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New members

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Prospect Mountain High School National Honor Society held its induction ceremony on Nov. 12. The new inductees include (back row, I to r), Maya Corriveau, Lara Renner, Alex Ludwig, Madeline Kriete, Fiona Wilson. Front row (I to r), Audrey Jacques, Natalie Cates, Patrick Hussey, Kelly Barnes and Kassidy Kelley. For more on the NHS, see page A5.

Light Up Night is Saturday

ALTON — Light up Night is Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Join the community as they celebrate the festive holiday lighting. All ages are invited to attend.

Activities include:

5 p.m. - Santa arrives at Town Hall by firetruck;

5-6:15 p.m. - Visit with Santa at Town Hall;

5-6:15 p.m. - Holiday crafts for kids at Town Hall;

5-6:15 p.m. - Photo with Frosty outside Town Hall on Main Street;

5-6:45 p.m. - Open house at Gilman Museum, museum displays, music and refreshments;

5-6:30 p.m. - Holiday hayride sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber;

6:15-6:30 p.m. - Caroling led by Carolyn Schaeffner and Santa from Town Hall to Ginny Douglas Park;

6:30 p.m. - Tree lighting at Ginny Douglas Park sponsored by the Alton Business Association;

7 p.m. - Prospect Mountain High School Chamber Singers present "A Yuletide Celebration" at the Community Church of Alton, featuring music of Leroy Anderson, Alfred Burt and Dan Forrest.

The Alton Business Association will be hosting the Festival of Trees and gingerbread decorating contest on Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Gilman Museum, visit www.altonbusinessassociation.com.

For more information on Light Up Night events, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

All welcome at Tree of Memories

"RISE-giving" gives thanks to ACS staff



ceremony

ALTON — Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice invites everyone to attend the upcoming Tree of Memories Celebration of Life to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Medical Art Building lobby at Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro, the Pearson Road Center/Senior Center, Alton, Wakefield Town Hall and the Moulton Farm, Meredith. The celebration offers the opportunity for folks to come together and remember the lives of family, friends and neighbors. This event provides an opportunity to remember the lives of loved ones by placing an inscribed porcelain dove, a symbol of serenity, peace and tranquility, on one of the lighted trees. For more information, contact Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice at 1-800-244-8549 or 569-2729.

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since 1918, the mission of Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice "Promoting digniis ty, independence, and well-being through the delivery of quality home health, hospice and community-based care services." Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice serves Lakes Region communities in Belknap and Southern Carroll County and provides home care (nursing and rehabilitation services in the home); pediatric care (direct healthcare, education

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ALTON — Last week, the ACS RISE program had its sixth annual Thanksgiving dinner to thank the Alton Central School staff. RISE stands for Reaching Independence through Structured Education. The RISE program is for students who have difficulty learning in traditional ways and require functional, social and life skills opportunities.

Thanksgiving dinner is a very big project that RISE students pride themselves on. Numerous hours go into planning the dinner. This starts by students creating a list of teachers and staff to invite, creating invitations and then hand delivering the invitations to the staff.

After the invite list was complete and the invitations were delivered, the students brainstorm the types of food they traditionally have at their Thanksgiving dinner. The students came up with a long list of ideas and discussed the different traditions that each student has with their families. The students then decided what foods would be on the menu for the ACS Thanksgiving dinner.

The students chose the dishes they would be preparing for the dinner and worked in pairs to find recipes online that they would like to make and created lists of necessary ingredients. As a class, students compiled their information and made a large grocery list.

RISE students took a field trip to the grocery store to purchase the ingredients. Students were given a budget and were required to stay within that budget. Each group of students had their own grocery list. The students led the way with finding the items on their list. Since they had to stay within a budget, they had to compare prices and look for the best deal. Before they went through the checkout line, the students made estimations about how much they thought they spent on the meal. The kids were very excited to see the total and to see if their guess was the closest to the actual total.

Once they got back to school, the students were in charge of putting away the groceries. They had to determine whether the groceries needed to go in the refrigerator, freezer or cabinet. Once they got organized, the cooking began. They did prep work the day before the dinner. The students had to decide what items could be made ahead of time and which needed

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ner day finally arrived. The students worked all morning to finish preparing the chicken, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing and cranberry sauce. They decorated the Family Consumer Science room with placemats and center pieces and set the tables with all the necessities for their guests. The students prepared for serving the meal by reviewing the

to be made the day of the dinner. Thanksgiving din-

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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL'S RISE program held its sixth annual Thanksgiving dinner to thank school staff members

Festival of Trees coming to Alton continues Saturday

ALTON — The Alton Business Association (ABA) has partnered with Alton Parks and Recreation Department to organize another festive holiday season. The Festival of Trees will take place at the Gilman Library Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The ABA has invited local businesses to donate a decorated tree for the event, and ask for a \$25 registration fee, which will provide funds for a donation to the Mrs. Santa Fund in Alton. Alton residents will have the chance to enter raffles for a chance to win each of the donated trees (decorations and all).

Alton residents can view the trees, enjoy refreshments and get into the holiday spirit for fun. The ABA also hopes residents will participate in a gingerbread house decorating contest as well, with prizes being awarded in both youth and adult categories after public vote.

Both the Festival of Trees and the gingerbread house decorating contest will take place at the historic Gilman Museum, providing a rare opportunity for the residents of Alton to enjoy this local treasure, filled with historic artifacts. ALTON — Cornerstone VNA is pleased to announce the launch of a new monthly Caregiver Café on Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library on 100 Main St. in Alton. The first café will be a meet and greet with a hot cocoa bar and cookies.

The Caregiver Café is a collaborative effort between Cornerstone VNA and the Alton Public Library. Family caregivers and their loved ones are invited to attend for an afternoon of support, conversation and education. The library is wheelchair accessible from the back parking lot.

According to Holly Brown, Library Director, "Our library is very pleased and proud to assist Cornerstone VNA in offering this wonderful service to our community caregivers." Brown continues, "We are honored to be working with such a vital and caring organization that does so much to help so many people. We appreciate all that Cornerstone VNA does and welcome the opportunity to work together to support and educate family caregivers."

Janice Howard, Cornerstone VNA Life Care-Private Duty Director states, "We are truly excited for the opportunity to reach out to this important sector of our community and provide a gathering spot for support and comradery for caregivers." Howard adds, "If you are caring for a loved one or know someone who is, please join us, all caregivers are welcome."

The Alton Caregiver Café is the third in a series of Caregiver Cafés that Cornerstone VNA facilitates. There is also a monthly Caregiver Café at the Langdon Public Library in Newington and at the Goodwin Library in Farmington. Details can be found at www.cornerstonevna. org.

Cornerstone VNA is a non-profit home, health and hospice agency currently serving Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. The team at Cornerstone VNA provides skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, social work as well as volunteer and support services through five distinct programs: Home care, hospice care, palliative care, life care-private duty and community care. For 106 years, Cornerstone VNA has been committed to bringing services to people of all ages so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. To learn more about Cornerstone VNA, visit www.cornerstonevna. org or call 800-691-1133.

Family Movie Night at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — Join the Oscar Foss Memorial Library for its monthly Family Movie Night on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. This month they will be showing A Muppet Christmas Carol on the big screen. Light refreshments will be served and pajamas and cuddling items are always welcome.

> OFML STEM Squad Join the STEM Squad

at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library and explore science, technology, engineering and math in fun and creative ways. STEM Squad is for ages 8-14. The next meeting is Dec. 11 starting at 3 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons

The library's D&D club for ages 14-18 is held every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room. New members are always welcome and the club is actively seeking experienced Dungeon Masters. PMHS students can take Barnstead bus seven to the library after school.

Yoga at the library

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

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about the

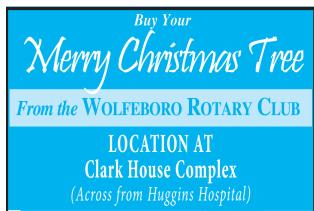


library's programs or a events. There is always a something happening p at the Oscar Foss Me- 1 morial Library. Library b hours are Tuesdays and a Wednesdays from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed Sundays and Mondays.

Historical society's Christmas fair is Saturday

BARNSTEAD — Support local efforts by visiting the Barnstead Historical Society's Christmas Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Barnstead Town Hall. Local crafters, including Mary Locke, JLF Embroidery and Judy Stowell from Crooked Run Farm will have a variety independent consultant, will have just what the ladies need in the way of Color Street nail polish strips. Miranda Schlup will provide all your gift tags and other paper items made from the craft of quilling. Books on Barnstead's history will be available for sale or pre-order. And, of course, many tasty



VNA bosting Caregiver Café at Gilman Library



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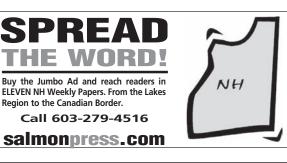
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TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: E-MAIL: josh@salmonpress.news Time is of the essence for Mrs. Santa as she works keeping Santa and his elves busy for Christmas. Alton community residents who are in need of assistance must submit their requests for Mrs. Santa no later than December 12th. Requests can be brought to Alton community Wednesday evenings between 5:30 and 7:00 pm as well as Saturdays between 8:30 and 11:00 pm. There are sign up forms on the table right outside the entrance to Alton Community Services located in the same plaza as Subway.

Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Racine 603-833-3482 with any questions.



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PMHS Budget Committee public hearing is Friday

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Budget Committee will meet and hold a public hearing and up to three work sessions concerning the 2020-2021 high school budget.

The committee will hold a public hearing on Friday, Dec. 6, and work sessions on Wednesday and Thursday Dec. 10 and 11. If a further session is needed it will be held on Friday, Dec. 13. There will be no provision for public input during the work sessions. Any and all public input will be heard at the public hearing on Dec. 6.

