CBA that makes all this a little clearer, including the wording "The board will only pay lodging and travel expenses for a teacher who is receiving an award or for professional recognition at a conference or workshop. All expenses are subject to the approval of the superintendent."

The association rejected this wording as a significant reduction in their opportunities for professional development. The board later withdrew the proposal and the wording in Section 4.3.1 did not change.

Negotiations for the CBA were completed in November 2014. In January 2015 the board drafted a new policy PI. It said in part, "....This policy... [is] intended to address matters related to teacher professional improvement that are not directly stated in the pertinent collective bargaining agreement."

The policy set a daily limit for meal reimbursement, limited lodging to three-star hotels, and added "and [lodging] will only be paid for the required attendance dates of the workshop or conference."

In the fall of 2015, history teacher Samantha Bravar applied to attend a conference and pre-conference session in Boston. The pre-conference started at 8 a.m. She asked for approval to spend the night before in a hotel in Boston so she could be up, ready, and rested at starting time. The Superintendent said OK to go to the conference and in line with the new policy they will pay hotel only the two nights of the conference, and not the night before the conference.

This is the point at which the Teachers Association started inning one by filing an "Unfair Labor Practices" complaint to the PELRB as allowed and directed by New Hampshire statute.

They put forward three primary arguments:

1. Payment for hotel for the night before is "past practice" and therefore has the same authority as the wording of the CBA;

2. When the board adopted the new policy it made a "unilateral change in the terms and/or conditions of employment."

3. The board was in "breach of contract" when it adopted the new policy because Article 11.1 of the CBA says the "agreement may not be altered, changed, added to, deleted from or modified without the voluntary, mutual consent of the parties in a written and signed amendment..."

The board responded 1. Payment for hotel for the night before has not happened enough to rise to the level of "past practice" and therefore cannot be considered as part of the CBA;

2. If payment for the hotel for the night before is not "past practice" then the school board cannot have violated the CBA; and

3. It cannot have made a rule or regulation that violated the terms of the CBA.

4. Because the board was in no way violating past practice or the CBA it was carrying out its rightful authority and responsibility of managing the school.

The umpire (hearing examiner) wrote a 21-page decision.

She agreed that the Teachers' Association had demonstrated "past practice" with its list of previous instances when the board had paid for hotel the night before.

She agreed with the Teachers' Association that by adopting Policy PI, the board had "amended the parties'

CBA without negotiation the amendment with the association and invalidated some provisions of Article 4.3..."

She said the board's argument that it acted within its exclusive managerial prerogative "is unconvincing." She quotes RSA 273-A:1, X1, which says in part, "The phrase 'managerial policy within the exclusive prerogative of the public employer' shall be construed to include but shall not be limited to the functions, programs and methods of the public employer, including the use of technology, the public employer's organizational structure, and the selection, direction and number of its personnel..."

And she adds there is no "management rights" section in the CBA that reserves any additional rights to the management. The decision is kind of a shutout of the board's position.

However, any casual reader of the news of the day will recognize that more than once in the last few years "shutouts" in the lower courts have turned to major victories in the U.S. Supreme Court. In an interview with Superintendent Robert Cullison, he expressed confidence that exactly the same will happen in this case.

With that goal in mind the PMHS Board asked for a second inning with a new umpire. They filed a "Request for Review of Decision of Hearing Officer." This time they argued

1. The hearing officer did not consider Article 4.3.7 of the CBA, which gives the superintendent or his designee the "discretion to exercise his judgment in administering the provisions of Article 4.3"

2. Since Article 4.3.7 specifically gives the superintendent the "discretion to exercise his judgment" past practice is irrelevant.

3. "The hearing officer failed to identify a single provision of Policy PI that was contrary to a provision of the CBA."

4. There is a section of the CBA that addresses the management rights of the board. Article 9.4 of the CBA "specifically acknowledges the existence of the policy manual and the board's right to update its policies."

5. The hearing officer said nothing about whether the evidence provided by the association of past practice was sufficient and credible enough to establish that past practice had any legal validity.

The association responded with its request to deny the review, mostly repeating past arguments or the decision of the hearing officer.

The second inning umpire said there is nothing we can do with the request of the board. The board's arguments are not just about the law. They are also about the facts of past practice. As mentioned at the beginning of this article that requires a transcript, which the board had not provided.

The PMHS board has now filed for the third inning, basically repeating the arguments of its second inning filing. The Teachers' Association has filed its objection.

