

Logging operation continues on Birch Hill

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer
NEW DURHAM —

Since early autumn, traffic on Birch Hill Road has been punctuated by the rumble of log trucks negotiating downwardly-winding

letter S curves, stretching from the ridgetop uplands and descend-

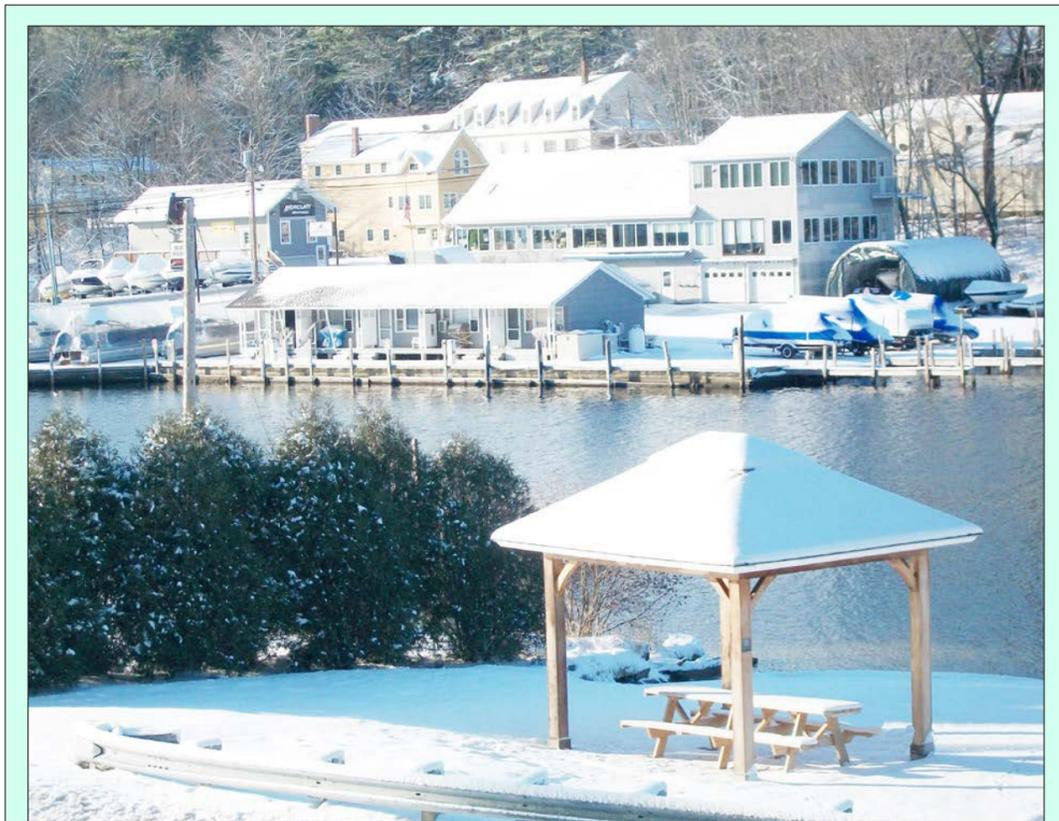
ing along a route as crooked as a snake's back.

Combined, the trucks haul several thousand board feet of timber daily. Depending on the species of timber being hauled, loads may vary between 20,000 to 80,000 lbs. Additionally, non-log timber, i.e., slash or brush, is chipped on site and hauled away as biomass.

The 1,900-acre parcel that's being harvested was once owned by Red Oak Realty, which wanted to develop a large-scale housing project overlooking Lake Merrymeeting

and other surrounds. After the bottom fell out of the realty market late last decade, the prospects for such a project dimmed. Red Oak made a few overtures toward the town, expressing an interest in selling the large parcel. Given its environmental importance, the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests and the Merrymeeting Lake Association joined forces with the town to help acquire the site for conservation. However, the estimates value of \$2.6 million was deemed too low by Red Oak, and no

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RUTH ARSENAULT — COURTESY PHOTO

White coat

The first lasting snow of the season left Alton Bay blanketed in white on Sunday morning.

Barnstead School Board goes over preliminary budget numbers

BY DAVID ALLEN
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — The biggest single focus of the Tuesday, Nov. 30, Barnstead School Board was on preparations for the School District Meeting in March.

The board reviewed a first draft of the budget for 2018-19 prepared by Business Manager Donna Clairmont. The budget for the elementary school will increase by approximately \$225,000 from \$7,858,000 to \$8,083,000 (all numbers are rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

This will be mostly offset by a \$181,000 decrease in the high school budget from \$4,934,000 to \$4,753,000. This decrease is partially due to reduced costs in the overall high school budget

in several areas. The biggest change comes from the fact that the number of high school students from Barnstead is decreasing and the number from Alton is increasing.

The cost of capital improvements at the high school is shared equally. Each town pays half. The cost of operating the high school is shared proportionate to the number of students coming from each town. So, if 250 Prospect Mountain students come from Alton and 250 from Barnstead then the operating costs would also be split half and half.

It never works out so neatly, but there has been a gradual shift in the last couple of years. Traditionally more students have come from Barnstead than Alton. That has changed. The November attendance numbers at PMHS show that 54 percent of the high school students are from Alton and 46 percent are from Barnstead (rounded to the nearest one percent).

Two factors account for most of the increase in the elementary school district budget. Health insurance costs for classroom teachers will increase by \$40,000 and for special needs personnel will increase by \$71,000. The cost per person will increase by up to 5.6 percent. The manner in which

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New year, new robot

Prospect robotics team preparing for new challenge in 2018

BY SYDNEY DEJAGER
Contributing Writer

ALTON — The holiday season is here, and while that alone is reason to celebrate, several students at Prospect Mountain High School are celebrating because of something else entirely: The upcoming robot season. The robotics team, "BOB 319," recently hosted one of the last events with their current robot, The Battle of the Bay. Prospect Mountain's robotics team has been very strong in recent years, qualifying for both national and world competitions from 2013 to 2015. This past year has been a growing year for the team, as they've been training a new driver to operate the robot, but they expect to find success in the upcoming season.

As impressive as three visits to world

championships sounds, none of it would be possible without the countless hours of hard work and commitment that the students and their advisors, Brian Hikel and Joe Derrick, put into their robot. The team is led by an impressive group of students that use critical thinking and problem solving to help them design and then build their robot. One of these students is senior Amanda Gagne, who is

giving her time and efforts to the team for her second year. "I'm really excited to see the way that competition comes together, especially with the success we've had this past offseason," Amanda said. Although the team did not qualify for the same major competitions they are used to last year, they have won nearly all offseason events they have participated in.

A strong upcoming season seems promis-

ing, however that is about the sum of what the team knows about it. Each year, the teams face a different theme, meant to display the many facets of their robot. This year the theme was "Steamworks." "All we know about this coming season is that it's called 'Powerup.' We don't really know yet what that's going to mean, except we have to build and program a completely new robot in

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Along the coast

Buddy, Linda and Britney Haney recently traveled through Italy for 16 days living an experience of a lifetime. They began their tour in southern Italy along the Amalfi Coast and islands of Capri where they held a private vow renewal for their 30th wedding anniversary. They kept traveling through Tuscany and up into Florence and Pisa, stopping at 14 mid-century cities along the way.

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JUSTIN SPENCER and Alex Stickles from Recycled Percussion came to Alton Central School recently.

Recycled Percussion members visit Alton Central

BY JOHN MACARTHUR

Alton Central School Principal

ALTON — We recently welcomed Justin Spencer (Chaos and Kindness/Recycled Percussion) to Alton Central School where he performed with fellow Recycled Percussionist Alex Stickles. Spencer provided a motivational speech to our entire student body and staff. This assembly was directly aligned to the district's strategic plan: "We believe the foundation for learning focuses on emotional health, positive relationships, diversity in support of exploration, advancing confidence



COURTESY PHOTO

(LEFT) JUSTIN SPENCER fires up the Alton Central School crowd during a recent ceremony.

The assembly also included some fun activities including a Q&A with students, an acrobatic percussive show-down between Spencer and Stickles, a teacher "drum-off," and a grand finale "dance-off" between all of the male ACS staff members. It was a wonderful afternoon for our

and self-reliance."

During the ceremony, Spencer hit on the importance of treating others with kindness, working hard and following your dreams.

School board gets preliminary look at budget

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE

Contributing Writer

OSSIPEE — Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board Finance Chairman Jack Widmer was able to offer a preliminary draft of the budget for the 2018-2019 school year on Dec. 4 at the meeting at Ossipee Central School, but his numbers were not yet complete. Contract negotiations are under way with the teachers' union. Without those final calculations, the budget will be up 2.91 percent, said Widmer.

The largest increase, in the midst of the state's steady cost shifting down to local communities, is health insurance costs of \$963,453. He said the district has been able to offset costs in other areas with successful energy conservation projects and an influx of middle



ELISSA PAQUETTE

GOVERNOR Wentworth Education Association President Lise Tierney, flanked by a number of the district's teachers, spoke to the GWRSD board on Dec. 4 at its monthly meeting held in Ossipee Central School in acknowledgement of the negotiations under way between the union and the board.

and high school students from Middleton whose town pays tuition for those residents and also for SAU 9 office administrative support.

Total enrollment is down slightly this year, from 2,344 in the previous school year to 2,326, reflective of a statewide trend. Widmer said the district has saved money with careful allocation of staff, which has included transferring teachers within the district as schools' needs change.

The number of staff has also been reduced through attrition. At the same time, in some instances, staff time has been increased to fulfill special education requirements for Individual Education Plans.

Ossipee Central School (OCS), Tuftonboro Central School (TCS), Crescent Lake Elementary School (CLES), and Kingswood Regional High School (KRHS)/Lakes Region Technology Center (LRTC) have

students and staff that came with a powerful message of kindness.

The ACS student body is teaming up with the Recycled Percussion Foundation to donate new unwrapped toys to the less fortunate this holiday season. Donations will take place from Dec. 4 to the 22 and there is currently a box in the patio for your donations.

experienced declines in enrollment, with the OCS number of enrollees down from 324 to 300; TCS down from 128 to 117; CLES down from 217 to 201; and KRHS/KRTC down from 804 to 774.

Effingham Elementary School and Kingswood Regional Middle School were the anomaly, with student populations going up from 93 to 111 and 352 to 397 respectively.

Looking ahead, the final adoption of the budget is set for Jan. 8. The last day for collective bargaining and the last date for petitioned warrant articles is Jan. 9. The Deliberative Session, which provides the opportunity for amendments from the floor, is scheduled for Feb. 3.

Filing dates for district officers go from Jan. 4 to Feb. 2. There are three open seats: a member at large position, and the New Durham and Tuftonboro seats.

Story Hour Holiday Party is Dec. 20

BARNSTEAD — Join the Oscar Foss Memorial Library for its annual Story Hour Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. Children can bring a gently used or new wrapped book to exchange under the tree and parents are welcome to bring a special snack to share. Santa will be coming to share in the celebration and take pictures with the children.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23, for Christmas and Saturday, Dec. 30 for New

Years. Toddler Time and Story Hour will not be held the week of Dec. 25. Happy Holidays to all.

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

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Hoop clinic, exercise classes available in Alton

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and PMHS varsity basketball teams are sponsoring a basketball clinic for players in grades one through four. The

clinic will be held at PMHS on Saturdays, Jan. 6-27 from 9 to 11 a.m. The program is a skills clinic providing a fun and developmental environment for players who are begin-

ning their journey into the game of basketball. The clinic will include skills, drills, shooting, obstacles, dribbling, etc. The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 15, forms are available at www.alton.nh.gov.

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Alton Parks and Recreation exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston focuses on breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment. Geared toward participants who know basic postures. Class ends in seated meditation and savasana. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m.

Strength Training and Yoga with AF-AA-certified Kellie Troendle is a class for active adults held Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Museum. Use free weights to strengthen and train major muscle groups. Practice yoga postures for balance, flexibility and strength. Mats available for use.

Everybody's talking about the new cake in town

Cake Creations open in Village Centre in Alton

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Heather Halvorsen grew up around baking. “My mom and grandmother were always making and decorating cakes as a hobby,” she said, “and I learned from them.”

