

Santa visits with children at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — Staff at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library would like to thank Santa for making time in his busy schedule to visit Barnstead for their Holiday Story Hour. Elves made themselves busy transforming the children’s section into Winter Wonderland to make Santa feel at home during his visit. Stories were read, songs were sung and cookies abounded during a joyous visit with Mr. Claus. The littlest patrons were especially filled with glee to have the chance to sit with Santa one by one. They look forward to next year’s visit.

Holiday closures
The Oscar Foss Memorial Library will be closed on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
For 2020, make a New Year’s resolution with your child to read more books. Sign your kiddos

up for the library’s 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program and receive a certificate for each 100 books recorded. Upon completion of the program, each child will receive a special prize bag and an invitation to the annual 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten graduation ceremony and party. See Ms. Jerissa at the library for more information or to sign up.

Adult Book Club
The Oscar Foss Memorial Library Book Club is trying something different for January, February and March. Since the attendance dwindles over the winter, they will be having a “virtual” book discussion group for the next three months. If you’d like to join them, you can follow their Facebook group “Oscar Foss Memorial Library’s Book Group” to participate in discussions.

Yoga at the Library
Mary Ellen Shannon, RYT offers two yoga classes at the library every Tuesday afternoon,

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

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

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SANTA CLAUS visited the Oscar Foss Memorial Library for Stour Hour.



Castle in the Clouds celebrates “Christmas Memories”





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ERIN PLUMMER
The tree in the upstairs foyer at Castle in the Clouds decorated by Branch & Bloom of Wolfeboro.



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BY ERIN PLUMMER
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MOULTONBOROUGH — The historical halls and rooms at Castle in the Clouds were filled with holiday memories and cheer for the annual Christmas at the Castle.

This past weekend, the doors of Castle in the Clouds opened to reveal numerous decorations, lit trees, and many opportunities to get in the holiday spirit the week before Thanksgiving. Christmas at the Castle will continue this weekend, giving locals and visitors the chance to see the festive sights during Thanksgiving weekend. Visitors can buy tickets in the gift shop and pick up their passes in the Carriage House. There people can experience the Holly Fair upstairs and meet with Santa. Then a trolley will take people up to the Castle, where they can do a self-guided tour with the help of docents around the building.

The theme of this year’s Christmas at the Castle is “Christmas Memories” and the different contributors had

different ways of sharing the theme. Some of the displays included vintage toys, traditional decorations, and more.

“It really makes Luc-know feel like somebody’s home you’re in for a holiday party,” said Castle Preservation Society Executive Director Charles Clark.

For the third year, different rooms were decorated by different businesses and organizations. Clark said over a dozen area businesses contributed decorations to the Castle.

“It’s been a great success for us, it gets the community involved in what we’re doing here,” Clark said. “It lets us present a beautifully decorated estate to the public.”

Christmas at the Castle will continue on Friday, Nov. 29, through Sunday, Dec. 1. The event goes on from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with the last tickets sold at 3 p.m.

Visitors can also look over the different artisan creations at the Holly Fair upstairs at the Carriage House. Also at the Holly Fair are free

visits with Santa from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., as well as cookies and cocoa.

Lunch will be served at the Carriage House from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Proceeds from Christmas at the Castle go toward the Castle Preservation Society’s continued restoration efforts on the property.


Recently a balcony was installed on the second floor bedroom, replacing the one that had been blown off by the Hurricane of ‘38. After 81 years, a team of historical builders used photos of the balcony to recreate it by hand.

The next big project will be work on the library’s interior.

“There will always be something to do,” Clark said.

Clark said he personally love how Christmas at the Castle kicks off the holidays.

“It’s a great way for people to come, get in the holiday spirit, do a little holiday shopping, and enjoy the beauty of this place,” Clark said.



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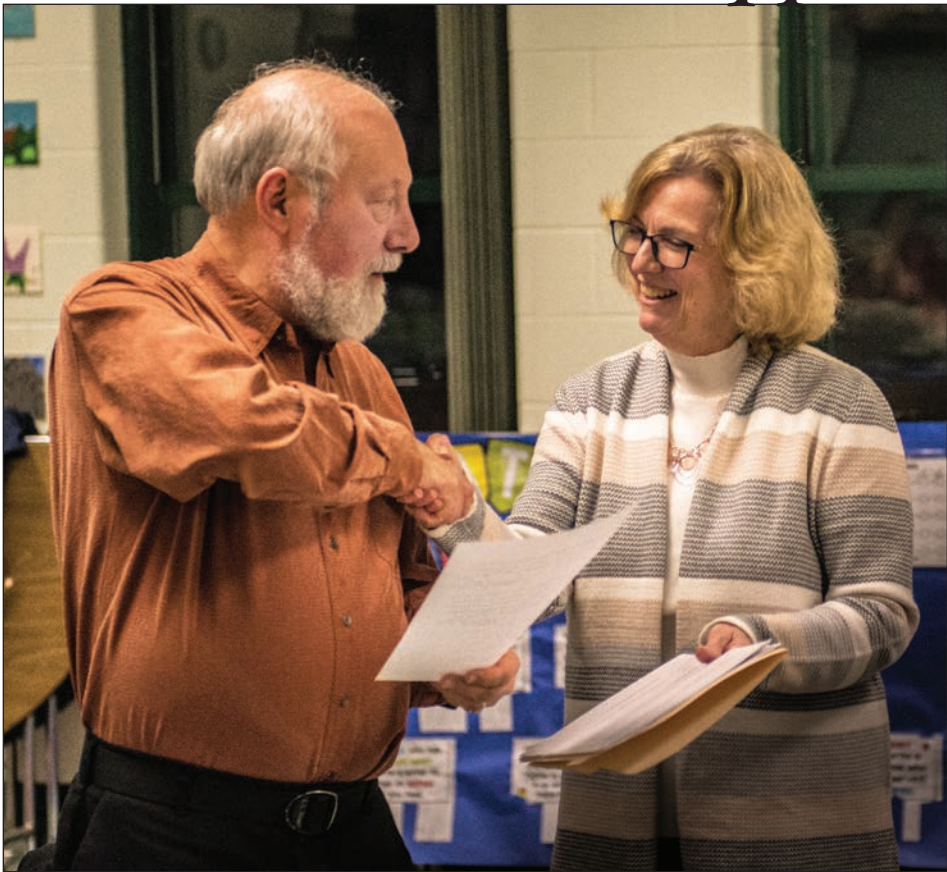
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New member appointed to GWRSD board



ELISSA PAQUETTE
JIM PITTMAN receives a congratulatory handshake from the Governor Wentworth Regional School District Clerk Michelle Capone upon taking the oath of office to represent Effingham as a member of the school board. Pittman is filling in the term of Bridget Edwards, who resigned upon moving to another town.

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer
WOLFEBORO — Effingham has a new representative to the Governor Wentworth Regional School District (GWRSD) School Board to fill the position vacated by Bridget Edwards. Jim Pittman has stepped forward to serve, and was sworn in at the Dec. 9 meeting held at Crescent Lake Elementary School.
School Board Chairman Jack Widmer and Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert reported that evening that they have made presentations at two meetings in Effingham this month.

Widmer presented the preliminary draft budget to the Effingham Budget Committee at the invitation of Chairman David Strauss on Dec. 4. School board member at large Tim Eldridge is also a member of that committee. (The draft budget can be viewed at the GWRSD web site.)
Cuddy-Egbert and Business Administrator Kathy O’Blenes attended the planning board meeting of Dec. 5 with Jack Bingham of Barrington Power, the company that is engaging in a power purchase agreement with the district for a ground mount solar display at Effingham El-

ementary School (EES).
The solar array is expected to cover all the electric needs of EES and produce enough to also help offset some of the electric costs of Ossipee Central School.
“I’m really excited to have that kind of a project in the town and at the school,” commented Effingham Planning Board Chairman Theresa Swanick, when reached by phone. She added that she sees it as an opportunity to educate old and young alike.
The agreement will be put to the voters in a warrant article on the March School District ballot.