Sometime in the next few months the third umpire (the entire PELRB) will make its decision. The third inning loser will then need to decide if it will go for a fourth inning with the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

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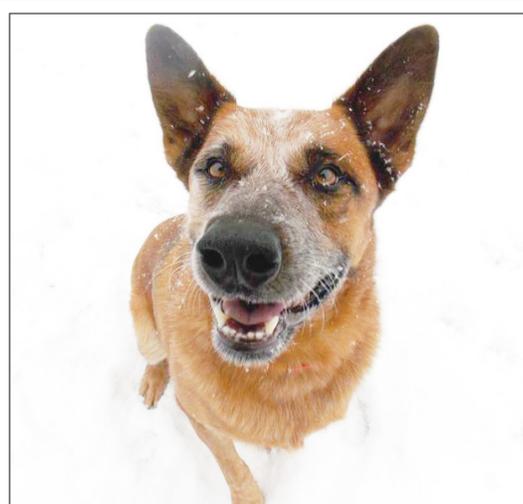
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# A problem for some, a godsend to others: The white stuff that falls from the sky

Unlike the oft-repeated factoid that people in the Far North have something like 54 different words for snow (they don't), the English that I hear spoken in northern New England has only one other word for it, "money." If we were truly into Las Vegas slang I suppose we could add "white gold," although that seems an overly dramatic stretch.

Some more snow was falling as I was writing this, on the fifth, and in fact I'd had snow of one sort or another nearly every day since the morning before the Big One of Dec. 29. So I've received well over two feet in one week, much of which has blown off toward Maine, which is not all that far away for wind-driven snow.

Today on my regular Thursday 7:10 a.m. guest gig on WTPL, Concord (technically, Bow), host Peter St. James was bantering with co-host Jim Fronk, who admits to being a city slicker. Jim recalled driving through the above-the-notches territory one winter and seeing not much of anything except lots of trees and here and there a house or two, and wondered, more or less, "What do you do up there, anyway?"

This question always leaves me stumped for a few seconds, because there is so much to do - at least as much, if not more than, in suburbs and cities, although mercifully devoid of

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



dollar-devouring frills like shopping malls, but I recovered and said "Push snow, throw three-foot pieces of firewood into a big outdoor furnace, and write (I write this column for a dozen or so papers and also write for InDepth-NH.org, and occasionally for other publications).

And there are household chores and other duties of course, all of which keep me pretty busy and not all that anxious to go to town, and often I don't, sometimes for several days at a clip. But if I do go downtown or to surrounding towns, there is so much going on that there's often not room on the calendar.

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It makes some people mad when I write the following (and irked readers sometimes reply), but I fail to understand why so many institutions, organizations and factions of government services, schools in particular, are so quick to hit the panic button whenever word of an impending fact of life in this part of the country (a winter storm) comes over the media. No sooner does this occur than the crawl-line on the bottom of the TV



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AS MORE snow falls, there's enough three-foot wood left to get into (and maybe out of) Mud Season. The covered pile of smaller junk wood from road and fence maintenance has to be kept cleared off until it's gone.

screen is filled with delays and outright cancellations.

A thought on all this occurred one morning last week when I had to drive home from a meeting in Concord and the day's forecast called for rain, freezing rain, and then for some upcountry regions (that would be me, when I got there), snow.

I was thinking, as I watched the tube that morning, and then when the meeting was over began the drive home, straight through the weather: Have people totally forgotten those wonderful outfits known as state and town road crews?

They do an excellent

job of getting ahead of such weather by laying down salt and sand, and getting after the aftermath by clearing roads big and small. Even had I not been driving a big four-wheel-drive truck with studded snow tires, I'd have headed for home in good faith that the roads would be as clear and safe (if I drove sensibly) as possible.

I have nothing but good things to say for the crews who maintain, load, and drive these big rigs and are out there at all hours of the day and night, doing the work that so many of us take for granted. And they have to put up with a given percentage of irrespons-

ble, inconsiderate, unappreciative and outright dangerous drivers to boot.

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People in more built-up areas who have to drive considerable distances to work or school each day, and hold the word "commute" high on their mental list of daily challenges, see winter weather as a major problem, and I can't blame them. If I were in their situation, I would too.

But whenever I have the chance I note that for the bulk of the state's landmass, the rural, small-town, farm and forest community, snow can be the major driver of the winter economy.

Last winter, which was virtually snowless, was a disaster for snowmobiling and not so very great for ski areas. These industries create jobs and income for tens of thousands directly and indirectly, bringing a huge infusion of recreational money from heavily populated regions in the south to cash-strapped communities in the mountains and above the notches.

Snowmobile clubs, which depend on membership fees, donations, special events and license-generated state funds to maintain and groom New Hampshire's thousands of miles of snowmobile trails, were particularly hard hit last winter. Thus the headline in Colebrook's News

and Sentinel, "New Loan Program to Assist Coös Snowmobile Clubs in Times of Need," was a welcome sight on Jan. 4's front page. The Coös Economic Development Association has established a low-interest loan program to help clubs cover unexpected budget shortages from maintenance required annually despite fickle weather.

