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# Timber Wolves tip Bears on opening night

JOSHUA SPAULDING

ELLA SMITH looks toward the basket during her team's win over Newfound on Friday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

**ALTON** — The opening game of the season had a little bit of everything for the Newfound and Prospect Mountain

girls' basketball teams. The Bears traveled to Alton on Friday, Dec. 10, and the two teams went back and forth in the first quarter, playing to a tie and then the Bears opened up a lead at halftime. However, the Timber Wolves battled all the way back in the third quarter and took the lead to the final frame, before the Bears tried to claw all the way back, but

the Timber Wolves held tight for the 44-37 win.

"We had pretty good team defense, it's good holding them to 37 points," said veteran Prospect Mountain coach Rick Burley. "I thought we missed some more opportunities to put some more points on the board."

"We just didn't take advantage of our fast break transition, which is something Newfound is known for," said firstyear Bear coach Danielle Wilkins. "We run the floor well when we do it, but this first game was a little shaky."



### Early deadlines for Christmas

To ensure that the Dec. 23 edition of The Baysider arrives in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week has been changed to Thursday, Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brendan@salmonpress.news.

The staff of The Baysider thanks our readers for cooperating with this scheduling change, and wishes one and all a safe and happy holiday season.

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HANNAH CAPSALIS fires off a shot during opening night action against Newfound.

Aijah Thoroughgood got the scoring started for Prospect by putting back a rebound and Hannah Capsalis drained a three-pointer for a 5-0 lead out of the gate. A Malina Bohlmann hoop and a three-pointer from Matti Douville pulled Newfound even at five.

Bohlmann gave the Bears a lead with a basket and then Paulina Huckins scored five points in a row, first draining two free throws and then converting a three-point play for a 12-5 lead for the Bears. Capsalis hit a free throw at the other end and then drained a basket as the Timber Wolves closed the quarter on a 7-0 run. Ella Misiaszek drained a hoop and Capsalis put the final basket of the quarter in with 20 seconds to go, pulling Prospect even at 12 after the first eight minutes.

The Newfound girls held Prospect to just two points in the second quarter while scoring nine of their own. Huckins started the quarter with two free throws and after a Bohlmann hoop, MollyLu McKellar drained a pair of baskets and Huckins hit another free throw for the 21-12

Capsalis got Prospect's only basket of the quarter with 2:20 to go, pulling the Timber Wolves within seven of the Bears at 21-14 heading to the halftime break.

The third quarter belonged to the hosts, with Michaela Vernazzaro starting the frame with a free throw. After McKellar hit a hoop at the oth-

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### **Barnstead** welcomes new Parks and Rec Coordinator

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parks & Recreation Commission is delighted to welcome our new Parks and Rec Coordinator, Gail McCullough. She and her husband Bill are new arrivals to New Hampshire.

She was born in Michigan, and lived there until moving here two years ago.

She loves the beauty of New Hampshire, the many hiking trails, and especially being close to the ocean.

She brings exceptional management, coordination, and organization skills to the Parks & Rec Commission. These will be particularly valuable to the Commission's goal of building a rich and sustainable program whose success will be totally dependent on extensive volunteer support.

Since coming to New Hampshire Gail has joined two challenging, rewarding, and important volunteer programs: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and CASA. She has just concluded her CASA training which prepares her to "provide a voice for abused and neglected children and youth."

Her last job in Michigan was as Project Coordinator for a massive effort by General Motors to redesign their office space from closed door offices to open concept. She worked with people across the industrial spectrum: from GM Executives, to minimum wage workers.

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### Gilman Library Director celebrates 25 years of public service

Gilman Library

ALTON — Twenty-five years ago, when Gilman Library Assistant, Mary Batchelder, decided to retire, Library Director Pat Merrill chose to step down into the Assistant position. That left the Gilman Library Board of Trustees with the task of recruiting and hiring a new Library Director to fill her vacancy. Their choice was Holly Brown, who celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary as Gilman Library Director on Dec. 6.

Holly Brown was born in Rochester into a military family that moved her through several states SEE DIRECTOR, PAGE A7



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#### Lending a hand

Aroma Joe's in Alton loves their community. They love their regulars, their summer guests and those just traveling through town. They know that it is this community that helps them stay open and they are truly thankful. Each year they try and do something fun around this time to celebrate not only the holidays but the shop's birthday. In the past we have had Mr. and Mrs. Claus come to the hut, have donated toys to Toys For Tots, and once braved the winter winds with the fire and police department to host a Touch a Truck. This year, Aroma Joe's community outreach manager, Lindsey Ellis, wanted to focus on the community's bellies. She suggested a can drive. When they realized that the hut is too small to be a home to 100s of cans, they knew that wouldn't work. Together Ellis and owner Amanda Parkhurst put their minds to work. They decided that the owners would give \$1 for every \$1 the baristas made in tips on Thanksgiving weekend. Together with a community that supports the hard working baristas so much, they raised \$927 that will be donated to the Alton Community Services. When delivering the check, Alton Community Services told the Aroma Joe's staff how much the donation is going to help and how grateful they are.



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them. The Gilman Library extends a special thank you to the Alton Rotary Club for assisting with this outreach.

THINGS TO DO ON A COLD DAY ~ Too cold to go out and play in the snow? Make cocoa and read your favorite books from the library. Watch vour favorite Classic Holiday DVDs from the library. Play some family board games checked out from the library. Visit the library. Check out our magazine swaps, paperback swaps, and jig-saw puzzle swaps. Browse in the Friend's Corner to find a treasure to take home. Take advantage of our Meeting Room Book sale. There are lots of things to do when it is cold outside.

NEW BOOKS AND ~ We have THINGS some newly donated paperbacks, including Harlan Coben's "The Innocent" and several titles from the series by M.C. Beaton. For nonfiction, you might be interested in "Intuitive development: How to trust your inner knowing for guidance with relationships, health, and spirituality," by Emmy Vadnais, or "Stress less, accomplish more: meditation for extraordinary performance" by Emily Fletcher. We have also added more than a dozen family board games to the circulation. Come in and check them out.

WEDNESDAY STO-RY TIME ~ Olivia Ruhl will conduct our 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Story Time on Dec. 15 and Granny Apple is scheduled to be here on Dec. 22. Please note that if the school is closed due to inclement weather. these sessions will be canceled.

WEATHER CLOS-INGS ~ In the event of inclement weather, the Gilman Library will announce weather closings on gilmanlibrary. org, social media, and WMUR 9. If unsure, please call the library to see if we are open before you leave home. Safety is our highest concern. Remember, if the Alton Schools are closed due to weather, the library will be closed and all library-sponsored programs will be canceled. If inclement weather and poor travel conditions occur in the evening, on a weekend, or on a school vacation day, the library might close. Please check WMUR 9 for the latest updates.

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS** ~ The Gilman Library will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, close at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and will closed New Year's Day. We wish you safe and happy holidays. See you soon at the Gilman Library.