She had the touch, too, and enjoyed the process so much that she took some cake decorating classes and began making specialty cakes for friends and family. It didn't take long before those folks started referring her to their friends and family.

She began baking birthday and wedding cakes left and right to rave reviews.

The next step was the logical one. “I decided to open a business.”

So in mid-November, after two years of planning and a “very long night,” Cake Creations Bakery and Frozen Yogurt opened its doors to a public that has proven receptive.

Located in the Village Centre on Main Street, the new shop is open seven days a week to satisfy sweet tooth cravings, Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“I'm here baking anyway,” Halvorsen said about the late hours, “so we might as well be open.”

The business is a family endeavor with Halvorsen's daughter working with her, and her husband filling in when Halvorsen isn't there. Customers also catch glimpses of her son helping out, and a friend is there during the day.

“My mom helps out, too,” she said. “She can't get away from it.”

And don't be surprised that some of her grandmother's recipes are finding their way into her fare.

Halvorsen grew up in Pembroke, but her parents and grandmother were from Barnstead, where she now lives. When she started making custom cakes, her grandmother was amazed at how much things had changed since she did it.

“She used to make rosettes and flowers out of royal icing,” Halvorsen said, “and fondant was just for wedding cakes then. It was tough and flavorless and no one would eat it.”

Ingredients and quality have changed, and now fondant is a yummy staple. Making a shaped cake has changed, also.

“People used to buy a shaped pan, flip the cake out and decorate it with little stars. Now we bake



CATHY ALLYN

THERE'S NO question that Cake Creations, a new bakery and frozen yogurt shop in the Village Centre on Main Street in Alton, is on Santa's "nice" list. On Saturday Dec. 16, and Dec. 23, children are welcome to decorate goodies and get a picture with Old Saint Nick for free from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Here, Rhiannon O'Gara and owner Heather Halvorsen offer Father Christmas some Christmas cookies.

a cake in a rectangle and carve it to shape it, covering it with frosting or fondant.”

Halvorsen reports that there is no end to the kinds of requests she receives. “I can pretty much do anything on a cake.”

Yet, she doesn't consider herself artistic; crafty, yes. “I can't sit down and draw, but I can do it with fondant or frosting.”

She said she has some generic cutters for certain shapes, but most of her work is freehand.

She put in a decorating window in her new bakery so people can see her at work. “They find it fascinating.”

Customers have a lot to choose from. The daily goodies in the bakery case include cupcakes, whoopie pies, cookies, various breads, cannoli, and the ever-popular cream horns.

“They love the cream horns,” Halvorsen said of her customers. “They wanted coffee to go with them, so we put in a coffee machine.”

The younger crowd heads for the cooler full of Pepsi products, frappuccinos and energy drinks.

“There's been a steady stream of customers for the frozen yogurt,” Halvorsen said, “despite the temperatures outside.”

Eight flavors, two of which are dairy free sorbet, pair nicely with the

nine dry toppings and 12 cold toppings Halvorsen offers.

“The dance class participants come over after class,” her daughter Rhiannon O'Gara said, “and sometimes before.”

What is it like to work in a place that smells delicious all of the time? “It's hard for me not to eat everything,” O'Gara admitted. “I eat lunch from the sample cups.”

Brent O'Blenes of Alton has been in to sample the wares three times. As a chef, he said he can appreciate a good baker. “Everything I've tried here is good,” he said.

So, is there a secret to making a delicious cake? Halvorsen said, “It's all in baking it. I don't time it. I just kind of know when it's done.”

Not with a sixth sense, but by using her nose. “Once you start to smell it, it's almost done. Then you test how springy it is.”

She said people have the tendency to over bake, and then “it's not moist.”

Her lead-time for a custom cake varies. “It depends on the design,” she said. “If it has a lot of fondant figures, it could take up to two weeks.” But you could be digging into one with simple buttercream frosting in as little as 48 hours.

Pies are another offering. “I did a bunch of pie orders for Thanksgiving and am now taking them for Christmas,” she said.

To get into the holiday spirit, Halvorsen has invited Santa Claus to be at the bakery the next two Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids are welcome to decorate a cupcake or gingerbread man cookie for free.

The jolly old elf reported that he doesn't mind taking time away from his North Pole activities because “it's all about the children.”

At last Saturday's decorating session, he noted that “a lot of frosting and lots of sprinkles” made it onto the cookies, and that the children were all polite.

Cake Creations will

be open on Dec. 24 to pick up something to leave out for Santa that

night, or for anyone else who might appreciate a late snack.

Halvorsen said the townspeople have been good about “coming in and sharing what we have on Facebook. And it sounds corny, but it's true; in this plaza, we all work together and have great relationships.”

A few weeks in to her new venture, Halvorsen is still a little overwhelmed.

“It's a big step from a hobby to actually making it a business,” she said, “but I've been doing it for over ten years so it's not anything new. Baking and decorating is what I like to do, and I don't think I'll ever get tired of it.”

Cake Creations can be reached at 875-0103 or info@cakecreation-nh.com. Visit the shop on Facebook (Cake Creations NH) or cakecreationsnh.com.

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Christmas is a holiday

Late last week we received an e-mail from a subscriber. The e-mail had a picture of last week's front page story on the Light Up Night in Alton. However, the reader had crossed out the word "holiday" in the headline and written "Christmas" over the top of it.

First and foremost, we celebrate Christmas. That's our choice and is obviously the choice of many people in the community. And it's exactly that, a choice. The religion and beliefs of each person is his or her own to have and we will support to our dying breath their ability to make those choices.

However, we also know that not everyone celebrates Christmas. Yes, Light Up Night was the start of the Christmas season, but it was also the start of the season for other holidays, including Hanukkah, which began this past Tuesday at sundown.

Our headline was not a "war on Christmas" as some people would like to think, but rather an acknowledgement that not every person in our local communities celebrate Christmas and there's no reason why they should be left out of the celebrations each year. Our guess is that the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, which helped to run the Light Up Night, would not exclude someone who was celebrating Hanukkah or any other holiday.

People who say 'happy holidays' are often derided for trying to shortchange Christmas, but in fairness, trying to force your holiday, and thus your religion and beliefs, on someone else is just wrong. Sure, saying 'happy holidays' may be more politically correct (and yes, sometimes politically correct can be overbearing), but in some cases, it makes sense.

Now, we still say Merry Christmas because that is the holiday we celebrate, but if we know someone celebrates another, we will try to make sure that's noticed in any sort of greeting.

What we want to remind the reader who sent us that picture is that it is the holiday season. And Christmas is, in fact, a holiday. As is New Year's, which also falls during the holiday season. So is Hanukkah. So is Kwanzaa. Guess what, people who choose to celebrate those holidays are not excluded and people who choose to celebrate Christmas are also not excluded. While we love the Christmas season, we acknowledge it's not for everyone.

Our headline last week was correct. Light Up Night was indeed, the start of the holiday season. And while it was also the start of the Christmas season, we felt it appropriate to include everyone who is celebrating this time of year instead of just one group of people.

We are bothered when people try to force their political beliefs down the throat of others, something that is very prevalent in this divisive time in which we live. We believe that everyone is entitled to believe what they want to believe and we will not try to force our beliefs on others. The reader who wrote us seemed to be saying that his or her (there was no name) choice of holiday deserved priority over every other holiday. We don't see it that way.

Christmas is a holiday. Therefore, it is the start of the holiday season as our headline stated. Celebrate whatever holiday you choose. And have respect for those who celebrate differently.



COURTESY PHOTO

Helping socks

The Alton Central School National Junior Honor Society is collecting socks for New Horizons. See the story on page A5.

Letters to the Editor

Chief Bernier has her respect

To the Editor:

This is my first letter to the Baysider. David A. Bickford's vitriolic screed against Chief Shawn Bernier (Nov. 30) changed that. DAB is a bully and needs to be addressed as such.

DAB should check his ego, put down his pen and look in the mirror. Like what you see? We don't.

The town of New Durham means just that, and not the town of New Bickford. DAB is not the master of our town or even of his own sons.

Owning acres of property does not give one

license to lord over others in our town. Please stand tall and support Chief Shawn Bernier and demand DAB step down and cease his constant harassment of our chief.

I admire, respect, support and value the chief. DAB? Not so much.

I trust the chief to continue to protect and serve our town with dignity. I believe in the chief and know he will continue to protect us from the evil ones, like DAB.

Linda LaCoq
New Durham

Update from Concord

To the Editor:

This is the latest State House update from one of New Durham's State Representatives, Mike Harrington. First let me wish all the folks of New Durham Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe and happy holiday season. I hope you and yours all enjoy this special time of the year.

This November saw a very unusual happening at the State House; the changing of the Speaker of the House in the middle of the session. This has not happened since the 1950s. Former Speaker Jasper resigned after being appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Executive Council to be the Commissioner of Agriculture for New Hampshire. This resulted in multiple representatives striving to replace him as Speaker. Representative Chandler (who had previously been speaker over 10 years ago) won the Republican Caucus and subsequently was elected speaker. Speaker Chandler has stated he will only complete this term as speaker and will not run again in 2018 so there will be another contested election for speaker next fall.

The House begins meeting again in January. This being a non-budget year (a two-year budget was passed this June) means the session should go a little faster but it does not mean there won't be major issues. The biggest issue will be Medicaid expansion. The state's Medicaid expansion program is set to expire at the end of 2018 unless it is reauthorized. To complicate matters the federal government has told New Hampshire the method we are currently using to fund this program will not be allowed after 2018. Also, the share the federal government pays for this program starts going down in 2019. So as often happens it will come down to if we want to continue this program, how are we going to pay for it?

Other major issues will be how to deal with the opioid crisis, funding of full day kindergarten and changes to federal funding.

Most everyone is aware of the opioid crisis but how best combat this and where the money to do so will come from are not so certain.

Full day kindergarten was passed this year with the hope that Keno (a form of gambling that was the proposed funding method when full day kindergarten was passed) would provide adequate funding in the near future. Right now, it is uncertain how many towns will vote to allow Keno and how much money it will raise. Keno is limited to towns that vote it in and can only be played at establishments that have license to serve alcoholic beverages.

Federal grants and transfer make up about 30 percent of the state's spending (but don't forget it is our money that the feds get from us first). Changes to the way and amount that these funds are returned to the states could require legislative action.

On a different issue, we all know New Durham (and most of this part of the state) experienced a multi-day power outage recently. I believe the performance of Eversource (aka PSNH) and the NHEC has improved over past outages but I would like to know what you think. Please let me know what worked well and what they could have done better. As a former Public Utilities Commissioner, I know the right people to pass your comments onto and will make sure they get them.

Of course, this is just a brief summary of the issues, there will be many other issues brought up in the House this session. Please feel free to contact me on any state issue at harringt@metrocast.net or 942-8691

Rep. Mike Harrington
Strafford

A year like no other

To the Editor:

2017 has been a rough year for many of us, a year like no other in our lifetimes. Every day seems to bring another surreal headline, another injustice, another vulnerable population that becomes less protected, another set of diminished rights, another rolled-back policy that once seemed like an ironclad advancement of progress, another invitation for outside ridicule, another slew of lies. But we've gone high and we've protested and we've endured and we've resisted. And we're just getting started, because 2018 is almost here and it will be a pivotal year.

I turned from a concerned citizen into a full-fledged activist overnight in November of 2016. I'm amazed at how my life has changed since that day. I've gotten involved on the town, county, state and national levels. And even in my conservative town, I can definitively say that I have made a difference. And I discovered a large group of like-minded neighbors in this area who feel just like I do and are fighting right along with me. They have empowered me and bolstered me and this

circle of allies is an army.

If you feel the same way I do about the state of our current affairs and you have yet to get involved, now is the time. It's important that you know that you are not alone. My circle of allies, those neighbors I mentioned? They are your neighbors too. And you are part of our alliance.

If you haven't gotten involved because you feel powerless to make a difference, I know how overwhelming it can be. Sometimes it seems so hopeless. If you contact me, I can get you started. There are so many opportunities to help, big and small. I can get you in contact with local activist groups or just give you a few ideas of things you can do on your own. Every little bit helps. There is hope because we're in this together.

We need you now more than ever going into 2018. Our strength is in our solidarity and the future is ours. You can e-mail me at starryheather@hotmail.com.