The public hearing and all work sessions will be held in the library at Prospect Mountain High School all meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

Robotics team craft fair is Saturday

ALTON — The PMHS Team 319 Boosters is hosting its third annual holiday craft and vendor fair this Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prospect Mountain High School to benefit the robotics team, FRC319 Big Bad Bob, for the 2020 season. The address is 24 Suncook Valley Road, Alton. There will be 70 crafters and vendors with homemade items and one of a kind gifts for your holiday shopping as well as raffles, lunch concessions, face painting, cookie walk and Jingle Bell Junction, where children of all ages can secretly shop for friends and family members with the assistance of 319's members for inexpensive Christmas gifts. Contact Michelle Kelley if you are interested in a booth for the craft and vendor fair at mkelley5199@metrocast.net or at 540-8487.

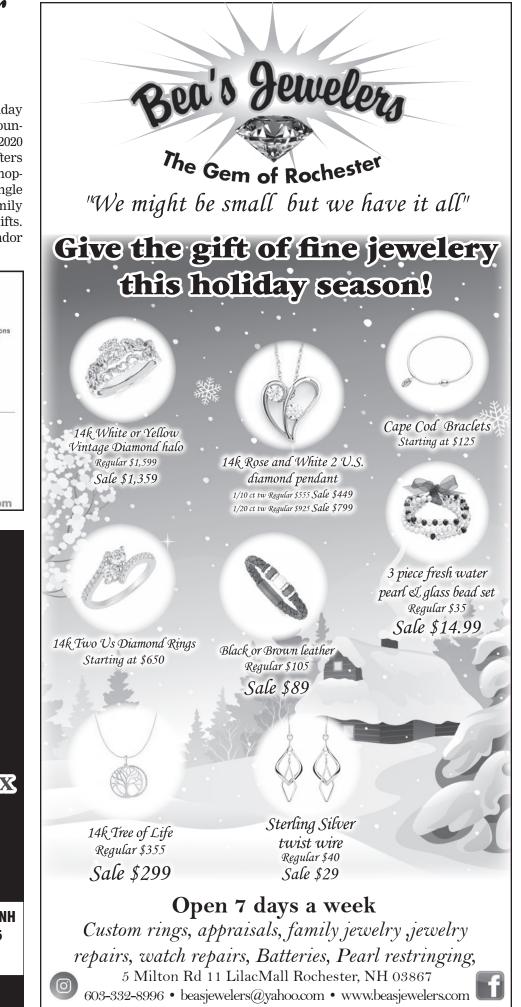
Holiday show at PMHS Dec. 13

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



Orders For Christmas! Please phone in your order, or on-line at **route28bakery.com** and click on Christmas. Deadline to order Friday, December 20th The bakery will be open to the public on Monday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 24 from 9 to 5 p.m. to pick up orders. 267 Suncook Valley Hwy, Chichester, NH

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Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

Happy holiday season

The holiday season is officially in full gear in the local communities, as Alton's Light Up Night unofficially kicks off the season on Saturday night.

We love this time of year, for many reasons, but mainly because of the promise of family getting together to celebrate and the general happiness that seems to permeate much of the few weeks around the holidays.

But we also acknowledge that the holidays are not the easiest of times for many people and we know it's important to be sensitive to the feelings of those around you as you celebrate the holidays.

For people who have recently lost a loved one, the holidays can be hard. We know this feeling well and can empathize. That first holiday season without that person in your life can be difficult. We urge community members to be on the lookout for friends and family who may have lost someone close in the last year and who might be feeling a little down as the holidays approach. Sometimes a simple invitation to enjoy a holiday meal can brighten up someone's day.

There's also a lot of people out there who are struggling to make ends meet, who might be fretting having to buy holiday presents for their children. This is always such a difficult time of year for those with financial struggles. Whether it's the loss of a job or an unexpected home or auto repair, there's always things that have to be dealt with and often times there's not enough money left for Christmas presents.

This is where local residents have really stepped up to provide for those in the community who might be struggling. The Mrs. Santa Fund (call Town Hall for more information) helps to provide gifts to those who might go without this season. The good work done by these volunteers should be praised up and down the streets of Alton in a George Bailey level of excitement. These people quietly go about their work and each year locals benefit from their work, as well as the donations from community members.

The same goes for the local food pantries, who do a fantastic job of keeping those in need in the community fed, not just during the holiday months, but all year. The tireless volunteers and the community supporters always seem to show up at just the right time and the holidays is certainly one of those times.

If you are one of those people who could benefit from the help of the Mrs. Santa or the local food pantry, don't be afraid to reach out. There are great people who are willing to help.

It's a message that goes throughout the year, but one that is especially notable as the holidays approach and that is to remember those less fortunate than you. Not everyone can afford to help, but if you can, please consider supporting these wonderful ance (UFB), sometimes local groups (and the many like them) that help to thought of as a Rainy make the holidays a bit better for folks who are struggling a little,



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Lunch time

Recently, the Locke Lakers Social Club gathered in the lodge for their annual soup and "chowda" luncheon. The soups were minestrone sausage with noodles made by Diane Norton, squash-apple made by Joyce Loungo and a clam chowder made by Marie Farmer. Larry Lussier brought his popular Mexican chili. Vicki Bedarski not only brought homemade bread, but a delicious raspberry cheesecake. The afternoon was enjoyed with laughter and conversation. The club's next event is on Nov. 30, which is the Festival of Trees and Luncheon in Concord. Members who are going should meet at the lodge at 10 a.m. to carpool. Tickets are now available for the members to see "Scrooge, The Musical at the Scenic Theatre in Pittsfield on Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8, Sunday matinee, at 2 p.m. Make your reservations by calling the theatre (435-8852) and leaving a message.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The taxes for running the town of New Durham have increased three percent over last year, nearly double the rate of inflation. Social Security checks will increase 1.6 percent to offset that inflation. The NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) set the tax rate at \$6.29 for New Durham. Selectman David Swenson told the budget committee on Nov. 21 that the board of selectmen, Veisel, Chase and himself, did the same as last year by applying \$275,000 of Unassigned Fund Bal-

It's not like last year

Day Fund, to bring the tax rate down to \$5.63.

Selectman Swenson did not tell the budget committee that the selectmen had already applied \$60,000 on Jan. 14 from the UFB fund into revenue making for a total of \$335,000 not \$275,000 like last year. Very few people realized it. Never before has New Durham resorted to this sort of tactic or using so much money from the Unassigned Fund Balance (Rainy Day Fund). That's \$335,000 for this year, \$275,000 last year and \$150,000 the year before that. The fund is used all that money. shrinking and is now left with a balance of New Durham \$43,466

\$971,621 for this year to try and pay bills with and not have to borrow. It was \$994,418 last year and \$1,031,611 the year before that. There is an unhealthy trend emerging in spite of extra revenue.

The logging operation on the approximately 2,000-acre Birch Ridge property yielded \$161,054 in timber tax during 2018 and 2019. That is not likely to repeat itself for a century since it was nearly clear cut. It was a windfall of revenue for the town. Selectman Swenson announced they

from its revenue that could have been applied to roads or other projects but the selectmen used it to show a smaller increase than last year's eight percent increase. Recently it was reported that July, August and September state business taxes came in 14 percent below the year before. The state pulls back on sending towns money when their revenue declines. What will happen when the economy sags and the unusual revenue ends? Property taxes will have to make up for it.

DAVID A. BICKFORD

The State of NH gave

NEW DURHAM

Volleyball in Alton on Thursday nights

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring adult volleyball on Thursdays at the Alton Central School

gym from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring recreational play. Please use the following link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A-

Music and game night in **Barnstead Friday**

BARNSTEAD — Knowing that the holiday season is now officially under way, organizers hope you can find time to come up next Friday night and enjoy some kick back time at Sticks and Stones Farm.

The music thing was a nice addition to the mix last month so once again you're invited to come and play some games, play some music or just hang out. The wood stove will be roaring. The big pile of stones that was dumped at the end of the driveway and froze there has been moved so it'll be a straight shot drive into the driveway.

It all will be happening at Sticks and Stones Farm, located at 107 White Oak Road in Center Barnstead, which is located on the right side, not too far from the top of the hill when coming from Route 28. There will be have some snacks and usually other goodies show up as well. Bring a friend, bring your family and bring any beverages you'd like to drink. If you need one, don't forget to bring a designated driver. It'll be this Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. Mark your calendar.

This event is brought to you by the Barnstead Agricultural Association. For more information, call 776-8989 or e-mail info@sticksandstonesfarm.net.

FAA2AA5FB6-alton. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and **Recreation** Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@ alton.nh.gov.

Cooking class - Intro to the instant pot

Learn everything you need to know about using the latest trend in cooking - the instant pot. Save time and still make home cooked, heathy meals. Items featured include hard boiled eggs, boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes,

and more. Class will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Instant Pots make great gifts, learn how to use yours at this fun class.

Little Pesaukees Playgroup

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a drop-in playgroup for 0-5 years old at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

The program is free and follows the ACS calendar vear. Please bring a peanut-free snack for your child. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Exercise classes

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

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

Weight training class with KT is Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Use light weights to help build strength, muscle and bone density. Try a class for free. No class Dec. 9 and 11.

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Busy start to the school year for National Honor Society at PMHS



PMHS hosted Trick or Treat Night at the high school.

BY ISABELLE HUGGARD PMHS National Honor Society

ALTON — Prospect Mountain's chapter of the National Honor Soci-

ety (NHS) has been busy the last few months. In October, they hosted Trick or Treat Night. Teachers, outside busi-

nesses, student organizations and NHS members were stationed throughout the school to hand out candy and spooky toys, play games and make crafts. NHS was happy to host around 300 young trick or treaters and their families for a fun night of Halloween festivities.