At this stage, only halfway through, the state already has had more snow than during all of last winter.

For a growing segment of society to the south, the workweek now consists of four 10-hour days, which means that people can get on the road right after work on Thursday. This has created what amounts to a winter's worth of unending three-day weekends. Don't believe it? Take a look at I-93 on a Thursday night.

This is a facet of the wintertime economy that hasn't been written about or discussed much in the state's media--the huge effect of the shorter work-week and so many three-day weekends, and points up the positive side of that white stuff falling from the sky.

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

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## WHAT'S ON TAP

The schedule continues with plenty of games for the local high school teams in the coming week.

At Prospect Mountain, the hoop boys will be at Sanborn today, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. and will be hosting Laconia at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The Timber Wolf basketball girls will be hosting Sanborn at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, and will be at Campbell at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The Prospect Mountain alpine ski team will be at Bretton Woods for a 10 a.m. meet today, Jan. 12.

The Kingswood alpine ski team will be at Cranmore at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13.

The Knight Nordic ski team will be competing at Plainfield on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m.

The Kingswood hoop boys will be at Bishop Brady on Friday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Coe-Brown on Tuesday, Jan. 17, also at 6:30 p.m.

The Knight girls' basketball team will be at Bishop Brady at

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# Offense falls flat as Timber Wolf boys beat by Gilford

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — Coming out of the holiday break, Prospect Mountain boys' basketball coach Michael Joy was hoping for something a bit better than what his team put out there against Gilford on Friday, Jan. 6.

The Timber Wolves struggled to hit shots and couldn't keep up with Gilford, dropping a 56-32 decision to the Golden Eagles.

"I'm not looking forward to viewing this film," said Joy. "We could not get a ball to drop.

"They worked hard on the boards, which was one of our objectives," the Timber Wolf coach said. "They're a big team.

"The reports were that they rebound well," Joy continued. "I think we succeeded in limiting that, but offensively, we couldn't get anything to happen."

The Golden Eagles hit their first four shots of the game and never looked back, as the 9-0 run to open the game ended with a three-pointer after three consecutive field goals.

A Dan St. Laurent



JOSHUA SPAULDING

CUTLAS GREELEY fights for space to put up a shot in action against Gilford last week.

free throw got Prospect on the board but Gilford hit a free throw as well to make it 10-1. After Anthony Cusson drilled a hoop for the Timber Wolves, Gilford came back with two free throws, a hoop and two more free throws to push



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ANTHONY CUSSON drives to the basket in action on Jan. 6 against Gilford.

the lead to 16-3.

Prospect finished out the quarter with the final two baskets, as St. Laurent finished off a court-length pass from Hudson Ingoldsby and Ingoldsby then drilled a bucket, making it 16-7 after one quarter.

The visitors got the first basket of the second quarter but Prospect answered with a three-point play from Cusson to cut the lead to 18-10. However, Gilford hit the next two baskets and pushed the lead to 22-10. After Cusson drained a

three-pointer for Prospect, Gilford hit a hoop and sank two free throws to take a 26-13 lead to the halftime break.

Like they did in the first quarter, the Golden Eagles got out to a quick start in the third quarter.

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MATT RIDINGS races through the giant slalom course at Gunstock on Jan. 6.



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JILL BLOCHER scored for the Kingswood girls in the giant slalom at Gunstock last week.



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SAMI HOTCHKISS cuts through the giant slalom course on Jan. 6 at Gunstock.



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JACKSON WALSH scored for Kingswood in the giant slalom at Gunstock on Jan. 6.

# Alpine Knights kick off 2017 at Gunstock

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Kingswood alpine team got the 2017 portion of the season off to a solid start with some decent performance at Gunstock on Friday, Jan. 6.

The Knight girls finished third overall behind defending Division II champion Kennett and Plymouth, while the Knight boys were a bit further back, finishing in fifth place overall, with Kennett, Gilford, Plymouth and Belmont edging them out. St. Thomas and Laconia were also in attendance at the meet, which was also supposed to include Prospect Mountain, Hillsboro-Deering and Bishop Brady, but they did not attend.

In the morning giant slalom, the Knight girls finished in third and were led by Sarah Bean, who skied her way to eighth place overall in 56.67 seconds.

Jasper Shapiro, who

put in the day's first run as the owner of bid number one, finished in 16th place overall and second for Kingswood in 1:00.96, while Jill Blocher finished in 1:02.43 for 18th overall and third among the Knights.

Sami Hotchkiss was the final scorer for the Kingswood girls, finishing in 1:02.74 for 19th place.