Local student returns to Wright Museum as intern



COURTESY PHOTO
KASEY BIRTH works with Justin Gamache in curating items at the Wright Museum.

WOLFEBORO — Having visited Wright Museum on many occasions while a student at Kingwood Regional High School in Wolfeboro before graduating in 2018, Kasey Birth jumped at the chance to return as a college intern.
“I was attracted to working at the Wright Museum because I specifically love World War II history and the United States’ role in it, so the museum fits perfectly with my interests,” she said.
A sophomore at the University of New Hampshire with a major in history and plans to attend law school there, Birth said she is thrilled to be at the Wright Museum. An intern since September, Birth said a lot

of her work has consisted in shadowing Curator Justin Gamache.
“I’ve also helped take down exhibits, look through artifacts, put artifacts from exhibits away and catalog artifacts,” she said. “Justin has been teaching me about how he creates digital exhibits as well.”
An intern himself at Wright Museum before becoming curator in 2018, Gamache said it has been fun to work with Birth.
“It’s great to be on the other side of the intern/employee partnership,” he said. “This is a great place for college students to learn not just about museums, but non-profits and how businesses operate in general.”
Citing “a kind and

helpful” staff of employees and volunteers, Birth said she will “definitely continue on” at the museum throughout her winter break in January.
“I would enjoy continuing to work there over the summer if they’ll have me,” she said.
As the region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum will reopen in May of 2020, although school tours can be arranged from January-April.
For more information about the Wright Museum, or to schedule a school tour, visit wright-museum.org, or call 569-1212.

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

The wooden shoe last comes to my rescue

BY VIVIAN LEE DION
Contributing Writer
After my birthday, it took me four months to decide what to buy with an Amazon gift card. The reasons were simple: I didn’t know what I wanted and I didn’t understand the process of using a digital gift card. (I thought I had to type in all those numbers listed in the e-mail.). Thankfully, my son, Scott, helped me. He began using the cut and paste method in transferring the row of numbers from the card and helped me with the ordering process. My duck boots order was completed when I pressed, “add to cart.”
In researching the origin of duck boots, I discovered that the duck boots were invented by Leon Leonwood Bean. “On one of his hunting trips, Bean noticed that his feet were getting wet and cold in his usual pair of hunting boots. He decided to combine the rubber soles of rain boots with leather uppers, and convinced a local cobbler to assemble the shoes. In 1912, Bean formed the L.L. Bean Company to market and sell them. They fast became a necessity for hunters with the signature hand-stitched leather tops and practical

cal rubber bottoms, but surprisingly, they also became a fashion staple.”
My duck boots arrived in a couple days, but sadly they were not manufactured by L.L. Bean. There was a problem. The length and width of the boot was fine, but the upper leather was too tight.
I thought for a while, and my Yankee ingenuity kicked in. I remembered the wooded shoe last that had been used as a Christmas decoration on my coffee table. There was an artificial evergreen sprig along with red berries tucked into the top. A shoe last is a mold in the shape of a shoe and is used by cobblers in the manufacture of shoes. Remarkably, this one is the same size of the duck boot. Everyday, I inserted the last in the boot for about five hours. As the weeks went by, I inserted the wooden last deeper and deeper until it settled inside the boot. Finally, using a shoe horn and wearing light cotton socks, the duck boots fit perfectly.
I know that I had the option to return the boots, but didn’t want to go through the hassle. “Amazon return rate is generally about 5-15 per-

cent, but it varies widely depending on the category. Books and media have lower returns rates as they are generally well described products that the customer knows what they’re getting.” One important thing I did learn was to do some homework and look at customer reviews. If I did I would have discovered that the sizes run smaller with the production of my duck shoes. One customer noted, “I have a high arch so also have trouble getting many shoes on. These are not difficult. They slip on without my even bending over to pull them on. I will note, though, that had I gotten my usual size (8.5-9) they would have been too small. These run small. I got a size 10 but they are comfortable with or without socks.”
I wonder how long it will take me to use my new Amazon gift card. One thing is certain, I’ll be careful in my selections, read the customer comments and use the return goods option, if needed.

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This is our final issue for 2019 and we want to thank all of those people who made the past year possible.

The newspaper industry as a whole has struggled the last few years. While other publications have shuttered the doors, we have continued on and we work hard to make sure we have a decent product for you every Thursday and we appreciate the support of those who appreciate our newspaper. Yes, there are mistakes and we apologize for those errors when they do come around, but overall, we believe our paper is the best it can be.

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

We also wouldn't be able to put our paper together without the work of some great local residents who have stepped up to write for us. We've found that the people we have working for us on a part time basis have done a fine job of filling those gaps. Aimee Terravechia, Cathy Allyn and Katie Lesnyk have delivered us stories that tell the news of Alton, Barnstead and New Durham. We are grateful for their work.

We also have a great staff that works behind the scenes and in the community to help this paper continue. Our advertising manager Cathy Cardinal-Grondin is out in the community connecting with local businesses who want to advertise. Our distribution manager, Jim Hinckley, makes sure that the papers make it from our printing plant in Massachusetts to your local stores and post offices every week. He oversees a group of drivers that bring the 11 Salmon Press publications all over the state and the work he and his crew do, in all kinds of weather, is greatly appreciated. Additionally, the paginators in Meredith, including Julie, Patti and Tim, help bring the whole paper together each week and their work is appreciated. And Ryan and Sam work in our accounting office and keep the business moving along in the right direction.

And of course, we want to thank the readers of the Baysider who pick up the paper every week or have it delivered to their mailbox. Our community newspaper relies on the community for input and your letters, press releases and photos have been an integral part of the paper this year and your support by simply reading the Baysider each week is appreciated. We remind local residents that indeed you can have the paper delivered to your mailbox in any of our three communities, just e-mail sam@salmonpress.news.

And with that, we bid adieu to 2019 and welcome 2020 with open arms.

Wallace on Elmira Dean's List

ELMIRA, N.Y. — Sophie Wallace of Alton has been named to the Elmira College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 Term. Full-time undergraduate students registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and earning a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher at the end of Term I or Term II are placed on the Dean's List at the College.

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 30-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic honor societies and 20 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York, Elmira's undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa College and has been ranked a top college, nationally, for student internships. The college is also home to the Center for Mark Twain Studies, one of four historically significant Twain heritage sites in the U.S., which attracts Twain scholars and educators from around the world for research on the famous literary icon. Proud of its history and tradition, the college is committed to the ideals of community service, and intellectual and individual growth.



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Operation Kid Sight

The Wolfeboro Lions Operation Kid Sight team paid its annual visit to New Durham Elementary School on Wednesday, Dec. 12, to continue the eye screening of the Governor Wentworth School District. One hundred and forty-three students were tested while seven children were found in need of a professional referral. Pictured (l to r), Lion Tail Twister Brian Murphy, New Durham school nurse Amy Varney, OKS coordinator John Adams and Lion Carol Cady.

Letters to the Editor

The Trump impeachment farce

To the Editor:

Inre the attempts by Democrat Traitors to impeach President Trump inre requesting Ukrainians to investigate Joe and Hunter Biden, all you need to know is that the President of the United States (1) is required to investigate fraud and corruption of any kind (2) inre individuals of any kind regardless of whether/not they are political figures in the United State and (3) inre any country that is to receive US foreign aid of any kind.