To kick off the new quarter and the beginning of November, NHS partnered with Student Council to host the first ever Prospect Pawsitive Week. The school mixed things up with activities all week. On Monday morning, NHS members greeted their fellow students with smiling faces and candy. Everyone learned something new about students and



FRESHMEN and sophomores enjoy crab soccer during Prospect Pawsitive Week.

staff members at PMHS through Guess Who quizbowl. The week concluded with a mix it up lunch day, where students sat at a large banquet table to cultivate

community and conversation.

On Nov. 12, NHS held its induction ceremony. Ten students were inducted. As a group, they are excited to welcome

in their new members, and are looking forward to continuing to serve their school and community this year.



NHS MEMBERS greet students with candy on Monday morning during Prospect Pawsitive Week.



PMHS NHS members hosted Trick or Treat Night at the high school.





THE PROSPECT National Honor Society members for the 2019-2020 school year.



PMHS National Honor Society held face painting as one of the stations during Trick or Treat Night.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District is seeking sealed bids for the sale of the following equipment located at the Lakes Region Technology Center, 384 South Main St., Wolfeboro, NH. This equipment includes:

- 1. 2007 Airflow System, Mobile Exhaust, 1 HP, Model: PCH1-BI-PG6-TH65
- 2. Air Compressor, 3 Phase, 30 HP, 400 PSI Tank
- 3. Rockwell Drill Press, Floor Model
- 4. Airflow System, Mobile Exhaust, Micro Media Air Cleaner
- 5. VULCAN Commercial Gas Stove/Oven, 6 Burner

This equipment is available for inspection by appointment only. Please contact Janice Hempel at the Technology Center at 569-4361 to schedule an appointment. This equipment is sold "as is" with no warranty or guarantee regarding its operation. Purchasing is done at the buyers' risk.

Required bid forms can be obtained by contacting Sandy Libby at 569-1658 and are also located at the Tech Center.

Completed bids must be sent or delivered to the SAU #49 Office, PO Box 190, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896, physical address: 140 Pine Hill Rd., Wolfeboro, NH, no later than 2:00 pm, Thursday, December 12, 2019. The bid must be submitted on the GWRSD bid form, enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Equipment Bid." No email or facsimile bids will be accepted. Winning bidder must remove equipment by Friday, December 20, 2019.

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals pertaining to this project. Questions regarding the equipment specifications contained in this request for proposal should be directed to Janice Hempel, LRTC, (603) 569-4361 while proposal submission procedures may be directed to Sandy Libby (603) 569-1658.

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4 GE Electric Ranges-Model #J BP15D M1WW, 4 burner, white

This equipment is available for inspection **by appointment only**. Please contact Sarah Custeau at 569-2055 or scusteau@sau49. org to schedule an appointment. This equipment is sold "as is" with no warranty or guarantee regarding its operation. Purchasing is done at the buyers' risk.

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Vintage holiday music with Jacqueline Schwab Dec. 15

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Friends of Music introduces the winter holidays to patrons and holiday revelers presenting Cape Cod's Jacqueline Schwab. She is Ken Burns' pianist who provided "gorgeously spare piano" (The Boston Globe) for numerous public television documentaries. Anderson Hall on the Brewster campus is the venue on Sunday, Dec. 15. The concert starts at 2 p.m. and provides an intermission for holiday camaraderie.

Schwab opens with Appalachian unusual carols and South Carolina sea island spirituals sampled from her recent CD Down Came an Angel (Dorian label). Her signature style defies easy categorization, fitting somewhere in the crossover between folk, traditional, classical and new age music vaguely reminiscent "of the jazz/ classical improvisational spirit of Keith Jarrett and the touch of George Winston" (New England Folk Almanac). Scwab received a Bachelor of Music degree with honors in the unique Third Stream program at New England Conservatory of Music. Chosen by Burns for numerous public television documentaries due to the emotional expression in her playing, Schwab has performed on the soundtracks for the Grammy award-winning Civil War, the Emmy award-winning Baseball and Mark Twain, among others. She has performed at the White House for President Clinton in 1997 to celebrate Burns' Lewis and Clark series and also at the Smithsonian in 2000 to celebrate its exhibition on the Presidency. In May, 2009, she accompanied Scottish singer Jean Redpath on the Late Show with Da-

vid Letterman. per-Schwab has formed and recorded with many traditional and folk musicians, among them Scottish fiddler Laura Risk, Redpath (on A Prairie Home

Republicans to

meet on Wednesday

LACONIA — The next meeting of the Belknap

The guest speaker will be Elliot Gault, Executive

County Republican Committee (BCRC) is scheduled

for Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laconia

Director of the NH GOP. With the year 2019 coming

to a close, Gault will review the New Hampshire

GOP's accomplishments for the past year and will

present the plans for the NH GOP for next year, in-

cluding a candidate recruitment update regarding

"Christmas dessert" celebration to thank members

publicans and like-minded Independents.

Following the meeting, the committee will have a

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Re-

At this time of year, when some local residents

have difficulty making ends meet, the committee

strongly encourages its members to continue to

bring non-perishable food items for donation to local

please check the committee's web site at www.Belk-

For more information about the committee,

VFW Post 1670, 143 Court St, Laconia.

state and county positions.

for all their hard work.

food pantries.

Companion), fiddler Alasdair Fraser, cellist Abby Newton, glass harmonica player Dean Shostak, fiddler Andrea Hoag, singer-songwriter Dillon Bustin and singer Jeanne Morrill. For her work with Burns, she has also collaborated with fiddler Jay Ungar, bassist and guitarist Molly Mason, fiddler Matt Glaser, whistle player L.E. McCullough and others. She has played on more than 40 recordings.

Although many are familiar with the elegiac qualities in Schwab's soundtrack work, some have also experienced her music's more rousing side. Immediately recognizable vintage songbook American pieces, ragtime and singalong have met their match when Schwab strikes up the keyboard. Schwab has toured the United States and England, inspiring people on the country dance floor through her performances with the Bare Necessities group and as a dance caller.

When the Wolfeboro

audience is arriving to the Anderson Hall lobby on concert day, they will hear pre-concert dulcimer songs played by Beverly Woods, one of Wolfeboro's popular folk musicians.

The evening's concert is sponsored by People's United Bank, Law Offices of V. Richards Ward, Jr. PLLC and Edward Jones- Kevin Lawlor Financial Advisor The season sponsors are Paul and Deb Zimmerman and YFI Custom Homes. Tickets are available at Avery Insurance and

Black's Paper and Gift Store in Wolfeboro, Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, Greenlaw's Music and Audio in Laconia and Bayswater Books in Center Harbor, online at www.wfriendsofmusic. org or at the door. High school students with ID will be admitted free of charge and children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge For more information, visit www.wfriendsofmusic.org or call 569-2151.

Celebrate Last Night in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO Hundreds of children, families, friends, neighbors and visitors are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve during a day and evening of festive events in Wolfeboro capped off by fireworks lighting the sky over Lake Winnipesaukee.

Last Night Wolfeboro 2019 is a free celebration for the Lakes Region to enjoy," says Wolfeboro Selectman Linda Murray, chair of the town's Special Events Committee. "Our schedule includes activities, concerts, shows and games for all ages to enjoy and we have fantastic prizes to present to use now and in the New Year including cruises on Millie B, M/S Mt. Washington, Molly the Trolley rides, Wright Museum and New Hampshire Boat Museum memberships, along with prizes from Kingswood Golf Club, Wolfeboro Casuals and other area shops. Best of all, thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters, all the fun is free or low-cost," Murray adds.

Beginning at Wolfeboro Town Hall at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, Last Night Wolfe-

'scavenger hunt' at town shops to Mo, the Balloon Man making creations for children, the popular Wildlife Encounters show, Chris Herrick magic show and a buffet supper, dessert and entertainment for everyone.

New this year, Last Night Wolfeboro is presenting a free "Jazz to Keep You Warm" concert by the Freese Brothers Combo Band at the First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro. For more than three decades, the Freese Brothers Big Band and Combo have performed swing and classic Big Band music; entertaining audiences throughout the region and raising scholarship funds for a new generation of talented musicians.

Schedule

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. scavenger hunt, register Town Hall-Great Hall; return completed map and chances for prizes.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mo The Balloon Man: Town Hall-Great Hall. balloon creatures for the kids; plus, face-painting, dance performance, Yum Yum Shop cookie painting; displays

team, Wolfeboro Police/ Fire; NH Farm Museum; snacks for purchase benefiting Kingswood Youth Center.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.: Freese Brothers Big Band Combo concert; First Congregational Church, Main Street, across from Carpenter School.

1 - 3 p.m. family game show: Energize and test your skills, win prizes, Estabrook – Brewster, S. Main Street.

2-3 p.m. Family and friends sing-along with Bill Parker, First Congregational Church, Main Street, across from Carpenter School.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Chris Herrick magic show; Town Hall-Great Hall.

3 – 4:30 p.m. Bingo with prizes (doors close at 3 p.m.).

4 – 5 p.m. Wildlife Encounters, live animal show, sponsored by The Children's Center, Town Hall- Great Hall.

5 – 7: p.m., scrumptious lasagna buffet dinner and dessert, presented by All Saints Episcopal Church, S. Main Street, across from Wolfeboro Library: Tickets at door, music by accordionist Gary Sredzienski.

6:30 p.m. fireworks

sponsored by Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce (rain/weather date Jan. 1).