Kristy Meyer finished in 20th place in 1:03.02, with Hannah Demain in 24th in 1:03.85, Sarah Hotchkiss in 26th place in 1:04.52, Elizabeth McNamara in 32nd place in 1:07.52 and Allison Bean in 48th place in 1:38.03.

The Knight girls were also third in the slalom, with Sarah Bean again leading the way, as she finished in 10th place in 1:22.68.

Allison Bean was second for Kingswood and 13th overall in 1:24.65, with Demain in 14th place in 1:28.29.

Shapiro rounded out

the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 1:28.86, which placed her in 16th place.

Blocher was 20th in 1:33.06, with Sami Hotchkiss in 23rd in 1:36.32, Sarah Hotchkiss in 24th in 1:36.34 and Meyer in 40th in 2:11.76.

The Knight boys finished fifth overall in the morning giant slalom, with Matt Ridings leading the way with a time of 54.64 seconds for 13th place.

Isaac Sheahan was second for the Knights in 57.3 seconds for 19th place, while Alex Gehl finished in 23rd place in 58.63.

Jackson Walsh rounded out the scoring for the Kingswood boys with a 30th place finish in a time of 59.8 seconds.

Dawson Cotreau finished in 1:00.59 for 32nd place, Curtis Heath was 33rd in 1:00.61, Josh Shapiro was 35th in 1:02.44, Joel Chick was 37th in 1:02.94, Cormac Lennon skied to

38th in 1:04.34, James Donovan finished 39th in 1:04.48, Mark Chrysafidis was 47th in 1:12.34, James Riley was 58th in 1:25.93 and Luke Shapiro was 62nd in 1:32.34.

The Knights also finished fifth in the afternoon slalom, with Gehl leading the way with a time of 1:17.58 for 14th place overall.

Sheahan was second for Kingswood and 17th overall in 1:21.61 and Ridings was 24th in 1:25.63 to finish as the third Knight.

Nick Lamie rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 1:26.37 for 27th place.

Luke Shapiro was 31st in 1:29.84, Cotreau finished in 32nd in 1:30.09, Walsh skied to a time of 1:30.96 for 33rd, Josh Shapiro finished 34th in 1:34.42, Chick was 44th in 1:47.57, Chrysafidis finished in 45th in 1:48.35, Riley was 51st in 2:06.7 and Noah Shatzer finished in 56th place in 2:33.71 to round out the field

of Knights completing both runs of slalom.

The Knights will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 13, as they head to North Conway's Cranmore Moun-

tain Resort for a 9:30 a.m. meet hosted by Kennett.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING  
HANNAH CHATIGNY (left) and Eileen McKenna (right) clear the hurdles during action at Plymouth State on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
MIKE KELLEY breaks from the starting line in the 55 meters. He finished third in the shot put at Plymouth State last week.

# McKenna wins long jump at Plymouth State meet

## *Knight boys paced by Mike Kelley and Owen Gwizdala*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Kingswood indoor track team came through with some strong performances at its first meet at the new Plymouth State University indoor facility on Saturday, Jan. 7.

“I love this place,” said coach Paul Harvey. “You can hear everything going on. It was so well-run today.”

“I’m glad we got this one in,” he continued. “I’m proud of how they performed.”

The top Knight performer of the day was Eileen McKenna, who picked up a win and a second place finish at the George E. Davis Track.

McKenna won the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 2.5 inches. Teammate Mary Peternel finished in seventh place with a leap of 12 feet, 2.5 inches.

McKenna also led a strong showing for the Knights in the 55-meter hurdles.

In the preliminary round, McKenna was second in 10.2 seconds and then finished in second in the finals in 10.11 seconds. Hannah Chatigny was fifth in the preliminaries in a time of 10.7 seconds and finished fifth in the finals as well in 10.65 seconds. Lianne Zhuang ran to fourth in the preliminary round in 10.69 seconds and finished sixth in the finals in 10.8 seconds.

Mariah Craigue had a strong showing in the 55 meters for the Knights, as she finished second in

the preliminary round in 8.01 seconds and finished fourth in the finals in 8.03 seconds. Elizabeth Morrison just missed out on qualifying for the finals with a ninth place finish in 8.31 seconds and Olivia Chasse was 30th in 9.21 seconds.

In the shot put, Hope Drenning finished in 15th place at 18 feet, 11 inches while in the 300 meters, Chatigny finished in eighth place in 49.59 seconds. Peternel ran to 15th place in the 600 meters in 2:10.15, with Alyssa Cheney finishing in 15th place in the 1,000 meters in 4:13.8.

The Knight 4X400-meter team of Chatigny, Craigue, McKenna and Peternel finished in third place in 4:50.33 and the 4X200-meter team of Chasse, Craigue, Morrison and Zhuang finished in fifth place in 2:08.1.

