

Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction cracks the \$600k mark

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BELMONT – Kids in need across the area will be getting a lot of holiday cheer thanks to more than \$600,000 raised by the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction. On Saturday, the 38th annual auction closed for another year with a total of \$600,032, which will be distributed to more than 60 non-profit organizations helping families right in the Lakes Region. This year’s auction opened on Tuesday, headquartered in the former Peeble’s store in the Belknap Mall, a larger space for the production and the items. Auction chair Jaime

Sousa said the auction started with fewer items than usual. This year Thanksgiving fell late on the calendar, meaning they didn’t have that extra week between Thanksgiving and the auction. Snowstorms also hampered contributions. Sousa said at some points items that came in were going out just as fast. During the week a number of pleas went out for more items. “The community really came through in just the nick of time,” Sousa said. The auction aired on Lakes Region Public Access as well as the Laco- nia Daily Sun web site and numerous local ra- dio stations.

When the auction closed on Saturday af- ternoon, it cleared the \$600,000 mark. This also included the \$355,453

raised by Pub Mania at Patrick’s Pub and Eat- ery. Sousa said it was unbelievable that they

raised this much. She thanked everyone who contributed to the auc- tion in some way. The Children’s Auc-

tion started in 1982 with WLNH DJ Warren Bai- ley operating out of a
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New cell tower boosts service in Alton

ALTON — AT&T customers and FirstNet subscribers in Alton got a big boost in wire- less connectivity. AT&T added a new cell tower to enhance the area’s 4G LTE coverage and help give residents and first responders faster, more reliable wireless service. The investment will help customers get the most out of their mobile devi- ces. “We want our cus- tomers to have a great experience. With 4G LTE service, they’ll be able to experience better network connectivity while streaming vid- eos, sharing on social media or texting family and friends,” said Owen Smith, President AT&T New Hampshire. “We’re always working to pro- vide better coverage for the community and its first responders. And we’re investing in our wireless network to ac- complish that.” They know how im- portant it is for custom- ers to stay connected. That’s why they’re also boosting network re- liability and capacity as

they expand their net- work. This helps New Hampshire residents get the best possible ex- perience over the AT&T network wherever they live, work and play. These upgrades will also benefit public safety and first responders on FirstNet – public safety’s dedicated communica- tions platform. FirstNet is bringing public safe- ty communications into the 21st century with new, innovative capabil- ities to help those users stay safe and save lives. These enhancements also bring FirstNet Band 14 spectrum to the area. Band 14 is na- tionwide, high-quality spectrum set aside by the government specif- ically for FirstNet. Its signal covers larger geo- graphic areas with less infrastructure to better support rural commu- nities, and it can better penetrate buildings and walls in more urban ar- eas as compared to high- er-MHz spectrum. When not in use by FirstNet subscribers, AT&T cus- tomers can enjoy Band 14’s added coverage and capacity.

FirstNet is being built with AT&T in a pub- lic private partnership with the First Responder Network Authority. It’s designed to help first re- sponders in New Hamp- shire and across the country connect to the critical information they need – when they need it – so they can keep them- selves and the communi- ties they serve safer.

From 2016 to 2018, the company invested more than \$80 million in its New Hampshire wire-

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“Nice – definitely nice”

A small patron shares his dreams for the season with St. Nick at the holiday open house at the New Durham Public Library. The Friends of the Library sponsor the annual fete, providing lots of goodies for youngsters, entertainment and a raffle of valuable prizes from local businesses.

Discover Girl Scouts tonight in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — Come discover what makes Girl Scouts the leading expert on girls. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains will host a free informa- tion event for girls and parents on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Barnstead Elemen- tary School, 91 Maple St., Barnstead. Girls from Barnstead, Center Harbor, Sand- wich, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonbor- ough, Alton and Gil- manton are welcome to attend. At this event, she’ll make new friends, dis- cover new passions, and more. Girls are invited to wear their holiday

sweater and make their own special ornament, play holiday games and enjoy a holiday story. Meet local Girl Scouts and volunteers, learn about expanded STEM and outdoor programs, learn about volunteer op- portunities, and register to become a Girl Scout. Plus, girls will receive a free Discover Girl Scouts embroidered patch. Girl Scouting pro- vides skills today for success tomorrow. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 10,000 girls throughout New Hamp- shire and Vermont. Of- fering hands-on, girl-led, girl-centered activities in STEM, the outdoors, and

entrepreneurship and abundant opportunities to develop invaluable life skills, Girl Scouts helps all girls take the lead ear- ly and often. For further informa-

tion, please contact Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains Customer Care at 888-474- 9686 or customerscare@girlscoutsgwm.org.

Early holiday deadlines

MEREDITH — The offices of The Baysider will be closed for Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, and New Year’s Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1. The office will also be closing at noon on Tues- day, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Jan. 31. Because of the holidays, the deadlines will move up two business days. All advertising and editorial deadlines that normally fall on Mon- day will now be on Thursday. The deadline for the Dec. 26 edition will be Thursday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. and the deadline for the Jan. 2 edition will be Thursday, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.



CATHY ALLYN

Holiday cruise

New Durham Police Officer Jason Roy adds donated items to a police cruiser rapidly filling up. The Alton and New Durham Police Departments held a toy and food drive in the parking lot of the Alton Dollar General store on Saturday and residents from both towns and the North Pole turned out to support the event.

Alton Central Pre-K spreads kindness



COURTESY PHOTOS

ALTON CENTRAL'S Pre-K students learned the benefit of being kind.

ALTON — The Alton Central School Pre-K program prides itself on providing their students with a strong foundation in social emotional literacy. The three, four and

five-year-old children are learning to understand their own feelings as well as those of others. They're learning that the things they do or say can impact how

someone else feels. One of the big principles that they have been learning this month is the benefit of being kind. They are learning that when you do something nice for

someone without expecting anything in return, you actually get something very powerful in return. The feeling you get from making someone else feel appreciated and loved can have huge impacts on your own emotional well-being, as well as making that other person feel good. The students are

learning through teaching and experiences that even the smallest gestures can have a great impact. A smile, a nod, a quick hello can make someone's day brighter. This month the pre-K children used their math and literacy skills to bake gingerbread cookies. Once they made and decorated the cookies,

they distributed them to teachers and staff as an act of kindness. This was just one small way for the pre-K children to say thank you to the teachers and staff, but to also experience how good it can make you feel to be kind to others.



ACS looking for people to share talents

ALTON — Alton Central School is looking for community members to share their talents and interests with K-8 students as part of the school's after school enrichment program. This program is designed to allow students to explore interests and topics in greater depth.

It runs three times per year in eight-week cycles, and the next cycle will begin the week after the December break. Students have expressed a particular interest in exploring offerings about animals, coding or computers, mechanical activities and arts and crafts; however, all

suggestions will be considered. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Shay Cassily at scassily@sau72.org. Please note, they do offer a small stipend and cover the costs of all materials.

Holiday show at PMHS Friday

ALTON — Prospect Mountain's senior class will be hosting Alton Dance Academy's winter show on Friday, Dec. 13. They will be presenting a classic Yuletide celebration to kick off the holiday season. Join in at the PMHS auditorium on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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Holiday information

As we head into the busy holiday season, it's important for everyone to know that there are a lot of early deadlines ahead for the paper over the next few weeks.

Our office in Meredith will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1. We will also be closing at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 31. We will resume our normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Because of the holidays falling on Wednesdays, the paper will be out on their normal Thursdays, however the printing is going to have to take place early, which means lots of early deadlines.

With this in mind, we have to move deadlines up in order to accommodate our printing schedule. Our papers are part of an 11-paper chain in New Hampshire, which in turn is part of a group of local newspapers in southern Massachusetts and northern Connecticut. All of our papers are printed at the same press, so keeping on schedule is incredibly important, especially when we are dealing with early deadlines.

These deadlines apply to both advertising and editorial submissions for the next two weeks.

Any advertising deadlines, which include classifieds and display advertising, that normally fall on Monday, will fall on Thursday, Dec. 19, for the paper of Dec. 26, and Thursday, Dec. 26, for the paper of Jan. 2. Questions on classifieds can be directed to sam@salmonpress.news or speak to Sam at 279-4516, ext. 113. Questions on display advertising can be directed to Cathy at the 279-4516 ext. 173 or at cathy@salmonpress.news.

The deadline for the sports sections will be the same, falling on Thursday, Dec. 19, and Thursday, Dec. 26.

For editorial content, which includes letters to the editor, obituaries, pictures and press releases, the deadlines are a bit different. The deadline for the Dec. 26 edition will be 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.

For the following week, the deadline for the A section of the newspaper will be Thursday, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m. Once again this applies to all editorial submissions, not for advertising. Questions regarding any editorial content can be addressed to josh@salmonpress.news or call 279-4516.

We know that these deadlines can be inconvenient, but the most important part of the holiday season, at least in our mind, is being with family and this schedule will allow our staff to be with family as much as possible while still managing to get the paper to our readers.

We are hopeful everyone is understanding of these early deadlines and the reasons for their implementation over the next two weeks. Things will go back to their normal deadlines for the paper of Jan. 8.

So, if you have something you want in the paper over the next few weeks, it's best to send it to us early, just in case. And as always, all editorial submissions will be met with a response once we receive them.



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Stuffing the cupboard

Boy Scout Austin Brulotte of New Durham "scouted" for food for the town food pantry on his own and collected 575 items. Pantry workers said each year they are excited when he and his mother pull up to unload her car packed with bags of food. Here, Brulotte stands inside the food pantry, surrounded by his good deeds.