Heather Carter
Barnstead

Legion kids' Christmas party is Saturday

ALTON — The American Legion Auxiliary of Unit 72 Alton will hold

its annual children's Christmas party on Dec. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the

post home on Route 28 in Alton. Santa will be on hand to greet the chil-

dren and there will be games, gifts and refreshments.



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National Junior Honor Society hosting sock drive

BY ALYSSA IRVING AND EVAN MCCrackEN
Alton Central School National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is holding a sock drive at Alton Central School from now to Dec. 15. This sock drive is benefiting people without socks in the New

Horizons of New Hampshire. People are asked to donate unused socks to Mrs. Griggs room in the eighth-grade wing. Last year, they collected over 400 pairs of warm, fuzzy socks for those in need. This year, they would like to set the goal of 550 pairs of socks.

By doing this, the NJHS will help families without socks all over New Hampshire. In 2016, there were around 5,500 people that were homeless and only 1,700 of those people were housed at the end of 2016. If you donate unused socks then you will be

giving back and helping the poor when they're going through hard times. A pair of socks might just mean being freezing for the holidays or being cozy and warm. For Christmas, you might be waiting for your stockings to be filled, when these people are just hop-

ing to get a pair of socks to keep them warm.

If you were a homeless person where would you go and who would support you? New Horizons in New Hampshire does a lot of fun and helpful things for its community. They have let 21,348 people sleep in a shelter, have given 71,860 soup meals and 11,287 grocery bags full of food to families. Image yourself in these people's footsteps. You would barely have enough money to feed yourself, or pay your rent. By giving them socks, that's helping them with money towards their rent, or simply just keep them warm. New Horizons has helped so many fam-

ilies out by doing all of these things for their community. By working together to donate socks, we are also becoming a stronger community together. The difference we can all make is huge. In this case, all you need to do is donate a pair of new socks of any size. All this is going to help enormously.

With your help, not only are we giving them socks, but we are giving them comfort, hope, warmth and many other things words cannot describe. But, this is only possible with your help. Imagine the difference that you can make just by donating a few pairs of socks.

Speaker shares lesson in leadership with Honors Program students

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — Retired Major General Susan Y. Desjardin spoke about leadership to members of the Kingswood Regional High School Honors Program on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the invitation of school board member and fellow pilot, Ernie Brown.

The Portsmouth High School alumnus received her commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in May 1980. A pilot in transport and refueling aircraft, she also held a variety of staff positions at the major command, Joint Staff and Headquarters U.S.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

RETIRED Major General Susan Y. Desjardin spoke to members of the Kingswood Regional High School Honors Program in the Media Center on Thursday, Nov. 30, about leadership.

Air Force levels, including deputy military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force. Her commands included an air refueling squadron, an operations group and an airlift wing. She also

served as Commander of Cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, according to the bio provided.

Guidance Counselor Sheila Foley enthused about the program and student responses, com-

menting that Desjardin was "rich in content." Desjardin shared examples of decisions she has made on the best available data, some of which were wrong and others which were spot on. She said above all, leaders have to prepare and face decisions and be ready to accept responsibility for their actions.

When asked for a trustworthy news source, Desjardin commented that she listens to the PBS Newshour, and recommended that citizens focus on local news and the good things that are happening in their communities through the efforts of local leaders.

Christmas classic at Village Players Theater this weekend

WOLFEBORO — The final movie of the 2017 season at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro will be a Christmas classic.

It's a Wonderful Life will be screening at the theater on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

George Bailey (James Stewart) has spent his entire life giving of himself to the people of Bedford Falls. He has always longed to travel but never had the opportunity in order to prevent rich skinflint Mr. Potter (Lionel Barrymore) from taking over the entire town. All that prevents him from doing so is George's modest building and loan company, which was founded by his generous father. But on Christmas Eve, George's Uncle Billy (Thomas Mitchell) loses the business's \$8,000 while intending to deposit it in the bank. Potter finds the misplaced money and hides it from Billy. When the bank examiner discovers the shortage later that night, George realizes that he will be held responsible and sent to jail and the company will collapse, finally allowing Potter to take over the town. Thinking of his wife, their young children, and others he loves will

be better off with him dead, he contemplates suicide. But the prayers of his loved ones result in a gentle angel named Clarence (Henry Travers) coming to earth to help George, with the promise of earning his wings. He shows George what things would have been like if he had never

been born.

Also starring Donna Reed, Beulah Bondi and Ward Bond, It's A Wonderful Life was nominated for five Oscars in 1947, including a best acting nomination for Stewart. The film was nominated for Best Picture and Frank Capra was nominated for an Oscar for

Best Director and won a Golden Globe in the same category.

The Village Players movies take place each month at the theater, located on Glendon Street in downtown Wolfeboro. Tickets are available at the door and concessions are also available to purchase.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 152 calls for service during the week of Dec. 3-9, including six arrests.

One male subject was arrested for habitual offender and a bench warrant.

One male subject was taken into protective custody for alcoholism.

One male subject was arrested for aggravated felonious sexual assault.

One male subject was arrested for reckless operation.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were 12 motor vehicle accidents.

There were five theft/break-ins reported on Suncook Valley Road, New Durham Road, Main Street, Homestead

Place and Alton Mountain Road.

There were three suspicious person/activity reports on Pearson Road, Bay Hill Road and Suncook Valley Road.

Police made 28 motor vehicle stops and handled five motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 99 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One public hazard, three assist fire department, one fraudulent action, one employment fingerprinting, one assist other agency, three pistol permit applications, one animal com-

plaint, two juvenile incidents, one domestic complaint, four general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, eight alarm activations, one lost/found property, two highway/roadway hazard reports, one sexual assault, two general information, one untimely, one sex offender registration, one civil matter, three wellness checks, 10 community programs, one dispute, two disabled motor vehicles, 25 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, seven property checks, 12 paperwork services and two unwanted persons.

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New Year's Eve concert will feature North River Band

BARNSTEAD — On New Year's Eve Dec. 31, the six-piece North River Band will visit Barnstead Town Hall for the fifth annual Milk and Cookies New Year's Eve concert. Ticket proceeds will benefit 68 Hours of Hunger.

North River's Americana sound blends two and three-part harmonies with expressive musicianship and a familiar selection of folk, pop and country songs. The core group, from the Rochester area, features long time seacoast area musician Dan Poland joined by vocalists Dianne McMillan and Vicky Poland. The full band includes keyboardist Brian Randall, bassist Tom Kesil on guitar and Dan Fishbein on drums. Poland and McMillan, the vocal dynamic duo of the band, have been singing together

since 2005 and met singing in the acapella group "Vocal Exchange."

The concert will start at 7 p.m., end about 9 p.m., and as always, intermission will feature, milk, cookies, tea, coffee and assorted other desserts and beverages. At some point in the evening, volunteers will pass out the words to the song American Pie and they will all sing. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Chris Bonoli at 340-1468, and a time can be arranged to drop off your tickets in advance. Reservations will also be accepted at the same phone number. They have 112 seats, please help fill those seats and benefit 68 Hours of Hunger. Food donations will also be accepted for the Barnstead Food Pantry. Call if you have any questions at 340-1468.

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Alton Dance Academy gets into the spirit

BY SYDNEY DEJAGER
Contributing Writer

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy recently performed its annual winter show at Prospect Mountain High School. “Welcome to Whoville,” was well attended, by around 450 people.

The show’s name originated from How the Grinch Stole Christmas, as it incorporated many aspects of the classic Christmas story into the performance. The Alton

Dance Academy teaches several different dance classes, such as point, hip-hop, tap dance, and many others. Specific classes are selected to perform, showcasing their talents through different choreographed dances. The winter show generally features different ballet classes, but this year’s incorporated lyrical acro, modern, flat, tap dance and contemporary as well, which helped display a wide variety of the

academy’s dancers.

Many students from Prospect Mountain High School devote their time and energy to the Alton Dance Academy every week, often taking multiple classes. Senior Kellie Mahoney has been dancing at the academy for 13 years and 10 winter shows. This show being her last, she opened up about the dedication she has made to ADA.

“It’s practically my second home,” she said.

“I take seven classes every week, along with a dance history class, workshop, two classes that I help teach, and I work in the store too. It’s a pretty big commitment.”

The Alton Dance Academy began preparing for the winter show around the time the school year began. “We usually start preparing for the winter show in October, which seems like a long time but only results in about

a 6-8 weeks (or classes) to start, finish, and perfect each dance. We do this on top of different warmups and combinations to get ready for the recital,” Mahoney explained. It’s altogether an impressive feat of hard work and dedication, but the dancers at the academy are just getting warmed up.

In June 2018, ADA will be presenting its recital for the year, Toy Story.

Preparation for the show has already begun, as the dancers were assigned their parts during early November.

“The older classes normally start preparing the week after the winter show because there’s so much to do. The younger classes start after winter break,” Mahoney said. As for her role in Toy Story, she will be performing as Barbie. The transition to the dancers’ June performance is quick, as Mahoney reflected on how quickly time has passed. “It’s sad. Backstage before the show started, I was talking to some of my friends and fellow dancers and the seniors definitely were close to tears at times. Our group

of seniors has been dancing together ever since we were little. It really hasn’t hit any of us yet that this is our last year, but as June approaches, it definitely will. On behalf of all of the dancers at ADA, I want to thank Miss Ashley and all of the other teachers for all the things they do for us. We’re all so grateful for the tight-knit family we have here at the Alton Dance Academy.”

The winter show is definitely a reason to celebrate for all the hard-working dancers involved.

“When you really think about it, we don’t have much time to learn multiple dances and perfect them,” Mahoney explained. “To pull it all off and hear how much everyone loved it feels really great. I know I speak for everyone when I say that, too.”

So as one part of Mahoney’s senior year at the Alton Dance Academy comes to a close, another opens as all of the dancers have a lot to look forward to as the summer recital waits in the not-so-distant future.

Alton Central expands learning opportunities for middle school students

BY DENISE PERRY

Alton Central School Curriculum Coordinator

PAMELA FORBES

Alton Central School teacher

At Alton Central School, “We believe the foundation for learning focuses on social emotional health, positive relationships and diversity in support of exploration, advancing confidence and self-reliance.” This year students in grades five through eight have been given the opportunity to choose an elective for one period per day. These classes include Virtual Learning with Google, Fishing, Artistic Meditation, ACS Times, Robotics, Screen Printing, Marketing and 3D Printing, Computers Inside and Out, Diving the Depths of the Oceans, Art Studio-Visual Expression and Leader Mentors.

One of the most successful and enjoyed classes this trimester has been Leader Mentors. In the words of Pamela Forbes, first grade teacher, “What an amazing group of students we had.” One to two seventh and eighth grade students were assigned to a classroom from grades Pre-K to fourth grade to work in each morning. Their mission: To create a bond with younger students and become role models for them. The students stepped up to the



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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL students participated in the Leader Mentor program.

challenge and not only met it, but enhanced an atmosphere of trust and learning to a higher level. Ms. Hawkins, grade two, stated, “It was nice to see the students interacting and branching out in the class”.

Mrs. Roy, grade two, stated, “It was like having teacher aides in the room. They just stepped in and helped out where they were needed. They did everything from create bulletin boards, catch students up, and just step in where they were needed.” In Mrs. Forbes’ first grade classroom, the students worked with children on the computer, read with students, caught students up with work, went over student work with them if they made a mistake, and participated in morning meeting. The first round of students to participate in this program have set the bar high for trimester two students. We’re looking forward to our

trimester two students joining us.

At Alton Central School, “We believe students should be exposed to opportunities for personalized, relevant and meaningful instruction, generating enthusiasm for learning.” All of the middle school electives have met with great success during the first trimester. Both students and teachers have enjoyed moving “outside of the traditional learning model” and sharing their passion for learning in new and interesting ways.

New for trimester two will be our PLO (Person-

al Learning Model) model that has been offered to students who wish to take on the challenge of designing their own project-based learning elective. Several students have been approved to work with Ms. Perry, our Director of Curriculum, during their elective period to research a topic of their choice and create a final project based upon their learning. Students will be reaching out to community members and beyond for assistance in their research and projects as they explore their topics and the world around them. Trimester one is now ending and as we begin trimester two, we are all very excited about the learning ahead and the bonds our students are creating with each other, the faculty and staff, and our community members as they seek and master the skills necessary to become a contributing global citizen.