7 – 9 p.m. Contra Town dance, Hall-Great Hall, presented by non-profit G.A.L.A. (Global Awareness Local Action).

Donations to defray programming costs are welcomed at each event venue. Event sponsors include: Black's Paper Store, The Children's Center, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Avery Insurance, Harvest Market, Doran Insurance and Antonucci Insurance.

Last Night Wolfeboro 2019 is produced by Wolfeboro Special Events Committee and Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation, with funding from the Economic Development Committee; and major support from Brewster Academy, All Saints Episcopal Church, Blacksmith Printing and volunteers.

Major prizes donated by The Wright Museum, New Hampshire Boat Museum, Molly the Trolley, M/S Mt. Washington, Kingswood Golf Club and Wolfeboro-area shops and businesses.

napCountyGOP.org or send an e-mail to alan.glassboro events range from a by Girl Scout robotics over Wolfeboro Bay, man@gmail.com.











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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

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Meredith Village Savings Bank offers support to WEDCO

REGION — Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) recently purchased \$12,500 in tax credits through the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) in support of the Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO). The bank's investment supports businesses and the creation of employment opportunities, through development assistance and financing. Benefitting towns include Brookfield, Effingham, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, Wakefield and Wolfeboro.

"We're so thankful for this generous contribution from MVSB," said Denise Rov-Palmer, Executive Director of WEDCO. "Contributions like this one make it possible for us to continue our valuable work. By providing financing and assistance to established and developing WEDCO businesses, has contributed to the creation of jobs and the growth of the local economy." WEDCO encourages and assists local businesses with sources of capital and consultation. They also focus on attracting new businesses that offer well-paying, skilled, long-term jobs. Founders believed in the need to attract a proper mix of business and industry or risk having

a very fragile, variable economy.

"MVSB is enthusiastic about our continued support of WEDCO," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "They nurture existing businesses and help attract new ones. WEDCO has been an integral part of the economic strength of the eastern Lakes Region for many years."

CDFA tax credits allow businesses to fund qualifying economic or community development projects in exchange for a tax credit that can be applied against state business tax payments. The tax credits are administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). Any business with operations in NH that contributes to a CDFA tax credit project receives a NH state tax credit worth 75 percent of their contribution. The credit can be used over a period of five years to reduce the business' state tax liability (business profits, business enterprise or insurance premium taxes). The tax credit program allows NH businesses to use their state tax dollars to support local projects that they care about. CDFA reviews many project applications each year and awards tax credits to those they determine are feasible and will make the biggest impact on economic develop-

ment in the state. For more information, visit nhcdfa.org.

The Wentworth Economic Development Corporation is a private, non-profit regional lender founded in 1993 for the sole purpose of promoting economic growth in the Eastern Lakes Region. Its mission is to promote and support businesses and the creation of employment opportunities by providing development assistance and financing. For more information, visit wedco-nh.org.

Unlike a stock bank, MVSB is a mutual savings bank that operates for the benefit of its depositors, borrowers and surrounding communities. As a result, MVSB has remained steadfast in fostering the economic health and well-being of the community since it was founded in 1869. For more than 150 years, Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB), has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central NH. MVSB and its employees are guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

Top areas to help you handle stress over the holidays

BY PATRICIA WALKER, RD, LD, CDF. CLT

Contributing Writer

Finding the perfect gift, over booking holiday parties and not having enough time and even money to finish everything we want to do are common stressors during the holidays. And stress can cause a cascade of physical symptoms-stomach pains, bloating and headaches to name a few. My wish is that you enjoy your holidays. In order to do that, I am sharing some special tips to help you control stress and allow you to celebrate the peace and joy of the season.

Diet: The holidays often include extra portions of desserts, candy and alcohol, as well as just too much food. Most of us put on a few pounds because of our holiday indulgences, and despite our best efforts and intentions post-holiday, never quite lose the weight. In this case, prevention is your best offense. Focus tablets) 1-2 hours before on unprocessed, whole foods as best possible for your usual meals. This includes lots of fresh and frozen vegetables, fresh fruit, whole grains and legumes. Raw nuts and seeds and healthily

cooked low-fat animal protein (chicken, fish, loin and round cuts of beef and pork). Be sure to also drink lots of water and other low-calorie beverages. At celebration times, limit your dessert and alcohol to one serving and bring along a healthy option for all to enjoy (veggie platter, shrimp cocktail, hummus with whole grain crackers). Don't skip meals before your social events and try to put in more time socializing than eating/drinking.

Activity: This is a great stress reliever as it helps us release endorphins (feel good hormones) as well as helps to prevent weight gain. I recommend being consistent with your activity and focus on at least 15 to 30 minutes most days.

Sleep: Lack of sleep increases our body's stress response and increases sugar cravings. Try to limit blue light exposure (tv, computer screens, bed, sleep in a dark, cool room and keep a consistent bedtime schedule. Seven to nine hours is recommended whenever possible.

mask on prior to tending to everyone else's needs. This may sound selfish, but you are at your best when you feel your best. Ideas include playtime, be spontaneous, do something fun or creative or downtime, it's okay to take a quick nap, a long bubble bath or read a few chapters in a good book. And don't forget the most important self-care technique of allconnecting time. Spend quality time with people or animals you enjoy being around. Give a little of your time to a worthy cause. This can help you realize that you do have a lot to be grateful for. And gratitude is a true blessing.

Wishing you all Happy and Healthy Holidays.

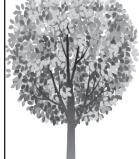
Patty Walker is a Certified Diabetes Educator, Registered Dietitian and a Certified Leap Therapist. She is in accepting new clients in her private practice at the Carroll County Diabetes. Nutrition and Wellness Center located at 6 Grove St. in Wolfeboro. She can be reached at 520-3176 or e-mail to patty@ccdnwc. com.

Self-care: Yup, it is time to put your oxygen



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OBITUARY

Donald F. Schlegel Lifetime in aerospace



WOLFEBORO — Don Schlegel passed away peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 17, during a short hospitalization, surrounded by his children and best friend.

Don was born Aug. 3, 1932 and grew up in Pennsylvania, the son of George J. and Olive (Lewis) Schlegel. He graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering (class of 1954). Later he earned a master's degree in Management from the Polytechnic University of New York and completed the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Mass.

Don served as a USAF pilot and was the flight test team leader for development of the F-105D fighter-bomber at Republic Aviation Corporation on Long Island, N.Y. He then joined Grumman Aerospace Corporation in management of the Apollo Lunar Module project through six lunar landings. He was later named manager of the Space Shuttle Orbiter project. He received numerous awards from NASA in recognition of his contribution to the

success of both projects. Don was appointed President of the Aerostructures Division of Grumman with domestic and international customers for aerospace products in Asia, Europe and South America. He completed his 30-year career with the company as President of the Long Life Vehicle Division in Williamsport, Pa., producing delivery vehicles for the U.S. Postal Service, still in use across the country.

Don was pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Janet (Saunders) Schlegel, in February 2014. He leaves two sons, Robert Schlegel and his wife Nancy Jolliffe of Beaufort, S.C., and David Schlegel of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and daughter Kathryn Schlegel and husband Jim Querry of Philadelphia, Pa., along with many special friends in Wolfeboro and Williamsport, Pa.

No services are planned. A gathering of friends to celebrate Don's life will be arranged at a later date. The family requests that anyone wishing to make a charitable donation in his memory, contribute to Lakes Region Humane Society in Ossipee (http//lrhs.net) or Lakes Region Conservation Trust in Center Harbor (http;//lrct.org).

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

Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www. baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

Barnstead church presenting **Christmas program**

BARNSTEAD — The Center Barnstead Christian Church would like to invite the public to see its Christmas program, "The Christmas Present." Tis the season when malls are filled with people eagerly searching for that perfect gift. Yet, many won't remember a year from now what it was they received. The Christmas Present celebrates the wonders of Jesus' birthday in a special musical retelling about a gift you can receive that will last forever. Jesus is the best present of all. Come and bring the family Sunday morning, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. The Center Barnstead Christian Church is located on Route 126, next to the Town Hall. For more information, please call the church at 269-8831 or centerbarnsteadcc.org.

Cookie walk, Christmas sale is Dec. 14

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

Come and join in for the cookie walk and Christmas sale. All cookies are homemade for your enjoyment.

While there, enjoy a free cup of coffee or mulled cider.

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

Church bosting Christmas Brunch

ALTON — The Community Church of Alton, 10 Church St., is pleased to announce the Christian Woman's Christmas Brunch being held on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Please join in for a fun inspiring morning.

There will be a craft session, where you may choose to make a centerpiece or a wall hanging. Followed by brunch with the special guest speaker, Sharon Gamble of Sweet Selah Ministries. She will be presenting "Creating Quiet at Christmas." The craft, brunch and a chance to hear a wonderful speaker comes at one low price. Reservations required, please phone the church office during normal business hours at 875-5561 or e-mail info@ ccoaalton.com.