The Knight boys were paced by a pair of third place finishes on the day.

Mike Kelley took third overall in the shot put with a toss of 39 feet, eight inches. Teammate Joe Russo was 14th at 26 feet, 11 inches and Dan Hartley finished at 24 feet, seven inches for 16th place.

The other third place finish went to Owen Gwizdala, who ran to a time of 4:37.35 in the 1,500 meters. Colyn Pineo finished in 15th place in 5:37.62.

Sheldon Billings snagged a point for the Knights in the 300 meters, as he raced to sixth place overall in 41.99

seconds. Shane Secinaro finished in 28th place in 49.52 seconds and Kyle Diamond was 35th in 53.7 seconds.

Jaden Thomas ran to ninth overall in the 600 meters in 1:38.83, with Josh Haines in 22nd in 1:52.14, Jack Zarse in 25th in 1:58.62 and Patrick Murphy in 26th in 2:03.19. Brent Coope finished in 11th place in the 1,000 meters in 3:07.66 and Joseph Wasson finished in 14th in 3:28.2. In the 55 meters, Thomas finished in 15th place in

7.5 seconds, with Brian Winn in 25th place in 7.65 seconds and Kelley in 27th place in 7.69 seconds. Murphy was 10th in the 55-meter hurdles in 11.47 seconds. Jeff Manson finished eighth in the 3,000 meters in a time of 11:27.77.

The Knight 4X200-meter relay team of Kelley, Billings, Winn and Thomas finished in sixth place in 1:49.85 while the 4X400-meter team of Haines, Coope, Pineo and Billings finished in seventh place in 4:15.7.

“We have some

good things going on,” said Harvey. “We took some decent places against schools we’ll see throughout the indoor season.”

Harvey noted that there were a few kids missing, which prompted some changes along the way but he was pleased with the way people stepped up.

“The relay teams were mixed up with different people,” said the veteran coach. “But it gave kids a chance to show what they have.” He also praised the

continued improvement as the season rolls along.

“Every week the kids are getting a little stronger and a little faster,” Harvey stated. “But coming off the Christmas break can almost be like starting from scratch again.”

The Knights are scheduled to compete again on Jan. 22, at the University of New Hampshire.

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## Lakes Region United taking spring soccer registrations

REGION — Lakes Region United Soccer Club (LRU) is currently registering players for the Spring 2017 season. LRU offers competitive soccer opportunities for boys and girls in the Lakes Region who love the game and want to improve their skills. LRU is in its ninth season with more than 120 players from a variety of local towns, including Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Meredith, Alton, Moultonborough, Sanborn, Canterbury and New Hampton.

Athletes 10 to 19 years old play travel soccer within the New Hampshire Soccer League, while athletes six to nine years old develop skills locally in LRU’s Early Development Program. The Early Development Program offers local practices and small-sided, intra-squad games that



LAKES REGION United Soccer Club’s Early Development Program. COURTESY PHOTO

emphasize strong soccer fundamentals.

LRU is a non-profit

organization that keeps costs reasonable by relying on parents who were former soccer players to coach the teams, and by benefiting from the generosity of local towns, which provide field time for practices and

games. Registration for the Spring 2017 season will be \$100 (\$75 for the Early Development Program). Players interested in playing with LRU this spring must register on LRUsoccer.com by Jan. 15th.

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# Knight boys split first week back

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' basketball team got back into the swing of the regular season by splitting a pair of games last week, matching the team's win total from last year just four games into the season.

The Knights defeated Plymouth by a 64-41 score on Wednesday, Jan. 4, and then dropped a 76-54 decision to Timberlane on the road on Friday, Jan. 6.

"We played pretty well against Plymouth," said coach Dan Place. "It was a pretty balanced game, four guys in double figures, which is nice to see."

The Knights were coming off a holiday tournament where they got a chance to play some games and get in the flow of things and the Knight coach said that certainly played to the team's advantage, but he was also looking for a little more practice time, since weather had made things difficult. The Plymouth game was delayed a day by



LIAM MORRISSEY puts up a shot in the lane during his team's win over Plymouth last week.

KATHY SUTHERLAND

anticipated bad weather and because of that, the Knights also couldn't practice on that day.

"I'm looking for a little more balance with games vs. practice," the Knight coach said. "But now we'll get back into the routine, hopefully."

The Knights led the Bobcats by 10 points most of the way and then put things away with a strong fourth quarter.

"In the second half, our defense did very well," Place commented.

Will Treuel led the way for the Knights with 14 points on the day, while Pat Meyers added 12 and Cole Johnston and Jack Saunders each scored 10 points.

Place lauded Saunders for his hard work over the break and into the new year.