Breakfast buffet Sunday in Alton

ALTON — On Sunday, Dec. 17, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee and

juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So, join them for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. They hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, go to www.winnipisaukeemasons.com, or contact Jim Matarozzo at 875-7127.

Kingswood Youth Center serving teens in more ways

WOLFEBORO — After a summer of fun-filled programs, the Kingswood Youth Center launched into the first quarter of the school year with many new and exciting ways to serve local youth. The KYC team, consisting of Executive Director Pam Sweeney; Associate Director Zachary Porter; Teen Director Mara Michno; Program Facil-

itator Brandon Woody; and a devoted team of volunteers, are working hard to deliver engaging programs that fulfill the KYC’s mission.

The KYC offers an afterschool program each Monday-Thursday afternoon, regular summer programs, and BTAS (beyond the afterschool) programs, which are hosted in the eve-

ning, on weekends, and during school vacations. All programs are free to high school and middle school students in the GWRSD. Programs focus on outdoor recreation, team building, life-skills, community service, substance misuse prevention and much more. Older participants have the opportunity to hone leadership skills by serving on the KYC’s Teen Council. Student leaders from the KYC recently spoke at an Eastern Lakes Coalition for Healthy Families forum. Further team-building and learning opportunities have been offered through hikes to local mountains, community service field trips and a recent overnight trip to

Camp Sentinel. Many have likely noticed that construction of the KYC’s new bouldering wall is nearly complete. The bouldering wall was made possible by contributions from the Agnes Lindsey Trust and is the latest expansion of the KYC’s outdoor fitness area.

Anyone interested in enrolling a high school or middle school student in these free programs is encouraged to contact the KYC at 569-5949. The KYC is also recruiting program volunteers. The KYC would like to thank everyone who has responded to the KYC’s recent annual appeal. To learn more about giving opportunities, please contact the KYC.

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Alton	34 Beaver Dam Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$530,000	Louise H. Cote	Patrick R. and Jill M. Dennis
Alton	261 Heron Point Rd.	Mobile Home	\$11,533	Urbain Roy	David A. and Wendy L. Cote
Alton	161 Main St.	Single-Family Residence	\$66,266	Bank of New York Mellon Trust	Alton Rollinsford LLC
Barnstead	56 Parade Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$195,000	Jennifer Abbott	David and Judith Gaudet
Barnstead	153 Pineo Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$187,000	Sharon J. Newton	Devin M. Preston and Jenna I. Cempellin
Barnstead	90 Varney Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$263,000	Gail Ranahan (for 92 Varney 2007 Trust)	Cynthia Haggemiller and Robyn Hall
Barnstead	82 Winwood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$189,000	Susan E. Gust (for Rita J. Wolfe Estate)	Stephen Chandler and Melissa J. Orbein
New Durham	40 Merrymeeting Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$100,000	Linda Miller-Tripp (for James K. Mitchell Estate)	Gary A. and Theresa M. Nadeau

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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

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

PMHS sophomores hosting shoe drive

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Class of 2020 is hosting a shoe drive fundraiser. All collected shoes will be delivered to develop-

ing countries, such as Ghana, Bolivia, and Haiti. These shoes are sold at significantly lower prices and create working opportunities. The sophomore class

is profited with every pair of donated shoes. Their goal is to collect 300 bags of 25 pairs each. Shoes must be

wearable and have no holes. Please donate in any of the white cardboard donation boxes stationed at the Alton

Town Hall, the Barnstead Town Hall, or in the reception area at PMHS. The fundraiser is currently tak-

ing place and will run through Jan. 20. All donations are helpful and are greatly appreciated.

PMHS Budget Committee holding public hearing

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Budget Committee will meet and hold two work sessions and a public hearing concerning the 2018-2019 high school budget.

On Monday, Dec. 18, the committee will hold a public hearing on the budget. At the beginning of the meeting, the committee will hear any and all public

input on the budget. Following the close of public input, the committee will begin its deliberations and make our recommendations on the budget. There will be no further public input.

All work sessions and the public hearing will start at 6 p.m. and will be held in the library at Prospect Mountain High School.

No Locke Lake meeting in December

BARNSTEAD — There will be no public board of directors meeting for the Locke Lake Colony board in December.

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OBITUARY

Marion Louise Williams Loved reading, boating and traveling

ALTON — Marion Louise Williams passed away Dec. 1 at the age of 94.

She was a native of Alton, a graduate of Alton High School.

Marion attended the Community Church of Alton, a member of the Women's Fellowship and a member of the Senior Center of Alton.

She was a retiree from the General Electric Company in Lynn, Mass., before moving back home to Alton.

Her parents were Arthur and Hazel Hurd of Alton. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas E. Williams, who had been married to her in 1983, also predeceased by her husband, Arthur Pogson, who had been married to her in 1944.

She leaves her son,



Douglas and his wife Linda Pogson of Saugus, Mass., she leaves her daughter, Carol Collins of Alton and predeceased by her son in law, Butch Collins, she leaves two grandchildren: Matthew and wife Jennifer Collins of Alton, Kimberly and husband Brian Poisson of Allenstown, four great grandchildren: Kendra Poisson and Hailey Poisson, Evan

Collins and Samantha Collins, two nieces: Barbara Bernard and Judith Flynn of Millbury, Mass., a special friend: Leo LaCouture of Rochester, a special cousin: Richard Wallace of Lebanon, other cousins and friends.

A sincere appreciation for Abundant Blessings Homecare with all their help.

Marion loved reading books, enjoyed the lake, boating and traveling and also dancing in her younger years.

A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2018 at Old Riverside Cemetery in Alton by Pastor Samuel Hollo. Arrangements by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

Mark on the Markets Advisor vs. robot



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Robo-advising has become very popular because of the very low fees typically associated with this automated service. I believe there is some merit and a place for robo-advising. There are just some concerns that I have regarding robo-advising, first being, we really have not seen how the robot handles a fast-moving downward market or an elongat-

ed bear market. I can see robo-advising being used by young people with a very long time horizon in the markets that are just allowing the robot to rebalance their portfolio and to make algorithmic choices for their money. Where I don't believe robo works well is for someone inside of 10 years of retirement or doesn't like equity market risk. As we get closer to needing our assets for income, or simply do not have time to recover from a correction in the equity markets, then an advisor or asset manager that is skilled at structuring steady, sustainable and reliable income that mitigates market risk, sequence of return risk and longevity risk can be invaluable.

I have seen many portfolios that were good candidates for robo-advising. Typically, these portfolios were made up of a family of mutual funds with attached commissions and 12b1 fees sold by "advisors" who did not take the clients best interests into consideration, but sold funds that their firm was paid to promote. In this instance, this client's money was being passively managed through high cost mutual funds whereas the robot may have done a better job for less fees. I guess what I'm saying is that given the choice of a robot or a typical broker connected to a firm or bank, I might choose the robo as well. Client money must be managed with the client's best interest first, but can only be done by an advisor who really understands how to manage that money for their client's needs, that includes risk tolerance and purpose.

As I mentioned earlier, we have not really seen how the robot reacts in tough market conditions. The last eight years has seen a couple of bumps but not any major draw-downs in the equity markets. So, complacency is at an all-time high and money will chase a market nearing a top. Studies also tell us that investors will start to sell near the bottom. A robot will not have an opinion on the direction of the markets, if you should hedge, if you should raise cash levels or start to shift money over to bonds, fixed income or precious metals. It is a good thing that the robot takes your emotions out of the equation, but I'm not so sure that taking a qualified advisor or asset managers emotions, skill and knowledge is a good thing. Time will tell. Robo-advising may work for you if your time horizon long and you don't mind market risk in the equity markets or it could work for a portion of your portfolio that is designated for growth but you will not need for income in the next 10 years.

A good asset manager can manage your money using modern portfolio theory, that invest in low to non-correlated asset classes and very low fee investments that are designed to maximize your returns and minimize your risk. Compare that to the low fee robot. It is all about net returns and risk and more important, purpose.

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Children's Auction raises record amounts

BY ERIN PLUMMER
Contributing Writer

BELMONT — Thanks to community donations, efforts, and enthusiasm the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction raised a record \$539,153.

The 36th annual auction started on Tuesday and ran through Saturday at the Belknap Mall, and was broadcast on numerous TV and radio stations as well as online. People from across the community took part in the auction from taking calls to donating items and much more. Money raised will be going to several nonprofit organizations across the Lakes Region to help children.

"Its great because there's so much need out there, so it's very exciting," said Children's Auction chair Sandy Marshall.

Last year's auction took place at Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford following the closing of the Opechee Conference Center. This year's auction took place in an empty space at the Belknap Mall.

"It was really nice of them to let us use the



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THE GREATER Lakes Region Children's Auction wraps up for another year with record numbers.

space," Marshall said. "We had great participation from the stores in the mall and from the mall it was a great location for us."

Marshall said the whole event was incredible overall.

"Everybody just upped their game and worked really hard," Marshall said. "We had great donations come in from the community."

At one point, the auction was running short on items and organizers put a call out for more

donations.

"People just started pouring in the door with items," Marshall said.

Over half of the amount raised came from Pub Mania at Patrick's Pub and Eatery in Gilford. For 24 hours, 31 teams had representatives sitting at the bar to raise money for the auction. The Pub Maniacs gathered on Saturday to help close out the Children's Auction and present a check for \$303,630.

The money will be given to organizations that apply for it, and will be dispersed in four categories. Process A provides basic, immediate needs to children, Process B provides different services and meets extended needs, Process C is capital initiatives, and Process D is agencies that provide recreational and educational services to children who might not be able to afford them.

Marshall said the Dispersement Committee has been meeting since last August working on the application forms. Marshall said the Dispersement Committee

was scheduled to meet this Wednesday to decide the Process A recipients. Checks for Process A recipients will be handed out on Friday to meet immediate needs through Christmas.

After the Process A donations are dispersed, the committee will work in January to determine recipients for the three other categories and make their recommendations to the Children's Auction board. The rest of the money will be given out in the beginning of February.

Marshall said it seems like this auction touches everyone in the community in some way.

"There's nowhere else in the country where they do an event like this that has this incredible success and it's because of the people in this community," Marshall said. "Between Pub Mania and the amount of donations and items and the people that participate it's just a week that the whole entire community at large comes together for kids in this community."

Church Service SCHEDULE

Sundays: July 2, 2017 – September 3, 2017

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10am Worship Service Community Church of Alton-101 Main Street, Alton

<p>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit abundant-harvest.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.</p> <p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday Worship Service 11:00 Am. All Are Welcome. Rev. Charles Wilton 998-4102. 96 Maple Street & Route 28, Barnstead</p> <p>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm; Tues-Thurs 9am. 875-6161.</p> <p>BEEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON Alton-9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Sam Huggard, www.befreechurch.net.</p> <p>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Morning Service 10:00 am. Adult Sunday School 9:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am. Rte. 126 next to Town Hall. Pastor Brian Gouzer. 269-8831.</p> <p>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON Prayer Meeting 9:00 am Christian Education for all ages. nursery-adults, 9:00 am. Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Hall, 875-5561. Sunday Worship Service 8:00 am 20 Church Street</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD UCC Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:00AM, 504 N. Barnstead Rd., Pastor Nancy Tallbot, 776-1820, ccnorthbarnstead.com</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON Worship Services 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 03835 Pastor Kent Schneider 755-4816 www.farmingtonucc.org</p> <p>FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School 9:45am; Church 11am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nasson.</p> <p>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H. on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2846</p> <p>ST. KATHARINE DREKEL 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert F. Cole, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p> <p>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Curtis Metzger, 435-7908 www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524-6188 • uus.org</p> <p>MAPLE STREET CHURCH Sunday Service 11am 96 Maple Street Center Barnstead NH 03225</p>
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Cookie walk Saturday in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Parade Congregational Church will hold its annual cookie walk on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Parade Church on the Barnstead Parade

Grounds. Christmas crafts will also be available.

Join in for a free cup of coffee or cocoa while you browse.

They look forward to seeing you on Dec. 16.