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# School District receives federal aid to mitigate pandemic fallout

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE

Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act better known by its acronym. CARES Act. has been helping the Governor Wentworth

in a number of ways. Already, the first phase of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER I) has been granted and al-

Regional School District man Jack Widmer laid out the numbers on Monday evening, Dec. 9. A total of \$539,307 has been committed for software for remote instruction and remote meetings. cleaning supplies, and School Board Chair- nursing services badly

needed with the onset of the pandemic. \$40,000 of that will apply toward programs to help close gaps in student achievement created by a school environment continually flexing as the virus has spread.

Widmer explained that the district has been making decisions on expenditures with student safety and well being a top priority, followed by addressing learning loss and improving student achievement, and enhancement of ventilation for health and safety. The grants are not to be used to reduce property taxes and any unspent money

must be returned to the federal government.

ESSER II 2023 Cares Act funding will bring \$2,928,158 over a twoyear period. Widmer disclosed that \$2,505,045 is committed, with the remainder, \$423,113.00, to be reallocated toward increasing academic achievement. He said the financial assistance will help the district recover and increase student academic achievement in a shorter period of time. Without the aid, it would have taken years to catch

The money pays for additional reading materials, after school tutoring and transportation, a two year math position, resources for social and emotional support, and a curriculum project manager. The district's teachers will benefit from a connection with the NH Learning Institute, including consultation and professional development.

ESSER III 2024 American Rescue Plan funding will come into play in 2024. The largest grant, by far, \$6,582,666, it will be upgrading heating, ventilation and cooling systems, expenditures that will save upgrade costs down the road, said Widmer.

# Sons of the Alton Legion help combat food insecurity



Left to right: Scott Douglas, SAL Commander, Bill Holmes, SAL Finance Heather Brown, End 68 Coordinator, John Cook, National Alternate, NEC and Brad Cardinal, SAL Sargent At

BARNSTEAD — A special thank you to the Sons of the Alton American Legion Family Post 72, who donated \$500 to the Barnstead End 68 Hours of Hunger Program to support local families during the holidays. The \$500 will help us during the holiday season to help supplement food for our families.

Each year, End 68 Hours of Hunger continues to security. This problem impacts a child's health and education as children. Through our food donation program, we have affected the lives of many children and teachers report that children are more responsible and their performance improves. Actual documented increases in reading and math scores have been reported as well. We make a difference in the potential

help of donations from supporters that will continue to make improvements in the lives of these children.

How you can help! Please: No glass, no refrigerator items) The following items we need the most are: Breakfast Bars and Pop Tarts, Individually wrapped cookies, fruit snacks and Crackers, Granola Bars, Homestyle Baked prepared meals, Canned Beef, Pepperoni. Donations can be dropped off at the Barnstead Elementary School, preferably on Thursdays between 3 and 4 p.m., but during school hours is fine. For more information call End 68 Coordinators, Lori Mahar at 603-490-5254 or Heather Brown at 603-848-9660.

The Sons of the Alton American Legion Family Post 72 support their veterans; however, they also support their local communities through donations, fundraisers and providing Thanksgiving and Christmas packages. In this time of Covid and economic instability, please reach out to see how you can help in your local community.

### **Our Town Energy** Alliance CEO, **Co-Founder retires**



Cate Barraford

REGION — Cate W. Barraford, CEO and co-founder of Our Town Energy Alliance is stepping down after 23 years. The heating fuel discount group OTEA was

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formed by Dan and Cate Barraford in 1999 under the name Our Town Energy Choice, as a community service to secure heating fuel discounts for their friends, neighbors and community in Barnstead and Alton.

When Daniel Barraford III passed away in 2011, Cate took over the company along with her son T. Elliot Barraford. The company started with 75 members and 1200 gallons of heating fuel for its members. Today OTEA is the largest heating fuel discount group in New Hamp-

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T. Elliot Barraford will serve as CEO, Ju-Barraford-Temel will join the company as President. Donna Waskiewicz, who joined OTEA in 2006, will continue serving as Operations Manager.

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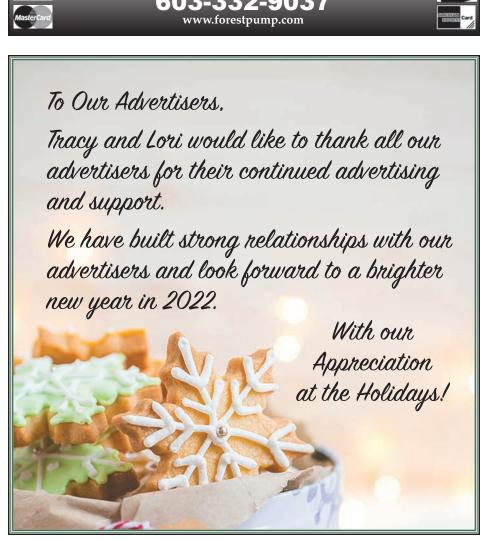
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# Opinion

## An epidemic of 'experts'

"Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge." — Charles Darwin

It seems as though in today's society, everyone is an expert. It's one thing to have a specific belief system or an educated opinion on a certain topic, (with the operative word here being educated) this to include all topics. However, it seems as though critical thinking has all but flown right out of the window. Common sense is used less and less with people making outlandish assumptions, believing misinformation and falling into line with outright absurdities. Social media doesn't help. Unfortunately, some people will read a meme and take it as face value. Some people even think JFK, Jr. is coming back to life.

With that, let us make one thing clear. None of us are experts — unless, well, we are. It turns out there's a name for this phenomenon, called the Dunning-Kruger effect. This is defined as a cognitive bias in which people think they are smarter and more capable than they are. So much so that people don't recognize their own incompetence.

The Dunning-Kruger effect takes place when a person begins speaking at length about a topic they know nothing about, yet claims everyone else is uninformed and wrong. For an example, if a student fails a test, yet believes they should have received an A. They are incapable of seeing their own faults.

David Dunning, an American social psychologist who along with Justin Kruger discovered the phenomenon, described it as such: "Instead, the incompetent are often blessed with an inappropriate confidence, buoyed by something that feels to them like knowledge. The trouble with ignorance is that it can feel just like expertise."

The cause of this effect, as described by Dunning, is that people are too incompetent to realize how incompetent they are. These individuals will fail to recognize the skill and expertise of others.

Also mentioned by Dunning is what's called metacognition. This is the ability to look within and evaluate yourself honestly. Oftentimes, those who suffer from this syndrome hear a small amount of knowledge on a topic, and then think they are experts.

No one person is an expert at everything. Dunning pointed out that everyone has areas in which they are incompetent. Oftentimes, if a person is an expert in one area, they mistakenly think they are an expert in all areas. Dunning did point out that those individuals who are genuine experts in any given field, are more likely to see their own flaws in other areas, and are able to accept the knowledge and expertise in others who truly possess it.