Volunteers needed for Mill Pond ice rink

ALTON — Light up Night" was held in Alton on Saturday, Dec. 7, with community members celebrating the holidays together. The town of Alton would like to thank the families for attending the event and the organizations that helped make the event possible. A special thank you to Santa for meeting with girls and boys at the Town Hall; the Alton Business Association for decorating the tree in Ginny Douglas Park and sponsoring the Festival of Trees and gingerbread decorating event; the Alton Garden Club for decorating the Ginny Douglas Park gazebo and hanging wreaths on town properties; Alton Home and Lumber Center for sponsoring the holiday hayride; Aubuchon Hardware for sponsoring hot beverages; Liz Shelton for staffing the Gilman Museum open house; the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center for providing cookies to all visitors; the water department staff for sponsoring Frosty the Snowman at Town Hall; PMHS Chamber Singers for performing "A Yuletide Celebration" at the Community Church; Joan Blackwood for sponsoring the holiday craft for kids at Town Hall; the Alton Fire and Rescue Department for bringing Santa to Town Hall; Jon Taber for providing live music at the celebration;

the water bandstand committee for decorating the tree on the water bandstand; and the town of Alton staff for decorating town properties for the holidays.

Free Yoga Flow - New Year's Day

Join an inspiring and fun flow class on New Year's Day that will help set your resolution to make 2020 your best year yet. The free class will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. 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 savasana. 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.

Adult volleyball pick-up games - ages 18+

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring adult volleyball on Thursdays at the Alton Central School Gym from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring recreational play. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A-FAA2AA5FB6-alton>. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Little Pesaukees Playgroup

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a drop-in playgroup for 0-5 years old at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9m to 11 a.m. The program is free and follows the ACS calendar year. Please bring a peanut-free snack for your child. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Exercise classes

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

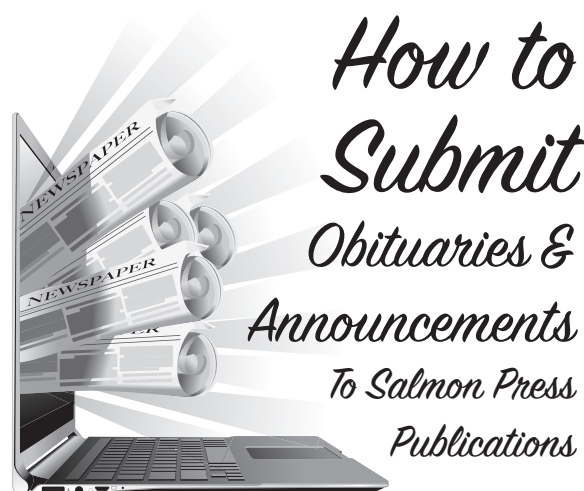
Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m. A fun, cardio workout that will get you moving to music that will keep you

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.

Ice skating rink at Mill Pond - volunteers needed

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning to create an ice skating area at Mill Pond, across from the fire department on Route 140 this winter, weather permitting. Volunteers are needed to help clear snow and flood the rink. Please contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 875-0109 if you are interested in donating your time to assist with maintenance of the outdoor rink.



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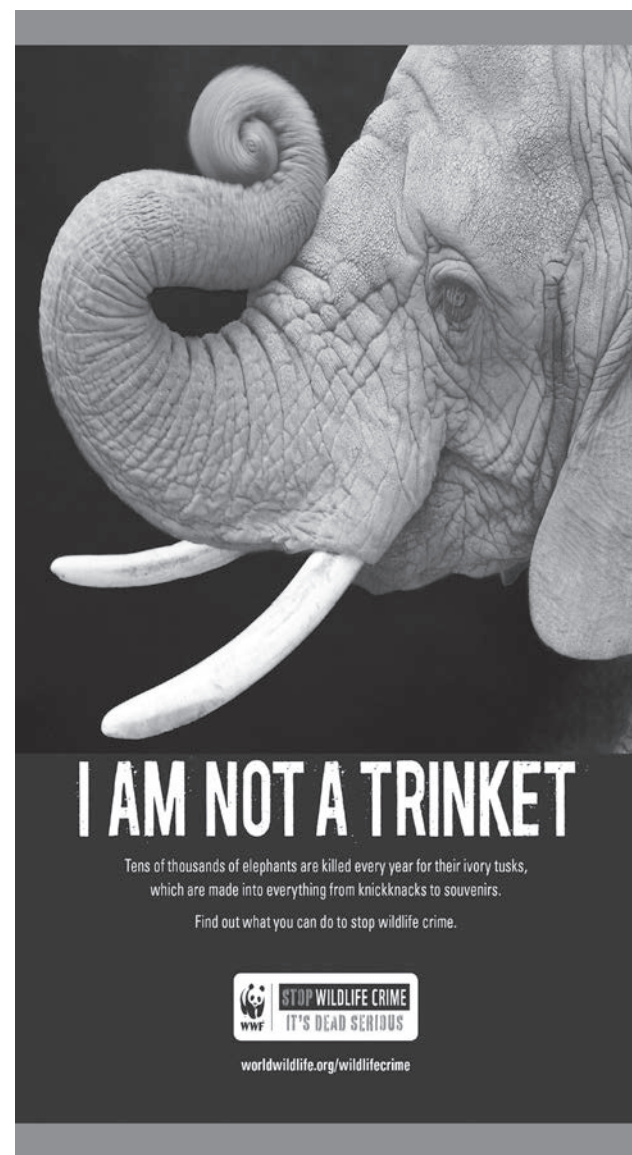
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Brendan Berube at (603) 279-4516, ext. 101

with any questions regarding the submission process.

No Locke Lake board meeting in December

BARNSTEAD — There will be no public board of directors meeting in December. The next public board of directors meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.



Latest Honor Roll announced at Prospect Mountain

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School has released its latest Honor Roll.	Honors Kylee Abbott, Austin Boutin, Taren Brownell, Amberlyn Cookinham, Ashlyn Dalrymple, Grace DeJager, Ryan Dube, Aidan Gehly, Alyx Guyer, Alina Hardie Aaron Haynes, Jordan Ingoldsby, Joseph LaMontagne, Shamus McSharry, Braeden Pelton, Tianna Plante, Willow Quindley, Kyle Richard, Megan Sarno and Keegan Unzen.	er, Adam Ross, Hannah Rothvoss, Abagael Swenson and Fiona Wilson.	Grade 10 High Honors Hannah Capsalis, Kira Coculo, Aidan Conrad, Connor Frenzel, Spencer Grow, Asa Guldbrandsen, Mackenzie Renner and Jaren Unzen.	Steven Littlefield, Maxwell Liversidge, Connor Meehan, Simon Paris, Emily Sanschagrin, Kendall Santy, Dennis Simpson, Mary Taylor, William Warr and Liam White.	Honors Matthew Bonner, Jayden Booker, Aidan Boyd, Abigail Breuer, Luke Carter, Ashley Chmiel, Benjamin Cormier, Marin Creteau, Cameron Dore, Kolby Dubisz, Cody Gannon, Lauren Gilbert, Jeremy Hayes, Nelson Hikel, Alyssa Irving, Sydney McDonald, Ella Misiaszek, Madilyn Neathery, Madelyn Penfield, Bruce Rawnsley, Nickolas Reed, Kaylee Riel, Willow Sanborn, Matthew Searles, Ashlyn Shea, Grace Simensen and Cole Stockman.
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Engagement

Jim and Jean Russell of Barnstead announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica to Rich Stover of Nashua. The future bride is employed at Fox Life Sciences at its Londonderry location. The future groom is employed at Toyota of Nashua. An outdoor fall wedding is planned. They will continue to reside in Nashua.



ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 146 calls for service during the week of Dec. 1-7, including nine arrests.

One female subject was arrested for domestic violence act, reckless conduct: place another in danger, arrest on a warrant and criminal mischief (vandalism).

One male subject was arrested for falsifying physical evidence.

One female subject was arrested for possession of controlled/narcotic drugs.

One female subject was arrested for driving after revocation or suspension.

One male subject was arrested on a warrant.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

One male subject was taken into custody for arrest without a warrant.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were eight motor vehicle accidents.

There were four suspicious person/activity reports on Main Street, Powder Mill Road, Frank C. Gilman and at Hannaford.

There was one theft reported on Stephanie Drive.

Police made 32 motor vehicle stops and handled six motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 95 other calls for services that consisted of the following: two town ordinance, one fraudulent action, one employment fingerprinting, four assist other agencies, two pistol permit applications, two animal complaints, one juvenile incident, three domestic complaints, four general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, one drug offense, five alarm activations, three highway/roadway hazard reports, two general information, two vehicle ID checks, three sex offender registrations, one civil matter, two wellness checks, one breach of peace, one community program, 27 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, three medical assists, 13 property checks and nine paperwork services.



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Volunteers reflect on deeper mission behind NH Boat Museum

WOLFEBORO — While ‘boat’ may be part of its name, New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) is much more than “a place to view antique motorboats” in the words of volunteer Kerry Lynch.

“What people may not be aware of is the wide range of programs that we offer, including sailing instruction as well as a sailboat sharing plan,” he said.

According to Lynch, sailing committee co-chair along with volunteer Jim Farina, NHBM Community Sailing programs include ‘learn to sail’ courses for youth and adults and more advanced classes that use a variety of sailboat types/sizes. He said the museum also offers a sailboat sharing pro-

gram for experienced adult sailors and sailing cruises on a 24’ sloop with a NHBM-provided captain.

“Jim and I manage all of the sailing programs, continually adjusting them to ensure they are relevant, safe, and fun,” he said. “We also recruit and oversee a number of volunteers who keep our fleet of 26 sailboats and two motorboats in excellent condition.”