Pittsfield church hosting Christmas Eve service

PITTSFIELD — Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family to a wonderful traditional candlelight service Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield. The service includes beautiful music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir, scrip-

ture lessons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary shimmering in candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night." Include this lovely evening service in your holiday plans. Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

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MMRG receives \$100,000 LCHIP grant

FARMINGTON — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) has been awarded a 2017 New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant to conserve 63+ acres of field and forest on Bob and Debbie Leary's family farm on Hornetown Road in Farmington. At the Dec. 4 LCHIP award ceremony in Concord, MMRG Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns accepted the \$100,000 grant award for 'Leary Field & Forest', one of 42 different LCHIP awards for projects across the state, totaling 3.6 million dollars this year. Also present for the award ceremony were Governor Sununu, other state officials and representatives of LCHIP, as well as local land trust representatives including MMRG Board, staff and volunteers, and landowners Bob and Debbie Leary.

As revealed in MMRG's newly-completed Conservation Action Plan and resources maps, the Farmington Ridge location of the Leary property is characterized by multiple high conservation values. The Leary parcel boasts the highest quality agricultural soils in New Hampshire and nationwide, of particular im-



COURTESY PHOTO

GATHERED on Dec. 4 in Concord for \$100,000 award presentation from New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to MMRG for the Leary Field and Forest conservation project are (l to r), incoming Agriculture Commissioner Shawn Jasper, outgoing Agriculture Commissioner Lorraine Merrill, LCHIP Executive Director Dijit Taylor, landowner Debbie Leary, landowner Bob Leary, MMRG Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns, MMRG board treasurer Bruce Rich, MMRG administrative assistant Amy Gardner, District 1 Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney, MMRG board member Cynthia Wyatt, MMRG volunteer Tom Gardner.

portance as farmland to the south continues to be developed. Its oak-pine forest preserves local drinking water resources, the Coheco River watershed, and wildlife habitat. The Farmington Ridge also features above-average climate change resiliency by protecting against storm-caused flooding and through preservation of wildlife corridors for native animals to migrate from threats like disease and habitat alterations. The conservation value of the parcel is increased by the fact that it abuts existing conservation land and contributes to an evolving greenway of nearly

1,000 acres extending from the Farmington and New Durham ridges, and south to Strafford and Barnstead.

Such greenway corridors can also provide trails for recreation and the Leary's welcome hikers and snowshoers on their land and trails. More than two miles of well-groomed trails wrap around the scenic hay fields to hilltops with views of seven peaks and as far as the seacoast. The trails also extend into a shaded forest area where quaint bridges cross sections of Clay Pit Brook. Although the primary purpose of the trails is for farm and

forest management, the Learys encourage trail use for those who are respectful of the land and will use it lightly for hiking, snowshoeing, birding or photography.

By conserving these 63+ acres, the Learys seek to honor the three generations of Bob Leary's family who have farmed, sugared and forested this land on the Farmington Ridge. Bob Leary's passion for the land was passed down from his father, who hoped that the farm would continue to grow crops forever. In fact, Bob and Debbie Leary are no strangers to land conservation — they worked previously with the state Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to put their adjoining 73 acres into a Wetlands Reserve Program easement in 2010. Nor do the documented wildlife conservation values surprise the Learys,

who over the decades have sighted unique species like Bobolinks and native Brook trout. MMRG has now achieved 90 percent of its fundraising goal for the easement purchase, transactional fees, and long-term stewardship of Leary Field and Forest. Major grantor awards include an Agricultural Lands Easement from NRCS, a moose plate grant from the NH State Conservation Committee, and

most recently, the Natural Resource grant from LCHIP. The Farmington Conservation Commission is also a donor and will hold an executory interest in the conservation easement on the property. Individual donations are now sought to complete the project fundraising. Questions may be directed to Connaughton-Burns at 473-2020 and online donations may be made at www.mmrgr.info.

New Year's Eve party at Alton Legion

ALTON — Alton American Legion Post 72 will be hosting a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31. The Echotones will

play from 8 p.m. to midnight and dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m., with an option of prime rib or lobster pie. There

will also be prizes and raffles. Tickets are available at the American Legion Post on Route 28.

ROBOTICS

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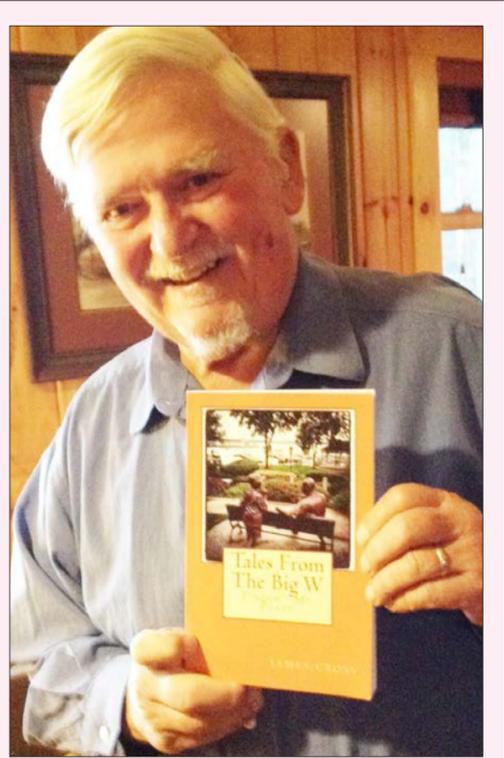
six weeks," Gagne explained. "I'm really excited." The guidelines for the new robot are released Jan. 6, a date that Gagne says the team is waiting for in excitement of what's to come.

Being prepared is definitely the most important aspect of the season, as it sets the pace for what the robot will be capable of doing. "A lot of people get excited for the actual competitions where we test the robot and interact with other teams, but building and programming is the most important part," Gagne pointed

out. "Competition isn't easy but it's not the hardest part either." A major part of creating the robot is the original brainstorming and application of ideas. The students really need to use critical thinking to solve how the robot will complete different tasks. Within the span of six weeks the robot will be planned, designed and built, meaning these students put lots of overtime to get the job done. The team works on the new robot six days a week during regular season, and Gagne says she expects the same if not more for

this year.

"We obviously have school work we need to keep up with. We have to keep up with competition too," she said. BOB 319 is no small commitment, and several students like Gagne have to balance it along with their schoolwork and other extracurriculars. Between the team members' dedication and the prospect at another world championship bid make BOB 319 a truly impressive group of students. The community can't help but look forward to the great achievements the team will make in 2018.



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Tales From The Big W

The Country Bookseller in Wolfeboro will host a book signing by new author James Cross this Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cross has written "Tales From The Big W," which details how a Louisiana native retired to Wolfeboro and the funny struggles he has trying to adapt to his new surroundings. While introducing readers to his friends and family who come to visit, Cross points out many places in the area where they eat, shop, and play. Although he didn't intend to do so, several people have told him that instead of a funny memoir he has written a funny love story about Wolfeboro. In calling Wolfeboro "The Big W," he gives the town the same lofty status as The Big Apple (New York), The Big Easy (New Orleans) and Big D (Dallas).

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Public Notice

In an effort to update the Town's Solid Waste Ordinance the Select Board has decided that effective January 1, 2018, the Town of New Durham Solid Waste Facility & Beach use decals will be sold bi-annually for a fee of \$5.00. The decals were previously sold for \$2.00 for a lifetime sticker, a policy which dates back to 1991. In an effort to work towards greater user management and compliance the Board felt the need to make the decals bi-annual. The decals will be sold starting on December 13th, 2017 for the 2018-2019 season, and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours or by mail. Resident purchasing decals will need to provide their New Durham physical address and MV registration number. Decals are required for those residents using the Solid Waste Facility located at 56 Tash Road, and at the Town Beach facility located on South Shore Rd. The Select Board has also made some revisions to Solid Facility Disposal Fee schedule, and new requirements for commercial haulers. All commercial haulers should contact the Department of Public Works office at 859-8000, or nddpw@newdurhamnh.us. Prior to January p t to file an application.

Residents can view the entire Solid Waste Ordinance and Fee schedule on line at www.newdurhamnh.us.

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LOGGING

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deal materialized. In August, investor Scott Dillon bought the former Red Oak Property as a timber investment,

"We closed on Aug. 18 with the idea that we would harvest marketable timber," Dillon said, adding, "Selling timber is what we do."

Land use administrator Laura Zuzgo said that Dillon sub-

mitted an intent to cut permit the same day that the land transaction was finalized.

"They were pretty quick on that," she noted.

The intent to cut document, filed with the town for tax purposes, indicates a significant operation.

The document spells out intended quantities in MFBS - a unit of measure for the volume of

lumber in which the volume of a one-foot length of a board one foot wide and one inch thick. Board-foot can be abbreviated FBM (for "foot, board measure"), BDFT, or BF. Thousand board-feet can be abbreviated as MFBM, MBFT, or MBF.

The intent to cut document indicates a plan to extract 737 MBF of white pine, 1,637 of oak, and about 26.00 MBF of mixed hardwoods and poplar. The document also noted an intent to haul some 10,000 tons of chipped biomass that represents processed slash and limbs to be processed into paper, pellets, or some other added value product created from what prior generations of loggers might have left on site as a waste product,

Dillon said he has been working with a local forester, David Degruittola of Bethel, Maine, to ensure his project is compliant with state regulations and local best prac-

es. "Some people will see a lack of trees and think the worst," Dillon said in a phone interview. "But the forest can regenerate real quickly, so any impacts will be pretty minimal."

While not touting his logging operation as an endeavor in environmentalism, per se, Dillon did note that clear cuts create opportunities for wildlife such as deer, moose, and songbirds.

"The first time I saw a moose was on a clear cut," he elaborated. As to whether he will sell to a developer or some other entity, Dillon was non-committal.

"We're primarily a logging company - so whoever owns after will need to decide what they want to do," Dillon said.

While the landscape will rejuvenate and awaits a fate to be determined by a potential future owner, there's still the matter of all those trucks winding down Birch Hill Road.

Town Administrator Scott Kinmond said the town was proactive in working with Dillon.

"We knew that sections of [Birch Hill] road were scheduled for repairs, so we requested that the trucks go that way as opposed to taking South Shore [Road] to get to the highway," Kinmond said. "That minimizes impact based on our road maintenance schedule," Kinmond added.

Kinmond worked closely with road agent Don Vachon on the planning,

"Whatever needs to get done will get done - that's how we work," said Vachon.

Vachon noted that sections of Birch Hill are slated for reconstruction, so it made sense from a maintenance perspective to route the load-bearing vehicles along a path that will be repaved presently.

Vachon said Dillon and his colleagues have been very cooperative. "We see this as a

partnership - we need to work together."

Vachon said Dillon's willingness to use Bickford property on Brackett Road - about three miles from the cut site - as a staging area - has been a big help.

"That's where it goes from paved to dirt, so it minimizes impacts on the paved," Vachon noted.

"Once the ground freezes, impacts on gravel roads are pretty minimal, so this works good for everyone," Vachon said.

Vachon anticipates that logging will continue through the winter until mud season.

"This is prime time now if you're cutting," he said, "But things will need to be revisited once we get into the mud."

Dillon's truckers seem to be observant of local speed limits, but travelers on Birch Hill should still be aware that load-bearing trucks are a regular presence and exercise awareness.

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health insurance costs are shared between the school and the teacher is negotiated in the contract between the district and the teachers, so it only changes when a new contract is negotiated.

The other big increase comes from tuition paid to place students in out of district settings. This is usually done when students have unique special needs that the Barnstead Elementary School is not equipped to meet. Out of district placements will increase by \$99,000 in 2018-19. This number varies significantly due to the specific needs of specific students during a particular year. While it is up significantly from last year, it is less than the \$128,000 the district paid three years ago.

The requirements for serving children with special needs are established by federal statute, specifically Public Law 92-142. In 1990 when the law was re-authorized, the name was changed to IDEA, which stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. When the law was first passed, the federal government paid approximately 40 percent of the cost, and promised to increase that share over the years. What has happened instead is that successive rounds of federal budget cuts have reduced the share paid by the federal government, and increase the share paid by state and local governments. When, in

turn, the New Hampshire Legislature cuts costs in some areas of the budget, it passes more of the cost to local taxation.

Combining the high school and elementary school budgets, the total education budget for Barnstead will increase by \$44,792 from \$12,792,000 to \$12,836,000.