US political figure former Vice President Joe Biden is on record/video bragging how he forced Ukrainian officials to do a quid pro quo to remove a Ukrainian investigator who was investigating fraud and corruption inre his son Hunter in exchange for US foreign aid.

President Trump, therefore, has not only a legal right but also a legal obligation to request Ukrainian officials to investigate both Joe and Hunter Biden.

By requesting such investigation President Trump is fulfilling his legal obligations and not interfering with a US presidential election.

ROBERT KROEPEL
NEW DURHAM

Free Yoga class offered New Year's Day

ALTON — New Year's Day free class will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 1 at the Alton Bay Community Center with Sheila Marston.

All levels flow class incorporating strength, core and balance. Class will end with a relaxing meditation and savassana. Modifications will be offered. Fun music and a view of the lake. Bring your mat and water. Start the New Year being strong in body and mind.

Exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston now meets on Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center for four-week session. Focus is on several breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment.

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

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

Rockin' Daddios performing in Laconia Jan. 6



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THE ROCKIN' DADDIOS will perform in Laconia on Jan. 6.

LACONIA — The music of the 1950s and '60s conjures up many special memories for those commonly referred to as Baby Boomers. The Rockin' Daddios bring back some of the best-loved songs of this era, with the accent on harmonies and fun.

Join in Monday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building for a free musical performance by Lakes Region residents Jim Rogato, Bo Guyer, Angelo Gentile and Drew Seneca — the Rockin' Daddios. These men have been performing together in various shows and reviews for well over 10 years. Collectively, their community theater experience spans six decades.

Come enjoy a variety of songs including Book of Love, Little Star, Wake Up Little Suzie, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Walk Like a Man and Sherry. All are guaranteed to warm your heart and bring a smile to your face.

Follow Taylor Community on Facebook to keep up with all of their free, public events. Visit www.taylorcommunity.org, or call 366-1400 for more information about this premiere not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in the Lakes Region.

Spreading Christmas joy at Children’s Center

WOLFEBORO — This December (and every December for that matter), The Children’s Center in Wolfeboro has made it their official mission to spread as much Christmas joy as possible to the children in their care. Creating traditions, holiday memories and heartwarming moments monthlong is top priority and one the center takes very seriously. Staff and board members alike strive to make the Christmas season a time of celebration full of laughs, friendship, and of course hot cocoa.

First on the center’s list of holiday traditions for the children is the Wolfeboro Festi-

val of Trees hosted by The Wright Museum in Wolfeboro. This charity benefit features more than 65 trees, uniquely decorated by area businesses and organizations and displayed at the museum. The Children’s Center participates annually by decorating two trees with handmade ornaments crafted by the children in their individual classrooms. This year one of the trees was decorated by the board of directors to commemorate the center’s 45th birthday. The center then organizes field trips to the festival so that the children can see all the colorfully decorated trees including the tree

with their very own ornaments.

Another December tradition at the center is the annual reading of Chris Van Allsburg’s The Polar Express. All the children and staff are invited to wear their favorite pair of pajamas on this day. Everyone gathers in the center’s big community room while hot cocoa and cookies are served as morning snack. Once everyone settles in with their friends, one of the center’s most beloved teachers, Bob Tuttle and lovingly known to the children as Bob-E-Bear, dons a Santa’s cap as he reads the magical tale of a young boy on an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole. Children are snuggled and hands are held as everyone discovers that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

Christmas Eve is another time of creating holiday memories at the center. Once again, the children dress in their favorite pajamas and join together to listen to a special reading of Clement Clark Moore’s cherished holiday poem, “Twas The Night Before Christmas. Popcorn is popped and served as the children listen to one of the oldest and most treasured Christmas poems ever published.

While these school-wide events are part of the core that make Christmastime so special at the center, some of the most meaningful and significant heartwarming moments happen in the children’s respective classrooms. Jana Bush, coordinator for the preschool and school-age

programs, reminisces about her previous years of teaching preschool. “We had an open house event early one cold and snowy December. All families were invited to join us for dinner, decorating gingerbread houses and singing carols. I remember how much fun it was to watch families smile and laugh as they worked together to create a unique work of delicious art. It was a magical night when all seemed right in the world.”

Tanya Mills, teacher for the Magic Moments Preschool program, fondly remembers making each of her classroom children a Christmas stocking out of fleece one Christmas. “Bringing joy and seeing “the twinkle in the children’s eyes during this magical time of year” is truly what it’s all about as a teacher. This time of year can be too loud, too bright and too fast sometimes. But amongst all the hustle and bustle the Children’s Center remembers that Christmas joy is silent. You don’t hear it, you feel it, you know it, you believe it.” And the center hopes to give the gift of joy this December to

all their little ones.

This year is the 45th anniversary of the opening of The Children’s Center, which has been serving the needs of children from ages six weeks to 12 years old since 1974. Its mission is to enhance the well-being of families and the community by meeting the needs of children through comprehensive, affordable, high quality child and family services, and to collaborate with other agencies serving these needs. By working to provide each

child and every family with the resources they need to thrive, The Children’s Center remains a pillar in the community for past, present, and future generations.

To learn more about The Children’s Center or how to support them in their pursuit to provide childcare services to the local community, visit the center’s web site at thechildrenscenternh.org or call the office at 569-1027.

Everyday Living and Diabetes class offered

LACONIA — Are you or someone you care for living with diabetes? Would you like to learn ways to better manage and live well with this disease? If so, this class is for you.

This free four-week class will be offered on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 8, and on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4. Both classes will be held at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Those attending this class will learn skills for living a healthy life with diabetes. Learn to set goals for improving your diabetes with topics including managing blood sugar levels, healthy eating, physical activity, relieving stress, and more.

For more information on this class, future sessions or to register please call LRGHealthcare Community Education at 527-2948.

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

When God is in control

BY LARRY SCOTT
Contributing Writer

The attempted impeachment of the President of the United States is, for many of us, an embarrassing commentary on the partisan self-interests of American leadership. This is the third time the nation has had to endure the impeachment of a sitting President and this endeavor seems to be more of a political vendetta than a search for justice.

But presupposing – and this is a presupposition that remains to be seen – the effort does not succeed this is more

than likely to insure a second term for our beleaguered President. Whether that is good or bad is, again, a matter of personal opinion.

As the affairs in Washington unfold toward a final resolution in January, many of us are praying that we can soon put all of this behind us. America needs an active congress, and it is hoped our legislators will soon be able to get back to the business for which they were elected.

And I remain optimistic for I am convinced that, even in affairs of state, God is in control.

Jesus invited His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Yes, heaven is also interested in matters of state, and without passing judgment on the merits of the case against our President, I suspicion God has been far more involved in the process than some might think.

And what I believe to be true for our nation has been true in my own experience as well.

If you have followed me in this column, you know that for me life has been no walk in the

park. Being a Christian is no cop-out from the pressures of life. We must all live within the mortal framework of our existence. Accidents happen, the unforeseen takes us by surprise, and we do stupid things that get us into deep trouble. We’d rather make our own decisions, serve our own interests, and hope the consequences will be to our good.

But I am fortunate in that I have been influenced by my Christian heritage. Yes, there are limits to my freedom. I cannot always do as I please. But don’t misun-

derstand; I am neither bragging nor complaining. I have taken the easy way out. Were it not for heaven’s oversight, I would have self-destructed long ago.