Festival of Carols concert is Dec. 20

PITTSFIELD—The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will offer a free Christmas concert entitled "Festival of Carols" Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. It will feature the church's Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. This concert is a return to some favorite carols with a narration by Pastor David Stasiak. Be sure to include this annual tradition in your family's holiday plans. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are located at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING An Anti-Socialist Manifesto

BY LARRY SCOTT

Contributing Writer

This is an Anti-Socialist Manifesto. I love America and I regret that a group of men and women, vying to become the next President of the United States, are promoting a socialist agenda I believe would devastate our American way of life. Promises are being made they cannot keep and benefits are being offered we cannot afford. I have decided I must take a stand. America must not become a

and a living wage for every American sounds inviting. But if you will think the issue through, if you count the cost, you will see it is an offer we cannot accept. Let's take Sweden as an example. In Sweden, "benefits are awesome." Medical care is available to everyone in Sweden at nominal cost, unemployment insurance is 75 percent of a worker's pay, and daycare is available for all. All Swedes have five weeks of legally mandated vacation, up to 450 days of parental leave at 80 percent of a worker's salary and 120 days of leave to care for a sick child. Education in Sweden is free through to the PhD level and retirement benefits, which begin at age 65. [...] It just sounds too good to be true. Upon closer inspection, how-

ever, a far different and ominous picture emerges. It is a picture of a country slowly strangling itself to death with government spending and social benefits. The obvious consequence of this is that Sweden has the highest tax burden in the developed world. Everything is expensive in Sweden because on top of all personal taxes there exists a 25 percent national sales tax on almost all goods and services," (John L. Bowman, Socialism in Amer-

president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, speaking on "Fox and Friends' April 15, warned that Bernie Sanders' proposed policies could cost \$20,000 per taxpayer if implemented as he has proposed.

In short, socialism is not the answer current aspirants to the White House would like you to believe. Our capitalist economy is not perfect, but it has made our nation the envy of the world. It is only in America that an individual can dream impossible dreams and find success – if they are willing to pay the price for its achievement. I am concerned that pie-in-the-sky promises and irresponsible rhetoric is convincing some to "take a chance" on a new form of government. But it must not be. This is America, where private property, capital accumulation and competitive markets have made these United States the greatest nation in the world. May God help us to keep it that way. For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.

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socialist state. I have dismissed their

rhetoric as without foundation, but the popular acceptance of their message has me alarmed. I can't believe they are being taken seriously, but they are.

I will grant that the promise of a free education, free healthcare

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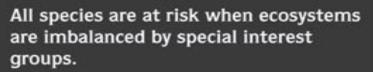
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And so, America, take note: there is no free ride. "Tax the rich," we are told. "Let the other man pay." But it won't work.

Statistics, according to taxfoundation. org show that in 2014 the top one percent of wage-earners, 1.4 million people, paid 39.5 percent of all income taxes paid, at a rate of nearly 27 percent, for a total of \$542 billion. There is no way "the rich" can finance the trillions of dollars necessary to implement everything being promised. "The other guy" is not going to pay for this, you are.







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MARK ON THE MARKETS Unintended consequences



BY MARK PATTERSON Contributing Writer

In 1934, the Roosevelt administration put forth the "New Deal," which included the entitlement we know as Social Security. Originally Social Security was not accessible until the age of 65. Now SS can be started at the age of 62 or even younger if disabled. When we started SS, there were 42 people paying into the system for every one person taking from the system, making it very solvent.

A generation of people born in the 1920s and 30s, some who fought in World War II and were later referred to as the Henry Ford generation but named the Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw. Those soldiers who returned from WWII created the "Baby Boom" generation that is defined from 1946 through 1964. During that 18-year span, there were 78 million people born in this country. After this generation, we have had Generation X and Gen Y blending in with the Millennials, all who have not had nearly as many children as that Baby Boomer generation.

The Baby Boomers are now retiring at the rate of 10,000 per day driving the ratio from 42 contributors to one recipient of SS entitlements and Medicare/ Medicaid to only three contributors to one recipient. Within the next 10 years the ratio will be one to one.

Let's estimate an individual's annual SS and Medicare entitlements at age 66, which is full retirement age currently. Maybe 24,000 in SS and 15,000 in Medicare, not to mention any additional veterans benefits. My high-powered calculator tells me that in 10 years, every working person will have to support roughly \$40,000 worth of entitlements annually that we Baby Boomers are collecting.

Our national debt is more than 22 trillion dollars and will accelerate exponentially in order to just service the existing debt. While our shortterm interest rates have climbed, our longer-term rates have not accelerated nearly as much, leaving us with a flatter yield curve. Debt will likely be financed with lon-

ings bank that operates

ger-term bonds. This can only do so much.

David Walker, who was comptroller of the US until 2008, has stated that we must double tax rates just to stay solvent. Cutting spending would obviously help, but Washington cannot seem to accomplish this. Just after WWII our highest tax rate was 94 percent, in the 1970s we had a top tax rate of 70 percent. In 2012, our highest rate went from 35 percent to 39.5 percent. So, we are close to historic lows for our tax rates, yet we as individuals, still defer taxes until a later date. Tax diversification is extremely important and if you are not taking advantage of some methods for paying taxes now at these low rates for tax free money in the future, this will likely be regrettable soon. Most people that I speak with regarding future tax rates believe they will be in a lower tax bracket when they retire. Possibly, but future entitlement payments will have to come from somewhere. Note that I refer to your benefits as "entitlements" only

because the government autocrats have re-named your money so that they can be the redistributors of our own money, which they have deemed the governments.

If your advisor is not versed in tax-free retirement plans or tax-free accumulation and distribution of assets, then find one that is, or call my office.

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



Security talk

MATTHEW FASSETT – COURTESY PHOTO

MVSB hosting Mitten Tree at all offices

REGION — Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) is requesting newly handmade or store-bought mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for their annual Mitten Tree drive, now through Dec. 31. The Mitten Tree drive awards \$2 for every item collected. This year's dollar contribution is designated for Boulder Point Veteran Housing.

Newly handmade or store-bought mittens, hats, gloves and scarves can be dropped off at MVSB branch locations. Non-profits in need of mittens, hats, gloves and scarves should contact the bank office closest to them. A complete list of offices and hours are available at mysb.com. "The Mitten Tree is an annual holiday tradition we've proudly hosted since 1979," said Rick Wyman, President of MVSB. "We're excited to contribute to Boulder Point, a permanent housing facility, for vulnerable, low-income, disabled and homeless veterans."

Boulder Point, a Harbor Homes veterans housing facility located in Plymouth, offers 25 one-bedroom apartments to veterans experiencing homelessness, as well as five affordable (unsubsidized) two-bedroom apartments. It offers permanent housing to the area's most vulnerable, low-income, disabled and homeless veterans. Harbor Homes is based in Nashua and serves low-income individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or living with mental illness and other disabilities. For more information, visit harborhomes.org/boulder-point/.

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Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb. com. Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary President Duane Hammond (left) thanks fellow Rotarian Jim Fontaine for his address to the club about technology security issues surrounding online shopping, cell phone safety and credit card use. "What you don't know about the many ways someone can steal your personal information, bank account and where and when you do business can cause real and lasting damage," warned Fontaine. "Knowing how to protect yourself requires keeping up with what's happening in the ever-growing number of ways 'tech crooks' can and will steal your identity and money." Fontaine's expertise in the field of high-tech stems from his long career as a software engineer and computer 'guru.' He's the owner of Positively Creative Solutions, LLC located in Alton. His company designs web sites and provides business development consulting to a wide range of clients. Contact info@pcswebdesign.com or call 875-0110.

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

Kindness matters in any season

BY VIVIAN LEE DION

Contributing Writer

World Kindness Day was recently celebrated. When I first heard about it, I was listening to the radio while riding to York, Maine. It sounded like a wonderful idea, and I was mindful of it when we stopped at a Christmas fair. My husband asked a woman leaving, "How is the fair?" She said, "Things are pretty much picked over." But my husband and son agreed that it would be good to stretch our legs and walk around the large hall.

One of the first tables we stopped at was called The Kitchen Table. There was an array of kitchen utensils, jars of pickles and jams plus homemade baked beans. I chose a pint of beans and two beautiful jars of jams. I had my money out, ready to pay the bill when I spotted two forks and two spoons. The table helper said, "Oh, those are \$2." I didn't say yes or no, and proceed to pay for my other items. Then she said, "If you want those utensils, you can have them for \$1. Now, that sparked my interest, and I agreed to her kind offer.

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Record-breaking year at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — Officially closing its doors on the 2019 season on Oct. 31, Wright Museum in Wolfeboro set a record this year with 19,166 visitors.

"This year, we celebrated The Wright's 25th anniversary, so we consider this attendance record a tremendous success," noted Mike Culver, executive director of the museum.

Crediting corporate and individual support as key to their continued success, Culver cited their rotating exhibits as one example of the relevancy of history museums today.

"Our exhibits allow us to explore complex subjects that go well beyond standard facts and figures behind WWII," he said. "It is The Wright's job to make sure that future generations see that history is the thread that unites all generations."

In "Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and WWII," created by the Smithsonian Institution, visitors and museum members were confronted with what Culver described as "an egregious aspect of American's handling of the war."

"In an exhibit such as 'Righting,' we learn from our mistakes by studying our history – both the negative and positive aspects," he added.

"Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and WWII was sponsored by the Montrone family with additional support from Northeast Delta Dental.

In "Esquire Magazine: The WWII Years," an exhibit created by volunteer and museum board member John Frank, Culver said the WWII homefront took center stage.

"The exhibit illustrat-

every aspect of American culture on the homefront," he explained. "It also showed how profoundly united America was during this period, once again making it clear that everyone made contributions and sacrifices that helped win the war."

According to Culver, the year's final exhibit, "The Last Good War," sponsored by Taylor Community and The Weirs Times, gave "a face and voice to those who lived through WWII."

"The wonderful pho-

ed how WWII permeated tos of the 'greatest generation' and accompanying text made human the story that was America during the war years," he said.

> In looking ahead to 2020, Culver expressed enthusiasm for continued growth at the museum, which will include a significant re-evaluation of its educational and gallery spaces.

"With continued support, The Wright is poised to take the next step in its organization growth as not just a steward of history, but an active interpreter," he said. "We feel a tremendous responsibility to history and to serve as an active, community minded, forward thinking non-profit entity."