Lynch credited their partnership with Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation as instrumental to their sailing programs.

“They provide facilities, sailing instructors and the online registration system,” he explained.

Farina agreed and added, “We also maintain a strong relation-

ship with Brewster Academy and Wolfeboro Corinthian Yacht Club who provide facilities for our keelboat sailing programs.”

In addition to sailing programs, NHBM features a strong educational component. Serving on NHBM’s Education Committee, volunteer Sally Ferbert said an increasing focus in its exhibits is engagement with younger audiences, including families.

“In the past, the museum has focused on wooden boats,” she said. “Moving forward, we want to also capture the evolution of wooden boats to fiberglass and how that has changed the face of recreational boating...By broadening our focus, we can appeal to all generations.”

In looking ahead, Ferbert said they hope to include more modern boats, such as mid-century, early fiberglass and 21st century boats, into its exhibits. This year, NHBM presented an exhibit on racing boats, which was incorporated into several projects for kids.

“In the Family Activity Center, we set up a project called ‘Make your own Burgee’ where children learned about Burgees [triangular flags to identify a particular yacht club] and made their own,” she said. “[The program] helped them learn the significance of the Burgee, what they are used for and why.”

In designing educational programs and experiences at NHBM,

Ferbert said the emphasis is not only on “fun,” but broadening the focus to include “much more than boats.”

“The museum is also about life on the lakes and rivers, fresh waterways and all that goes with it, be it boating, flying fishing, milfoil awareness and so on,” she added. “We hope to continue developing our Family Activity Center in such a way that families want to come back to see what is new and try out new things.”

Lynch agreed and said no other museum in New England provides people with an understanding of the culture and history of freshwater boating.

“So much has happened on the lakes and rivers of New England

from the time of indigenous peoples to water-crafts requiring human or wind propulsion, the steam age and then the internal combustion engine,” he said. “NHBM is here to bring those things to life not only through museum displays but, more importantly, through our programs.”

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire’s fresh waterways.

To learn more about NHBM, visit nhbm.org.

Walker receives renewal of certified diabetes educator status

WOLFEBORO — The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) announced that Patricia Walker RD, LD, CDE, CLT, owner of Carroll County Diabetes Nutrition and Wellness Center, 6 Grove St. in Wolfeboro has renewed the Certified Diabetes Educator® (CDE®) status by successfully completing the continuing education renewal option process.

Candidates must meet rigorous eligibility requirements to be eligible for certification. Achieving the CDE credential demonstrates to people with diabetes

and employers that the health care professional possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes. Currently, there are more than 19,500 diabetes educators who hold NCBDE certification.

Walker started her journey in diabetes education in 2003, the year after her father died from complications of Type 2 Diabetes. She started and achieved initial accreditation of the diabetes program offered at Huggins Hospital before transitioning to private practice. She currently is using

her Certified Diabetes Educator credentialing as she offers individual nutrition appointments for persons with diabetes and prediabetes in her practice. In addition, she volunteers with the Wolfeboro Lions Club, helping them with their strategic objective of reducing the prevalence of diabetes and improving the quality of life for those diagnosed. This started out with free blood sugar testing but is now expanding to the big screen.

Walker is currently taping a diabetes education series, with volunteers from the Lions Club. The series episodes

are available for viewing on the Channel 26 of the Wolfeboro Community TV Cable Network starting November 2019. The shows can be found under the Nutritional Wisdom titles and a new one is released monthly. There are many opportunities in a given month to view each episode.

“These shows cover many important topics that persons with diabetes (and their family members) would find helpful. I am using materials that many hospitals are using in their diabetes programs. Many persons with diabetes have not participated in educational programs due to

cost or time. These programs are free of charge and can be viewed at your leisure by watching channel 26 or by going on the WCTV YouTube channel,” Walker reports. The Wolfeboro Lions Club looks forward to future collaboration with Walker as they continue to focus on diabetes awareness and education.

NCBDE was established in 1986 to develop and administer a certification program for health professionals who teach individuals with diabetes how to manage their disease. NCBDE’s mission is to define, develop, maintain and

protect the certification and credentialing process to promote quality diabetes education. With the CDE program, NCBDE recognizes and advances the specialty practice of diabetes education. NCBDE supports the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all diabetes educators who meet credential and experience eligibility requirements. For more information, visit the web site at www.ncbde.org or call the national office at 877-239-3233.



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Alton	1608 Mount Major Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$119,066	Kris E. Gurney	Morgan C. Dube
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Barnstead	Address not available	N/A	\$72,533	Belle J. Rollins	Proud Yankee Investments LLC
New Durham	198 Old Bay Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$289,933	Leo and Leigh St. Cyr	Elizabeth M. and Dominick T. Billings

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Serving children and families since 1974

WOLFEBORO — Forty-five years ago, a survey given by the American Association of University Women identified an unexplored need in Wolfeboro and the surrounding communities. Working parents, men and women, were looking for day-to-day childcare help and support. They needed a safe place for their children to go while they secured a livelihood for their families. As a result, the Wolfeboro Area Children’s Center was born and local families were finally offered the opportunity to have high quality, affordable daycare.

Over the past almost half century, The Children’s Center has relied on primarily three women in the executive director position for its creation, legacy and continued success. Only three. Meaning, that the first two executive directors each served for more than 20 years. (Barbara Bald temporarily served as Executive Director 1977-1978.) The commitment and dedication these women

have shown to the center shines through and speaks volumes for the organization and what it represents in the community.

Visionary founder and first Executive Director Edie DesMarais gathered supporters and resources to open the doors of the first program at the American Legion Hall in Wolfeboro in Sept. 1974. At that time, both parents entering the workforce was becoming more commonplace. More than 36 million women worked out of the home more than 30 hours a week. The Children’s Center was a perfect fit in this growing community.

Two years later in 1976, The Children’s Center became the first mainstreamed Preschool Special Education Program that was certified by the New Hampshire Department of Education. Reflecting on this milestone, DesMarais tells the story of a mother whose child was involved in the Preschool Special Education Program. Her

son was on the brink of graduating from the center and moving onto Carpenter Elementary to further his education. The thought of dropping her son off on the first day of school kept this mother up the entire night before. She was ridden with nervousness about her son being in a new place with unfamiliar children the next day. DesMarais recalls the mother coming into her office after drop-off, “She said she had barely gotten onto the grounds when a group of his Children’s Center friends came running over, excited to see him and grabbed his wheelchair to take him off onto the playground to show him around. He barely said bye to his mother. She was so relieved she had come to tell me.”

During the initial years of startup at The Children’s Center, Susan Whiting was hired and ultimately served for most of the center’s 45-year existence. She served many roles for the first 22 years of her career: Special educator, preschool teacher,

kindergarten teacher, commercial bus driver, cook (in a pinch), morning program coordinator, and group center program coordinator. Her commitment and devotion to the center led her to naturally ascend to becoming the second Executive Director where she served for 20 years, 1997-2017. Whiting thinks back on her time spent at the center and reflects on the most rewarding part of her job, which was, “Working together with staff members, parents, board members and trustees to ensure that our community’s children and families have access to the resources they need to grow strong and thrive.” Her adoration and appreciation for the center is simple and pure.

Teri Ann Cox, the third and current Executive Director, is the natural next step in the center’s progression. She joined in 2017 and brings professionalism and creativity that will help bring the organization into a new era of ideas regarding early childhood education.

One such idea involves working with horses to promote human physical and mental health. After being at the center for only a year, Cox collaborated with Granite State Adaptive in 2018 to bring their equine therapy program to children at the center who could benefit.

Cox is passionate about the well-being of all the children who attend the center and talks about this in bi-weekly meetings she has with her staff. “I remind the staff that while keeping the children safe is a critical component of their job, they also have the essential role of teaching social and emotional skills to each child. We talk often about the expectations of being kind, being respectful, and being responsible. In the end, we recognize how helping each child have special moments during their week with us will be a part of the story of their childhood. I challenge the staff often to make a meaningful difference in every life, every day.”

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 website at thechildrenscen-ternh.org or call the office at 569-1027.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Hillary Waterhouse
Former school teacher



WOLFEBORO — Barbara Hillary (Neville) Waterhouse, 90 of Juniper Green, Wolfeboro passed away Dec. 2 at Gensis Wolfeboro Bay.

Born in Portsmouth, March 13, 1929, daughter of the late Edward and Barbara Neville, she had lived in Wolfeboro since 1976, previously living in Needham, Mass.

Barbara graduated from UNH in 1951 and was a school teacher in the Stoughton, Mass. school system. She was a member of the Kingswood Golf Course in Wolfeboro and the Myles Grant Country Club in Stewart, Fla.

She is survived by her husband, Robert C. Waterhouse of Wolfeboro, three sons, Richard Waterhouse of Dover, Mass., Jeffrey Waterhouse of Harvard, Mass., Thomas Barrett of Acton, Mass.; five daughters, Linda Mullins of Wellesley, Mass., Christine Collins of North Conway, Shielly Bell of Peabody, Mass., Cheryl Waterhouse of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Suzanne Eaton of Norfolk, Mass; a sister, Nancy Neville of Rye; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be in the spring at Baker-Gagne Funeral Home.

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

Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an on-line guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneral-homes.com.

Edward James (E.J.) Mros III
US Navy veteran

BERWICK, Maine — Edward James (E.J.) Mros III of Berwick, Maine passed away after bravely battling an unexpected illness on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital; he was surrounded by his loving family, sister and devoted friend Dennis Lepene of Farmington.