If your car breaks down, you will not bring it to I read the Wall Street the dentist. If you have a toothache, you will not go Jounral, the New York see a florist. Further, with the divide in our country politically, let us remember, that politics has zero to do with anyone's skill set. Our healthcare workers are being harassed daily by those who believe they are experts. There are doctors, nurses and healthcare providers who are both Republicans and Democrats or Independents. Car repair is car repair, healthcare is healthcare, creating a fine dining menu and becoming a top-rated chef is simply about food and creativity. We need to stop politicizing anything other than politics.

Common sense and critical thinking needs to find its way back into our society. Common sense is defined as the sound and prudent judgement based on a simple perception of the situation or fact.

As far as the political divide that has taken hold in this country. It's ridiculous. There is no need for anyone, on either side, to be filled with so much anger, because their candidate lost, or because someone disagrees with your way of thinking. The beauty of our country is that we can all think differently and still respect one another, and still have the ability to laugh over beers and pizza on a Friday night. The angry political signs still strewn about on either side, are tacky, immature and unintelligent. We can do better



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#### Super **Knights**

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School Students received the **November Super Knights** Award for Self-Esteem. In the first row is: 1) Ellie Brown; 2) Kylee King; 3) Adelle Harrington. In the second row is: 1) Jacob Dubuc; 2) Arabella Diamond; 3) Jacob Hyde. In the third row is: 1) James Rogers; 2) Blake Walbridge.

### **Letters to the Editor**

### Thank you for helping to find a cure

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the many members of Alton and surrounding towns for the generosity shown during the Thanksgiving food basket raffle to support research to cure Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood (AHC). From the members of Rotary, who donated the bountiful basket and sold raffle tickets, to the many of you who purchased tickets, we are remind-

ed of what a wonderful community we live in.

All proceeds will go to the AHC Research Foundation. Hopefully, a cure will soon be found to help our beautiful granddaughter and all from this debilitating neurological disorder.

other children suffering

Gratefully,

Larry & Cathy Hallin & Family Alton

### TDS — a terrible disease

To the Editor: I must confess, to

Bruce Jakubauskas of Barnstead, I have seen CNN a couple of times over the last few years. I have also seen WMUR, PBS, CBS, NBC, ABC. Times, & Boston Globe, when I can get them; the list includes PBS. both TV and radio, a few more not listed, last and least in importance FOX News (which it isn't) talk about opinions. The fact is, I have often listed facts. In fact, the last time I responded to you Bruce, I mention the fact #45 kept a copy of "Mein Kampf" at his bedside table, as reported in a Vanity Fair Article interview in 1990 from his ex-wife Ivana. Please, Bruce, get your facts straight. So, yes, I do suffer from (TDS), along with a whole bunch of people who made Joe Biden the president. Sadly, it falls to us who truly care about America. (TDS) equals Taking

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why I asked the question 'What, you all agree with me?' So, Bruce doesn't! That's fine.

Another point is that the Steele Dossier has been defended by the man who wrote it, and said it had been turned into a weapon of lies, by you guess it. The connecting of Cartier Page & Manafort has be proven to be true with the Russian. The Muller report did not exonerate, and did prove ties to Russia. Go read it if you want facts. Or listen to Fox's spin; whichever you get to first. The economy before COVID nowhere near it is today, lowest unemployment in the last 65 years, under Biden, the economy is great just look at wall street, highest it's ever been, under Biden, yes it goes up and down, but over-all it's up. One of my last letters, addressed my theory of D's verses R's and the economy. Supply chain problems where were you in the first few years of Regan and before?

Same as today except gas went from 35 cents to a dollar-fifty overnight, now yes that was under Carter, but it never went back down when Reagan stole the White House with a landslide. Inflation has been around all my life. A Milky Way candy bar was a nickel, now it's a dollar and a half and smaller in size. If you are a younger man, you will learn this as you age. My mother bought a chocolate bar for a penny or so she says.

Sure, looks like #45 doesn't get executive privilege, nor should he. The stench created by the SC if they grant to him, the out, he so wishes, to hide his crime. Always the crook, never the honest man. Why should a man who broke the Georgia State voting law by asking for 11,780 votes to be found, which is interfering with the legal count. They say it's a crime, as was Digging dirt on Biden in Ukraine, and that whole criminal act, "looking,

for a thing of value " in Ukraine, 'Dirt,' good reason to be impeached.

So, with all the

games the republican leadership and the rest of you are all playing. Like with the vaccine mandate, fine, don't get it, but don't be surprised when you show up at a hospital with co-vid and they tell you their daily quota of co-vid patients has been met, the beds they have are for people who have been vaccinated and have other medical needs. You #45 supporters are so afraid, you've been wronged, that you are ready to destroy the country for a lie. Please check your facts before you get your gun to go to a protest where you hope to do violence as has already been proven that's what your political party & position supports.

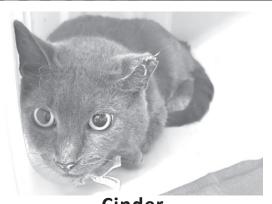
Respectfully,

John Q. Henderson Barnstead



#### Gannon

Meet Gannon! This big doofus loves to play, go for walks and eat treats. He's an inexperienced fella who needs an experienced owner to help him lean his manners! Gannon isn't a big fan of other dogs or cats, so he's seeking to be the only pet in his new home. Because Gannon is inexperienced with petting and handling, and he's still learning to share his things, he will do best in a home without children. Gannon is currently being treated for a skin condition that may or may not resolve with his current treatment plan. His adopters should speak to their veterinarian, and be prepared for the possibility than Gannon will need to take medication or be on a perscription diet for the rest of his life. If you are looking for a mature dog who needs help learning what love is really all about, then ask us about Gannon!



#### Cinder

Cinder here, and I have got some stories for you! My background is not like most, making it even harder for you to say no to adopting me. I am quiet around new people, but enjoy petting sessions. I would prefer a quiet home, one where I can warm up at my own pace and be the snuggle bug everyone here at the shelter knows I can be.



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### It wasn't about cows, but sheep; and making stone walls was cheap



By John Harrigan

COLUMNIST

Living off the land has always been the key to life as we've known it, from Native Americans to European colonies to today's people, with one foot in the past and the other feeling around for the next step.

Right now, the next step seems to be using the landscape as a backdrop for everything from motorized recreation (snowmobiles, ATVs, leaf-peepers) to land development and sustainable logging. Then we have the current virus-driven land speculation and what the government calls "housing starts," another turn of events that has generated little media attention.

People trying to scratch out a living here have relied on hunting and gathering, timber exploitation, subsistence farming, potato whisky, starch mills, cheese factories, dairy farming, migration from the cities, immigration, natural growth, and landscape-driven lifestyles. Thus, any new developments in trying to eke out a living from the land should come as no surprise.

One of New Hampshire's most sustainable resources is its people. Nothing much is likely to knock them down, not even the occasional rampant virus. "There is a certain boldness and brightness to the step," is how one long-ago writer put it. It is the kind of effect that can make you think you can do busi-

ness on a handshake (caveat emptor).

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Long-distance races are a recent evolution, ranging from runpaddle-run events to bicycle races. One can visualize a pretty simple food-to-energy cost in such enterprises, and they are relatively easy on the landscape.