"Jack has been play-

ing pretty well," Place said. "He got some more time over the holiday break and he's starting to look pretty good."

The Knights traveled to Plaistow on Friday night for a rematch with Timberlane. The Knights and Owls played an overtime thriller in Wolfboro on Dec. 20, a game the Owls won. The Knights were not able to get the revenge and dropped a 76-54 decision to the hosts.

"Our press wasn't giving us much," Place said of the start of the game. "They played very aggressively against us."

The Knights trailed by eight points at the half and Place noted he told the kids they were still in the game and it could've been worse. However, Timberlane came out strong in the third and started hitting some threes, which gave them the momentum they needed to pull away.

"They hit some threes and moved the ball nicely," Place said. "And they rebounded well."

Nick Duntley led the way for the Knights with



KATHY SUTHERLAND

THE KINGSWOOD hoop boys finished as runners-up at the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament over the holiday break.

11 points while both Saunders and Treuel each put in 10 points.

The Knights will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 13, heading to Concord to take on Bishop

Brady at 6:30 p.m. They will be at Coe-Brown on Tuesday, Jan. 17, also at 6:30 p.m.

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## Two huge thumbs up for the new Plymouth track facility

I've been covering indoor track for a few years now and it's not always the easiest sport to cover.

First and foremost, the meets are not in the local area, so there is always traveling involved. They are also on weekends, which can be a positive and a negative. Saturday meets often conflict with hockey games or Nordic races. Sunday meets are always a bit easier since there's not much else going on for games on Sunday.

However, one of the other issues of the meets is that they are held in the crowded UNH Field House. While it is not a horrible place, it is a tough place to go to cover a meet in because everyone is crowded into the small space, it's usually fairly dark in parts of the track and it's tough on photography, particularly for someone with my limited skills.

I always like covering the State Meet since it is held at Dartmouth College. While it is a long drive and it is almost always on Super Bowl Sunday, the Leveone Fieldhouse at Dartmouth is much bigger, brighter and easier to maneuver around.

This past weekend, I got my first look at the new ALLWell North Center at Plymouth State University and came away incredibly impressed and wishing my indoor teams would compete there every week.

I had heard good things about the facility and after taking a few minutes to find the correct road into the new building, I was pleasantly surprised to find parking underneath the structure. The quick trip inside on the cold morning was appreciated and once inside I was even more pleasantly surprised at the facility.

Climbing up the stairs behind a huge crowd of high school students, I

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came into an expansive lobby with windows looking out over the other buildings in the athletic complex, including the field house and the ice arena. The doors opened up into a huge track facility that was bigger and brighter than any place I've covered indoor track before.

After talking to some of the Plymouth State coaches and athletes who were in attendance helping out with the meet, I got a true sense of the place as much more than just a track.

While the track is the centerpiece, in the infield are four indoor tennis courts, with nets that can be installed easily and dividers that come down from the ceiling to separate the courts. The track facility also divides in half with a curtain that comes down from the ceiling, allowing two different groups to use the facility at the same time. The shot put net also comes down from the ceiling and there are two batting cages for baseball and softball suspended from the ceiling at one end of the track. There is also a ropes course that is available to use at one end of the facility and I was told by the PSU coach that the previous weekend the ropes course was being used on one side and a wrestling

match was held on the other side.

The long jump pit is imbedded in the floor with covers to go over it so the entire floor surface can be used.

While I didn't see the entire facility, I came away impressed, just as I was upon my first events at the ALLWell Center South, which is the hockey arena and welcome center across the street. Plymouth State has done well by its students and it's great to see the high school kids getting to use such an incredible facility.

The only thing that might have brought a complaint or two was the lack of bleachers on one side of the track, which made viewing the sprints and hurdles a bit tough for parents and spectators.

But aside from that minor issue, the ALLWell North facility has my blessing as a regular host for indoor track meets. The more the better.

Finally, have a great day Paul and Pam Harvey.

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5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, and will be hosting Coe-Brown at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Kingswood hockey boys will be at St. Thomas on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 11:45 a.m. and will be hosting Alvirne on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m.

The Knight hockey

girls will be at Manchester Central at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, and will be hosting Berlin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The Kingswood unified basketball team will be hosting Kennett on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m.

The Kingswood swim team will be at Southern New Hampshire University on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m.

### HOOPS

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ter, as they hit their first three shots and pushed the lead to 22-13 before Ingoldsby's free throw got the Timber Wolves on the board. Gilford answered by hitting two hoops and a three-pointer to stretch the lead to 39-14.

Cusson hit a hoop and Matt Sepulveda drained two free throws to cut the lead to 39-18 but the Golden Eagles hit two from the free throw line to close out the third quarter and Gilford led 41-18 heading to the final eight minutes.

