

Gilford Steamer

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GILFORD, N.H.



Monica Green and Richard West at the Addison Cate Preserve conservation easement with their oldest child, Owen

ALTON — Together with the generosity of two landowners, local partners and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests recently protected 482 acres of land in Alton, adjacent to the Forest Society's 457-acre Evelyn H. & Albert D. Morse, Sr. Preserve (Morse Preserve). The conservation of these two properties

enlarges the Morse Preserve and creates a block of 1,250 acres of conserved land at the southern end of the Belknap Mountain Range. The first parcel of land, donated by Dana Freese, expands the Morse Preserve by 222 acres to the south and along the ridge of Pine Mountain. The Forest Society will own

and manage the land as part of the Morse Preserve and ensure the protection of its diverse topography and wildlife habitat, including a portion of a large beaver pond and great blue heron rookery, southwesterly facing cliff and rock ledges with talus slope below, and a black gum-red maple basin swamp.

Two conservation easements expand Morse Preserve



Bird's eye view from atop the Morse Preserve.

"Prior to our family, the Jones family owned this land for over a century and locals still refer to the land as the Jeramiah and Sam Jones lot," said Dana Freese, landowner. "We are happy to know it will be forever managed for its natural values and for the benefit of all." The second parcel, donated by the West-

Green family, conserves 260 acres and is named the Addison Cate Preserve, after the family's dear friend who gifted them this land upon his passing. For decades, Addison Cate dedicated himself to responsibly managing his family land in and around Alton. His efforts were recognized in 1985 when he received the New

Hampshire Tree Farmer of the Year Award. "Addison Cate was a good man, a great storyteller, and quite an adventurer, and my family formed a wonderful friendship with him," says landowner Richard West. "His own family had deep roots in the Lakes Region and while SEE PRESERVE PAGE A13

Alton celebrates Light Up Night

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ALTON — The village was the center for holiday fun during Alton's Light Up Night with the town and several businesses and organizations taking part.

Several fun activities took place in and around town hall as well as at local businesses on Saturday night starting with the town's tree lighting.

The Alton Fire Department dropped off Santa in a fire truck right before a tree was lit up in front of town hall.

Children could meet with Santa in one of the town offices. Upstairs in the main meeting room tables were set up for crafts.

Alton Home Lumber offered hayrides through town on a flatbed trailer festooned with strings of lights and a lighted Christmas tree.

Some village businesses also stayed open later for Main Street Merriment. Families could sample hot cocoa and kids could write letters to Santa at Alton Village Realty.

Visitors could also check out the Alton Business Association's Festival of Trees across the street at the Gilman Museum.

Light Up Night is an annual event sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Alton Business Association.

ABA chair Christy Painchaud said this is an opportunity for people "just to get out and get festive."

Businesses could get involved with the event for Main Street Merriment.

"We're trying to get businesses to stay open," Painchaud said.

The event is a conglomeration of several different events that started throughout the years. Santa Claus has visited Alton town hall for the past 20 years and this was the fourth year of the Festival of Trees.

"It's a good way to build a community and help it all come together," said Parks and Rec administrative assistant Emily Collins.

Crowds were a little sparser this year because of the weather. Heavy rain fell for most of the day, but the rain held off during the event. Painchaud said the usually have a lot more people at Light Up the Night, though she said the rain might have

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BY CATHY ALLYN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NEW DURHAM — Children are resilient, but how about the child care business itself? Has it bounced back from the effects of the pandemic?

Celeste Chasse, involved in daycare out of her home in New Durham for almost two decades and the owner of Being Kool After School for almost two years, is the one to ask.

Children at New Durham's Being Kool After School daycare put the finishing touches on a Christmas tree for the holiday season and an upcoming party for their parents. Childcare is one of the businesses hit hard by the pandemic, but owner Celeste Chasse's enterprise is up and running, with some changes.

Child care industry weathers COVID challenges

She said child care, as with many businesses, has taken the greatest hit in acquiring staff; but having children to fill the slots isn't a problem. In fact, it was her concern for children having care available that led her to buy the business that had operated for years as Being Cool After School.