Edward was born on Jan. 10, 1953 to his loving parents, Edward Mros Jr. and Elizabeth Currier Mros of Farmington. He graduated from Farmington High School in 1971, followed by a short time at UNH before proudly serving the U.S. Navy from 1972 to 1978 and marrying his beloved wife, Christina Trafton of South Berwick, Maine.

Ed dedicated his last 40 years of hard work to Salmon Falls Nursery and Landscaping where he became well-known and a familiar face to many other hard workers across New England. He enjoyed all things nature, with a special passion for hunting and fishing with his sons, grandsons, nephews and friends. He especially loved spending time teaching his grandsons, Austin, Kaden, and Hunter, the skills and

traditions of fish and game.

Ed's other favorite pastimes included being surrounded by family, listening to music, shooting the breeze with his friends and reminiscing about the good ole days, telling a wise joke or two, reading war stories, and he had a special affinity for drawing and sketching cartoons, animals, landscapes, buildings, and logos for friends and family.

E.J. is survived by his loving wife, Christina Mros of 41 years, his beloved children and their partners, Rebecca Mros and Craig Langill, Jesse Mros and Mandy Perry, Korie (Mros) Rego and Cody Mros. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, Austin Langill, Kaden Mros and Hunter Mros, along with his loving sister Dianne Mros, his in-laws, many nieces, nephews and their families.

Ed will be forever remembered with a celebration of life held by the family on Jan. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Riverview Room at the American Legion - Martel Roberge Post 47 Rollinsford, all are welcome.



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Thanksgiving service

Deacon Rick Hilton, Rev. Robert Cole, Rev. William Petersen and Rev. Gina Finocchiaro take part in the Community Thanksgiving service, held on Nov. 26 at St. Katharine Drexel Church in Alton. Rev. William Petersen preached and the combined choir of First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro, St. Katharine Drexel Parish and All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Barnstead church presenting
Christmas show

BARNSTEAD — The children at Center Barnstead Christian Church are excited to share with you the story of the best present of all this Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Come and see them in this special musical,

“The Christmas Present” by Pam Andrews.

The church would also like to invite you to its Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, Dec. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. That evening they will look at the source of peace.

That baby Jesus who the Prophet Isaiah described as, “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

The Center Barnstead Christian Church is located on Route 126,

next to the Town Hall. For more information, please call the church at 269-8831 or centerbarnsteadcc.org.

Cookie walk, Christmas sale
is Saturday

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church will be holding its annual cookie walk on Dec. 14 at the church on Parade Road from 9 a.m. to noon.

Come and join in for the cookie walk and Christmas sale. All cookies are homemade for your enjoyment. While there, enjoy a free cup of coffee or mulled cider.

This benefit is sponsored by the Mission Ladies for local town needs.

Festival of Carols concert is Dec. 20

PITTSFIELD — The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will offer a free Christmas concert entitled “Festival of Carols” Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. It

will feature the church's Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. This concert is a return to some favorite carols with a narration by Pastor David Stasiak.

Be sure to include this annual tradition in your family's holiday plans. Light refreshments will be served.

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are located at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Women and finance



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

When I meet with potential new clients in our first visit, they will almost always state that “they do not know anything about this stuff.” I get that, because “that stuff” or investment management is chocked with language and disclosure documents that is meaningless unless you have worked in the field of financial plan-

ning and asset management for a period of time. So, if you are a woman who is married or with a partner, there is a high probability that you will be on your own, left to manage the finances, or at least understand what your advisor is doing for you. Whether it be through divorce, death or separation from your spouse or partner, there is a 70 percent chance that you will change advisors because many feel as though that advisor never really spoke to them, but to their spouse. It is the advisor’s shortcoming for not making sure that they addressed the needs and questions of both parties in the relationship. It is my personal experience that the women may not be as outspoken in

the meeting, but more pensive, listening to the advisor and her partner, however she is likely the decision maker on if they will work with you or not.

We at MHP Asset Management have recently held workshops specifically for women. The goal is to educate on the issues that we will all face at one time or another, however, affect women to a greater degree. At the workshop, we discuss Social Security and timing strategies for the single, widowed or divorced women. Medicare and long-term care insurance that women are much more likely to need than men. Another alternative is a policy that can be used for chronic illness, death benefit or cash accumu-

lation. These policies have helped many people to mitigate risks associated with the need for an LTC option. We also discuss the negative sequence of investment returns risk, that can cause you to run out of money while in retirement. These are risks that can all be mitigated if planned for properly and in a timely manner. Most workshop participants admit to the “ostrich syndrome” of burying their heads in the sand. I understand this because I am human too. Consider allowing us to be your coach on setting timetables and expectations to get these things done.

The last thing we discuss is something that I have always done for new clients, but until

recently did not address at a public workshop. Understanding the difference between an investment advisor representative, a registered representative and an insurance only producer. How can you find and read disclosure documentation on these individuals and firms that may use the same titles but are very different in what they do. Whether it is the SEC.gov web site to read and understand the ADV part 2 of a registered investment advisor firm, or FINRA broker-check for the registered rep or the state insurance commissioner for the insurance producer, the language used is often times abstract unless you are involved with this business of investment management.

Understanding the fees, if the firm is acting in your best interest, background of the advisor or broker are all things that can be derived from these documents. Many people like their advisor and there are many good ones out there, but I have also had new clients come to me because their old advisor would not fully explain fees or what their roll was in the management of the money. Transparency is key to building trust with your advisor and their firm, like President Reagan said regarding the Soviet Union, “trust, but verify.”

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

The making of a model

BY LARRY SCOTT
Contributing Writer

It was in the early 1970s and I was in Princeton, N.J. attending a time management seminar sponsored by World Vision.

At one point during a break in the action, the moderator noticed Evangelist Tom Skinner in the audience as one of the conferees and asked him to “take a few moments” to greet the assembly.

He had my attention, for I had seen Tom Skinner many Sunday afternoons standing on the sidelines of a Washington Redskins football

game. He was their chaplain and needless to say, I was intrigued.

“Ladies and gentlemen,” he said, “we at Tom Skinner Associates are about the business of just one thing. Whether we are working with the men on the gridiron or in one of our crusades, we have but one objective: we are developing living models ‘here and now’ of what we are going to be ‘then and there.’ That is our mission.” And that was it. Just three minutes’ worth ... but I must admit, Tom Skinner “rocked my tree.”

I had been struggling,

you see, with the pain and hurt I had seen in the lives of those whom I cared so much about ... and those whom, I knew God dearly loved. “Where,” I had often asked, “was God when the lights went out?”

As a young lad growing up in Peru, the son of missionary parents, I can still remember the pain we all felt when a young missionary was killed in a freak truck accident. He was traveling in ministry to a remote village high in the mountains of Peru and a five-minute delay in a decision he made would have saved

his life. Surely a loving God could have held him back. But being a Christian has never been a cop-out from the stresses of life. These things happen; welcome to the real world.

But now it all began to make sense. Tom Skinner had given me an insight that seemed to put it all together. Suddenly I could see it: I was being given the privilege of becoming a living model, a model not just of my Christian faith, but potentially and equally important, of patience, integrity, self-control, and honesty – all those qual-

ities of a mature character so needed by my family and our society.

But this, I was soon to discover, was to be no cop-out from the pressures of life. Bad things do, indeed, happen to good people; the innocent do suffer for the guilty. Why? Because that’s life and society needs living models who can demonstrate from personal experience that God is still there. I, too, have been to hell and back ... and I know that Christianity works because I’ve been there.

Like many Christians, I can tell you that even

though I don’t deserve it I have discovered, yes, even during times of disappointment and crisis, a unique strength and peace of mind that, frankly, must be experienced to be understood. I have discovered that being a Christian has given me a happiness that surmounts the circumstances, a peace of mind that brings sunshine to my cloudy days. Indeed, it’s a wonderful life. We shall, in this column, explore this together.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarry-scott@gmail.com.

Families enjoy natural decorations event



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A CHILD learns to use loppers to cut an evergreen branch at MMRG’s Natural Decorations activity.

REGION — Kids love to explore the outdoors, learn about animals and put their creativity to work through natural craft projects. Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) recently offered an opportunity for children and their families to do all these things at a ‘MOOSE-ies for Families: Natural Decorations’ event. ‘MOOSE-ies for Families’ is a program that seeks to encourage the next generation of conservationists by offering families a series of nature-oriented activities where children have fun

together outside while learning about the natural world.

The natural decorations event began with a walk through woods and fields to look for evergreens, identify white pine, spruce and balsam fir and learn about sustainable ways to harvest boughs or whole small trees by weeding out crowded stands. Kids got to try their hand at pruning and even investigated coyote scat on the trail, revealing bits of animal bones. Following the walk, families made a number of ‘natural decorations’ includ-

ing holiday kissing balls and natural bird feeders. MMRG Education Coordinator Kari Lygren was impressed by how absorbed families became with their craft projects. “The whole place got quiet as they concentrated on their creations.”

A series of seven ‘MOOSE-ies for Families’ events is already planned for 2020: Snowshoe tracking in January, birdhouse building in March, using a map to find your way in April, following a stream in May, the annual Woods, Water and Wildlife Festival in August, rail

trail scavenger hunt in October and natural holiday decorations in December. ‘MOOSE-ies for Families’ events are a membership benefit for MMRG member families, but non-members are encouraged to try out their first family activity for free. An annual family membership can be purchased at www.mmrg.info/. For more information about these events, please contact MMRG staff at mmrgnh@gmail.com or 473-2020.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways is a non-profit land trust serving the Moose Mountains region. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.mmrg.info. MMRG would like to thank MRP Manufacturing, LLC in Pittsfield for sponsoring the 2019 ‘MOOSE-ies for

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Wright Museum honors Volunteer of the Year

WOLFEBORO — Volunteers are the heart of the operation at Wright Museum, which recently presented a Volunteer of the Year award to Marty Chabot.