At the high end of such things is the attempt in Colorado to emulate the Europeans in their alpine-skiing three-to five-day treks. The term "hut" hardly does justice to the new American West experience, which offers creative food, hot showers. and fresh linens. Guests do none of the work. Firewood, for instance, is evidently brought in by elves.

The Colorado experience primarily attracts people who are fit enough to be on the high end of back country skiing, and who are prepared to put skins onto alpine skis and schlep cross-country to ski the slopes of one peak after another. But the real attraction is not just the landscape, but the "huts," and the level of service they offer.

In terms of jobs, this kind of thing can be seen as a high return. It could never equal that of the grand hotels, but its strength is in its spreadout variety.

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New Hampshire is about 84 percent forested, second in the Lower 48, behind only Maine (89 percent). Most people I run into who care about this kind of thing (they mostly run away) think this state was at one time about half-cleared (which is true), and that it was for dairy cows. Nay, nay (wait---

that's a horse), not true. It was for sheep.

New England at one time rivaled the likes of Australia, New Zealand, and Scotland in the export of wool. In general, in the post-Industial Revolution world, Europe had the machinery, and we and the other countries had the land. In the end, of course, we took over the machinery leadership and surfed the wave well until synthetic fiber came along.

For a while there, New Hampshire had thousands of wool-producing farms big and small, ranging from subsistence farms with only half a dozen sheep---all scissor-shorn---to larger outfits that had water-powered shearing machines and, later, steam-driven machinery, and then electricity until the wool market began its waning years.

Not until the arrival of the railroads and refrigerated cars could the dairy industry evolve and take its successive hold on northern New England farms. Until then, the driving force behind those stone walls we now step over far back in the woods, all over hill and dale, were driven not by cows, but sheep.

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Because I've been newspapering for so long, and so enjoyed doing radio and television on the side, I've also had a keen ear for advertising---the driving force behind the news business. Well, to call it "the news business" is a bit of a misuse. News is supposed to be sacrosanct, a healthy step away from crass commercialism. But it is the capitalist system---call it crass commercialism---that allows the news world to exist.

Anyway, lest we wal-

low in this swamp, I've long had an abnormal interest in the content of newspaper ads and radio and television commercials, and how and why they are made.

---A round of applause for MacDonald's, for a TV commercial featuring two working stiffs in a truck, one sound asleep while the other orders early morning coffee for two from the drive-through. For city and small-town Americans alike, this ad resonates.

--A big "boo" for all the sound-alike ads hovering around the Medicare signup period, like vultures. Many of the supposed freebies are rare to nonexistent, Medicare itself has all sorts of free help available, and the "health plans" these outfits offer add their own costs to the heap.

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Many people out and about on the landscape have no clue about the role of potatoes in the clearing of the land. As I understand it, our acidic soils produce potatoes that are very good, for sure (in fact, superior, in my book), but have a lot of blemishes. Thus when fickle, spoiled consumers began getting picky about appearance, our spuds could not compete with gorgeous, designer-potatoes from Oregon and California.

Maine, meanwhile, held onto its potato industry, and did it by forgetting supermarket appearance and going for industrial uses instead. These include everything from French fries to potato puffs to canned potatoes, which I've used and are in fact pretty good. Why New Hampshire didn't opt for a similar tack is another question.

As for potato whisky,



An event at Tamworth Distilling, one of several such enterprises around the state, some producing potato vodka but evidently none producing potato whisky. (Courtesy Tamworth Distilling)

this was either top-shelf stuff or something to be spat out until some rum or hard cider got passed around. Today, there are half a dozen or so distilleries in New Hampshire that produce potato vodka, but none making potato whisky that I could find. Suffice to say that in days of yore the stuff was produced hither and yon and was not perishable until ingestion, after which the jury is still out.

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As for stone walls, there was never any lack of the material, and to be made fit for plowing the land had to be cleared of stumps and stones. Thus, everything that could be pried onto a stone-boat was hauled to adjoining boundaries, and remaining outcrops of bedrock and glacial erratics were left to roving (and pricy) dynamiters, or left to the ages, to be plowed around for generations.

Stone walls can be seen as cheap alternatives to expensive and rock-free bottomland, and anyone who knows history can understand why the enticement of stone-free land in Illinois and Indiana made local farm families move out there in droves.

The stone walls we step across today were built by husbands and wives and teenagers and even kids, who joined forces and pried rocks out of the ground and hauled them to the edges or a central pile. They are testimony to just how far people had to go, and did go, to eke out a living from the land.

(Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

### **Letters to the Editor**

### Meetinghouse Restoration Committee grateful for community's support

To the Editor:

The New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the community for the outpouring of support we have received in the last few months.

The reception of our three Meetinghouse Merry Meetings (Cooking and Baking in the 1800s, Native American artifacts, Christmas at the Meetinghouse) has been outstanding, and makes the time and effort that go into each event worthwhile. Paul Denise Pouliot, head speakers of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People also deserve thanks for their time and expertise, as well as our volunteer who lends us items from the past, and our guitarist who led the caroling.

The donations received, along with the sales of our beautiful notecards, have all been put toward restoration efforts, and those figures are really adding up!

Please continue to clear out your closets, as just since May we have raised more than \$1,000 at the used clothing shed at the Transfer Station. Anyone can drop off bagged clothing, shoes, purses, and sheets – they do not have to be a resident.

The Meetinghouse is "Ready for Restoration," but the most important part of that is preparing it for use by you, the owners. This building has been the gathering place for New Durham residents since before there was an America.

The Committee wants you to be able to have a wedding, a memorial service, a family reunion, a baby shower, a club meeting, or whatever gathering you want without having to rent some space out of town for an arm and a leg. This is your building.

Once a fully functioning community center, it will be the perfect venue for workshops, art shows, exhibits, holiday programs, receptions,

Please continue to classes, and everything ear out your closets, as under the sun.

We have three more restoration phases to go through over the course of about five years; it sounds daunting, but it really isn't. Every little bit of work done on the Meetinghouse is eligible for grants!

Some grants are matching, so we need to provide a share, and some are outright. The more the Town puts away in the Capital Reserve Fund and the more we get in donations, the more we can apply for in grants, and the more money residents can save!

Plus, we've already lined up vendors and workers who will help for free or at cost – that will add up to a huge savings!

You can help – take three minutes to answer questions regarding use of the Meetinghouse online. No personal information is requested. Email the Restoration Committee at newdurhammeetinghouse@ gmail.com for the link, find it on Facebook on our page New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee, or key in https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LVN5CJ.

The more responses to this survey the better, as we can use the results when applying for grants. In fact, we got a grant to do the survey! Remember, the Meetinghouse is a New Hampshire Preservation Alliance designated Seven to Save structure and a recipient of Land and Community Heritage Investment Program grants, and is therefore highly competitive.

The building has a lot going for it; but most of all, it has the support of the people who understand the significance and value of this site. Thank you for your continued involvement.