The visitors got the first basket of the fourth quarter and Sam Borelli answered with a basket for the Timber Wolves. After Gilford hit two more hoops, Sepulveda hit two from the free throw line to make it 47-22.

Gilford answered

with a hoop and two more free throws to stretch the lead to 51-22 before Sepulveda, Brandon Stellon and Keegan Unzen hit consecutive hoops for a 51-28 score. The Golden Eagles then followed with a three-pointer and a basket to finish out their scoring.

Prospect got hoops from Stellon and Unzen to finish out the game with the 56-32 final score.

"There's an opportunity for us to work on our mental toughness for sure," Joy said. "These guys are hungry for a win."

"At 0-4, you try to look for coachable moments, teachable moments," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "Ultimately we're trying to develop character with these guys."

"We're trying to teach them life lessons in the meantime," Joy added.

"Gilford's a good

squad," he added. "They have a big team."

The Timber Wolves were led by Cusson's 10 points on the evening.

Prospect will be back in action today, Jan. 12, at Sanborn at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Timber Wolves will be hosting Laconia at 6 p.m.

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Cusson 4-1-10, Stellon 2-0-4, Ingoldsby 1-1-3, Sepulveda 1-4-6, Unzen 2-0-4, Borelli 1-0-2, St. Laurent 1-1-3, Totals 12-7-32

#### Laconia 56

Hart 0-1-1, LaChance 2-4-9, Blais 2-0-4, Madore 5-0-10, Troiano 1-0-2, Carrier 0-2-2, McGonagle 8-2-18, Lemay 3-2-10, Totals 21-11-56

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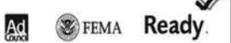
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### Back at it

The Prospect Mountain girls' basketball team poses with the runner-up plaque at the conclusion of the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford on Dec. 30. The Timber Wolves returned to regular season action on Friday, Jan. 6, returning to Gilford and defeating the Golden Eagles by a 40-35 score. Prospect will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 13, hosting Sanborn at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Campbell on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m.

## Kretchmer, Knight girls win first race of season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLAINFIELD — The Kingswood Nordic team kicked off the season with a skate race at the Plainfield School on Friday, Jan. 6. The Knights were joined by host Lebanon, Hanover and ConVal.

The Knight girls got their season off to a great start, as they took the top spot out of the four teams, easily outdistancing Hanover.

Mary Kretchmer kicked off her senior season with a win in a time of 13:40, which was more than a minute and a half ahead of the second place finisher.

Sarah Peternel, in her first high school race, was second for the Knights and tied for third overall in a time of 15:24, while Emma Bellefleur finished in 15:40 for seventh place.

Sarah Bellefleur rounded out the scoring in her first high school Nordic race, finishing in eighth place in 15:49.

The Knight girls got some solid insurance from Mary Peternel,

who placed 15th in 17:17 and Becky Peternel, who was one spot behind in 17:36. Sarah Huckman raced to 24th place in 19:10 and Maddie Rosiak rounded out the field of Knights in the varsity race with a time of 20:24 for 30th place.

The varsity boys only had three racers on the day, with Jim Huckman leading the charge in a time of 14:54 for sixth place.

Adam Richardson was the second Knight, finishing in ninth place in 15:11 and Wyatt Pooler rounded out the field of Knight skiers in 21st place in 17:12.

The Knight squad was without Skimeister candidates Sarah Bean, Allison Bean, Sarah Hotchkiss and Hannah Demain, who were all competing in an alpine race at Gunstock on Friday.

In the middle school co-ed race, Tim Huckman was the top finisher for Kingswood, as he placed eight overall in 19:30.

Ginger Plache was next for the middle school Knights in 10th place in 22:56, Jackson Boudman raced to 11th

in 23:28 and Robbie Hotchkiss finished in 16th place in 28:25.

The Knights will be back in action at Plainfield School again on

Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m.

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MICHELLE FRADY fires up a shot during her team's win over Timberlane last week.



KATHY SUTHERLAND

ASHTYN CAMERON goes hard to the hoop for Kingswood last week against Timberlane.

## Knights win two more, move to 5-1

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood hoop girls got back to regular season action and picked things up where they left off prior to the holiday break, as the Knights won two more games to move to 5-1 on the season.

"It's nice to be off to that kind of start," said coach Dan Chick. "I can't remember the last time the Kingswood girls were off to a 5-1 start."

"The girls are playing well," the Knight coach added.

Kingswood came out of the gate to open the 2017 portion of their calendar against Plymouth. The game was postponed by a day due to weather and the Knights visited Plymouth on Wednesday, Jan. 4, and got the 51-28 win.