As the region's leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum reopen on Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. The museum will reopen in May of 2020, although school tours can be arranged from January-April.

For more information about the Wright Museum, or to schedule a school tour, visit wrightmuseum.org, or call 569-1212.

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menus and getting their assignments for waiter/ waitress and/or host/ hostess.

Following tradition, the luncheon started at 11 a.m. sharp. Students did a fantastic job as hosts and hostesses bringing their guests to the table and providing them with a menu. The serving staff (students) went to the table, took the order, brought the food, checked in to make sure everything was ok, took the dessert order and then brought their guest the delicious dessert of their choosing. ACS staff members truly enjoy this event just as much as the students. It is a wonderful opportunity to dine and chat







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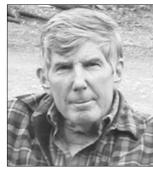






North Country Notebook

A weasel on snowshoes (really?) and trail signs are worth obeying



By John Harrigan Columnist

If this snow continues to stick to the ground, it'll be one of the earlier beginnings of seasonal snow on record. Getting a snowstorm or two toward the end of November is nothing unusual, but having it stick around for the duration (meaning over the holidays and beyond) is, indeed, unusual.

As this was written, satellite images showed snow blanketing the upper half of the state, roughly from mid-Winnipesaukee up. And there didn't seem to be any snow-melting weather on the continental satellite images.

This makes winter's long count, the number of days with snow on the ground, particularly hard on animals that hunt for small creatures like mice, moles, voles and chipmunks. Prey species can burrow under the snow and hide in areas where the snow is a foot deep or even deeper, and there are plenty of places to hide right now in higher and more northern parts of the state.

This makes hunting much harder for foxes, fishers, martens, coyotes and bobcats, just to name a few predators that come to mind, and in doing so almost forgetting the mink and the weasel, which don't deserve forgetting.

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Weasels and minks are two of the relatively few species that sometimes simply go wild during a killing and regress into so-called killaware of this situation. If I were building a chicken coop today, I would surround it with hardware cloth, a very flexible and easily cut fine-mesh material that is not really cloth, but wire.

What triggers a killing spree? Some studies indicate that for a weasel, movement triggers an irrepressible instinct to kill and certainly a coop full of chickens flapping hysterically would qualify. Another theory is that in the case of larger prey too big to drag to a hiding place, weasels may plan to revisit the kill.

As a boy barely old enough to snowshoe, I had the unforgettable experience of three shorttail weasels following me along a stone wall, close by and parallel to my course. I watched them over my shoulder for a while, then stopped. To my amazement, the weasels made straight for me, and proceeded to boil around my feet and snowshoes, playfully writhing around like so many snakes. I was too stunned to react to this, but eventually said "Hey. What the" and they tunneled away into and out of the snow, off to who knew where.

This is not an uncommon thing with weasels, which are uncommonly curious and bold. They are easily made friends with and even tamed to a degree. When I was living with the Shatneys at their fishing and hunting camps at Clarksville Pond, a weasel set up camp right in (or under) the main cabin. It would run along on the floor joists supporting the second floor, right above the main table, and take hand-proffered tidbits from amused guests.

There's an old saying that's actually true: "If you have a weasel, you don't have mice." Thus, many a weasel-turned-ermine has given many a hidebound camp-dweller a thrill.

Early snow that seems to mean business triggers what I call (to myself only to avoid



A short-tail weasel, in its winter (ermine) coat, the analogy of which has spelled demise for many a weasel.

damned snow. I already hate it," or something similar containing the symbiotic terms, "Snow," and "Hate." Challenged with this, I try to get away with just giving them such a look. It hardly ever works.

If caught in the above situation, do not, under any circumstances, say something like "Well, I just love snow, it's like a big quilt pulled over the land..." or they will form a mob and get you.

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For some people, early snow, even major snow that might melt in a day or two, triggers another reaction, the urge to jump onto a snowmobile and hit the trails. Bare hayfields and pastures trigger the same urge with ATVers in the spring.

The problem is that the snowmobile trails aren't ready. Many clubs (often at the behest of landowners) don't open their trails until just before Christmas. And many clubs try to stick with the same date from year to year, so that people can count on it.

Riders and other trail-users, I think, sometimes take trail signs for granted. But think of the time involved in getting them out and up. And there are the not-so-minor details, like knowing the where and when of logging jobs.

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they worked with state Department of Transportation crews and state and local police to get major highway crossings precisely where everyone wanted them, the major factor being safety. This has been going on all over the state, at least where ATVers are organized, which they've been doing, fast.

Line of sight is everything here, which is a difficulty when faced with the likes of Route 145, the so-called "back way" between Colebrook and Pittsburg. Hint: Places to pass (legally) are scarcer than hens' teeth.

This time of year represents a sea-change for ATV and snowmobile clubs, complicated by the fact that ATVs are not "automatically" allowed on some snowmobile trails, despite what so much of the downstate public thinks. This is because some landowners are fine with snowmobiles but want nothing to do with ATVs, due to land damage and irresponsible riding habits.

Suffice to say that the snowmobile clubs have to put up often completely new and updated signs, hundreds of them for highway crossings alone. But then there are signs at all trail junctions, and bridges, and let's not forget trail hazards. ("Steep Downhill" is one you see from time to time, or maybe "Watch for Groomer,"



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A long-tail weasel in its summer togs, a nice medium brown that can blend in with lots of the landscape.

and then there's my very favorite, "Stay in Trail.")

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ATVs, or all-terrain vehicles, get plenty of advertising in print media and on TV. Many of the ads, to the consternation of local clubs and trail patrols, show ATV riders soaring over sand dunes (think "your local gravel pit"), and roaring through wetlands, which inevitably get referred to as "swamps." Hardly does anyone ever see ATVing's quieter, gentler side.

But I see them, retired couples going by, racks packed front and back, a sure sign that they're here on vacation and contributing to the economy.

But hold that judgment: It might just be, a veteran Conservation Officer once reminded me, that the ATVer is indeed from away, and is in fact staying for a weekend or a week, at his place or a rented one, and is simply leaving his gear and duffle back at camp.

One problem with all forms of motorized recreation, but particularly ATVs, is that no dealer likes telling a customer about to sign on the dotted line that he might have problems finding places to ride. And a litany of arrests and court cases has shown us that the customer otherwise might not have a clue about privately owned land or landowners' rights.

Landowners often view snowmobiles and ATVs in totally different light. For one thing, the ATV season is twice as long as the snowmobiling season. Second, snowmobile clubs have spent decades forging good relationships with landowners and ironing out problems, while many ATV clubs have barely begun. Third comes that inherent factor about ATVs: They are just plain more intrusive and harder on the land.

And ATVs simply sound a lot louder, perhaps because there's no snow to muffle the noise. And it doesn't help that so many ATV riders can't help gunning their idling engines.

Finally, if the small percentage of scofflaws and yahoos causing most of the problems for AT-Vers and snowmobilers alike could just obey the signs, and show some basic manners on the trail, the lion's share of problems would disappear.

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ing sprees, far beyond their needs. Keepers of chicken coops are well

thrashings) the Seasonal Whine, as in "This

The past several years have been a learning curve for ATV clubs, as

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In another room, food was being served, and Christmas music played the background. in Large round tables with festive center pieces created a welcoming atmosphere. Displayed on a long side table were slices of homemade pies and I saw coffee brewing nearby. Ray chose a piece of apple pie and our son, Eric, liked to looks of a raspberry upside down cake. My cup of coffee was a perfect match with my piece of blueberry pie.

We sat at a table in the center of the room, when an older couple with coffee and pie asked if they could join us. We said, "That's fine." I secretly wondered why they chose to sit with us. I soon realized they enjoyed being with people because the man was very talkative and his wife added to the conversation, too. The light conversation was pleasant, and we learned they that lived in York and the husband had worked in Farmington. Before we left, the senior gent told this story: "We have two children who liked eating Cap'n Crunch cereal. Many years ago there was a promotion of a free sapling balsam in a plastic bag among

the box of cereal. Our children planted the tree outside the front door near the walkway because they wanted the tree close and could see it. As the tree grew, we decorated it every year and the children made sure to water during the hot summer months. The tree is now over 20 feet tall, and the roots are lifting up the cement walkway." He told the story with gusto. We smiled at his animation and were glad they sat with us. Kindness is a two-way street, we welcomed them at our table, and they like telling their Christmas tree

story. A half hour later, we stopped at a thrift shop near Kittery. I was in a good mood, and for some reason felt a little talkative. So, while looking at boots, a young man in his early 30s picked up sneakers that appeared to be brand new. He looked for a few seconds and then put them

down. He stared at the sneakers. I was beside him looking at boots and said, "Those are good looking sneakers, and you really need to buy them." He smiled and said, "You really think so?" Nodding my head up and down, I said, "Yes." Then he said the kindest thing, "I think you're right. I admire a woman's opinion, and thank you for helping me decide."

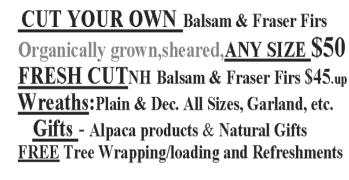
World Kindness Day is a day of caring, feeling respected and being positive in our interactions with others. It is a day "to highlight good deeds in the community, focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness that binds us." I know that kindness matters in any season.

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Blood drive in Barnstead at end of the month

BARNSTEAD — Between Thanksgiving and Christmas. more than one million units of blood could be transfused in the United States. Individuals are urged to give a lifesaving gift this holiday season by making an appointment to donate blood or platelets and help the American Red Cross ensure a sufficient supply is available for patients throughout the holiday season. Those with type O blood are especially needed.