The New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

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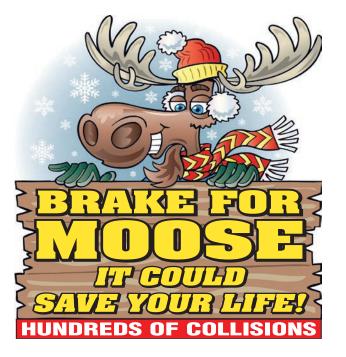
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### **O**BITUARY

### Natalie "Nat" "Nanny" Nelson, 89 May 19th, 1932 - November 3rd, 2021

New Durham NH -Natalie "Nat" "Nanny" Nelson, age 89, died with her family by her side at Frisbie Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Natalie was born in Brockton Ma. She grew up on the south shore of Massachusetts and was a terrific young athlete. She loved to ice skate, play tennis, and swim, just to state a few. Natalie was faced with the decision of whether to join the Ice Capades or marry Brinley. She chose Brinley, who predeceased her in 2016. They were married for

In 1969 Natalie and Brinley moved their family to New Durham and became the proud owners of the Foxy Johnnie Restaurant. They owned and operated the Foxy until 1994 when it was passed on to their daughter Cherine and her husband James. Natalie remained the "hostess with the mostest" until 2002. She loved her job greeting people and she always did so with a smile on her face.

Natalie was a gifted artist who shared her skills with the next

generation. She loved to paint, sketch, knit and she loved to play the piano. Something she passed down to her grandchildren.

Natalie is survived by her son John and his wife Kathleen of The Villages, Fl., and her daughter Cherine and her husband James of New Durham. She also leaves behind five grandchildren; Jessica, Elizabeth, Michael, Joseph, and Katelyn.

Funeral arrangements have not been finalized but will take place in the Spring.

### **Alton Parks** and Recreation Connection

Stockings for Seniors

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Alton Senior Center, is collecting stocking stuffer items for Alton seniors in time for Christmas. Our goal is to collect 50 items, which will be hand delivered in stockings to the Seniors in town. If you would like to participate please drop off your cheerful items by Dec. 17 to the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 328 Main St. Desired items include: Puzzles with large pieces/300 pieces; adult coloring books and colored pencils; hand written notes; hand lotion, soap, body wash; warm socks; soft throw blankets; chocolates/assorted nuts. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

"Light Up Alton" Event Holiday House Decorating Contest & Business Decorating Contest

Join in the fun and help decorate Alton with holiday lights.

For Residents: The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Holiday House Decorating Contest. The contest is open to homes within the Alton and Alton Bay zip codes (03809 & 03810). For an Entry Form and Contest Rules go to www.alton.nh.gov or contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

FOR BUSINESSES/Nonprofits: The ABA is sponsoring the Business Decorating Contest. For Business Entries, email your pictures to the ABA info@ altonbusinessassociation.com or post on the ABA/Alton Parks & Recreation Facebook Event Page, be sure to include your business name!

Please send photos by Dec. 17. Prizes will be awarded to category winners! Winners will be announced Dec. 21. Categories for prizes are: People's Choice (Facebook Vote); Most Holiday Spirit; Creative Use of Lights; and Best Main Street Location. Happy decorating Alton and THANK YOU for joining us in bringing festive cheer to our community.

Stay cozy and warm this Winter with your very own homemade blanket. Alton Parks and Recreation is offering a No-Sew Fleece Blanket kit for ages eight to 99! The blanket features a fun snowflake print on one side, and "bright icy blue" plain fleece on the other side. Blankets are 48" wide in a cozy throw size. \$6 each. To reserve your blanket for pickup at the Parks and Recreation office (328 Main St.), please contact <u>parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov</u> or 603-875-0109.

### Alton Fire Department auctioning off two snowmobiles

ALTON — Now that winter is almost here, are you in the market for two snowmobiles? The Town of Alton Fire Department is currently auctioning off a snowmobile package containing two Polaris snowmobiles and an open trailer. This online auction is open to the public at municibid.com and ends on Thursday, Dec. 16. New Hampshire residents are able to bid in this government auction online, 24/7, on Municibid.

All of the proceeds from this auction is going right back to the Town of Alton Fire Department. The funds can be used to purchase new fire safety equipment for rescues and to fund other initiatives that will help keep the local Alton community safe.

This auction is for one package containing two Polaris snowmobiles and an open trailer — it will be sold as a complete package only. It contains one 1998 Polaris Indy Trail Touring 500 snowmobile, which is liquid cooled with 2500 miles. It features an electric start and reverse, but it is currently not running due to a suspected head gasket issue. The engine was rebuilt by HK Powersports about 200 miles ago.

The package also contains a 2002 Polaris 550 Trail Touring snowmobile, which is fan cooled with 500 miles. It is currently running, but the electric start does not work. The machine rides and runs as it should. The included Snowpro 101x10 trailer's tires hold air and its lights are operational. All of the items in the package are being sold as is, as seen, with no warranty expressed or implied. All sales will be final.

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# Rotary Club ensures a merry Christmas for local seniors



June McLaughlin (center) organized her fellow Rotary members into wrapping the many items donated to the Alton area elderly to be used as Christmas gifts. She took the 'reins' from Santa and gathered gifts for the elderly who are dependent on community social organizations for their well-being. All the elderly will get the gift they requested.

ALTON — A member of the Alton Centennial Rotary club, June McLaughlin, took the reins to ensure Alton's area elderly, who are associated with organizations dedicated to caring for them, will have a very merry Christmas as well. Mclaughlin organized her fellow Rotary club members, along with TD Bank, St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Profile Bank (\$500 donation) and including other local residents, assures all of them will receive the Christmas gift they've asked Santa for.

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"Rotary, and for me personally, want to thank both TD Bank and St. Katherine Rexel Parish for letting us put up a Christmas tree in their building on which we hung tags, shaped like ornaments, with a written request for what an elderly person was hoping to get from Santa. The public response was overwhelming and virtually all requests were met," McLaughlin said.

Santa will now retake the reins and be delivering all gifts the week of Christmas.



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#### **GIRLS**

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er end, Capsalis drained three-pointer. Isa LaPlume drained a hoop for Newfound to keep the lead at 25-18 before the Timber Wolves scored the next seven points. Ella Smith started the run with a three-pointer and then Misiaszek put in a pair of baskets, pulling Prospect even at 25 with 5:20 to go in the third quarter.

Huckins put the Bears back in the lead with a pair of free throws, but Vernazzaro sank a basket to pull the Timber Wolves even again. Capsalis finished off a big steal from Smith with a three-point play and Prospect never trailed again.

Rylee Barney hit a free throw for Newfound before Smith drained her second three-pointer of the quarter and Capsalis added a basket. Huckins hit a free throw and Smith closed out the quarter with a bucket and Prospect took the 37-29 lead to the fourth quarter.

Bohlmann started the Wolf coach continued. fourth quarter with a hoop but Smith sank another three-pointer for the Timber Wolves. Misiaszek followed with a basket before Barney hit a free throw and Huckins and Bolhmann had back-to-back buckets to cut the lead to 42-36.