When God is in control, and this is my point, “all things,” to quote the Apostle Paul in the New Testament, “work together for good to them that love God.” We do not despair for we know we have not been forgotten. Heaven knows where we are and what we are going through. God is more than able to bring good from evil, to turn our scars into stars,

and to give us a song in the night.

How thankful I am to know that, when God is in control, sooner or later, He will give us, as per the prophet Isaiah, “a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.”

What an honor it is to be in the control and protective care of the Living God.

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

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Absence of value



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Any fee in the absence of value is too high. I’m referring specifically to fees regarding your investments, whether it is a fee that you are fee-only advisor charges, fee and commission advisor charges, registered rep or insurance representative. Whether we are in the business of charging

fees for advice, fees for asset management or commission and fees for product, the fee should be made known and very transparent to the client.

The registered representative or financial advisor, as many call themselves, typically sells product such as loaded mutual funds, or variable annuities, which all have commission and ongoing fees attached. Mutual funds with an A share designation usually charge an upfront commission and an ongoing management and marketing fee known as a 12b1 fee. So, using a fund from a very popular broker sold fund family, you might pay a 5.75 up front commission, and close to one percent management and marketing expense of which the bro-

ker may receive .25 basis points in what is called trail commission. Other shares of mutual funds that are designated as C shares may have little or no commission upfront but provides a one percent annual trail to the broker. The client usually pays about 1.75 percent to the fund company. These fees are not a line item charge but they are extracted from the return to the client.

That same registered representative may have a fee platform to manage your assets. Investment advisors that are fee-only will manage assets for a predetermined fee based on the assets under management. So, for the sake of this example, let’s say your asset management fee is one percent annually. Then you

must determine if there are any additional fees or expense for any mutual funds or exchange traded funds that are being used inside the management platform that has a one percent asset management fee already in place. Even if the advisor is using advisor class funds, that tend to have lower fees, you are still looking at probably 50 to 100 basis points for a managed mutual fund. So, all in you may be at 1.5 to two percent.

What I have seen in client accounts more recently, are third party asset managers. These TPAMs charge a fee that may be split with the advisor who is using this TPAM, because the advisor may not have the skill to manage the money “in house” or they do not

want to spend the time. The fee that you pay to these advisors is usually more than double what you would pay an asset management firm. This fee can have major consequences to your portfolio over time.

Variable annuities sold by registered reps can have fees that approach four percent. The compounded annual total return for the S&P 500 over the last 15 years including dividends has been just over four percent. It has been my experience that most advisers whose business is made up primarily of fee-based or fee-only typically try to use very low cost mutual funds or exchange traded funds to keep the overall fees low to the client.

My advice to you, the client, would be to find

out what the advisor plans to use in your account to manage your money, what the typical fees would be for those funds or if they’re going to use individual stocks and bonds before you really concern yourself of what the asset management fee would be, because any fee in the absence of value is too high. I have also seen some financial advisors charge a “financial planning” up-front fee for nothing more than an asset allocation! Work with a Fiduciary advisor who will work for you.

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

Remembrance Garden to be completed in 2020

WOLFEBORO — According to US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, 348 WWII veterans die each day, a statistic that highlights just one reason why Wright Museum’s Remembrance Garden has attracted such attention.

“The space honors not just WWII veterans, but all who served, which I think resonates with people of all ages,” said Wright Museum Executive Director Mike Culver.

Facing Center Street, the Remembrance Garden is framed by the exterior wall of the museum

upon which hundreds of memorial bricks are affixed.

The Remembrance Garden has also attracted many supporters along the way, including Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb), which provided funding in 2018 to plant shrubbery and flowers to help better frame the space.

Earlier in 2019, MVSb renewed its commitment to the Remembrance Garden with an additional financial contribution to expand it with more plantings and a state, national and MIA flag.

“They have been an

incredible supporter of this public space,” said Culver. “It is a wonderful partnership.”

In August, the museum held a dedication ceremony to commemorate the space, an event that recently wove another thread into its narrative. Moved by the ceremony, Dan Marrone, project analyst at Crown Castle Fiber and resident of Sandown, initially pledged \$5,000 as seed money to build a walkway from the entrance to the garden.

“At the ceremony, one of the veterans who was in a wheelchair struggled to get to the podium because of the grass,” Marrone explained. “I thought, ‘We need to do something about this.’”

Noting his father was in General Patton’s Third Army March in WWII, Marrone said his belief



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ROB LEVEY (Wright Museum Director of Advancement), Dan Marrone (donor) and Mike Culver (Wright Museum Executive Director).

in the importance of the Remembrance Garden spurred more reflection and the eventual desire to give more.

“I e-mailed Mike, and I said I would pay \$15,000 for the whole thing,” he said. “This way, it can be completed in the spring and drive more traffic to the museum.”

Crediting his friend Frank Hankus, whose wife Sandra is his cousin, as responsible for introducing him to Wright Museum, Marrone said he is thrilled to be part of the project.

“The Wright is a special place and so much more than meets the eye from the outside,” he said. “I hope an inviting walkway to the beautiful Remembrance Garden will encourage more visitors.”

Culver agreed and said the garden serves as “a reminder to all that no man or woman from any war will be forgotten.”

“We must remember,

we must recognize their contributions, and we must learn from them,” he said. “I cannot thank Dan enough for this incredible gift or the prior support of Meredith Village Savings Bank, Northeast Delta Dental and John Warner for his initial donation to start the garden. Together, they have created a public space that will endure for quite some time.”

The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battle field.

To learn more about the Remembrance Garden or Buy a Brick program, visit wrightmuseum.org.

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Alton	Barnes Ave., Lot 6	N/A	\$49,000	Rawland E. Dore 2000 Trust and Douglas A. Dore	Shawn Hillsgrove
Alton	221 Muchado Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$160,000	Jason and Kristin Grenon	Charles Stanton
Alton	Route 28	N/A	\$228,000	J.T. & A. Pellow Trust and Douglas J. Pellowe	Right Field Development LLC
Alton	N/A (Lot 13)	N/A	\$120,000	Carole L. Hughes	Timothy and Stephanie Erickson
Alton	N/A (Lot 8)	N/A	\$170,000	Jason C. Clark	James G. Garneau
Alton	N/A (Lot 115)	N/A	\$150,000	Brian M. and Christina L. Lever	Donato Marangiello
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$225,000	Ronald Hussey	Alton Place LLC
Barnstead	66 John Brown Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$279,933	Troy D. Cram	Joseph H. Rocha
Barnstead	39 S. Barnstead Rd.	Multi-Family Residence	\$51,500	US Bank NA Trust	Janet Wong
Barnstead	83 Valley Dam Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$387,533	Dorothy L. Sowards	Charles E. & B.L. Spinale RET
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$432,533	Allan P. Brown	Peter J. and Peggy Bramanti
New Durham	109 Ridge Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$294,000	Roger D. and Deborah D. Ealy	Heidi E. and Michael J. Adjutant

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

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programs, and exciting new offerings, Prescott Farm can help you and the ones you love create a new nature connection in the new year.

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bership Prescott Farm strives to help residents and visitors of the Lakes Region make connections with nature every day - and now it's easier than ever to share those connec-

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Popular favorites and exciting new programs Beginner Snowshoeing kicks off the month on Saturday, Jan. 4, 9-11 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity for adults who are new or returning to snowshoes and looking for a little guidance. Prescott Farm educators will cover the basics of snowshoeing and take it slow.

Explorers of all ages will have a blast during Snowshoe Fun and Games, a new program kicking off on Saturday, Jan. 11, 1-3 p.m. Games and challenges perfect for fun-seekers of any age and any snowshoe

experience level.