On Sept. 28, 2018, MaKenzie Schienebeck experienced a complication during her pregnancy and found herself losing blood extremely fast. She was in and out of consciousness and felt her life slipping away. Schienebeck was given blood transfusions on the way to the hospital, during emergency surgery and after surgery. "I would not be alive today if it was not for the American Red Cross and the gracious donors who gave their blood," said Schienebeck. "Blood is more than just blood. It's the key to saving lives."

During the holiday season, set aside an hour to give blood and be the lifeline patients need. Make an appointment now by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting Red-CrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks for helping meet the urgent need, those who come to give blood or platelets now through Dec. 18 will receive a \$5 Amazon. com gift card via e-mail, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/

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To donate, imply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app, visit RedCross-Blood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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There will be a blood drive at the Barnstead Fire Rescue Station at 305 Parade Road on Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library Friends holiday celebration is Friday

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library will host its annual holiday celebration at the library on Friday afternoon, Dec. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. Santa will be there to greet the younger guests. A program of holiday entertainment will be presented by professional storyteller and musician Steve Blunt. There will be lots of goodies for all the guests. Everyone in the community is invited to the celebration. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy the holidays and to see all the wonderful resources of the New Durham Public Library.

Again this year there will be raffles that include many wonderful prizes. Among the prizes are an American Girl Doll, 100 gallons of fuel oil, ski tickets, theater tickets, gift cards to local stores and restaurants, tickets to sporting events and many more. Raffle tickets are sold at the library and at the event. You don't have to be present to win. The drawing will take place after the event and winners will be notified on Monday, Dec. 9. Stop at the library to see the display of many prizes.







Autumn Lane will hold an open studio for the holidays featuring Cate Poole watercolors. The open house will take place Dec. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the yurt cabin on Autumn Lane off of Waumbeck Road in Wolfeboro. Framed art, note cards, calendars and unframed originals will all be available.

For more information, contact Linda Callaway at 359-1435.

Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders Post 72 are holding their seventh annual Coats for Kids coat drive. The Riders will be collecting new coats for children in the local community in need. New coats can be dropped off at the post home on Route 28 Alton, in the coat donation drop-off box located in the post hall.

The American Legion Riders of Post 72 will be collecting new coats November to December. Donations will also be accepted toward the purchase of new coats. Contact Russ or at 776-2968 or Lisa at 520-0672 for more info.



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SPORTS

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THE BAYSIDER

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Timber Wolf girls battling low numbers

BY JOSHUA SPAU

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain girls' basketball team is light on numbers and light on experience but coach Rick Burley says the Timber Wolves will go into battle and do the best they can with what they have.

"You do what you've got to do," the veteran coach said. "We can't worry about what we don't have."

The Timber Wolves will be led by a trio of captains, two of whom are seniors and the other who is a sophomore.

Seniors Hannah Racine and Ava Misiaszek will be working on the front line for the Timber Wolves and sophomore Hannah Capsalis will be running the point guard position. Burley said the team will be relying on Capsalis a lot to control



The winter sports season officially arrives in the coming week.

The Kingswood and Prospect Mountain swim teams open the season on Sunday, Dec. 8, at Gilford at 10 a.m.

The Newfound girls' basketball team opens the season on Friday, Dec. 6, at home against Monadnock at 6:30 p.m. and will be at White Mountains on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

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healthy and avoiding foul trouble will be key.

"Staying out of foul trouble is very big for us, that's what I'm trying to reiterate to the girls," Burley said. "We have to learn how to play aggressive defense and not pick up cheap fouls. We have to stay away from frustration fouls.

"And the key will be to stay healthy," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "We can't afford any injuries or illnesses."

Burley anticipates calling up another player or two from time to time throughout the season.

The Prospect coach says that he has heard from a number of other coaches across the division who are also experiencing low numbers so he knows he is not alone. Included in that group is the defending champions from Monadnock, who the Timber Wolves scrimmaged early in the preseason.

Burley was pleased with the way his team played against the defending champs.

The schedule includes two games each with St. Thomas, Somersworth and Berlin and single games against Franklin, White Mountains, Belmont, Raymond, Gilford, Inter-Lakes, Winnsiquam, Campbell, Newfound, Hillsboro-Deering, Monadnock and Hopkinton.

Prospect will open the season on Friday, Dec. 6, at home against Berlin at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Timber Wolves are at Franklin at 7 p.m.

Sports Editor Joshua

6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, and will be at Franklin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The Plymouth wrestling team will be hosting the opening meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. against Mascoma.

PMHS seeking softball coach

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School in Alton is looking for a varsity softball coach for the spring season. Anyone interested in more information can contact Athletic Director Corey Roux at 875-3800. other returning player in junior Kassidy Kelley, who will also be working in the backcourt and between both Capsalis and Kelley, Burley expects that they will have a lot of load on their shoulders.

The team has just one

"Beyond them, we're very inexperienced," the Timber Wolf coach said.

Senior Grace Hardie is new to the team but is a solid athlete who should be able to contribute to the team as the season goes along.

Junior Julia Leavitt will also have a solid load on her shoulders, as she takes over for graduated Mackenzie Burke in the center position.

the game from the point. Burley said.

AVA MISIASZEK will be one of three captains for the Prospect hoop girls.

The only other fulltime varsity player is freshman Ella Misiaszek, who will be working at both small forward and guard. Burley notes her year-round playing has made her into a solid player who should contribute in her first year as a Timber Wolf.

The Timber Wolves will also have a pair of swing players in junior Giana Kenerson and freshman Michaela Bernazzaro, both of whom will be working on the low post for the Timber Wolves.

With only 14 kids between the JV and varsity program, staying

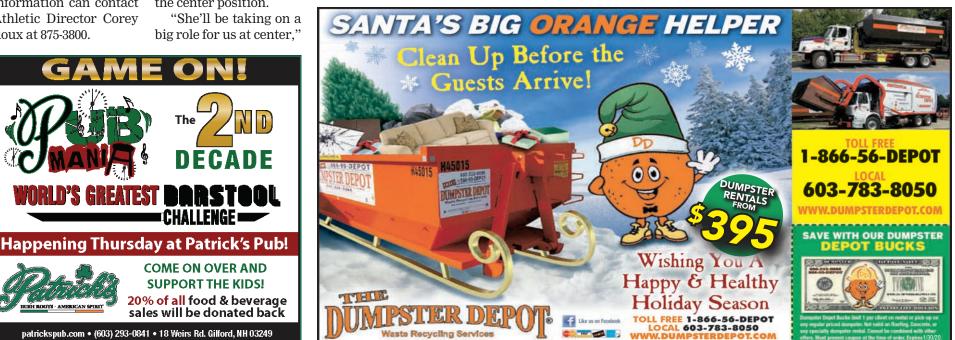


WOLFEBORO — Winter is right around the corner. Get your kid outside and embracing the winter with the Kingswood Learn to Nordic Ski Program. Nordic skiing is a great source of exercise that gets you out in the fresh air and snow. This program is free and takes place over five Mondays in January and February.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

This program is available to K - 8 students of all athletic levels and a desire to learn what Nordic skiing is all

about. They'll be taught the basics of skiing by members of the Kingswood Nordic ski team and coaches from the Wolfeboro Nordic Ski Club. Registration for the program can be done at www.kingswoodathletics.org.

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



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Locals earn volleyball All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association announced the All-State selections following the conclusion of the season.

In Division II, Plymouth coach Jonathan VanScoter was named the Coach of the Year after guiding the Bobcats to the Division II semifinals for the first time in nine years.

Plymouth senior Mia Sullivan earned First Team Division II All-State honors. Joining her on First Team were Abby Jerome and Niki Smith of Coe-Brown, Samantha Holland and Riley McDonough of Gilford, Lillian Stogner of John Stark, Gabriella Monico of Milford, Corinne Quaglieri of Oyster River and Madyson Buchalski of St. Thomas.

Kingswood's Maddie Ward and Plymouth's Bassingthwaite Abbv both earned Second Team honors. They were joined by Abby Warren of Gilford, Riley Lord of John Stark, Kailyn Chamberlain, Kaydee Mann and Robyn Krafft of Milford, Maggie Sylvester of Oyster River and Emily Ferland of Somersworth.

Plymouth's Savanna Marston earned All-State Honorable Mention, where she was joined by Lindsey Sanderson of Gilford, Willet Parkins of Hanover, Izabella Nelson of John Stark, Katerina Stuopis of Souhegan and Kateri True of St. Thomas.

Monico was named Division II Player of the Year and Steve Vetack of Milford was named the Division II JV Coach of the Year.

In Division III, Bailey Fairbank of Newfound and Julia Leavitt

ford of Epping, Haley Maynard of Farmington, Jaden Horrocks and Molly Rines of Mascenic, Tess Palin of Sunapee and Chloe Colarusso of Winnisquam.

Vladislava Anashkina of Kennett, Paulina Huckins of Newfound and Gwen West of Prospect Mountain all earned Honorable Mention. They were joined by Mallory Reczko of Division III Campbell, Hayley Pelletier of Epping, Aubrey Smart of Moultonborough and Olivia Dill of Winnisquam.

Wheeler was named

Player of the Year, Randy Mattson of Inter-Lakes was named Division III Coach of the Year and Karen Gibson of Mascenic was named the JV

Coach of the Year.