"Everything closed down when Covid hit," she said. "I still had SEE CHALLENGES PAGE A12

CATHY ALLYN



Artisans and shoppers flock to GHS craft fair

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GILFORD — Artisans and shoppers returned to the annual Gilford High School Holiday Craft Fair supporting the Class of 2023.

Artisans from across New England set up tables around Gilford Middle and High School for the on Saturday, drawing crowds of shoppers. In its 44th year, the holiday fair is a major fundraiser for the senior class.

"Sales have been steady, I think numbers are good and crafters seem happy," said GHS nurse and craft fair advisor



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

Ann Dutile demonstrates the hundreds year old art of Ukrainian egg decorating.

Family holiday cheer at GYC's Santa Land



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

Families decorate cookies during Santa Land at the Gilford Youth Center.



Riley Binkley rides around Frosty's Race Track.



Elijah Perillo plays some games at Santa Land.

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GILFORD — The inside of the Gilford Youth Center turned into a holiday wonderland with crafts, games, food, and a lot more during the annual Santa Land.

The GYC collaborated with the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department to put on the annual event offering many fun activities for people of all ages. Families came to the GYC during two different two-hour sessions, one Friday night and another Saturday morning.

Kids could play on a big inflatable slide and play an assortment of games such as knocking down stacked presents, throwing cloth snowballs on a target, and oth-

ers. They could also ride carts around Frosty's Race Track have a snowball fight with cloth snowballs, and write letters to Santa. Friends Mickey, Minnie, and Olaf were also available to get photos with kids.

The event featured several craft tables including decorating cookies, making "reindeer food," and decorating ornaments.

Kids could also get their photos with Santa Claus. Families would sign up for a time to see Santa and Parks and Recreation Greene called out the names of kids to come and meet Santa.

"It's set up so parents don't have to stay in line for too long...to visit Santa" Hodsdon said.

People could also get food for a small fee and eat on tables set up in the gym.

GYC Director Scott Hodsdon said both Friday night and Saturday morning's sessions went really well. He said this is more people than they got last year and was "overwhelmed" with the number of people who came out.

"I think we've had an increase in young children's programming at the Youth Center this year," Hodsdon said. "A lot more families are utilizing it."

Parks and Recreation Director Greene

said both sessions of the event were really busy.

"It's excellent, great event," Greene said.

Hodsdon said Parks and Rec staff had been at the GYC all week setting things up.

In addition to work by the staff from the GYC and Parks and Rec, they received help from a lot of community volunteers.

Middle and high school students from Gilford and other local communities also volunteered to help out.

Hodsdon said having help from across the community is the only way they can do an event like this.

"(It) amazes me how many people we have helping out," Hodsdon said.

Volunteers also ran the Cookie Walk, where people could pay \$4 to fill a plastic bag with an assortment of cookies. Members of the Gilford Community Church and the community at large provided cookies for the Cookie Walk.

Volunteer Bill McLane said they had a table full of cookies on Friday night but by Saturday that selection had dwindled down.

"It's wonderful, it's a great community event," said volunteer Amber McLane.

Members of the Binkley family came to the event for the first time.

After their 3-year-old daughter Riley rode on Frosty's Race Track, Ashley and Chris Binkley said Santa Land exceeded any expectations.

"It's fun, it's amazing, it's a lot more than we expected," Chris said.

Elijah Perillo, age two-and-a-half, came with members of his family.

"I just think it's very age friendly for all ages," said Elijah's mom Mariah Masterson.

FCC choirs announce Christmas concert in Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — The Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, are pleased to present a Christmas concert entitled, "Shining Bright Christmas," Friday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

This special one-hour concert will include many of your favorite Christmas songs and some new ones! Feel free to wear your favorite Christmas attire to the concert. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to include this lovely evening of music in your holiday plans and invite your friends! Parking and wheelchair accessible entrance are located at rear of church. Call the church office for more information: 603 435-7471.