Artists of all experience levels will want to join Prescott Farm for the debut of a brand new series on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1-3 p.m. During Painting at Prescott Farm: Winter Wonders, educators will provide instruction on painting and the natural world as participants take inspiration from the beauty of Prescott Farm. Materials will be provided.

Later in the month, Prescott Farm welcomes back one of the most popular programs of 2019, Snowshoe Yoga. In this unique and peaceful snowshoe experience, participants are in nature as they practice yoga in snowshoes, are guided through a walking meditation, and are introduced to shinrin-yoku, or "forest bathing." Guest instructor Kate Kretschmer's adaptable style is perfect for individuals of all yoga and snowshoe levels. The series kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 25, 1-2 p.m. (Pre-registration for Snowshoe Yoga is highly recommended.)

Every season of 2020 is bursting with exceptional programs to help residents and visitors to the Lakes Region connect with nature. In addition

to the programs above, additional programs in January include:

Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Friday, Jan. 10, 6-8 p.m.)

Farm to Table Cooking: Winter Squash Soups (Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.-noon)

Discover Nature: Animal Tracking (Saturday, Jan. 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.)

Wilderness Survival: Winter Shelters (Saturday, Jan. 18, 1-3 p.m.)

Homeschool: Winter Series (begins Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1:30-3 p.m.)

A complete calendar of programs and descriptions – along with a guide to physical demands and recommended ages - can be found on the Community Connections Program page of the Prescott Farm website - prescottfarm.org. Registration for programs throughout 2020 are open now, giving guests the chance to plan ahead. Pre-registration is not required but highly recommended because many programs reach capacity well before the program date.

Additional questions and inquiries should go to Andie Hession, School & Community Programs Director, ahession@prescottfarm.org or 366-5695.



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BOOKS

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er... what would take me 48 hours to do, we got done in class in under an hour," she said. "[The students] enjoyed

it, they said, 'Could we do scrapbooking every Friday?'"

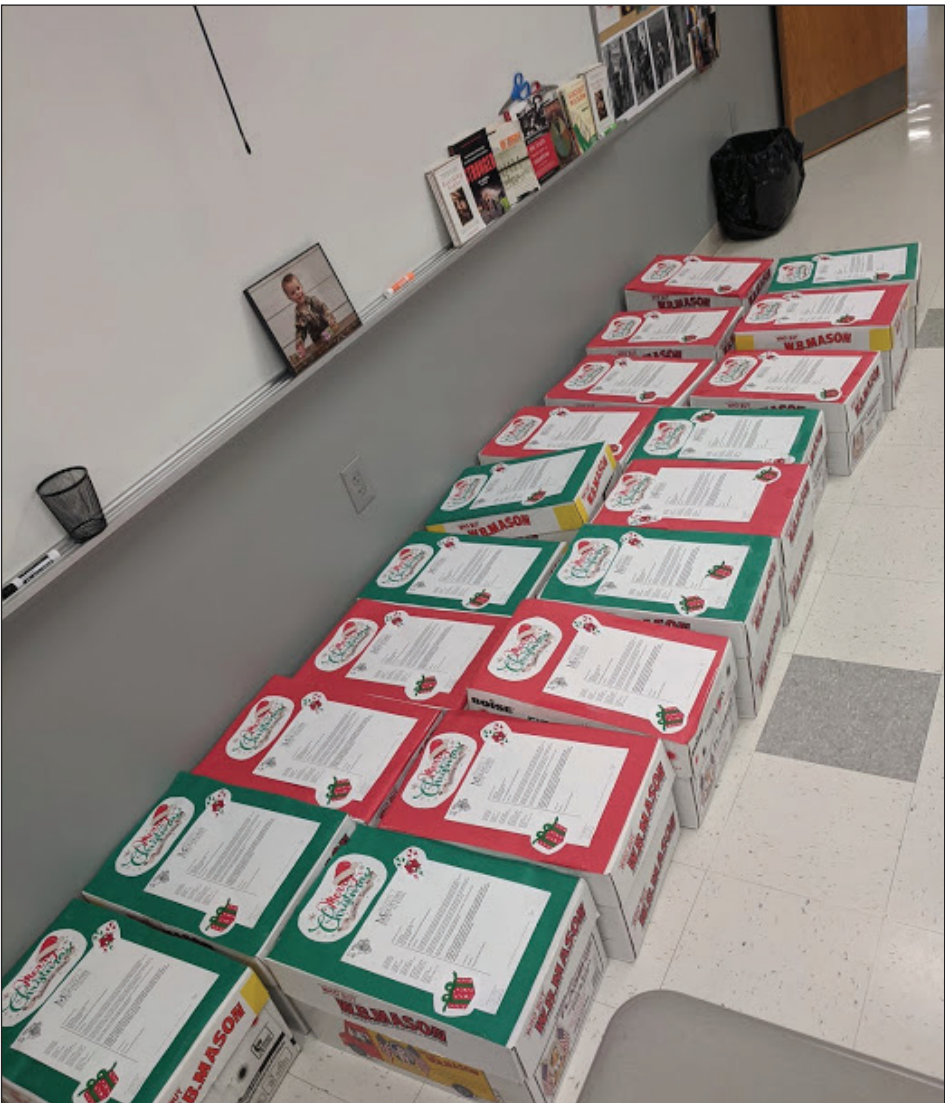
The boxes of books were distributed to the main offices of 18 schools, including in the

towns of Barnstead, Alton, Laconia, Belmont, Farmington, Milton and more. The books were all delivered before holiday breaks started. "They were sur-

prised, but really grateful," Roy said about delivering the books to the schools. "Aside from calling and saying, 'How many kindergarteners and first-graders do you have?' they didn't know

what was going on... so I just kind of showed up and said, 'This is from Prospect Mountain, there's a letter on top [of the boxes] that explains it.'" Roy said that she

hopes that it will become an annual event at PMHS. "It always feels good to do something good," she said.



KAYLA ROY – COURTESY PHOTO
THE BOOKS COLLECTED were boxed up and delivered to local schools.



COURTESY PHOTO
STUDENTS in Kayla Roy's classes helped collect books to deliver to students around the area.



KAYLA ROY – COURTESY PHOTO
BOOKS for students around the area were stacked around Kayla Roy's classroom.

BLOOD

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Blood Donor App.

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnstead Fire and Rescue's Parade

Station at 305 Parade Road.

There will be another blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 9, from 1 to 6 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel Church, 40 Hidden Springs Road in Alton.

BARNSTEAD

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reduce the line to \$4,000 from \$11,250 due to staff changes at the department.

Board Chairman Edward Tasker opened the floor for public input,

but with no public comments, public input was closed and the appointments portion of the meeting began.

The board had an appointment scheduled with Barnstead resident Sandra Demars regarding an anonymous complaint that was sent to the town and subsequently DES about her property with a town official's signature, but without a discussion with Demars first. She wanted to speak with the board not only about the issue itself, but also the board policies that allowed it to happen in the first place.

Demars explained that she came to the Dec. 3 board of selectmen meeting asking about how the town had initiated the complaint to her, and she read the letter that DES sent to

her after the department received the complaint. She said that there has been no precedent of the town filing a complaint form with DES on a resident based on an anonymous complaint.

Demars requested that the board discuss the issue and take a public vote to "accept error" by Jan. 7, in addition to sending a letter to DES requesting that all subsequent investigation cease and reimbursing the Demars family for the costs incurred to them so far because of the issue.

Tasker admitted that he was the town official who signed the complaint form.

"If necessary, I'll apologize," he said.

The board of selectmen will be seeking legal counsel on the issue.

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Rudolph with your nose so bright, how'd you get so far that night?