Misiaszek added a basket to push the lead back to eight before a McKellar free throw closed out the game's scoring for the 44-37 final.

Capsalis led Timber Wolves with 18 points, while Smith finished with 11 points and Misiaszek added 10. Huckins led the way for Newfound with 13 points and Bolhmann chipped in with 10.

"We don't have size, but we have talented kids that can shoot and dribble attack," Burley said. "It's a different look for our team. We have four ball handlers and that's a different dynamic look.

"That's a good win for us, that's a good team we just beat," the Timber

"For the opening game, I'm pretty happy for the girls with how they played."

Burley praised the work of Thoroughgood and Charlize Locke, noting that their work might not have showed up in the stat sheet, but

it was important. "We got in a little foul trouble early, but Charlize came in and played well down low and gave us some good minutes," Burley said. "And people don't realize what (Aijah) does defensively with ball pressure."

"Prospect played man-to-man and I don't think we were ready for that," Wilkins said. "It was not a game where we played as a team.

"The loss for them, to me is humbling," the first-year Bear coach continued. "We tell them every day in practice, every team is a beatable team.

"How many layups did we miss, how many easy fast breaks did we miss," Wilkins questioned. "That's the game

The Dec. 3 meeting of

right there.

"But we'll go back and watch the film and see what we can do differently," she added.

The two teams are scheduled to meet again on Monday, Dec. 20, in Bristol at 6 p.m. Newfound will be at White Mountains on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Prospect will be hosting Somersworth on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6

PMHS 12-2-23-7-44 NRHS 12-9-8-8-37

Prospect 44

Capsalis 7-2-18, Misiaszek 5-0-10, Thoroughgood 1-0-2, Vernazzaro 1-1-3, Smith 4-0-11, Totals 18-3-44

Newfound 37

LaPlume 1-0-2, Douville 1-0-3, Barney 0-2-2, Bohlmann 5-0-10, Huckins 2-9-13, McKellar 3-1-7, Totals 12-12-37

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#### **McCULLOUGH**

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Gail McCullough

On first meeting, Mc-Cullough is friendly, easy to meet, and unassuming. Don't let that fool you. At one point, the Michigan based construction company that employer her sent her to straighten out a Louisiana job site building specialized equipment for Gulf of Mexico oil rigs.

Upon arrival, she asked a man who had been identified by management as a "problem" employee to start work on an assigned task. The man turned to the thirdparty Quality Assurance Inspector and said "I ain't takin' no orders from a woman. When she leaves, you can tell me what to do." McCullough responded calmly and clearly, "Sorry Mister. I'm going nowhere. You're the one going someplace. Head on home and don't come back."

Barnstead Parks and Rec Commissioners now know they will have to mind their "p"s and "q"s as long as McCullough is around.

USE HIGH SCHOOL SLATE STANDING

Thursday, Dec. 16 **PROSPECT MOUNTAIN** 

Alpine Skiing at Bretton Woods; 10 Friday, Dec. 17

**KENNETT** 

Boys' Hoops at Lebanon; 6:30 Girls' Hoops vs. Lebanon; 5:30 **KINGSWOOD** 

Boys' Hoops at Laconia; 6

Girls' Hoops vs. Laconia; 6

Saturday, Dec. 18 **KENNETT** 

Hockey at Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield; 4:20 **KINGSWOOD** 

Boys' Hockey at Somersworth-Coe-Brown; 8 Girls' Hockey vs. Keene; 7

Monday, Dec. 20 **KENNETT** 

Boys' Hoops at Pembroke; 7 Girls' Hoops vs. Pembroke; 5:30

**KINGSWOOD** Boys' Hoops vs. Plymouth; 6

Girls' Hoops at Plymouth; 6:30 **PROSPECT MOUNTAIN** 

Boys' Hoops vs. Newfound: 6 Girls' Hoops at Newfound; 6:30

Wednesday, Dec. 22

**KENNETT** Alpine Skiing at King Pine; 9:30

Boys' Hoops at Berlin; 6:30 Girls' Hoops vs. Berlin; 5:30 Hockey vs. Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes; 6:30

**KINGSWOOD** Alpine Skiing at King Pine; 9:30

Boys' Hockey vs. Alvirne; 7 Girls' Hockey at Oyster River-Portsmouth; 6 **PROSPECT MOUNTAIN** 

Bovs' Hoops at Somersworth: 7 Girls' Hoops vs. Somersworth; 6

All schedules are subject to change.

#### DIRECTOR

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throughout her childhood, before returning to this state. Extended family was residing in Strafford and Carroll counties when her parents settled in Alton for her Freshman year of high school. Her roots were established, and Alton became her permanent home. Her parents operated the former Alton Village Video on Main Street and family members still reside in

Town.

When Holly Brown set off for college in Vermont, working part-time in the college library to cover expenses, she did not then envision a career in the field. After she decided to temporarily interrupt her studies, her life's path led her through employment in retail sales, marriage, and two children, when five years later the journey circled her back to working part-time in the library, first at the Gafney Library in Sanbornton and then the Moultonborough Public Library. She prefers to be addressed as Brown by adult patrons and often introduces herself to the younger patrons as "Miss Holly." It was her love for libraries that rekindled her desire to complete her studies, which first required her to leave the library once again. This time, her priorities as a working mother providing for her young children, led her to work as a bank teller with Farmington National Bank, fitting college classes into the evenings, secondary to her family's needs.

Though Librarianship was not her first career choice, the love of libraries, learning, and helping others, led her to that path. The opportunity arose to apply for the position of Library Director at the Gilman Library, and she was selected from the candidates. After assuming her leadership duties in December 1996, she was there for the April 1997 ground-breaking for the impressive library additions that added two large wings on either side of the small li-

brary and expanded the basement to a full lower ground

Level with a meeting room, kitchen, public restrooms, and an elevator. Meanwhile, she completed her Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from Granite State College, on June 30, 1997, followed by her Library Techniques Certificate with the College of Lifelong Learning, which is now merged into Granite State College, August 1999.

During her years of public service, Brown has never lost her desire to complete her graduate studies. Thanks to was able to realize that goal with online courses over a three-year time frame with the University of North Texas. She first received the Advanced Management in Libraries and Information Agencies Advanced Graduate Certificate on

the Friends of the Gilman concluded with a recognition of her service and a gift of appreciation. On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Gilman Library Board of Trustees brought a sheet cake to the library when it opened in the morning, to allow patrons to share in the celebration throughout the day. Later in the afternoon, Library Staff, Volunteers, former staff, and library patrons gathered to surprise Ms. Brown a third time, with small gifts, cards, and light refreshments before the Library Trustees returned a supportive Board of for the monthly business Library Trustees, she meeting and another recognition in appreciation of 25 years of service.

As a quiet and humble person, Brown hesitates to speak of her own accomplishments. While twenty-five years is a long time and can be challenging and tiring at times, she is not planning to retire anytime soon.

She states, "The first 25 years of my journey here at the library have been a blessing and a pleasure, made possible by wonderful Trustees, staff, friends, and library patrons."