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Alton's Festival of Trees dazzles for a good cause



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Various businesses, organizations, and individuals donated decorated trees for the Alton Business Association's fourth annual Festival of Trees.

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ALTON — Bright, festively decorated trees were set up in the Gilman Museum for the Alton Business Association's annual Festival of Trees raising money for a local cause.

The ABA held its fourth annual Festival of Trees at the Gilman Museum Saturday and Sunday. This year 12 different businesses, organizations, and individuals participated with 11 donating trees and one donating a decorated wreath. Visitors could buy raffle tickets for a chance to win an entry of their choice, placing tickets in each corre-

sponding bag. Each tree included different gift certificates and prizes that were included along with the tree.

People could also come in and get a look at the trees, especially during Light Up Alton on Saturday night.

"Just a nice Alton community event," said ABA Secretary Jennifer Azzara.

There was also a gingerbread decorating contest as well.

Visitors could sample a variety of cookies at a cookie table and enjoy live musical performances.

ABA chair Christy Painchaud announced the winners in a video posted on the ABA's



"Let It Snow" from the Alton Rotary won the Community Favorite Award.

Facebook page.

"We especially want to thank all of our businesses the organizations and especially our residents that came in to donate a tree," Painchaud said.

Proceeds from Festival of Trees went to Alton Community Services' Mrs. Santa Fund.

Painchaud said many Alton residents and people from other towns vis-

ited the festival.

After announcing the raffle winners, the Community Favorite Award went "Let it Snow" from the Alton Rotary and was a white tree with ornaments in the shape of doves and blue globes.

Friends of the Gilman Library donated a Victorian wreath.

Simplicity with Style Hair Studio donated "A Simply White Christ-



The Community Favorite Award for its gingerbread contest went to "Serenity" by Annabella Follansbee.

mas."

Mountainside Mental Health donated "Supporting Blue Christmas," a blue tree recognizing mental health. Painchaud said in the video it was one of her favorite trees.

"I thought it was just so meaningful and purposeful and very thoughtful," she said. Painchaud herself donated two trees to the event. Her personal tree was "Balls and Bullets" and she donated "A Candlelit Christmas" from her business Inspiration for Organization.

"A Christmas Cactus" was donated by Catchpenny and was a tree in the shape of a cactus with colorful ornaments.

The Alton Garden

Club donated a live, handmade boxwood tree.

June McLachlan donated "The Fantasy Tree."

Salon at Monument Square donated a that also included different salon themed ornaments.

Mains Electric donated "Solar," a large tree with several envelopes containing gift certificates placed in the branches.

The ABA donated its own tree "The Local Tree."

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Celebrate the season with TUBACHRISTMAS this weekend



WOLFEBORO — The 18th TUBACHRISTMAS concert in Wolfeboro will be Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 258 South Main St. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this free public concert of holiday music and traditional carols, which will be performed by a low brass ensemble.

The ensemble of low brass instruments, such as tubas, baritone horns and euphoniums usually seated at the back in bandss, will be the featured instruments. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted for the L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry to help provide food and other necessities for area residents.

The Wolfeboro TUBACHRISTMAS concert is a regional event with tuba and euphonium players from various community, university, and school bands as well

as professional musicians, both working and retired. The arrangements are wonderful, very fresh, and appealing, for they focus upon the melodic capabilities of the instruments and their rich mellow sound when played together in close harmony. For the audience, it's very much like listening to familiar music being performed in an interesting new way, quite warm and

welcoming.

TUBACHRISTMAS was founded in 1974 by Harvey Phillips, a renowned tuba virtuoso and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Indiana University, School of Music. The very first concert was held on the Ice Rink Stage of New York City's Rockefeller Plaza in December of 1974, with over 300 participants. Since then, the popularity of

TUBACHRISTMAS has grown considerably among performers and audiences alike, and in 2022, concerts are scheduled in cities and towns across America, plus several foreign countries. Claudia Bissett, who earned a Master of Musicology degree from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, is joining us this year as the Conductor of the Wolfeboro TUBACHRISTMAS. She is a member of the Stra-

ford Wind Symphony, the Cate Park Band, and is also the flute soloist at All Saints Episcopal

Church in Wolfeboro.