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

So here we are on Christmas Day, or the day after, depending on where you live and how badly you want to read the paper. Santa has probably come and gone. One of the day's big challenges is explaining about the cookies. When I was much younger, back when our parents really and truly hung a blanket above

the stairway to prevent us from seeing what was under the tree, I had a big problem figuring out Santa. This was when we had grandparents in Littleton and Lisbon, and there was no way I could figure out how a sled and a string of reindeer could make it from our house in Colebrook all the way 80 miles downriver to Cottage Street and onward, now Donner, now Blitzen, to the road to Landaff. This is not quite when I decided to stop believing in Santa, but I was beginning to have my doubts. It was a story increasingly full of holes, perhaps shot with the pair of realistic six-guns I found under the tree one year. They were Authentic



COURTESY PHOTO
I WENT looking for the silliest free clip-art of Rudolph I could find, and this was it.

Gene Autry Six-Guns, too, with realistic metal-casing rubber bullets and rolls of caps to fire. Today it's a safe bet that

sets of toy six-guns are hard to find as proper gifts for children. It's the stuff of memories and the occasional column. But you know, here is where the Hunter Safety training kicks in, as well as stern lessons we learned from hunters at camp. Never, ever point a gun at anyone. I've seen grownups flinch at even a toy gun, including me. And always assume that your gun, any gun, anywhere and whatsoever, is loaded.

There was a time, back when I was cooking Christmas breakfast for what seemed like a Cecil B. DeMille cast of thousands, that I'd take great delight in putting a tape of what I always called Manhattan Steamroller (Mannheim Steamroller) into the big boom-box and playing it at full volume to wake everyone up. Even the kids do not look back at this as a fond Christmas tradition. I had a bone-handle three-time fork I deployed as an excellent bacon-turner, and in fact still have it. It's the same fork my grandfather White used, or at least I think it is. It's a fond Christmas story that came close to crashing down when I found what was supposed to be a set of four such forks far back in a drawer at the family farm, with one fork missing. Sometimes it's not a good thing to go poking far into the way-back of drawers. Every seven or eight years, Christmas falls on a Wednesday, the very worst day for anyone publishing a weekly newspaper. The boss

wants to give the crew time off for whenever it'll do the most good. But he also has to handle the telephone calls the next morning from people who are mad about their papers being late. There's no such thing as a win in this scenario, except being glad that people want their paper badly enough to call and complain. +++++ It's a bit late, like Christmas Day breakfast would be without the sounds of Manhattan Steamroller crashing around the house, but to all for whom "Merry Christmas" still means something, and it should, all year-round, Merry Christmas. And next week, along with the usual list of resolutions I have absolutely no intention of keeping, it'll be "All the best for 2020 and beyond."

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

Locals on Dean's List at NHTI

CONCORD — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at NHTI, Concord's Community College in recognition of their academic achievement during the Fall 2019 term. In order to qualify for Dean's List, a student must be considered full time (registered for 12 credits or more) and have a term GPA of 3.3 or higher. From Alton, Shannon Armstrong, Emma Hardie, Alexandra McKenzie, Justin Perrin, Thomas Simpson, Lucas Therrien and Ethan Vogel.

From Barnstead, Frederik Pantis, Richard Pantis, Kathleen Rollins and Mikayla Towle. From New Durham, Christopher Hempel.

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Water quality committee seeking new members

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Agency to bring a waste water treatment facility to the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery. Meetings are held the third Wednesday evening of each month. The NDWQC is especially interested in individuals who have a desire to participate in water testing (sampling is done from land and from a row boat) and surveying waterbodies for the presence of exotic aquatic plant and animal species. Training for these activities is available. For further information or to show your interest in membership, contact Fred Quimby at FWQ1@cornell.edu or call 859-4280.

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Math chain

Jaclyn Benson's third grade class at New Durham School has engaged in a math mania challenge with third grades from Moultonborough, Gilford, Carpenter School (Wolfeboro) and Ossipee Central School. Students solve a word problem and then it is added to the chain. An example of one of the word problems is, "Paul bought six boxes of chocolate candy and four boxes of caramel candy. If each box has nine pieces inside it, how much candy did he have total?" So far, Mrs. Benson's class chain is 100 problems longer than any of the challengers and the class had 367 links as of Dec. 18.



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WHAT'S ON TAP

There is plenty of holiday tournament action in the coming week.

The Prospect Mountain and Kingswood hoop teams are taking part in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament, which kicks off on Friday, Dec. 27, in Gilford. Prospect Mountain opens against Belmont, with the girls at 11:30 a.m. and the boys at 1 p.m. The Kingswood girls open against Laconia at 11:30 a.m. and the boys open against Winnisquam at 4 p.m. Action continues with consolation games and semifinal games on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. The finals are Sunday, Dec. 29, girls at 4:30 p.m. and boys at 6 p.m.

The Prospect Mountain and Kingswood indoor track teams are both at Plymouth State on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m.

The Prospect and Kingswood swim teams are at Oyster River on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m.

The Prospect Mountain hoop teams return to reg-

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PMHS skiers kick off the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRETTON WOODS — The Prospect Mountain alpine team took to the slopes of Bretton

Woods for the first meet of the season on Friday, Dec. 13.

The Timber Wolf boys finished in fourth place overall in the morning

giant slalom, which consisted of two runs. Lin Wood, Gilford and Newfound took the top three spots.

Dalton Lawrence led

the way for the Timber Wolves with a time of 1:30.14, which placed him 26th overall.

Matt Bonner was next, finishing in 31st

place in 1:37.41 and Ian West finished in 33rd place in a time of 1:38.87.

Lander McLeod finished in 36th place over-

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Third period goals sink Knight boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Last year, the Kingswood hockey boys opened the season against Dover and gave up eight goals on the way to an 8-2 loss.

This year, the Green Wave came to Pop Whalen Arena to kick off the season on Monday, Dec. 16, and while the Knights didn't come away with the win, they did come through with a competitive game.

The visitors scored three unanswered goals in the third period to break a 2-2 tie and took the 5-2 win over coach Mike Potenza's boys.

"That's a step forward," said Potenza. "That's a top team in the league you get right out of the chute, it's a good measuring stick."

"We're in better shape than we were at the start of last year," the Knight coach added.

The two teams exchanged trips into the offensive zone but neither could get anything



COLBY CLEGG controls the puck in the corner during Kingswood's season opener.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

in the net, with keeper Oleg Sheahan handling the chances that came his way.

Kingswood got the first power play of the game just more than four minutes in and Will

Danaïs made a great move into the zone but was turned away. Bailey Savage made a nice feed in front but nobody was home to put the puck in.

With 9:01 to go, the power play paid off, as

Colby Clegg ripped a slap shot from the circle that was deflected in for the 1-0 lead. Savage got the assist on the goal.

The Green Wave didn't wait long to get the tying goal, as they

took the ensuing faceoff right into the zone and fired it past Sheahan for the tying goal just six seconds later.

Nick Potenza, Cody Emerson and Clegg all

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Holiday tournaments abound this weekend

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

The final day of the tournament is Saturday,

Dec. 28, with the consolation game at 3 p.m., the third place game at 4:45 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

The Kennett hoop boys and girls and the Plymouth hoop girls will all be taking part in the 41st annual Mike Lee Holiday Basketball Bash in Farmington starting on Dec. 26.

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

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

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

1:15 p.m. and the Kennett boys will play either at 9:30 a.m. or 5 p.m.

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

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

and Gilford Middle School.