Over the years, Holly Brown has maintained her reputation as a soft-spoken, gentlewoman, earning the respect of Town officials, business and community leaders, teachers, parents, as well as the children of this community who have since grown and returned to the library with their own children. She is the face of the Gilman Library wherever she goes. She represents the Gilman Library well.

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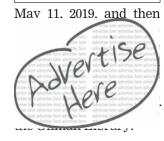
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Alton	175 Frank C. Gilman High	way Single-Family Residence	\$610,000
Alton	8 Igalss Terrace	N/A	\$75,000
Alton	870 Stockbridge Corner Rd	l. Forest Use	\$624,200
Alton	662 Suncook Valley Rd.	Mobile Home	\$280,000
Barnstead	Barton Road	N/A	\$81,000
Barnstead	144 Holmes Rd.	Mobile Home	\$255,000
Barnstead	N. Barnstead Road (Lot)	Residential Open Land	\$42,000
Barnstead	272 Shackford Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$260,000
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Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$175,000

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## Prospect boys looking to continue to build

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

ALTON — Last year was definitely a weird year to take over as head coach of a basketball

team, but Kiernan Gor-

most of the experience at Prospect Mountain.

Gordon returns to the helm of the Timber Wolf boys this winter with a

don tried to make the his belt and a team that has a year of playing learning his style and expectations.

"Taking over program during year of experience under COVID-impacted season

was very challenging but allowed all of us to become familiar with one another and develop standards of commitment to the program," Gordon said. "The goal

is to be competitive with other Division III schools, many of which have the top programs in the state at any level.

"We want to achieve our peak basketball per-

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formance in February," the Timber Wolf coach added.

The Timber Wolves have three returning seniors on this year's squad. Deuce Smith is back as a strong and crafty combo guard, Ethan Howe returns as an excellent shooter who can play multiple positions and Ian Sandhage is a tough and versatile player.

Nathan Archambault is back for a junior season and is a hard-nosed crafty player and a good shooter who made a name for himself on the JV team last year, winning the team MVP Award at the end of the season.

Sophomore Ethan Capsalis also returns to the team as an excellent shooter and playmaker.

Gordon is also excited to welcome sophomore Cam Collins to the program, as he has transferred from Kingswood and is an athletic player who shoots well and has a high-ceiling potential.

"We had solid commitment through the summer and fall and hope that pays dividends moving forward," the Prospect coach said of his early-season thoughts on his team's preseason work.

Additionally, the Timber Wolves will be fundraising for new shooting shirts and other materials and will be beginning an e-mail campaign soon. Those interested in contributing can contact Gordon at coach-gordon@pmhschool.com for more information or follow the team on Twitter at T\_WolvesBHoops

for announcements. Prospect is back to a regular Division III schedule this year, with two games each against Newfound, Campbell, Somersworth, Belmont, Winnisquam, Berlin and Gilford and single games against Inter-Lakes, St. Thomas and White Mountains Regional.

The Timber Wolves kicked off the regular season with a loss to Newfound on Friday. They were in action after deadline Tuesday against Campbell and will host a rematch with Newfound on Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. and will be at Somersworth at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, to close out the 2021 portion of the regular season schedule.

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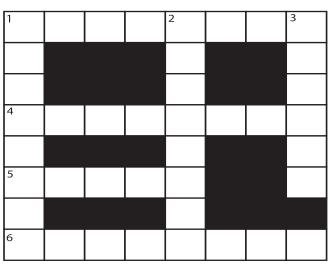




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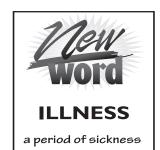


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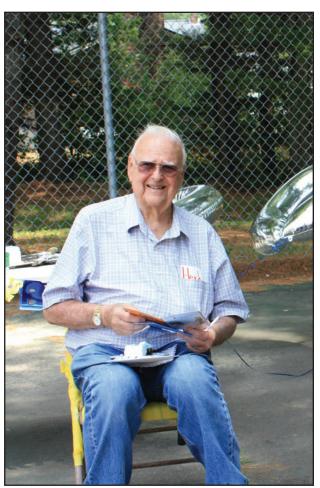
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# NHBM honors longtime volunteer



**Herbert Mitchell** 

WOLFEBORO — Age is just a number, which aptly describes the involvement of Herbert Mitchell at the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) who, at 90 years young, continues to volunteer his time. One of his main areas of focus is NHBM's boatbuilding classes.

"When the shop opens to prepare the materials for classes, I always attend those shop efforts," he said. "We rough out the sides and frames—there is a lot of pre-work that goes on."

Noting he is an instructor for the class, he said he spends a lot of his time cleaning the tools used to build boats.

"The tools we use get pretty beat up, and I am a master at cleaning those tools," he added with a laugh. A resident of Alton during the summer months, Mitchell said he expects to fulfill many of the same roles for which he has developed a fondness upon his return from

"I will do that as long as I am able to," he said.

Florida in the winter.

Martha Cummings, executive director at NHBM, said she cannot imagine the museum without Mitchell, who has been a volunteer for more than 10 years.

"He has been here more than twice as long as I have," she said. "He is an integral part of our museum family."

As a way to celebrate his involvement this past summer, Cummings said the boatbuilding volunteers and staff surprised Mitchell with

a 90th birthday party. Mitchell described the party as "the highlight of [his] summer.

"They put a buffet out there for me and it was a really nice thing they did for me," he said. "I didn't expect this at all. I really love working there with those people."

He also loves helping people build boats. He recalled a class from years past which made a lasting impression on him with regard to one of the students.

"For the first week, the student never said one word to me or anyone else—I thought he was just shy, I did not realize he had a disability" he said. "The next week, he started to talk to me."

According to Williams, he left the class talking to everyone.

"He even got a job at a market afterwards talking to people," said Williams. "It was the best thing I have ever experienced...I will do this as long as I am physically able. I am eager to get started again and see no end in sight really."

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## Late Saber rally sinks Knight hoop boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' basketball team got out to a hot start on opening night, getting out to a 20-point lead in the third quarter.

However, Souhegan came charging back, scoring 29 points in the final quarter, including a buzzer-beater three-pointer to get the 64-61 win over the Knights.

"Tough opener," said coach Joe Faragher, in his second year back at Kingswood. "Obviously don't like the finish, a heck of a shot, but we found out firsthand that high school basketball is a 32-plus minute game."

Kingswood led 17-11 after one quarter of play and opened the lead to 34-24 at the halftime break. The Knights outscored Souhegan 15-11 in the third quarter for a 49-35 lead heading to the final quarter.

However, the Sabers scored the aforementioned 29 points in the final frame and Kingswood managed just 10 points as Souhegan scored the three-point win.

"We can let this define us or use this as fuel



KATHY SUTHER

ETHAN ARNOLD fires off a shot during opening night action against Souhegan.

to get better," Faragher stated. "Looking forward to seeing the group respond."

Ethan Arnold finished with 24 points to lead the Knights while Henry Saunders chipped in with 22 points.

Kingswood is slated to be at Laconia on Friday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. and will host Plymouth on Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. in the final regular season game of 2021.