Both the PMHS and BES school districts are currently in negotiation for new contracts with their Teachers' Associations. Any increased salary or benefits costs that are negotiated are not included in the numbers given above. Budgets are planned based on the contract in force at the moment. New contracts will take effect July 1, 2018. There will be a separate warrant article for new contracts, and the additional costs of whatever changes are negotiated will be included in that separate warrant article. Since contracts are still under negotiation those costs are not yet known.

The most important factor that drives these negotiations is the current market for teachers. School districts with a bigger tax base can pay higher salaries with less impact on individual family tax bills. Good teachers are often able to move to a different school, 20 miles away, and get a \$5-10,000 increase in salary.

Typically, the Barnstead School Board has tried to keep its salary structure somewhere in the middle of the

pack of surrounding schools. They don't try to match dollar for dollar what the schools in wealthier towns pay, and they try to not fall too far behind those schools.

The board did a preliminary review of warrant articles it is considering bringing to the School District Meeting in March. They expect to have 11 articles on the ballot.

Article I is to receive and accept reports and to address any issues raised by those reports.

Article II sets the salaries of board members and other officers.

Article III is a formality that establishes the school lunch program and accepts federal school lunch funds.

Article IV asks for \$100,000 to go into the Building Maintenance Fund. This is an increase over what has gone into that fund in recent years. The increase is requested because the board wants to use \$90,000 - \$100,000 per year for seriously needed maintenance over the next three years. The Capital Improvement Plan recommends \$80,000 a year and believes that will be adequate to meet the planned expenditures.

Article V will ask for approval of the collective bargaining agreement with the elementary school Teachers' Association. Since that has not been completed, they do not know the costs for this warrant article.

Article VI is a fall-back article. Whenever a collective bargaining

contract is on the ballot, there is a possibility that it will fail. If it fails, the school board wants to go back to the bargaining table with the teachers as soon as possible, and try to come up with a less expensive plan, which hopefully the voters will approve. So, Article VI asks for permission to call a special school meeting later in the year to act on a renegotiated contract. If the contract as presented is approved, then this article becomes irrelevant and the school board withdraws it at the School District Meeting.

Article VII is another formality article like the school lunch program Article III. It authorizes receipt and expenditure of other federal grant monies such as Title I (extra support for children of low income families) and IDEA.

Article VIII asks for approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the high school Teachers' Association. The article asks for approval of the entire agreement, but the cost is only the Barnstead share. That agreement has been reached and it will cost Barnstead \$48,000-\$53,000 each year for three years.

Article IX is the fall-back article for a special school meeting in case the collective bargaining agreement is not approved.

Article X is a warrant article requesting an increase from \$10,000 per year to \$20,000 per year in the amount put aside into the high school athletic field maintenance trust account. The Capital Improvement Plan recommends staying at the current level of \$10,000 per year because it did not see justification for the increased expenditures.

And finally, Article XI will ask for approval of the operating funds for both the elementary and high schools. As indicated earlier in this article that amount will be approximately \$12,836,000.

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Turkeys, a venison stew and what might be under the tree

Most of the high country around me now sports a well-established cover of white, and from the lowlands it looks like another world, which it is.

The snow in my yard betrays a steady visitation by turkeys, which I call the Roving Gang of Turkeys, a flock of 15 to 20 that makes the rounds of places where they can scratch for food.

And these are single-minded birds, for sure, spending every waking moment scrabbling for something to eat. They concentrate their efforts around livestock feeding areas and manure piles, and of course in apple orchards all around, and my garden and bird feeders.

The other day I saw two females in the flock, apparently plum full, stretched out on the grass in the sun. But the big tom on guard duty soon heard a vehicle coming, and by the time the pickup drove over the crest of the hill the whole flock was airborne in full flight, an awesome sight.

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Visitors seeing tur-

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



keys from the kitchen window are likely to (a) express surprise that we have them “all the way up here,” and (b) immediately think about ways they might go out and bonk one of them on the head for supper.

Turkeys are in every city and town in the state, and have been for some time, but many people still don't know it.

There is a brief fall hunting season, but the ways and means of taking turkeys are, to put it mildly, precise. (Idle thought, however: Is there a law against shooting a turkey from your kitchen window? I'll bet yes.)

Wild turkey meat, I remind guests, is a challenging item to cook, and you have to know what you're doing or it'll wind up like garden hose.

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I thought about this the other day when I was boning out a couple of pieces of front shoulder from a deer one of our



NH FISH AND GAME - COURTESY PHOTO
THIS IS the kind of thing I wake up to many a morning, the Roving Gang of Turkeys, making their pecking, strutting rounds between far-flung neighbors, scratching for their three squares a day.

crew shot on Ancestors' Field, just up the road from my kitchen.

I trimmed all fat possible from around the bone and in the pockets between muscles, cut the meat into bit-size segments, seasoned them with a bit of Old Bay and other ingredients, and slid them into a sauce consisting mainly of Paul Newman's old family recipe. There they would repose for several hours, to marinate. “Bon Appetit,” I thought I could hear Paul saying as he blew a kiss from over there at one of their last Sundance Kidd resorts.

A bit later on there were no dissatisfied customers in the house, and absolutely no leftovers.

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Getting a kid outfitted for fishing is often touted as a big expense, but it need not be so. In fact, I could outfit any kid for right around \$100, and challenge anyone from the high-end catalog mindset to do better at a

fishing contest, if I didn't loathe fishing contests to begin with.

Most stores offer basic fishing kits containing rod, reel, line, leader, and a few hooks and flies,

These kits generally come with closed-face spinning reels, which I immediately throw away in favor of a plain old crank reel, out of a desire to avoid entanglements. Put 75 feet of dry line on this and you're good to go—after a lesson or two, or course, but believe me, casting, like dancing, is not hard to learn.

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I'm not running the usual Christmas gift ideas list this year, mainly because I just wanted a year off (maybe readers do too).

Still, I can't help winding this up with three of the most enduring gift items ever.

First, a map and a real, honest to gosh compass, you know, the old-fashioned kind of compass,

heavy as a boat-anchor and decked out with all those sight-line and bearing devices and, for all I know, capable of doing trigonometry. And to go along with the compass, a set of USGS maps of the region your cherished one is most likely to hunt (you know them by heart now, right?).

Second, a good, loud whistle that serves as a waterproof match com-

partment, too. These are easy to find, and can be invaluable in dire circumstances

Finally, a combination hunting and fishing license. This is a ticket to pastimes and pursuits formerly reserved for the nobility and landed gentry.

And never mind the periodic license price-hikes people carp about so much. A license is still one of the best bargain-basement gift items around. Do the math, the price of the license, divided by the hours of pleasure you'll get afloat, on stand, or afield. It's the best 60 bucks you'll ever spend, hands down.

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Pet of the Week



LACONIA — A recent study claimed dogs are smarter than cats, based on scientific analysis by the ‘white coated ones,’ but, if affection given without prerequisite is what you crave in your next pet, then our Jett, a long-haired black cat, is a perfect choice.

Jet was surrendered to New Hampshire Humane Society in September – his owner, in failing health, could no longer care for him. It is apparent to staff that Jett was loved, cuddled and had a wonderful home. Living at the shelter has been hard for him, he simply wants to snuggle his people; he'll wrap his front legs around you and let you hold him like a baby actually. Jett feels his main function is to be close to humans.

He hasn't cohabited

with dogs, that might be a little more than he can rightly tolerate, and apparently he prefers the company of other male cats, so we know assimilating into a household with another cat shouldn't be too difficult. Adoption staff are more than willing to help with the transition.

It's true staff thought they had a terrific adoptive home in November, but that did not pan out, sadly for Jett who had already packed his suitcase to leave.

He's about 10 years old, stands proud with his majesty plume of a tail, is sweet as can be and very, very affectionate. They do not want to see Jett outside in the cold, a cozy inglenook close to the fire is Jett's wish this holiday season.

Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders of Alton Post 72 are holding the fifth annual “Coats for Kids” drive. The Riders will be collecting new coats and snow pants for children in the local community. Coats can be dropped off at the

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



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Summit story

Alton Rotarian Arthur Hoover recounted his 2005 successful adventure climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya, Africa with sons and business partner Don Witham. Hoover attributed reaching the 19,000+ foot summit in six days to his guides leading the group up the longer ‘Whiskey’ trail, which allowed the climbing party time for their bodies to adjust to climbing at higher altitudes. Fewer climbers reach the summit when they take the much shorter ‘Coca Cola’ trail.

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SPORTS

WHAT'S ON TAP

As schools approach the holiday break, the local high school teams continue with a busy regular season.

At Prospect Mountain, the alpine ski team is slated to open the season at Bretton Woods today, Dec. 14, and then compete again at Bretton Woods on Thursday, Dec. 21, both at 10 a.m.

The Prospect hoop girls will be hosting Somersworth at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, then will be at Winnisquam at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Timber Wolf boys' basketball team will be at Somersworth for a 7 p.m. game on Friday, Dec. 15, will be at home on Tuesday, Dec. 19, for a 6 p.m. game with Winnisquam and will be at Laconia at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The Prospect Mountain and Kingswood indoor track teams will both open the season at UNH on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m.

The Kingswood hoop boys will open their season on Friday, Dec. 15, at home against Con-Val at 6 p.m. and will visit

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Timber Wolves grab two more wins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain hoop girls picked up two more wins in the second week of the season.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Timber Wolves hosted Berlin and picked up a 34-27 win.

"It was a tight game, what I expected," said coach Rick Burley. "Berlin's always tough."

The Timber Wolf coach noted that there were a lot of turnovers and a lot of missed shots on both sides of the court, but the most important thing was coming out with a win. He credited the team's free throws as being key, as the Timber Wolves went to the foul line 20 times.

"It was a little sloppy on both sides, but we were able to pull it off at the free throw line," Burley stated.

Ali Brown led the way for the Timber Wolves with 10 points on the night, including six-for-six from the free throw line. Mackenzie Burke added nine points.

Prospect took to the road for the first time on Friday, Dec. 8, traveling to Raymond and finishing with a 48-27 win in a game where Burley was able to get everybody



JOSHUA SPAULDING
MACKENZIE BURKE had two solid games for the Timber Wolves last week.

into the contest.

The Timber Wolf girls held the Rams to just seven points in the first half and took a 28-7 lead to the halftime break. The third quarter saw the Rams break through for 17 points but the Timber Wolves held tight in the fourth quarter, allowing just three points.

"Even with the bench in, 17 is a little too many points to give up," Burley stated, noted he was pleased to get it back on track in the fourth quarter.

"It was a good game to get everybody a bunch of playing time and everybody contributed," the Prospect coach noted.

Brown finished with 19 points on the

night, while Burke finished with 11 and Leah Dunne had eight points, including two early three-pointers that got the Timber Wolves rolling in the opening frame.

The Timber Wolves were slated to host Belmont after deadline Tuesday in what Burley termed a "big game," and they will be hosting Somersworth on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Timber Wolves wrap up the 2017 portion of the regular season schedule, visiting Winnisquam for a 6 p.m. game.

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ELIZA BRAULT drives to the hoop in action against Merrimack Valley last week.



ASHTYN CAMERON pushes the ball up the court during action Friday against Merrimack Valley.

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Knights come up short in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO —
The Kingswood hoop

girls opened the season against Merrimack Valley on Friday night and held tight early on, but could not replicate last year's postseason win over the Pride, dropping at 55-36 decision.

The Knights had a good first half, trailing by just five points but the second half was the team's downfall, as the Pride outscored them by a 29-14 score to pull away for the win.

Eliza Brault led the way for the Knights with 18 points on the night, while senior Meghan Lapar pulled down nine rebounds and Amanda Lapar had eight rebounds.

"Merrimack Valley is a good team," coach Dan Chick stated. "A lot of

good things to build on for us."

The Knights were scheduled to be in action after deadline Tuesday against Oyster River and will be on the road on Friday, Dec. 15, at Con-Val for a 6:30 p.m. game. On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Knights welcome Timberlane for a 6 p.m. contest.

Correction: Last week's preview article on the girls' basketball team accidentally misidentified one of the team captains. Abby Coulter is a senior captain for the Knights this year. We apologize for the error.

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CLASSIFIED SELLS IT ALL

Large senior class to lead Kingswood hoop boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' basketball team has a solid mix of returning players and newcomers and coach Dan Place is sure the team is heading in the right direction after playing its way to a playoff berth last season.