Aggressive defense and patient offense got the Knights out to a quick start and they never looked back. Senior Michelle Frady had what Chick termed her best career game at both ends of the floor, as she

scored 10 points, had six steals, three assists and four rebounds. Eliza Brault also chipped in with eighth points, three blocks and three steals. Liz McLaughlin added 16 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and seven steals. Meghan Lapar finished with eight offensive rebounds and three steals and Ashtyn Cameron came off the bench to haul down eight rebounds. Chick credited Aleigha Brault, Hope Roiter, Abby Coulter, Amanda Lapar and Emily Skelley with all giving quality minutes and hustle, while Aislinn Noble was a force in the paint for the Knights.

The Knights returned home on Friday, Jan. 6, to take on Timberlane and rolled to a 53-19 win over the Owls.

"We were there," Chick said of Timberlane's situation. "We were a team that people looked at and said 'it's only Kingswood.'"

"I know what Timberlane is going through," Chick continued. "Their kids are working hard, their coaches are work-

ing hard, but the talent isn't there right now."

Kingswood led 16-4 after one quarter and 25-10 at the half. It was 50-14 after three quarters.

McLaughlin led the way for the Eagles with 23 points, including five three-pointers on the night. Frady had another strong game, putting 12 points on the board.

"Those were two very good team wins," Chick said. "There was a lot of good passing, everybody was looking for each other, the extra pass was there for the best shot."

"And we played much better defense," Chick said.

The veteran King-

swood coach noted that it is important that the team gets scoring from more than just one or two people.

"The girls are starting to help with the scoring and we have to have that," Chick said. "Teams will start keying on Liz, that's going to happen more and more."

The Knights will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 13, at Bishop Brady at 5 p.m., and will be hosting Coe-Brown on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

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### Knight hockey girls hosting pancake breakfast Sunday

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood girls' ice hockey team will be hosting a fundraising pancake breakfast and silent auction in the Kingswood Regional High School cafeteria on Sunday, Jan. 15, from 8 to 11 a.m.

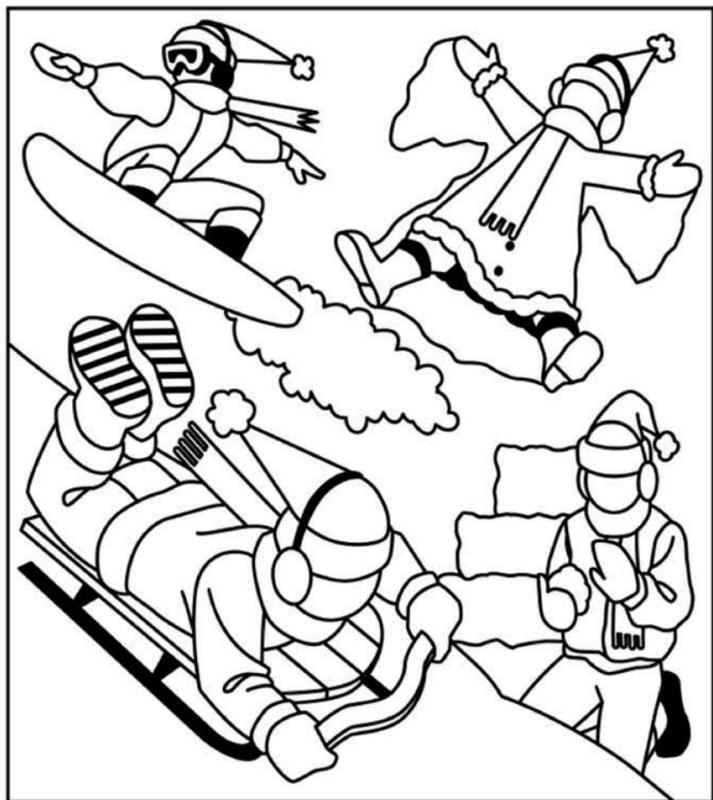
The Knights will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice, with all proceeds benefiting the girls' hockey team.

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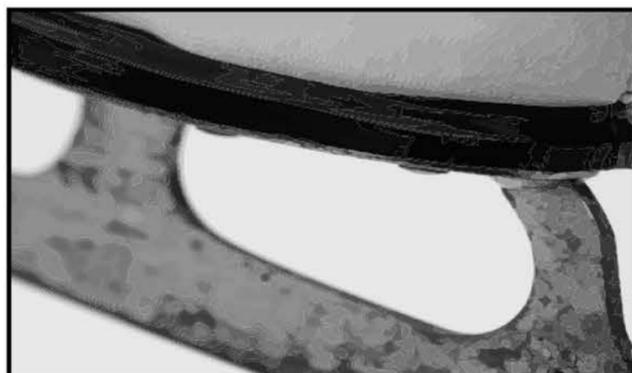
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