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All-Stars

With the fall season coming to a close, several Brewster Academy student-athletes were named to Lakes Region League All-Star teams in their respective sports. "It's always great to see our students get recognized," noted Director of Athletics Matt Lawlor. "And no surprise to see this group get the accolades-these eight kids all had outstanding seasons for us this fall." Left to right, varsity soccer defender and captain Michael Provenzano (Stratham), varsity soccer goalkeeper and tri-captain Leanne Durham (Tewksbury, Mass.), varsity soccer striker Owen Jacinto (Lawrence, Mass.), varsity soccer midfielder Emmy Dumaresq (Manchester), varsity field hockey captain Delia Mahoney (Newton, Mass.), varsity field hockey captain Kayla Proia (Maynard, Mass.), and varsity soccer midfielder Jordan Thompson (Clemson, S.C.). Not pictured is varsity soccer striker Abby Jarvi (Gilford). For more information about Brewster athletics, financial aid opportunities available exclusively for Lakes Region students and this year's big Bicentennial celebration, visit brewsteracademy.org.

Brewster hands out fall sports awards

WOLFEBORO Academy Brewster wrapped up the fall sports season with awards presented to members of all of the fall teams.

For the varsity boys' soccer team, Owen Jacinto of Lawrence, Mass. was named Most Valuable Player and Spencer Kiley of Wolfeboro and Matt Graziano of York, Maine both received the Coaches Award. For the girls' varsity soccer team, Sophia Renaud of Schenectady, N.Y., Katie Carey of Greenfield and Karlee Stoddard of Darlings Island, New Brunswick all received the Coaches Award. Laney Harrold of Sterling, Mass. won the Most Improved Player award for the varsity field hockey team while Katherine Keady of Marshfield, Mass. and

Sydney Andrews of Londonderry both received the Coaches Award.

Matt Jacobs of Wolfeboro was named the Most Valuable Player for the cross country team while TJ O'Keefe of Wolfeboro won the Most Improved Player Award and Carla Burton of Beijing, China won the Coaches Award. For the varsity crew team. Archer McClain of Tuftonboro won the Most Improved Player Award, Tucker Carlisle of New Durham won the Coaches Award and Graham McTeague of Boston, Mass. was named Most Valuable Player.

Wolfeboro won Most Improved Player.

For the JV boys' soccer team, Timothy Moses of Bethel, Maine won Most Valuable Player. Sam deBeer of Wolfeboro won the Coaches Award and Kieron Kankam of Accra, Greece was named Most Improved Plaver.

presented the Coaches Award, Ella Brekke of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia won the Most Valuable Player and Iesha Fitzgerald of the Bahamas was named Most Improved Player.

Khelsi Petigny of Hyde Park, Mass. and Cat Ling of Wolfeboro were both named MVP

for the JV field hockey

team and Zea Hirsh-

berg of Wolfeboro was

presented the Coaches Award.

For the JV sailing team, Trevor Simboli of Winchester, Mass. was named Most Valuable Player, Michael Bilodeau of Needham, Mass. was named Most Improved Player and Kaede Kawata of Takaraduka, Japan was presented the

of Prospect Mountain both earned First Team All-State. They were joined by Jordan Kanaley of Campbell, Oakley Lustenberger of Epping, Chloe Weeks of Farmington, Emma Wheeler and Ava Duymazlar of Inter-Lakes, Sarah Shannon of Moultonborough and Gabby Isabelle of Winnisquam.

Prospect Mountain's Jordan Ingoldsby was named Division III Second Team. She was joined by Belmont's Rebecca Camire and Haley Treamer, Jasmyne Bick-

Hans Mao of Nanjing, China won Most Valuable Player for the sailing team.

For the varsity golf team, Max Bewley of Westwood, Mass. won Most Valuable Player and Jack St. Sauveur of



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For the JV girls' socteam, Katherine cer Martin of Wolfeboro was

One very rainy and windy day

The fall high school season officially came to a close on the Sunday before Thanksgiving with the football championships at the University of New Hampshire.

Needless to say, it was one of the worst days for covering sports that I've encountered over the course of my 15-20 years doing this job.

I remember a Granite Man Triathlon a few years ago when it absolutely poured and there was no drying out. The issue at the Granite Man is that there is really no place to stay dry, you are out there, exposed to the elements, even if you are lucky enough to find a spot underneath a popup tent.

When I left Ossipee early Sunday afternoon



there was snow on my car but it was just rain the entire trip down to Durham. I got there in the final few minutes of the Division III game that kicked off the day and made my way through the raindrops to Wildcat Stadium. The rain continued to pour down as I made my way up to the press box on the fourth floor. Slowly the two teams, Hollis-Brookline and Plymouth, made their way out on the field for warmups and as time ticked down on the pregame clock, I made my way downstairs and on Coaches Award.

to the field for the pregame ceremonies and the start of the game.

Thankfully, as the start of the game approached, the rain slowed down and for the first few minutes, it wasn't too bad. I kept my camera and my notebook under my jacket to keep them as dry as possible, but as the game moved along, it started getting worse. The rain was coming down almost sideways, making it nearly impossible to keep the camera and the notebook even remotely dry.

Plymouth scored on their first drive and kept the Cavaliers off the board on their first drive as the teams ran the ball exclusively, which helped the game SEE CHANCE, PAGE B6



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JOSEPH WASSON represented Team USA in the Down Under Games this past summer.

JOSEPH WASSON got the chance to visit with a koala bear during his trip to Australia.

Wasson Down Under Kingswood runner competes in Australia

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO Kingswood senior Joseph Wasson enjoyed a solid cross country season for the Knights this fall, finishing the year as the team's top runner.

It's also safe to say that he had the most unusual training locations of all his teammates.

Wasson spent more than a week in Australia competing for Team USA with Down Under Sports.

"It was kind of a shock," said Wasson. "I



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Sentinel for six days after school ended, had a day at home to prepare and then left for Australia.

Overall, the experience was 10 days with the travel time to and from Boston and while there was a couple of races to compete in, there was also plenty of time to explore the beauty that is Australia.

"I got to take a bush plane to the Great Barrier Reef to go scuba diving," Wasson said. "That's one of the coolest things I've ever done.

posted pictures and updates on a Facebook page and that alleviated some of her concern. Those photos can be viewed on Facebook at Joseph Wasson Down Under.

Moving forward, Wasson is excited for the spring track season and while he finishes up his high school career this spring, he's not 100 percent sure what the future will hold.

He'd like to attend Gordon College with the possibility of getting a ministry degree and has been accepted, with the money being the question.

had to raise \$5,200 to go and I wasn't sure that I could."

However, the teenager got a job and got some sponsorships and notes that his family offered him a lot of support and he was able to make the trip to Australia.

"It was really very impressive," Wasson said. "It's a very beautiful country, but it took a little getting used to."

Down Under Sports use the common language of sports to bridge the continents and provide a forum for athletes from around the globe to compete head-to-head in the sports they love. Over the last 30 years, Down Under Sports has had the chance to share Australia with 10s of thousands of individuals from across the United States. The competition included football, cheer, golf, track, basketball, volleyball and soccer in addition to cross country.

"They did a good job with all the travel plans and the accommodations," Wasson said, noting that the tournaments were held right on the ocean in Queensland, along the Gold Coast of Australia.

The idea of the Down Under Games is to bring athletes together and Wasson was quick to point out that he didn't know anybody going in, but found plenty of common ground.

"I met up with another family in Boston (at

the Gold Coast Marathon.

Wasson noted that the biggest team there was the Korean team, but the overall winner of the race was a 15-year-old from Australia.

"It was a huge transition," said Wasson of the trip to Australia. He noted he worked at Camp

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"And I got to see kangaroos," he said with a laugh. "We don't have things like that around here."

He also had the chance to try out surfing during Australia's winter season.

While he notes that his mother was a little nervous about him making the trip halfway around the world, there was a mother traveling with another New Hampshire student who

However, no matter where he goes next school year, he's got quite an experience to talk about.

"It's something I will always remember," Wasson said. "It was a very positive experience, they did a very good job."

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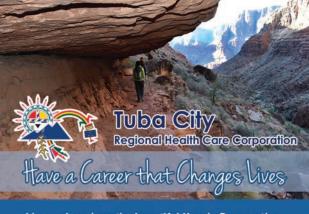
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move along quickly, if not dryly. As halftime approached, the rain picked up and it was ridiculous to even be outside. I retreated to the tunnel under the bleachers for the final few minutes of the half as the Cavaliers scored a touchdown and took the 8-7 lead to halftime.

From there, I made my way up the elevator to the fourth floor and the press box where it was time to dry off a bit. Since I had a good deal of photos already, I made

the decision to stay in the press box for the second half. With a few minutes left on the clock and the Cavaliers holding the lead, I made my way back down to the field where I got a few photos of the trophy presentation and the postgame talk.

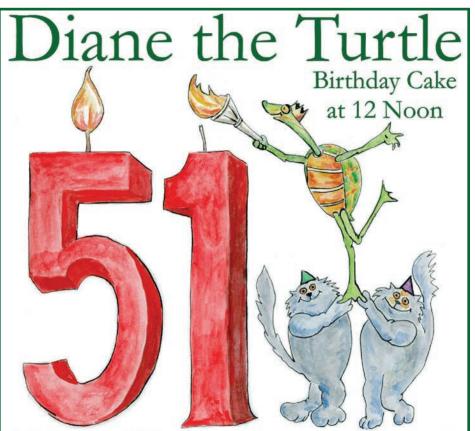
It took a while to dry off, but I was able to get the pictures sorted and the story written before I had to head from the office back to Wolfeboro for my final night cleaning at Brewster. While it was disappointing that Plymouth wasn't able to come through with the win, making the champithe LRCA web site at lakescurlingnh.org.

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

onship game four years in a row is an accomplishment for anyone.

Finally, have a great day, Chris Sanborn.

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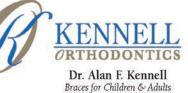
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