"I think we're ready to go," Place said. "We know what we've got to work on and we've got a direction to travel in."

The team had a plethora of seniors last year and that is true again this year, with a number of seniors on the hardwood, with a variety of experience levels.

"We're loaded with seniors again, but not all of them have a ton of experience," Place said. "And we've got some sophomores and juniors with good experience."

The senior class will be led by four seniors who are returning to the varsity roster. Erik Madden, Liam Morrissey and Nick Duntley all got pretty good minutes on the varsity roster last year, while Bryton Clifford is also back on the roster as a senior and Place notes he's putting up a good fight in the preseason.

Fellow seniors Russell Lucia and Tim Lemay were swing players last year and will be on the varsity roster this year. Fellow seniors Billy Peterson, Dante DeSousa, Zach Yeaton and Sam Cochrane will be on the varsity roster for the first time.

Junior Josh Duntley



JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Left) LIAM MORRISSEY is one of the returning seniors for the Kingswood hoop boys this year.

also returns to the varsity roster after seeing a little experience with the team last year.

Sophomore Matt Place is also expected to see some time and junior Richard Curran is out for the team for the first time and freshmen Davis Ekstrom and Brogan Shannon are also on the varsity team.

"They're holding their own in scrimmages and competing for time at the varsity level every day," Place stated.

The Knight coach noted that things have been going well in the preseason and the competition is strong be-

tween all the players.

"I think our practices have been more competitive than they've been in a while," Place said.

"Everybody knows that they're competing for spots.

"There's not a lot of difference in spots one through 15," Place stated. "We're going to play quite a few kids this year. They've been working pretty hard."

The Knights will feature a schedule that will include two games each with traditional rivals Kennett and Plymouth, as well as two games each with Timberlane, Coe-Brown, Con-Val and Oyster River. There will also be one game each with Bishop Brady, Hanover, Goffstown, Lebanon, Merrimack Valley and Bow.

The Knights will also take part in the annual Lakes Region Holiday Hoop Tournament in Gilford, which takes place starting on Dec. 27. The Knights will open the tournament against Newfound on Dec. 27.

"At the holiday tournament, you can reevaluate and see what's happening," Place stated.

The Knights will open the season on Friday, Dec. 15, at home against Con-Val at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Knights will journey to Plaistow to take on Timberlane at 6:30 p.m., the final regular season game before the holiday break.

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Nine seniors set to lead Knights into battle

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The future is now for the Kingswood girls' hockey team.

With nine seniors on the 14-person roster, the Knights are hoping for their best season in the four-year existence of the program.

Coach Tom Cayon noted that there are a few newcomers to the program and praised their willingness to try something new, which has allowed the program to continue to play.

"Every year we find a couple of kids who want to try something different and that's what keeps us going," Cayon stated. "It takes a lot of courage to go out and try hockey in high school.

"To try and pick that up in the environment it is in is a big move," the Knight mentor continued.

The Knights will be led by senior goaltender Nikki Cayon, who has made a name for herself between the Knight pipes the last three years. She earned Second Team All-State last year and the Kingswood coach says she wants to improve on that in her senior year.



NIKKI CAYON will be back between the pipes for the fourth year for the Kingswood girls' hockey team. JOSHUA SPAULDING

Classmate Claire Richard, who missed much of last year after suffering a scary injury, has been cleared to play again and will be the team's best skater coming in to the season.

"If we keep her healthy, that's a key and a goal," Cayon stated.

Sofia Marshall is also back for her senior season and will join the duo mentioned as team cap-

tains this season. She will also be counted on as a key forward for the Knights this season.

Cayon noted that three other seniors have made big steps the last few years and he expects them to step up even more this year, pointing to Alissa Baldwin, Shawna Knowles and Faith Murphy.

Fellow seniors Breanne LeBlanc and Brittany Lapolla are also back on the ice this winter and the ninth senior is newcomer Madison McDonald.

The Knights will also have a pair of juniors in returning player Becca Dow and newcomer Ali Moore.

Sophomore Catherine Lessard was the team's backup goalie last season and will be skating out this season, while sophomore Savannah Thomas also returns to the fold. Sophomore Cassidy

Thurber will be playing her first season for the Knights.

"It's a mix of old and new," Cayon said. "The hard part is going against teams that have been playing their whole lives."

He noted that the high school season is three months long and many of the players on other teams play hockey for eight or nine months a year, which puts a less-experienced team at a bit of a disadvantage.

"But they compete, they play hard and they're a joy to be around," Cayon stated. "It's a slow road to build a successful program but if you don't get girls to start, you don't have a program at all."

The Knights had their best season in three years last year, winning four games, with two wins over Con-Val, one over Keene and one over

Manchester Central. All three teams are on the schedule twice this year, along with Berlin-Gorham and Souhegan. The Knights will have one game each with Lebanon, Exeter, Oyster River, Bishop Brady, Concord, Bishop Guertin, Hanover and the state's newest girls' program, Bedford.

The Knights will open the season with four games prior to the start of the new year. Three of those four games will take place in the friendly confines of Pop Whalen Arena. The season kicked off after deadline against Lebanon and will continue at St. Thomas on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. The Knights will host Souhegan at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

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Potenza excited about Knights' potential

Depth gives Kingswood hockey boys a good start to the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Over the course of a long hockey season, a team's depth is pretty important.

And Kingswood boys' hockey coach Mike Potenza loves the depth of this year's squad, which makes him feel good about what the team brings to the table in the new season.

"I think this is the strongest Kingswood team we've had in years," the Knight mentor stated. "We've got some depth this year."

The Knights have enough skaters to throw our four lines and three defensive pairs, if need be and in a scrimmage with Moultonborough-Inter-Lakes in the first week of the preseason, that fourth line skated just about every other shift and more than held its own.

"That is a very good sign," Potenza stated. "Depending on who we are playing, we can run four lines, but definitely three."

The Kingswood coach is also pleased with the maturity level at which the returning players have come into the season.

"This is a more disciplined group of kids," Potenza stated. "They came back in more mature than last year and that makes a difference."

"And they're executing what we ask them to do," he continued.

The top line in the early part of the season has junior captain Sam Danais centering sophomore Colby Clegg and freshman Nick Potenza. That line scored eight points in the MAIL scrimmage.

"They have pretty good chemistry on the ice," the Knight coach said.

The second line will feature junior Cole Emerson centering senior captain Burke Ruel and sophomore Logan McEvoy, who earned his coach's praise for coming into the season with enormous improvement from a year ago.

The third line will see Garrett Nadeau centering Andy McMullen and Sean Harrington.

"They are pretty tough," Potenza said. "They are relentless. They stay with the puck and they work hard."

The fourth line will



SAM BARTON returns as a senior captain for the Kingswood hockey team.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

feature freshmen John Bean and Drew Swinerton along with newcomer Joe Moore, while Nate Stetson is also battling for playing time in the preseason.

As he prepared for the season, Potenza had the expectations that his top two lines would be pushing each other pretty well, but early in the preseason, the Danais line stood out from the crowd and made its presence felt. However, he noted that the second line was coming on strong too.

"Sam's line has emerged, they're clicking right now," Potenza stated. "But Cole's line is a week away from being in the exact same spot. We have two very strong top lines."

Potenza also commended Ruel for playing a more well-rounded game as he enters his senior season.

On defense, senior captain Sam Barton and fellow senior Drew Luby will be the top defensive pair, while juniors Erick Skelley and Kolbe Maganzini will be the second pair. Sophomore Gavin Goodwin and freshmen Bailey Savage and Riley Smith are all expected to see time on defense as well on a third line.

Potenza also has three goaltenders who he believes are all going to push each other to be better as the season rolls along. Returning senior Robbie Fuller, returning junior Joey Vetanze and freshman Oleg Sheahan have all been solid in the preseason and Potenza expects good things.

With 23 kids on the roster, the Knight coach said he believes the team can fight through injuries and other adversity

a bit easier than in years past.

"If someone gets hurt, you don't have to shorten the bench," he stated.

Potenza will once again be joined on the bench by assistants Peter Kelly, Matt Tetreault and Andy Bonenfant,

with Abby Bonenfant as the team manager.

"I think our games should be a lot more fun to come to this year," the Knight mentor stated.

He is especially looking forward to the rivalry games with Kennett, the defending Division III champions. Those games are Jan. 1 and Feb. 9.

"We're looking for a little revenge with Kennett," Potenza said with a smile. "That's a great rivalry because everybody really gets along."

The Knights opened the season after deadline on Wednesday against Alvirne and will be hosting Oyster River on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the final game before the holiday break.

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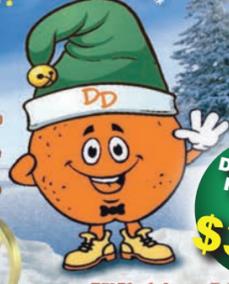
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ISAIAH MUCIUS drives to the basket during action on Saturday afternoon.



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MILES NORRIS soars to the rim for a dunk in action Saturday at the Smith Center.



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SHERIF KENNEY puts up a shot during the Trey Whitfield Invitational on Saturday.

Bobcats rebound from opening round loss in Trey Whitfield Invitational

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

W O L F E B O R O — After falling to a sharp-shooting Thetford Academy team in the opening round of the Trey Whitfield Invitational Tournament, the Brewster prep basketball boys found themselves playing in the consolation game on Saturday afternoon, taking on Mississauga Prep.

The loss on Friday night seemed to spark the Bobcats out of the gate on Saturday, with Isaiah Mucius hitting the first two hoops of the game for a 4-0 lead and then Sherif Kenney and Buddy Boeheim hit baskets to give the Bobcats the 8-0 lead before the visitors got their first hoop, 2:51 into the game.

Boeheim hit a free throw and then Mucius hit back-to-back three-pointers and Lukas Kisunas hit a hoop as well. Miles Norris came through with a steal and jammed it home for a 19-2 lead before the Wolves got a pair of free throws and a hoop to make it 19-6. Derek Culver hit a baseline jump and then a free throw to give the Bobcats three more

points. The visitors hit a pair of baskets to cut the lead to 22-10 but then Culver hit another hoop for the Bobcats.

After two Mississauga Prep free throws, Boeheim drilled a three-pointer for the Bobcats to up the lead to 27-12. The Wolves went on a solid run at that point, hitting a three-pointer, then a hoop and a foul shot and then another three-pointer, cutting the lead to 27-21 with 7:11 to go in the first half.

Kenney drilled a pair of free throws and the Wolves answered with a hoop. Mucius drained a pair of free throws and then Walter Ellis came through with a nice block at the defensive end of the court. Culver finished off a great feed from Mucius to push the lead to 33-23. The Wolves answered with a pair of baskets before Culver hit a free throw and then Mucius hit a hoop for a 36-27. The visitors hit a hoop before Ellis started an 8-0 run to end the first half. Mucius took the ball down the alley for a jam and then BJ Shaw took a long feed from Mucius for a hoop and then Mucius finished off

a long feed from Ellis to give the Bobcats the 44-32 lead at the half.

The Wolves got the first hoop of the second half but hoops from Kisunas and Kenney got Brewster back on the board. After another hoop from the visitors, Kenney hit another basket and Mucius came up with a block at the other end. The Wolves got another hoop to cut the lead to 50-38, but Norris finished off a great feed from Kenney with a huge slam. The Wolves got a trio of free throws before Norris answered with two from the charity stripe at the other end. The Wolves got another hoop but Mucius hit a pair from the line for Brewster. Following another visitor basket, Mucius hit a three-pointer and Ellis drained a free throw. The Wolves got a free throw and then a three-point play to continue to try to stay in the game. Mucius drilled a three-pointer and after a free throw from the Wolves, Mucius hit two free throws. The Wolves answered with a hoop and a three-pointer to make it 65-55. Boeheim exchanged free throws

with the Wolves and then drilled a three-pointer for a 69-56 lead.

Mucius hit a hoop and then Kenney sank a three-pointer as the Bobcats began to open up the lead. After a Wolf hoop, Boeheim put back a rebound. The visitors then hit a hoop and two free throws before the Bobcats went on a 9-0 run to open up a 23-point lead. Norris hit a hoop to start the run, then Ellis sunk a three-pointer and Norris

converted a three-point play and Joel Brown hit a free throw to make it 85-62.