On Friday, Dec. 27, the Kingswood girls will be playing Laconia at 11:30 a.m. in the high school, the Prospect girls will be playing Belmont at 11:30 a.m. in the middle school and the Newfound girls will be playing Winnisquam in the middle school at 2:30 p.m. The Newfound boys will play Laconia at 1 p.m. in the high school, Prospect boys play Belmont at 1 p.m. in the middle school and the Kingswood boys play Winnisquam at 4 p.m. in the middle school.

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

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

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

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Kingswood Legends Games set for Friday and Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Denise Cogswell prepared to sweep for Dave Alessandrini as Lakes Region Curling Association brought its Fall 2019 season to a close on Dec. 15. Now in its fifth year, the curling group is registering for its Winter 2020 league, which will run from Jan. 12 to March 8. The group conducts its matches at Pop Whalen Ice Arena on Sundays from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Registration is open to men and women 14 years of age or older, with or without curling experience, and all equipment is provided. A learn-to-curl session will be offered for new curlers on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 5 p.m. For information about curling in general and the LRCA in particular, as well as registration forms, visit lakescurlingnh.org.

PSU sets dates for volleyball camp

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University women’s volleyball head coach Joan Forge announced the dates for the team’s Panther Volleyball Camp set for next summer.

The camp, open to girls entering grades five through 12, will take place at Foley Gymnasium from July 27 to 30 and is broken into two sections.

Section one is open to girls entering fifth – eighth grades and is designed for beginner to intermediate players. Athletes will learn basic fundamental skills,

rules and strategies to be successful in the sport of volleyball from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day.

Section two is for girls entering ninth – 12th grades for beginner, intermediate and advanced players who want to play and excel at the high school level. Attendees will be challenged with improving basic fundamental skills and will have the opportunity to learn more advanced strategies, position-specific skills, transition and concepts of team play. Section two meets from 1 to 5 p.m.

The main focuses of both sessions will be to incorporate life lessons including character development, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Drills and daily scrimmages are aimed at developing the complete player. Athletes will be separated into courts according to skill level to both challenge and maximize their learning experiences.

The fee for section one of the camp is \$150, while section two fees are \$200. Registration fees include a camp tee

shirt. Camp staff includes Forge and other college, Junior Olympic and high school coaches, as well as collegiate players.

Online registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/PSUYouth-VBCamp>. All questions can be directed to Forge at jcforge@plymouth.edu or 535-2778.

PMHS seeking softball coach

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School in Alton is looking for a varsity softball coach for the spring season. Anyone interested in more information can contact Athletic Director Corey Roux at 875-3800.

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all in a time of 1:43.88 to round out the scoring.

Ryan Nolin finished in 1:46.29 for 37th place and Spencer Hogan finished in 38th place in 1:53.57.

The afternoon slalom consisted of just one run and again the Timber Wolves were in fourth place behind Lin-Wood, Gilford and Newfound.

Sam Bonner led the way for the Prospect boys with a time of 46.43 seconds for 22nd place.

Matt Bonner finished in 49.73 seconds for 28th place and West was 31st in a time of 51.35 seconds.

Lawrence rounded out the scoring with a time of 55.68 for 33rd place overall.

McLeod finished in 34th place in 56.01, Nolin finished in 58.95 seconds for 35th place and Hogan was 37th in a time of 1:05.3.

The Timber Wolf girls finished in sixth place overall in the morning giant slalom, with Lin-Wood, Gilford, White Mountains, Laconia and Newfound in the top five spots.

Amber Fernald led the way with a time of 1:40.92 for 30th place overall.

Grace Simenson finished in a time of 1:42.47 for 31st place and Isabelle DeMille finished in 1:47.38 for 34th place.

Madilyn Neathery rounded out the scoring with a time of 2:15.03 for 38th place overall.

In the afternoon slalom, Prospect was sixth

again behind the same five teams as the morning giant slalom.

Fernald was the first Timber Wolf, finishing in 50.24 seconds for 28th place.

Simenson was 29th in 50.37 and Gabby Greeley finished in 34th place in 1:03.41.

Neathery finished out the scoring for Prospect with a time of 1:04.07 for 35th place overall.

The Timber Wolves were scheduled to be in action at Bretton Woods again on Dec. 19, but that meet was cancelled.

Prospect will return to action on Friday, Jan. 3, at Gunstock at 10 a.m.

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Eagle girls roll past Knights

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — With both teams coming off opening losses, the second game of the season was a big one for the Kennett and Kingswood hoop girls in Wolfeboro on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Eagles were able to get the jump with good runs late in the first and second quarters and pulled away from the Knights for a 49-11 win.

“It’s always good to get a win,” said Kennett coach Larry Meader. “I thought the girls played a good game.

“Defensively they were pretty effective in the press and we need to be,” he continued. “That was good to see.”

“Some of the girls are not doing what they should be doing in terms of running the offense,” said Kingswood coach Marty Garabedian. “It breaks down pretty quickly.

“We continue to turn the ball over with careless passing,” he continued. “It’s something we’ve tried to work on.”

Things were even out of the gate as both teams had early baskets. Liz Cote got the scoring started for Kennett but Megan Davey answered with a bucket at the other end for Kingswood. After Sierra Parsons hit a hoop for the Eagles, Grace Saunders drained a free throw for the Knights to make it 4-3.

Kennett was able to close out the quarter on a 6-1 run to open up a 10-4 lead after one. Cote finished off her own steal with a hoop and added another hoop and Parsons also had a hoop in the run. Rachel Bonneau’s free throw closed out the quarter for Kingswood.

Cote drilled a three to start the second quarter, extending the lead to 13-4 but Davey came back with a pair of free throws at the other end. Though Saunders had a nice block on the defensive end, the Knights did not get another point the rest of the half, as Kennett closed the half on a 13-0 run.

Parsons started the run with a free throw and then hit two field goals in a row and then hit two more free throws for a 20-6 lead. Jaelin Cummings put back a rebound and had another basket and Sydnie Chin added a hoop as the Eagles closed out the half with a 26-6 lead.

Chin had the first two hoops of the third quarter for Kennett as the Eagles opened the second half with a 9-0 run. Cote drained another three-pointer and also hit a field goal, pushing the lead to 35-6.

Bonneau hit a free throw to get the Knights on the board and then Davey hit a basket. Chin hit another basket for the Eagles but Davey answered again, making it 37-11.

However, that was the last basket the Knights would get. Chin and Sam Habert scored the final two baskets of the quarter for the Eagles and Kennett took the 41-11 lead to the final eight minutes.

Olivia Scribner hit the first two baskets of the fourth quarter for the Eagles and then Mariah Parker recorded her var-



KENNETT’S SAM HABERT and Kingswood’s Grace Saunders stretch for the ball in action last Wednesday.

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MEGAN DAVEY looks to get around a Kennett defender in action last week.

sity points with two free throws and then Habert added one from the line. Catherine Chick then added her first varsity point with a free throw and the Eagles took the 49-11 win.

Cote finished with 14 points, Parsons added 11 and Chin had 10 for Kennett while Davey finished with eight to lead the Knights.

“We want to mix it up between zone and man and they did a nice job of that,” Meader said. “Our offense started to click, the pick and roll was effective once we got our timing down.”

The Eagle coach noted that Chin had a good game as she finds her varsity legs in her freshman year.

“She had a great game, she had some of the best box-outs,” Meader said. “With every game, she’ll get more and more confident and she’ll be an important key for us.”

Meader was also pleased with his team’s rebounding, something he was worried about since the Knights had a bigger lineup than he had.

Garabedian praised the play of Davey in the loss.

“She’s aggressive, that’s why she’s out there,” he said. “That’s something we want to see.

“We say take it to the basket and some girls

don’t even look at the basket,” Garabedian continued. “They put their heads down and drive and they don’t see open people.