A volunteer at the museum since 2014, Chabot served in the US Army, attaining the rank of First Sergeant, with a military career that spanned 34 years.

As for why he elected to volunteer his time at Wright Museum, Chabot cited its emphasis on the home front.

“It is important to emphasize that the museum’s focus is the home front, what happened here and what sacrific-

es our citizens endured to support the war,” he said. “It is a great place to spend a few hours... Most everyone takes away something that they did not know about that period of time.”

According to Mike Culver, executive director of Wright Museum, Chabot’s belief in its mission is noteworthy.

“Marty is a fierce advocate for The Wright outside its walls, spreading the word to anyone that will listen,” he said. “His advocacy and tireless work here is why we presented him with our 2019 Volunteer of the Year award.”

Noting he especial-

ly enjoys working with tour and school groups, Chabot said he also participates in Wolfeboro’s Fourth of July Parade.

“I pull the museum’s float with my truck,” he said. “It’s fun.”

Expressing gratitude for Chabot’s contribution to the museum, Culver said he hopes his story inspires others to become involved.

“Volunteers are the backbone of this organization,” he said. “Without Marty and the dozens of other volunteers who freely give us their time and expertise, The Wright would not be what it is today. We owe Marty and our other vol-

unteers a sincere thank you.”

As the region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum reopened on Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. The 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.



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MARTIN CHABOT was named Volunteer of the Year at the wright Museum.

AUCTION

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van in the parking lot of the Laconia YMCA.

“It all started with people just coming up to is at the van and saying, ‘How can I help?’” Bailey said.

He said there were people who donated who only had a few dollars in their pocket but wanted to contribute it to people who needed it more.

Bailey said when they started the Children’s Auction 38 years ago their goal was to raise \$2,000, \$1,000 per day of the auction. When they raised \$2,100 he said they knew this could go places.

Bailey said they have the philosophy that every dollar they raise is a dollar more for kids in the community. Bailey said the effort is all volunteer and the money all stays in the Lakes Region.

Last year they were able to give to 60 different non-profit organizations.

He said that amount of support takes his breath away.

“It’s because of your generous contributions to the Children’s Auction we now serve 60 non-profit organizations,” Bailey said at the end of the auction.

The first checks will be handed out this Friday to the category of the greatest need and the other checks will be distributed through the winter.

ERIN PLUMMER
The final number of \$600,032 is unveiled at the end of the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction with Bob Glassett and Jaimie Sousa holding the check.



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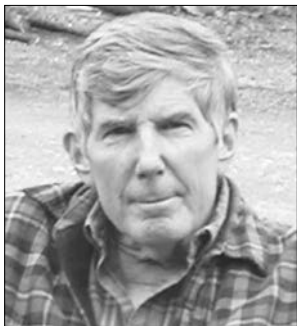
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By JOHN HARRIGAN
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HEADLINE:
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1012 words

Among e-mails that came in while I was on a passenger vessel churning its way up the Mississippi was this, dated Nov. 29:

“Hi John,

“Today on Orfordville Road in Orford we saw a large cat with a long tail. Unfortunately, it crossed the road too far in front of us and went up a hill through the woods. We were too far away for photos or a good look at the ears. In the light, it was difficult to say coloration. What I can definitely say is it was too large to be domestic and it had a long tail.”

I thanked this reader for his note, because I really do appreciate it (a) when people are readers, and (b) when readers care enough to write.

But okay, so what do I do with a report like this? In the long pecking order of cougar/moun-

tain lion/catamount reports, it’s a fairly small peck. Still, there it is.

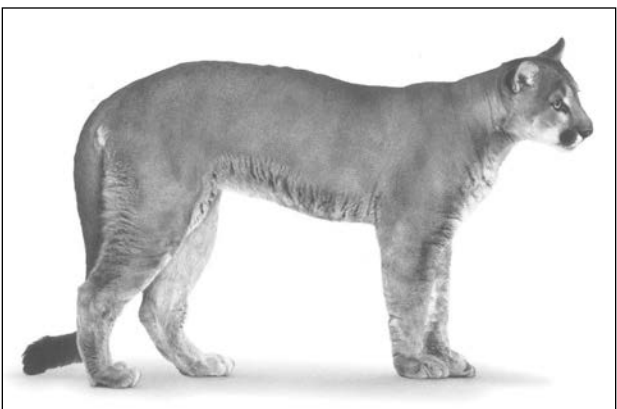
There is nothing out there in the woods that has the long tail that so many cougar-sighting people so vividly describe, and please, no citing of coyotes, lynx, bobcats, foxes, fishers or martens. No reasonable, clear-sighted person could mistake such a small animal for such a big one, except perhaps, and even this is a stretch, the coyote.

And even then, only in the case of the cougar is the tail described as “rope-like,” which is the key to any reputable (and, with me, reportable, meaning in the news or in a column) mountain lion sighting. An adult cougar is big, and I mean very big, an adult male can top 200 pounds. Does anyone want to look an earnest, honest, clear-eyed, nothing-to-gain person in the eye and tell him he saw a bobcat or a fisher? Not this guy.

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The fact is that I really don’t care whether cougars are here or not. I have no dog in this fight. It’s not a burning issue with me. I have other fish to fry. I’m trying to use up my stash of hackneyed phrases here. Please, someone save me before they come to get me.

But although I’ve never seen a mountain lion myself, there have been enough sightings over my four decades of keep-



COURTESY PHOTO

HERE IT is again, the old photograph of a cougar that I’ve had around so long that I’ve forgotten (with apologies) its origins.

ing track, by extremely reliable people, in such vivid detail, and by people who’d have utterly no reason to make up such a thing, to make me a firm believer. It’s worth mentioning that I long ago found peace with the Santa thing.

Why then, astute readers will want to know, are there no good photos or films of mountain lions in this age of so many people lugging iPhones around? Answer: There probably are, it’s just a case of people not knowing what to do with them, or about their importance. It’s just another photo of just another wild animal. Who cares?

Then there’s nervousness and fear concerning two perceived dangers: what I call “Officialdom,” and that old reliable bugaboo, hunters.

Justifiable or not (Fish and Game steadfastly says it’s not), it’s out there, big time, that anyone trying to report a cougar sighting, even an extremely good one, risks embarrassment

and/or outright belittling from anyone in the general category of Officialdom. “They talk to you like you’re stupid,” is what I often hear.

People are scared to death of looking stupid. It’s akin to the reasons people often give for not wanting to write letters to the editor, even when they have something well worth saying. They fear that the editor will run the letter just as they wrote it, mistakes and all, an embarrassment no good editor would allow.

And then there’s your big, bad hunter, often depicted in the media as an overgrown, feeble-minded Elmer Fudd, who’s going to rush out and try to shoot any cougar reported as out there, anywhere. So, cougar-sighters opt to protect a cougar they suddenly see, somehow, as “theirs.” Never mind, by the way, that the cougar is fully protected (or was, until it was declared extinct) unless you’re defending life



JOHN HARRIGAN

THIS IS the not altogether wistful sign that’s long graced my front lawn. In fact, one of the better cougar incidents I’ve heard about in a half-century of newspapering occurred right near my back driveway, while I was down at work.

and limb or livestock. There’s the little matter (last time I looked) of a thousand-dollar fine.

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There well may be photos of cougars around, but how about a road-kill? You’d think we’d have hit one in the road by now. In fact, we have, in the form of a road-kill in Connecticut, in 2011, involving a South Dakota cougar with a severe case of wanderlust.

But the question is about New Hampshire, and probably the answer is the same, “We have.” But here we get into a non-urban legend akin to the fabled poodle in the clothes dryer, or the disappearing hitchhiker - the incredible disappearing road-killed cougar. Cue the file-photo. Film at 11.

If I had a nickel for every road-killed cougar I’ve heard about, as the old saying goes, I’d be rich. Well, not quite.

The hardest I ever worked on a phantom story, meaning one that I never quite got to the bottom of, was when I

began chasing a reported mountain lion kill on I-93 in New Hampton 15 years or so ago. It was so much fun (not) that I forget. But as I recall, I chased it even unto calling a retired police or fire chief, I forget which.

The story was that a motorist hit and killed a cougar near the town line (there are at least two), and that a curious driver stopped to take a picture, but then a state pickup truck (exact department or division unspecified) pulled over and a guy swung the dead cat into the back of the truck (quite a feat if it was, say, a big adult male), and sped off before the second driver could get a decent photograph.

I was supposed to receive the sole photograph taken at the scene before the cat was spirited away, but never did, so I can’t say what I’d so like to say, “Film at 11.”

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

Parker graduating from Minnesota State University, Mankato

MANKATO, Minn. — Minnesota State University, Mankato will award 1,709 degrees at the end of the fall semester, with commencement ceremonies scheduled for 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Dec. 14, in Taylor Center’s Bresnan Arena on the Minnesota State Mankato campus.

Graduates of the College of Arts and Humanities, College of Business and College of Science, Engineering and Technology will participate in a 9 a.m. ceremony, and graduates of the College of Allied Health and Nursing, College of Education and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will participate in a noon ceremony.

Graduates will wear purple caps and gowns for the first time. Purple is one of Minnesota State Mankato’s school colors (along with gold). Graduates have worn black caps and gowns in previous commencement ceremonies.

Live-streaming captioning services will be provided for each ceremony.

Candidates for graduate degrees will graduate with the college of their affiliation.

Advanced degrees to be awarded include five doctor of education degrees, five doctor of nursing practice degrees and one doctor of school psychology degree.