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 $\label{eq:WILL crane} \textbf{WILL CRANE drives toward the basket in action against Souhegan on Friday}.$ 

### New look for Kingswood hockey boys this season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor
WOLFERORO

WOLFEBORO — When someone asks Kingswood boys' hockey coach Mike Potenza about his team this year, he uses the term "young

and quick."

With the graduation last year of Bailey Savage and Nick Potenza, the Knights graduated the last of the big bodies they've had over the past few years and this year will transition into a smaller, quicker team, with a number of freshmen coming in who are expected to play roles right out of the gate.

"We have smaller, quick kids and the freshman class coming in looks better than the freshman classes we've had coming in in a while," Potenza said.

Potenza will also be

looking to do something a little different with his top grouping, something that he hopes will help keeps some of his top players on the ice at the same time.

With junior Cam Kean serving as a defender, the quartet of senior Cody Emerson, juniors Will Danais and Shaw Swinerton and freshman Grayson Gilpatrick will all skate together. Emerson, Danais and Swinerton will rotate through the other defensive position and all three are capable of skating as a forward or as a defender.

"We're going to roll that unit as a group, it will mix things up a little," Potenza said. "That's a pretty strong first unit on the ice for "We're just trying to get our top guys on the ice as much as possible," the Knight coach continued. "And you want defense to jump up into the play, almost like a power play with four forwards and one defender."

With the graduation of Nick Potenza as the team's top scorer from last year, coach Potenza expects that Danais will step into the role as one of the team's go-to scorers.

"I see Will stepping into Nick's shoes, he's been playing really well," Potenza said, noting that after the junior missed last season due to an injury, he's been playing well in AAA Tier I hockey for the New England Wolves out of Laconia. "He's ready to go."

Senior Cam DeVito will be centering the second line with freshmen Jackson O'Keefe and Evan Harrington riding shotgun and senior Josh Paraskos will be centering the third line with freshman Austin Emerson and sophomore Braden Cash on his sides.

Additionally, seniors Myles Mayhew and David Lehmann are both out for the team for the first time and will be vying for playing time. Freshman Ben Libby is also expected to contribute to the team, but has been dealing with injuries that have limited his participation.

On defense, sophomore Case Rogers and senior Garrison Hendrickson will be teamed up and freshman Dylan Cash and junior Tuck-

er Rogers will also be teamed up. Case Rogers is also expected to see some time up front as well.

In goal, the Knights have senior Gage Lamontagne and sophomore Wyatt Brown looking to replace stalwart Oleg Sheahan between the pipes.

"Oleg was a kid I never had to worry about," Potenza said. "So we're glad Gage decided to come back and play with us this year. He's been playing well."

The Knights will be back to a traditional Division II schedule this year after last year's COVID-altered schedule. They will play two games each with Alvirne, Dover, Spaulding, Somersworth-Coe-Brown, Spaulding, St.

Thomas and Division III rival Kennett plus one game each with Goffstown, Winnacunnet, Portsmouth-Newmarket, Merrimack, Oyster River and Berlin-Gor-

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The season kicked off after deadline Monday at Dover and Wednesday at Spaulding and continues on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. against Somersworth-Coe-Brown at Rochester Arena and the first home game is Wednesday, Dec. 22, against Alvirne at 7 p.m.

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### Knight ice girls return solid core of experience

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood girls' hockey team returns a large group of experienced players to the ice of the Pop Whalen Arena this

The Knights have 18 players on the team, 13 are back from last year's team and yet one more comes to the team with plenty of hockey experience.

"It's the first season where I feel like we have two lines with enough experience, which is a good feeling," said coach Peter Kelly. "We have a good balance of different grades, so I'm expecting to continue to improve."

The Knights will be led by a trio of captains in Lexie Eldridge, Haley Brooks and Abby Kelly. Eldridge will be working up front while Brooks will be one of the team's anchors on the blue line. Kelly, who was the team's leading scorer the last few years, is sidelined due to an injury suffered last spring but is still a leader for the team.

"We have a couple of players who I am expecting to step up to score this year," Kelly said, naming Sarah Paraskos and Erin Meyer as two of those players. "They're playing really well.

"And it's a huge addition to have a goalie this year," Kelly said. Last vear, the Knights didn't have a set goalie, forcing players from the defense and the front line to step between the pipes on a rotating basis.

This year, Anna Baurle joins the team as the goaltender and comes to the team with a good deal of experience playing travel hockey.

Kelly notes that there will be a different look to the way the team sets its lines, as he expects that he will rotate a few different people through the defensive corps.

"We have a plan to use some of the stronger skaters back on defense, so we're rotating five defenders," Kelly said.

"These are players who couldn't have played defense before, but now they understand the game enough that they can do that."

As for players who he expects to chip in along the way, Kelly notes that Maria Alvarez has looked strong as she returns on defense. while offensively, he expects good leadership out of Hailey Kelly and Rachael Paraskos. Additionally, newcomer Abby Hicks earned her coach's praise for how she is picking up everything the coaching staff is throwing at her in the early preseason.

And he expects that Sarah Paraskos will likely catch a lot of teams off guard, as she has picked up a lot of speed over the last year and should be a scoring threat all year

Like in year's past, the girls' team is working alongside the boys' team one night a week in skills clinics in addition to the regular practices and Kelly said that the girls have impressed him with how they are lin-Gorham and Con-Valpicking things up.

"It's fun to see some of the girls keeping up with some of the more experienced boys," Kelly said.

The Knights will play two games each against Central-Memorial, Oys-River-Portsmouth, Brady-Trinity, Bishop Bishop Guertin, BerConant and single games each against Keene, Bedford, St. Thomas, Lebanon-Stevens, Pinkerton and Concord.

The season kicked off after deadline on Wednesday at Central-Memorial and will continue on Saturday, Dec. 18, at home against

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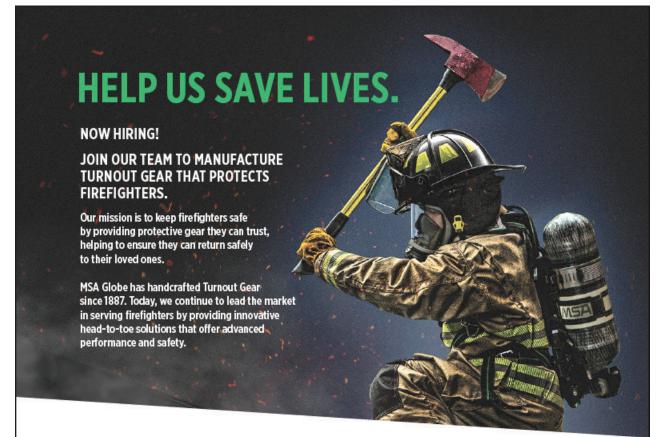
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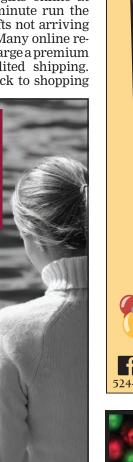
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