“If you put your heads up you can pass the ball off and find the open people,” the Knight coach added.

The Eagles will be back in action in the Mike Lee Holiday Basketball Bash in Farmington starting on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 3:45 p.m. against Franklin. They will play again on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 1:15 p.m. and then play Sunday, Dec. 29, at 9 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. The finals are Monday, Dec. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

The Kingswood girls will be taking part in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament starting Friday, Dec. 27, at 11:30 a.m. against Laconia. They will move on to play at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28, and the championship game is Sunday, Dec. 29, at 4:30 p.m.

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ular season action on Thursday, Jan. 2, against Belmont, with the girls at home and the boys on the road, both at 6 p.m.

The Kingswood hockey boys are taking part in the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament in Conway. The Knights play Somersworth-Coe-Brown at 4:45 p.m. today, Dec. 26, and play John Stark-Hopkinton at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27. The final day of the tournament has games at 3 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Kingswood girls’ hockey team will play its first home game of the season on Saturday, Dec. 28, hosting Oyster River at 7 p.m.

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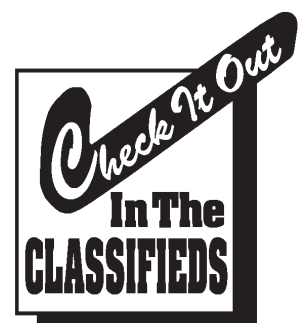
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This program is available to K – 8 students of all athletic levels and a desire to learn what Nordic skiing is all about. They'll be taught the basics of skiing by members of the Kingswood Nordic ski team and coaches from the Wolfeboro Nordic Ski Club.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

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

Another busy year in the books

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

And with this issue, 2019 is officially in the books as far as the newspaper goes.

Of course, with early holiday deadlines, this is actually being written on Dec. 18, so there's still two weeks left in the year.

However, it is still a good time to look back on what was a busy and exciting 2019.

While there were no international excursions (those are coming in 2020) like in 2018, there was still plenty of traveling in my 2019.

The biggest trip of the year came in August when my mother and I journeyed out west to visit my brother in Wyoming. In the search of seeing something I hadn't seen before, I booked the trip starting in Phoenix so we could make a trip to the Grand Canyon along the way.

We landed in Phoenix, cruised north to the Grand Canyon, which was pretty incredible. After some time at the south rim, we got back on the road and drove to southern Utah, where we spent the night. The next day, we drove across Utah and into Wyoming to my brother's house in Lander. We had a great visit before we had to drive to Denver for the return flight home.

While that was the longest trip of my year, there were a few other short trips throughout the year.

At the beginning of April, I made a quick trip out to Seattle to see the Red Sox in their second game of the season. I have set a goal of visiting a few new baseball parks every year and Seattle was the first one for last year. While it was a quick trip, I got up the Space Needle and enjoyed T-Mobile Park.

The next two baseball parks on my list this year happened to coincide with trips to see live podcast shows.

In mid-April, I took the train to Philadelphia for a Survivor podcast event with Rob Has a Podcast. Part of the trip was a baseball game at Citizens Bank Park, home of the Phillies. The park was nice, the podcast episode was great but it was a very quick trip, as I caught the train back that night.

In July, Rob Has a Podcast had another live show, without the Survivor aspect, this time in Minneapolis. I had never been there before so it was nice to see a new city, though it was during quite possible the hottest days of the year. The podcast taping was a lot of fun and we were able to take in a game at Target Field, home of the Minnesota Twins.

There was two more Survivor trips left after the new season began. In October, it was a quick train trip to New York for an RHAP taping. While it was raining, I did get to visit Central Park for the first time and enjoyed the podcast and after-party before heading home that night.

The final trip of the year came in early-December when I journeyed out to Brea, Calif. for another Survivor podcast with RHAP. Unfortunately, it rained for most of the day I was there, but the next morning there was some sunshine, allowing me to get down to Newport Beach for a bit.

There were certainly plenty of fun excursions this year, there is plenty to be excited about in 2020. But more about that next week.

Finally, have a great day, Jared Spaulding.

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HOCKEY

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had good chances for the Knights but they were denied while Dover had a few other chances as well, with Sheahan making a couple of solid saves in the Knight net.

Kingswood got the power play with 5:43 to go and Dover had a few shorthanded bids before Kingswood took its own penalty, resulting in a four-on-four for 29 seconds. The Green Wave got a power play but it didn't last too long, as they took a penalty with 3:04 to go, resulting in another four-on-four, this time for 53 seconds.

Dover scored during that time to take the 2-1 lead and the Knights went to a power for 1:08.

The power play paid off again as Clegg got in alone and poked the puck past the Dover keeper to make it 2-2 with 1:19 to go.

Potenza almost gave the Knights the lead in the final seconds of the period, but his bid was denied by the Dover goaltender and the period ended with the score tied at two.

The Knights took a penalty early in the second period but Sheahan was able to hold his ground nicely. Clegg had a shorthanded bid denied and Logan McEvoy had a good defensive clear as the Knights killed off the penalty.

Kingswood went on the power play with 10:24 to go and John Bean had a shot go wide of the net, while Potenza had a couple of chances, one stopped and another going over the top of the net before the penalty was killed off.

The Knights took another penalty with 6:47 to go in the seconds and Sheahan continued to shine, making a number of big saves while McEvoy had another clear and Gavin Goodwin had a good defensive play and the Knights killed off the advantage.

With 3:53 to go in the period, the Knights were again shorthanded and Sheahan again stepped up with a trio of big saves. Potenza had a shorthanded bid denied and with 2:51, the Knights were penalized again, giving Dover almost a minute of five-on-three advantage.

The Kingswood penalty kill stood strong with Bean and Emerson each having nice clears and Sheahan making a couple of stops. Potenza had another late bid but the two teams went to the second intermission with the score still tied at two.

Kingswood took another early penalty in the third period and good penalty killing kept Dover off the board. The Knights then went on the power play a few minutes later and shots from Potenza and Clegg were stopped.



WILL DANAIS takes a faceoff during action against Dover last Monday night.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

With 7:53 to go in the game, the Green Wave were able to connect for the go-ahead goal, sending a pass from behind the net out in front and it was buried for the 3-2 lead.

Just about a minute and a half later, the Green Wave struck again, this time ripping a shot from the circle for a 4-2 lead.

Kingswood bounced back with a power play chance, as Savage had a couple of bids and Potenza added another chance. However, a short-handed goal with 4:43 closed out the scoring.

Sheahan then held his ground the rest of the way, making a number of big saves to keep the game from getting away, though Dover skated off with the 5-2 win.

Potenza noted that the five-on-three penalty kill late in the second period was a big moment for his team, made bigger by the fact that a couple of his best penalty killers were in the box.

"We had two freshmen (Danaïs and Cam Kean) killing that five on three and doing just fine," Potenza said. "Those are things I feel encouraged by, in a five-on-three I can throw two freshmen out there with confidence."

But the Knight coach also noted there were some things the team has to continue to work on.

"We did a poor job picking up sticks in front of the net," Potenza said. "Those second and third whacks at the pucks is what kills us."

The Knights finished up their 2019 portion of the regular season after early deadlines at Spaulding on Dec. 18.

The team will be playing in the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament today, Dec. 26, at 4:45 p.m. against Somersworth-Coe-Brown and will be taking on John Stark-Hopkinton on Friday, Dec. 27, at 4:45 p.m. The tournament wraps up on Saturday, Dec. 28, with the consolation game at 3 p.m., the third place game at 4:45 p.m. and the championship game at 6:30 p.m.

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