The visitors hit two baskets to get back on the board, but a corner-three-pointer from Ellis and a hoop from Mucius upped Brewster's lead to 90-66. After a pair of Mississauga free throws, Brown hit a hoop for the Bobcats and then the visitors answered with a bucket. Shaw sunk a basket and

after a free throw from the Wolves, Brown hit a free throw and Mees Van Leeuwen hit Brewster's final hoop of the game for the 97-73 win.

Mucius led the way with 32 points on the day, Boeheim added 12 points, while both Kenney and Norris finished with 11 points.

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Cam Mann earns football All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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REGION — The football season has come to a close and Kennett, Kingswood and Plymouth were all represented on the Division II All-State North Conference lists, which were released last week.

For First Team Offense, Plymouth running back Nolan Farina, wide receiver Jordan Docen and tight end Wes Lambert along with Kingswood kick returner Cam Mann all earned honors.

Joining them for First Team were quarterbacks Parker McQuarrie of John Stark and Matthew Harkins of Bow, running backs Caleb Putnam of Hanover and Jack Coriveau of Bow, slot receiver Drew Muzzey of Laconia and linemen Nolan Filteau of Bow, Mike Staiger and Nicholas Putnam of Hanover, Ryan Shippa of Lebanon, Benjamin Beliveau of Laconia and Noah Bellemore of John Stark.

Kennett running backs Trey Snowden and Devon Ouellette and lineman Cole Sweeney all earned Second

Team Offense, along with Plymouth linemen Camden MacDonald and Steven Shute.

Also earning Second Team were quarterback Riley Roy of Laconia, running back Jacob Cole of John Stark, slot receiver Kegan Silovich of Hanover, wide receiver Jack Baumann of John Stark, tight end Justin Porath of Bow, linemen Seamus O'Reilly of Bow and Stephen Towers of Laconia and returner Griffin Young of Hanover.

First Team Defense honors went to defensive backs Owen Brickley and Isaiah Crane, linebackers Colby Moore and Connor Magowan and lineman Jacob Lamb of Plymouth and linebacker Trevor Mills and lineman Jacob Stearns of Kennett.

Also earning First Team were defensive backs Graham Penfield of Hanover and Jack Wixson of Bow, linebackers Matt Eylander of Lebanon, Ben Kimball of Bow and Bradley Weeks of Laconia, linemen Matthew Nicholls of Bow, Zachary Handy of John Stark and Nick Bartlett of Merrimack

Valley and kicker Moises Celaya of Hanover.

Second Team Defense honors went to lineman Sloan Rogers, linebacker Jack Hanson and defensive back Brett Miller of Kennett and kicker Dan Carey of Plymouth.

Also earning Second Team were linemen Andrew Shoemaker of Gilford-Belmont, Jeffrey Holt of Hanover and Tyler Spaulding of Lebanon, linebackers Nicholas Wheeler of John Stark, Max Lacy of Merrimack Valley, Sean Woods of Pembroke and Elliot Kelly of Hanover, defensive backs Manuel Biskaduros of John Stark, Matt Burke of Merrimack Valley and Jakob Steele of Laconia.

Plymouth senior running back Garrett Macomber was named the Division II North Conference Player of the Year and Plymouth coach Chris Sanborn was named Division II North Conference Coach of the Year.

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Eagles roll past Bobcats in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — While both teams got off to a slow start in the season opener on Dec. 8, the Kennett hoop girls were able to pick things up and the Plymouth Bobcats could not respond, leaving the Eagles with a strong 51-12 win to kick off the new season.

“We’ve said that our success is going to start on the defensive side of the ball they played as well defensively as I’ve seen in a while,” said Kennett coach Larry Meader. “Aggressiveness and tenacity on defense led to offense.”

“We have to remember we’re young, we’re trying to run a new offense, but clearly we need some more work,” said Plymouth coach Kristin Brule. “We made some young, rookie mistakes that we should know better than to make.”

Izzy Wroblewski got Kennett the first four points of the game before Leia Brunt hit a free throw for the Bobcats for their first point (and her first varsity point) with less than two minutes to go in the first quarter.

After the Bobcat free throw, Liz Kenny hit a hoop for the Eagles and then Brunt sunk another free throw for the Bobcats. Kennett freshman Maddie Stewart drained two free throws of her own to close out the first quarter scoring, putting Kennett up 8-2 after eight minutes of play.

The Eagles got their

offense moving a bit faster in the second quarter, scoring the first 17 points of the frame and keeping the Bobcats off the board until the final minute of the first half.

Liz Cote got things started with a basket, then Cassidy Chick worked inside for a hoop and then converted a three-point play to push the lead to 15-2.

Kenny came back with a three-pointer and then Wroblewski hit a hoop and a free throw to stretch the Kennett lead to 21-2. Stewart had another free throw and then Kenny added three from the line on back-to-back trips to the stripe, pushing Kennett’s lead to 25-2.

Brunt was able to get Plymouth on the board in the final seconds of the half with the Bobcats’ first field goal of the game and the score stood at 25-4 at the half-time break.

The Kennett attack continued in the second half, as Chick put back a rebound to get the scoring started and again the Eagles held the Bobcats off the board for most of the quarter. Wroblewski had a basket and then Kelsey Bush hit a free throw.

Bush followed that up with a three-point play and then Chick finished off her own steak with a basket. Cote drained a three-pointer to make it 38-4 and then Lexi Wiggin netted her first hoop of the season and Shannon added a free throw for a 41-4 lead.

As time ticked off in



JOSHUA SPAULDING

PLYMOUTH’S JORDAN LEVESQUE challenges Kennett’s Maggie Bennett at the hoop during action on Dec. 8.

the quarter, Plymouth’s Gwen Merrifield got her first varsity points with a baseline jumper to make it 41-6 heading to the fourth quarter.

Bush hit two free throws to get the fourth quarter started and then Maggie Bennett added a hoop for the Eagles. Kenny put in another basket before Brunt came up with two from the free throw line

to get Plymouth back on the board. Jordan Levesque and Hailey Rousseau each had baskets for the Bobcats in the frame but Stewart put back two rebounds in the final few minutes to close out the scoring for the 51-12 win for the Eagles.

“Overall we played very well, we rebounded very well,” Meader said, noting that re-

bounding and defensive pressure were things the team wanted to be strong with in the opener. “And we checked both of them off at half-time and at the end.

“And we got out and ran and did it well,” the Eagle coach continued. “We have some kids who can score and if we get out and run, it’s going to happen.”

He also noted the defense was on point to kick off the new year.

“Any time you can hold a team to 12 points, I think you’re playing good defense,” he said.

“Hopefully we should be able to clean up (the mistakes) quickly,” Brule said. “We have to focus on the small things and trying to get little victories that will lead to bigger things.”

She noted that with a week until the team’s next game, there was some time to figure things out.

“There’s time to clean up some things,” she stated. “We’re at home next time, so hopefully that will give us a little more confidence and we’ll feel more at ease.”

Kenny led all scorers with 10 points on the night, while both Chick and Wroblewski added nine for the Eagles. Brunt led the Bobcats with six.

The Eagles will be hosting Lebanon at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and will be at Goffstown on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth will be hosting Windham on Friday, Dec. 15, and Kearsarge on Monday,

Dec. 18, both at 6 p.m. and will be hosting Bow at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21.

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Kennett

Bush 1-4-6, Stewart 2-4-8, Kenny 3-3-10, Bennett 1-0-2, Wiggin 1-0-2, Cote 2-0-5, Wroblewski 4-1-9, Chick 4-1-9, Totals 18-13-51

Plymouth

Levesque 1-0-2, Rousseau 1-0-2, Brunt 1-4-6, Merrifield 1-0-2, Totals 4-4-12

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Timberlane at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Knight girls’ basketball team will be at Con-Val at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and will return home to host Timberlane at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Kingswood girls’ hockey team will be at Con-Val for a 6:30 p.m. game on Saturday, Dec. 16, and will be hosting Souhegan at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The Knight hockey boys will be hosting Oyster River at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The swimming Knights will be at Keene for a 6 p.m. meet on Friday, Dec. 15, and will be at Oyster River at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Kingswood wrestling team will be at the Nor’Easter Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. and will be at Bishop Guertin on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m.

The alpine Knights will be opening the season at King Pine on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 9:30 a.m., conditions permitting.

Two months and counting until the big trip

Last Friday was a bit of a landmark day in the journey toward the trip to Korea for the Winter Olympics. Dec. 8 marked exactly two months until I will be on a plane headed for Seoul.

I have to admit that the recent political climate certainly doesn’t have me feeling great about the way things are shaping up for this trip. Back in 2014, when I was heading to Russia for the last Winter Olympics, there was a lot of questions about the political climate in Russia but as it turned out, everything was okay on the Olympic end of things. I am certainly hoping that this runs the same way.

However, last week brought a great headline that certainly didn’t make me feel at ease, as the headline on the front page of the Union Leader was a warning from a Washington official to get all dependents out of South Korea, due to its proximity to North Korea and all that’s going on there. Didn’t exactly stir my confidence in making this trip.

While there’s been a lot of questions about Pyeongchang and the entire Korean peninsula, I’ve never really doubted that I was going to go, since I’ve put a lot of money into this trip. Of course, saying I put a lot of money into the show is a bit of a misnomer, since I’ve got a lot of help in paying for this trip. The only thing

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

I’ve paid for myself at this point is the flight, which in and of itself is an interesting bit.

After looking around for the best deal, I found a flight on Air Canada that takes me from Boston to Toronto on Feb. 8 and then after a short layover, I will fly over the North Pole on a flight that will take more than 13 hours into Seoul, arriving late in the afternoon on Feb. 9. The return flight is even more interesting, as I leave Seoul at 5 p.m. in the afternoon on Sunday, Feb. 25, and fly through Toronto again, landing in Boston at 7 p.m. So in essence, the flights will take a whopping two hours although I’ll be on the planes for well more than 14 hours.

There are plenty of questions about Korea and the state of the Olympics moving forward, but as of right now, the plan is to be in Korea on Feb. 9 and stay through Feb. 25. My hope, like in 2014, is to see a little bit of everything during my time there and report on it through blog posts and articles in the newspaper each week. I will also try to see all the local people and those who have local connections. If you know of people with local connections that I might not know about, feel free to let me know so that I can try and catch up with them while in Pyeongchang. Olympic qualifiers are coming up in the next month or so, at which point I’ll have a better idea about what local athletes will be in attendance.

Finally, have a great day Ken and Deb Jones.

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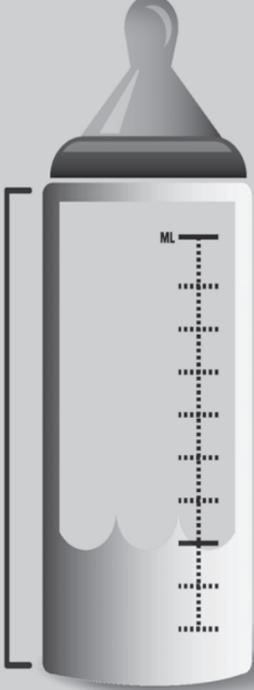
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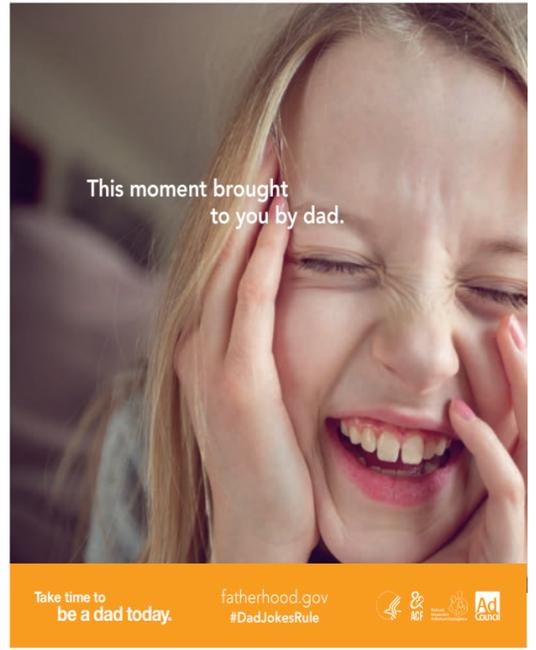
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