Graduate degrees to be awarded include 30 master of arts degrees, 11 master of accounting degrees, 14 master of arts in teaching degrees, seven master of business administration degrees, five master of fine arts degrees, five master of public administration degrees, 205 master of

science degrees, 14 master of science in nursing degrees, 30 master of social work degrees, three professional science master’s degrees and 25 specialist in educational leadership degrees.

To be awarded at the undergraduate level are 58 bachelor of arts degrees, 24 bachelor of fine arts degrees, 1,174 bachelor of science degrees, 19 bachelor of science in integrated engineering degrees, four bachelor of science in civil engineering degrees, 13 bachelor of science in electrical engineering degrees, two bachelor of science in mechanical engineering degrees, 32 bachelor of science in social work degrees and 23 associate of arts degrees.

Undergraduate students receiving recognition will include 92 students graduating summa cum laude (3.8 grade point average and higher), 156 students graduating magna cum laude (grade point averages of 3.5 to 3.79) and 190 students graduating

cum laude (grade point averages of 3.3 to 3.49).

More information about the Minnesota State Mankato spring commencement is at www.mnsu.edu/graduation/.

Minnesota State Mankato, a comprehensive university with

14,297 students, is part of the Minnesota State system, which includes 30 colleges and seven universities.

Among those receiving degrees is Owen Parker of Alton, receiving a bachelor of science in automotive engineering technology.

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Lighting up

Alton held its annual Light Up Night on Saturday. Pictured is the tree at Ginny Douglas Park after it was lit with new lights during the ceremony. Also pictured is Santa Claus standing beside the gazebo after the tree lighting ceremony. The Alton Business Association hosted the Festival of Trees inside the Gilman Museum with a number of trees donated by local residents and businesses. “Blue Spruce,” pictured in front, won People’s Choice Award at the Festival of Trees. It was donated by the Alton Police Association and the Alton Police Department.



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WHAT'S ON TAP

The local high school teams get to work in the coming week as the winter season swings into action.

The Prospect Mountain boys' hoop team will kick off the season on Friday, Dec. 13, by hosting White Mountains Regional at 6 p.m., will be at Belmont on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. and will be hosting Raymond at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.

The Timber Wolf hoop girls will be at White Mountains on Friday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m., will be hosting Belmont at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and will be at Raymond for a 6:30 p.m. game on Thursday, Dec. 19.

The Prospect Mountain ski team will open the season with two races at Bretton Woods, the first on Friday, Dec. 13, and the second on Thursday, Dec. 19, both at 10 a.m.

The Prospect and Kingswood indoor track teams will kick off the season on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. at the University of New Hampshire.

The Kingswood hoop girls will be opening the season on Friday, Dec. 13, at Manchester West at 5 p.m. and will be hosting Kennett on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.

The Knight hockey boys will be hosting Dover at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, and will be at Spaulding at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Kingswood alpine ski team will be opening the season on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 9:30 a.m. at King Pine.

Timber Wolf rally comes up short

PROSPECT GIRLS FALL TO BERLIN IN SEASON OPENER



KASSIDY KELLEY puts up a shot during her team's game against Berlin on Friday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain hoop girls came battling back in the fourth quarter but a dismal third quarter proved too much of an obstacle to overcome in the season opener on Friday, Dec. 6.

The Timber Wolves scored just once in the third quarter and despite the eventual rally, dropped a 34-30 decision to Berlin.

"That third quarter,

we just had too many turnovers," said Timber Wolf coach Rick Burley. "But it's early, we're going to get better."

"We're a young team," he added. "I'm expecting some rough games here and there. We just have to improve on taking care of the basketball."

The weird start to the season, with holidays and weather cancellations, seemed to show in the first quarter, as neither team was able to get any sort of flow going and the first

frame ended in a 5-5 tie. Hannah Capsalis had a three-pointer and Ella Misiasek had her first varsity points with a bucket to account for Prospect's five points.

The teams exchanged hoops early in the second. After Berlin started things with a three-pointer, Kassidy Kelley hit a hoop for the Timber Wolves. Berlin got another basket but Julia Leavitt was there with an answer for the hosts to make it a 10-9 lead for the Mountain-



PROSPECT'S Julia Leavitt (left) and Hannah Racine battle for a loose ball in action against Berlin.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

ers.

However, Berlin went on an 8-3 run to close out the quarter to open the lead up. Berlin scored four consecutive baskets to push the lead to 18-9 before Kelley stepped up and drained a three-pointer in the final minute of the quarter, sending the game to the halftime break with the Timber Wolves trailing 18-12.

Berlin was able to open the lead up even more in the third quarter, as they came out

and scored eight of the nine points scored in the frame. Berlin hit all four of their hoops before Prospect even got on the board, as Kelley's free throw with 57 seconds to go in the third was the lone point in the frame for the Timber Wolf girls. Berlin's lead stood at 26-13 entering the fourth quarter.

Prospect put up quite a battle in the fourth quarter and brought their fans to life with

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Timber Wolves bring back plenty of experience



JOSHUA SPAULDING

KEEGAN UNZEN is one of five players who are in their third year with coach Joe Faragher at Prospect Mountain.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain boys' hoop team has a number of players who have been with coach Joe Faragher for all three years of his tenure and the Timber Wolf coach is hoping that familiarity will pay off in the new season.

"We have five guys in their third year with me," Faragher said. "You can see in the first few practices that they've set the tone."

"They know what the expectations are, they know what I want," he continued. "We'll try to build off what we build the last two years."

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Local soccer stars earn All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Organization has announced All-State teams for the recently-concluded high school soccer season.

In Division II, four local boys earned Honorable Mention. Plymouth's Remy Beaujouan (defense) and Doug Casarino (midfield), Kennett's Ethan Clay-Storm (striker) and Kingwood's Brian Winn (striker) all earned Honorable Mention.

On defense, First Team honors went to Zach Kriebel and Trevor Faver of ConVal, Cooper Boure of Lebanon and Jacob Harper of Milford. Second Team honors went to Kayden Easter of John Stark, Raymond Lapiejko of Coe-Brown and Jesse Gushee and Carl Zent of Oyster River. Joining Beaujouan with Honorable Mention are Nate Dolder and Connor Waschsmuth of Bow, Ryan Schoffield of Merrimack Valley, Eric Donovan of Oyster River and Nathan Pettingill of Milford.

First Team midfielders were Logan Falzarano of Lebanon, Reed Leader of Oyster River and August Marshall and Colby Knight of ConVal. Second Team went to ConVal's Finn Wegmueller, Pembroke's Tyler Serefin, Bow's Matt Selleck and Hollis-Brookline's Max Burns. Joining Cassarino with Honorable Mention are Nolan Matthews

and Ryan Constable of Milford, Hunter Glynn of Manchester West, Bryan Wright of Hollis-Brookline, Ben Tichner of Lebanon and Alex Lin of Souhegan.

First Team strikers were Logan Cassin and Coby Mercier of Merrimack Valley and Caiden Leader of Oyster River. Second Team honors went to Cayden Donoghue of Coe-Brown, Wilonja Amosi of Manchester West and Connor Winder of Milford. Joining Clay-Storm and Winn with Honorable Mention are Peter Russell of Kearsarge, Tyler St. Martin of Lebanon and Alex Gagnon of Pelham.

First Team goalie was Mather Kipka of ConVal, Second Team went to Seth Rutledge-Davis of Kearsarge and Honorable Mention went to Ryan Coutu of Hollis-Brookline and Cooper Moote of Stevens.

Olf Mouyaka of Milford was named Coach of the Year and Kevin Morneault of ConVal earned JV Coach of the Year.

For Division II girls, Plymouth's Sumaj Billin earned Honorable Mention for defense.

Defense First Team went to Taylor Burnham and Chloe Binder of Bow, Meg Tupaj of Souhegan and Eva Schiffman of Hanover. Second Team went to Pembroke's Britney Hill, Calla Tucker of Oyster River, Renee Wilson of Milford and Elizabeth Philbrook of Merrimack Valley. Joining

Billin with Honorable Mention are Arden Ulmer of John Stark, Ayla Laro of ConVal, Amelia Bracket of Coe-Brown and Emily Hinckley of Sanborn.

First Team goalie was Sally Rainey of Lebanon, Second Team went to Bella Bardales of Hanover and Honorable Mention went to Emaly Roy of John Stark, Hunter Stonebreaker of Souhegan and Colleen Peters of Pelham.

First Team midfield went to Pepper Joseph of Hanover, Rachel Gizzonio and Mikayla Thompson of Milford and Lindsay Burnham of Bow. Second Team went to Madison Bailey of Pembroke, Paisley Broadhurst of Hollis-Brookline, Casey McGuire of Hanover and Megan Gradijan of Lebanon. Honorable Mention went to Hayley Kenney of Merrimack Valley, Bella Roy of John Stark and Caroline Camp of Kearsarge,

Striker First Team went to Riley Craft of Hanover, Tasha White of Hollis-Brookline and Charlotte Johnson of Hanover. Second Team went to Aspen Tiapa of Milford and Kristina Pizzi of Bow. Honorable Mention went to Oyster River's Charlotte Cousins, Souhegan's Greta Caulton, Milford's Sydney Thibault, Kearsarge's Jordan Busch and John Stark's Chelsea Woodsom.

Doug Kennedy of Hanover was named Coach

of the Year and Jessica Allison of Bow was named JV Coach of the Year.

For Division III boys, Prospect Mountain's Nolan Sykes earned Second Team (striker), teammates Michael Mahoney (defense) and Camden Dore (midfield) and Newfound's Jack Gosson (goalie) all earned Honorable Mention.

First Team goalie was Chase Gagnon of St. Thomas, Second Team went to Jack Noury of Campbell and joining Gosson with Honorable Mention were Zach Ramsdell of Sanborn and Andrew Pincince of Somersworth.

First Team for defense went to Colton Workman of Gilford, Mike Baer of Hopkinton, Zack Barthel of Mascenic and Lars Major of Belmont. Second Team went to Tanner Shore of Laconia, Andrew DiCroce of Trinity, David Southworth of White Mountains and Ryan Stultz of Trinity. Joining Mahoney with Honorable Mention were Paul Cunningham of Brady, Liam Hemmerling of Mascoma, Ashley Deshaies of Winnisquam and Anthony Tomer of Monadnock.

First Team midfield went to Noah Caballero of Mascenic, Derek West of Hopkinton, Ben Schwarz of Mascoma and Ben Gardiner of Gilford. Second Team went to Max Lussier of Sanborn, Shea Dickson of Hopkinton, Anthony

Aguiar of Gilford and Ben Estrella of Berlin. Joining Dore with Honorable Mention are Colby Reid of Laconia, Chris Ban Natta of Derryfield, Jack Ferguson of Hillsboro-Deering and Ethan Vitello of Conant.

First Team striker went to Ben Seiler of Mascoma, Sam Sawyer of Gilford and David Lash of Campbell. Joining Sykes with Second Team are Nate Sottak of Belmont and Joaquin Heller of Campbell. Honorable Mention went to Nate Wilkins of Mascenic, Tyler Rousseau of Berlin, Kaden Brackett of Raymond, Max Hentz of Inter-Lakes and Eli Gould of Fall Mountain.

Andy Heliessen of Mascenic was named Division III Coach of the Year.

Prospect Mountain's Hannah Racine earned Honorable Mention for midfield for Division III girls.

First Team goalie was Bailey Bourque of Campbell, Second Team went to Gracie Atkins of Hillsboro-Deering and Honorable Mention went to Emily Senko of Brady and Alyson Van George of Laconia.

First Team defense went to Eleanor Owen of Hopkinton, Alexis Aiken of Stevens, Briana Connolly of Somersworth and Kate Stoncius of Campbell. Second Team went to Sana Syed of Belmont, Kylie Youngclaus of St. Thomas, Sarah Bradley of Trinity and Zoe Cousineau of

Derryfield. Honorable Mention went to Deanna Bourque of Belmont, Kally Murdough and Madeline Follansbee of Hopkinton, Zahna Rice of Stevens, Helen LaRowe of Inter-Lakes, Avery Stewart of Fall Mountain, Bailey Brewer of Conant and Morgan Doolan of White Mountains.

Midfield First Team went to Tanner Brown of Stevens, Annie Higginbotham of Hopkinton, Reece Sadler of Gilford and Lauren Beitler of Brady. Joining Racine with Honorable Mention were Rebecca Pincince of Somersworth, Eva LaValley of Hillsboro-Deering, Jaiden McKenna of Gilford, Emma Losey of Derryfield and Jillian Patria of Conant.

First Team striker went to Kathryn Lacasse of Raymond, Sheridan Brummett of Brady and Sydney Miller of Stevens. Second Team went to Loren Charron of Hopkinton, Keeley Francis of Trinity and Chelsea Cooper of St. Thomas. Honorable Mention went to Rebecca Fleming of Belmont, Shelby Cole and Maddi Rector of Gilford, Kaylee Peare of Berlin and Halee Bertolami of Monadnock.

Mike Zahn of Hopkinton was named Division III Coach of the Year.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

Registration open for winter curling season

WOLFEBORO — Registration has started for Lakes Region Curling's Winter 2020 league. The season consists of eight Sunday matches, starting on Jan. 12 and running until March 8. No matches are scheduled for Feb. 2, Super Bowl Sunday.

Each match, held at Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro, runs for two hours, starting at 5:15 p.m.

Registration is open to men and women aged 14 or over. No previous experience is required, and participants may

join as individuals, with a partner, or as part of a complete team.

The LRCA will offer new players a learn-to-curl session on Sunday, Jan. 5, during which experienced curlers provide instruction in the rules and game play of curling. Curlers can use the traditional sliding delivery seen in television matches or use a "delivery stick" that lets the player walk to send the stone down the ice.

All equipment is provided and organizers will assist unaffiliated registrants in finding a

team.

Registration fee is \$195 per person. Registration forms as well as waiver forms for adults and for minors are available for download from the LRCA web site at lakescurlingnh.org.

Sometimes referred to as "chess on ice," curling originated on the marshes of Scotland in the early 1500s and came to North America with British colonists in the 18th century. First demonstrated at the 1926 Winter Olympics, it became an official Olympic sport in 1998.

Free youth lacrosse clinics in Gilford start Sunday

GILFORD — All area second through eighth graders, boys and girls, are invited to Lakes Region Lacrosse Club's winter skills and intro to lacrosse clinics. All skill levels are welcome, with US Lacrosse-certified coaches on hand to get you ready for the spring 2020 season. The clinics are free and will be held at the Gilford Youth Center. They'll start on Dec. 15 and will run 4-6 p.m. generally every other Sunday through February. Participants can attend one, some, or all clinics. Registration is required. Visit www.lrlacrosse.org for details and to register.



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Numbers crunch for Kingswood hoop girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The numbers are down but expectations are up for a better season for the Kingswood girls’ hoop team.

Second-year head coach Marty Garabedian has just 18 girls between the varsity and JV programs, an issue that he knows other teams are also facing. Neighboring Prospect Mountain is dealing with a similar numbers crunch and Garabedian was told that Pelham had to cancel the JV season because they didn’t have enough players.

“We’re not the only ones,” he said, but noted it was up to the coaches to work with the players who are ready to take the court.

The good news for the Knights is that there are a lot of experienced players back on the varsity roster, led by a trio of seniors who all saw significant time last year.

Rachel Bonneau, Analise Cataldo and Grace Saunders are all back for their senior seasons and all should be expected to carry a good portion of the load for the Knights. Saunders and Cataldo work on the front line while Bonneau is in the backcourt.

There are also three juniors back for the Knights, all of whom saw some time on the varsity

court last year. Allie Drew, Catie Shannon and Brooke Eldridge will be expected to step up and pick up more minutes in their junior seasons.

There are also five sophomores that are with the varsity team this year that saw limited minutes at the end of the season last year. They include Alexis Copp, Ana Ekstrom, Dakota Turner, Megan Dav-ey and Kyleigh Bonneau. Garabedian will also bring up two freshmen who will swing between the JV and varsity teams in Camden Hobbs and Sadie Erwin.

“We’re looking to improve from last year,” Garabedian said. “It all rides on the defensive end and we’re really pushing that.

“It’s been a focal point in our scrimmages,” the Knight coach continued. “It has to be for a full four quarters, not just one or two.”

He notes that the girls have been buying into what he and his coaching staff are preaching as the new season gets under way.

“So far the girls have been getting it,” Garabedian said. “We’re hopeful, time will tell.”

The team had a number of scrimmages in the first few weeks of practice as they prepared for the new season and af-

ter Mother Nature dealt them a few blows with cancelled practices in the week after Thanksgiving, Garabedian was looking forward to a full week of practices leading up to the season opener on Friday.

“The more you play, the better you’re going to be,” he said.

The Knights are opening the season against Manchester West, the only team they beat last year, but Garabedian knows not to take anyone lightly in Division II.

“You can’t take any opponent lightly,” he said. “And you shouldn’t take any opponent lightly, it doesn’t matter if its high school, college or professional level.”

Kingswood will open the season on Friday, Dec. 13 at Manchester West at 5 p.m. The team will be hosting Carroll County rival Kennett on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.

The schedule will include two games each with Kennett and Plymouth and single games against West, Pembroke, Spaulding, Hanover, ConVal, Hollis-Brookline, Bow, Pelham, Timberlane, Coe-Brown, Oyster River, Souhegan, Merrimac, Valley and John Stark.

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KATHY SUTHERLAND
ANNALISE CATALDO is one of three seniors returning to the court for the Kingswood hoop girls.

GIRLS

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a good run to open the frame. Misiaszek drained a hoop to start the run and then Kelley connected on her second three-pointer of the night. Kelley then hit a hoop and sank two free throws as Prospect’s scoring run went to 10 in a row and the lead was down to just four at 26-22. Berlin was able to

hit a free throw and a hoop to again get the lead to seven but Capsalis stepped into her second three-pointer of the night to get the lead back to four. The Mountaineers drained two free throws but Hannah Racine found herself wide open under the net for two points for the Timber Wolves. A Berlin hoop gave them a 33-27 lead as the clock started ticking down in the final few minutes.

Misiaszek drained a huge three-pointer with 30 seconds to go, cutting the lead to just three but a Berlin free throw was able to seal the deal just a few seconds later. The Timber Wolves tried to come up with the right play to get the ball twice but couldn’t come up with a shot and Berlin had the 34-30 win.

“I’m impressed with their effort,” Burley said. “That fourth quarter, down 13, I was very

pleased with that effort, they fought hard.

“We gave it a shot at the end and that’s all I can ask for,” the Timber Wolf coach said. “I want them to give the effort and they did that.

“There will be some learning curves,” he added.

The Timber Wolves were led by Kelley’s 13 points on the night.

Prospect will be back in action on Friday, Dec. 13, as they visit White

Mountains Regional for a 6:30 p.m. game. They host Belmont on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. and visit Raymond at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, the final game before the holiday break.

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Berlin 34

M. Peare 2-0-4, K. Peare 4-3-13, Balderrama 3-1-7, Cordwell 0-2-2,

Lozeau 2-0-4, Remillard 2-0-4, Totals 13-6-34

Prospect 30

Capsalis 2-0-6, Misiaszek 3-0-7, Racine 1-0-2, Leavitt 1-0-2, Kelley 4-3-13, Totals 11-3-30

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BOYS

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While the early season has seen some troubles due to the weather cancelling practices, but he’s pleased that the guys have been working hard so far.

The Timber Wolves will return two of the top three scorers from last year in seniors Keegan Unzen and Brandon Stellan. Unzen has been a force under the hoop and Stellan works in the backcourt and they will be asked to carry a large load. Faragher is hoping to make Unzen as versatile as possible to take advantage of his skills.

“We don’t have a big team, so we’ll have a different approach on how we battle bigger teams,” Faragher said. “We’ll have a different style than what teams have seen from us in the past.

“We’re going to look to push the tempo more this year,” the Timber Wolf coach continued. “We’re going to try to apply a little more pressure.”

The other three players who’ve been on the varsity with Faragher the last two years are Noah Sanville, Aaron Haynes and Ryker Burke and all three of

them were part of the rotation last year and will be looked at to contribute even more this year.

Sophomores Seth Huggard and Ethan Howe each saw some time as freshman on the varsity team last year while classmates Deuce Smith and Ryan Warr will be vying for time at the varsity level as well.

Juniors Alex Ludwig

and David Fossett are moving up from the JV team and Faragher notes that they are working hard every day looking to create opportunities for themselves.

The other newcomer to the team is junior Michael Perry, who is playing for the first time.

“We’re trying to get everyone as much experience as possible,”

Faragher said.

The Timber Wolves will have a tough Division III schedule across the board, with two games each against St. Thomas, Somersworth and Berlin and single games each with White Mountains Regional, Belmont, Raymond, Gilford, Inter-Lakes, Winnisquam, Campbell, Newfound, Hills-

boro-Deering, Monadnock, Hopkinton and Franklin. The team will also be taking part in the Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford during the Christmas break.

The Timber Wolves will be opening the season on Friday, Dec. 13, at home against White Mountains at 6 p.m. The team is at Belmont at 6

p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and will be hosting Raymond at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.

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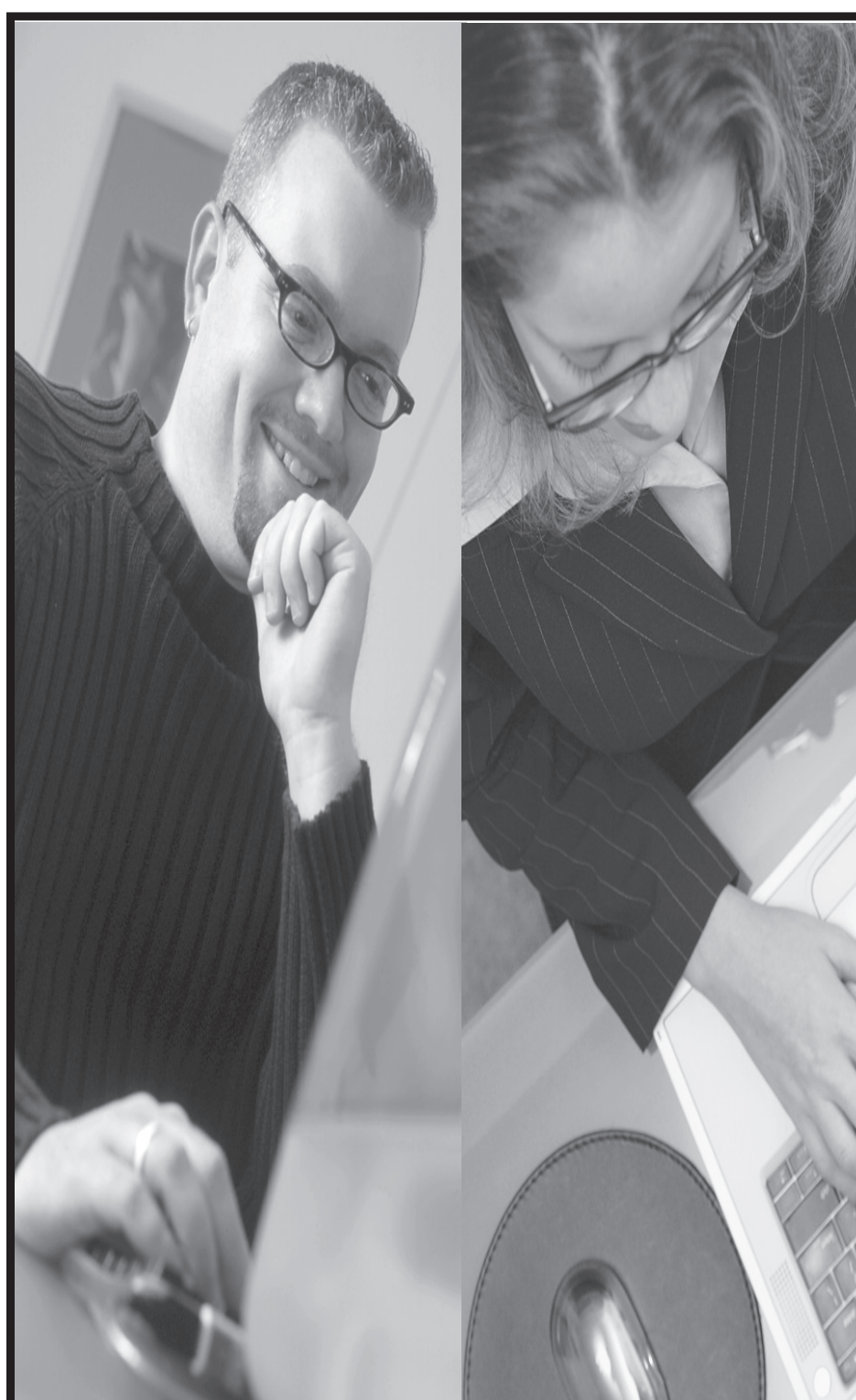
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The day was last Wednesday and after a short nap, I woke up at midnight and was on the road before 1 a.m. to Boston to catch a 5 a.m. flight to Dallas-Fort Worth. The good news is, with such an early flight, there was no traffic getting into the airport and the security line was minimal, making for a quick trip through the checkpoint.

Of course, it wouldn't be a trip for me if there weren't some kind of drama involved and that drama came in the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. For anyone who has ever been there, the place is huge and the different terminals are connected by train for traveler ease. I got off the plane in terminal C and had to make my way to terminal A with less than an hour between flights. As I reached terminal A, I reached in my pocket and noticed that my driver's license was not there. I usually keep

it in my wallet, which I keep in my backpack, but for convenience at the security checkpoint, I take it out and keep it in my pocket. I quickly determined that it most likely came out of my pocket when I pulled my phone out on the plane in to Dallas. The gate agent at my terminal C gate tried calling the gate where I had arrived, but nobody answered. I decided to take a chance and make a dash back to terminal A. I got back on the train and got to the gate, only to find nobody there. I was able to find a helpful woman at the American Airlines information desk and she went on the plane and found my license at my seat as I expected. It was back on the train to terminal A and I arrived just in time for them to call my boarding group and got on the plane to John Wayne Orange County Airport.

For the first time in my life, I did a pre-season interview with a coach while sitting in the airport, as I checked in with Kennett girls' hoop coach Larry Meador from Orange County. A few hours later, after a stop at In-N-Out Burger, I talked with Plymouth girls' hoop coach Dave Levesque as well. I'm planning on submitting my mileage to California in the next pay period, since obviously I was there to work.

The rain made things a bit tough, as I usually like to walk around wherever I am, but I



SURVIVORS in attendance at the live event in Brea, Calif. last week included back row (l to r), Stephen Fishbach, Tyler Fredrickson, Max Dawson, Bradley Kleighe and Nick Maioranp. Front row (l to r), Abi-Maria Gomes, Peih-Gee Law and Hannah Shapiro, along with some guy who will never get casted.

didn't feel much like getting soaked. I took an Uber to the Brea Mall and hung out there for a short period of time before it was off to an escape room in Brea. Our group successfully solved the escape room puzzle in the second-best time of the year according to the staff.

Next up was dinner at The Hat, a local chain that specializes in pas-trami (though their barbecue beef was also very good) before we headed over to the venue location, the Brea Improv.

We had a great episode of Survivor to watch and the panel discussion

that followed was great, featuring a number of great guests, including many who I had not met before. The after party followed just down the road but I didn't make it through much of that since I'd been up for so long at that point.

The next morning the rain had cleared and the sun came out so I hopped a ride down to the Newport pier and walked along the beach. While Orange County is the setting for one of my favorite television shows of all time, The O.C., it wasn't filmed there so I didn't get to see any familiar sites, but it was

cool to walk along the water and look up at the snow-covered mountains in the distance. It reminded me a bit of my experience in Sochi, Russia for the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Before long it was back to the airport and homeward bound, with a slight delay in Dallas. I landed at about 1 a.m. and was home by about 3:30 a.m. The first game of the winter season came around about 14.5 hours later and from there, it was a trip north to put up the Christmas lights in Stark, making for one heck of a busy week.

And yes, it does rain in southern California. I've seen it for myself.

Finally, have a great day, Sarah Christian.

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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.

Kids invited to learn Nordic skiing

WOLFEBORO — Winter is right around the corner. Get your kid outside and embracing the winter with the Kingswood Learn to Nordic Ski Program. Nordic skiing is a great source of exercise that gets you out in the fresh air and snow. This program is free and takes place over five Mondays in January and February. The exact dates are Jan. 6, 13, and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10. It will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Abenaki Ski Area.

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.

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