The public is invited to attend the Wolfeboro TUBACHRISTMAS concert, which will begin at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of All Saints' Episcopal Church on Saturday, Dec. 10. If you have never heard a TUBACHRISTMAS performance before, you are in for a musical treat, so mark your calendar, bring your family, invite your friends! For more information about this concert, contact the local TUBACHRISTMAS co-coordinator, Joe Ewing, at (603) 569-3861 or the TUBACHRISTMAS website.

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Holiday traditions

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of the Christmas stocking came from, or why traditional Christmas colors are red, green, and gold or why Kentucky Fried Chicken in Japan is so busy on Christmas? There are endless myths and fables surrounding the Christmas holiday, but there are even more interesting facts. While researching Christmas, and digging deep, we found a plethora of fun and thought-provoking facts worth sharing with our readers. The first one notes that early images of St. Nicholas depict him as a strict disciplinarian rather than the overweight, jolly man in the red suit we see today. Way back when, a common Christmas eve tradition was to tell scary ghost stories by the fire, boo! In 1914, during the First World War, a truce between the United Kingdom and Germany was held. They decorated their shelters for the holiday and exchanged gifts and even played a game of football with each other. When a child drops a letter in the mail to Santa in America, the mail is sent to Santa Claus, Ind. Thanks to the province of Nova Scotia, who since 1918 have been sending the city of Boston an enormous Christmas tree as a thank you for supporting them during the Halifax explosion. Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 as the official day to celebrate the birth of Jesus in A.D. 350. For the past 40 years, people in Japan eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner and must make their orders two months in advance.

British illustrator John Callcott Horsley invented the first Christmas card in 1843. In England from 1649-1660, Puritan head of state Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols. The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany out of dyed goose feathers, (we're still trying to picture this one). X is the Greek letter "chi," which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek hence the abbreviation X-mas being used so often. Several European countries thought that good and evil spirits were active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. These 'spirits' then became known as Santa's elves. Have you ever wondered what a 'Yule' log actually is? We have as well. It is a large log that is burned during the Twelve Days of Christmas as a symbol of health, fertility, luck and is said to ward off evil spirits. In Bolivia, there is a celebration called the 'Mass of the Rooster' that takes place on Christmas Eve. Some folks bring roosters to the mass to symbolize the thought that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus. In 2010, the Columbian government hung lights on jungle trees. When the FARC guerrillas sauntered by, the trees lit up and released banners asking the terrorists to lay down their weapons. As a result, 331 guerrillas peacefully re-entered into the community. Here's an interesting one, the 'Bicycle' card company created playing cards during WWII that revealed an escape route for POWs in Germany. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the verse referring to "true love" is a reference to God. A "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ and the "two turtledoves" represent the Old and New Testaments. Did you ever wonder why the colors red, green, and gold are affiliated with Christmas? Green is a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolizes the blood of Christ and gold is a symbol of light, wealth, and royalty. Christmas trees are grown for roughly 15 years before they are purchased. In Poland spider webs are a common decoration for trees because a spider, according to legend, wove a blanket for baby Jesus. In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the country to officially recognize Christmas. Mistletoe is considered sacred to the Druids because it produces fruit and remains green throughout the winter. The Druids never let the plant hit the ground and believed that it was a cure for infertility and warded off evil spirits. Environmentalist Teddy Roosevelt banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901. Apples were the first Christmas tree decorations. Why do we hang stockings by the chimney with care? Apparently, there were three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were bound to end up on the streets. Bishop Saint Nicholas filled their stockings with gold coins, and their lives were forever changed. We hope you enjoyed these fun Christmas facts and hope that you have a happy holiday season filled with endless laughter and memories to last a lifetime.

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It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

Courtesy

All decked out

Did you notice? The month of December has arrived, and with it, the anticipation of the holidays. The first sign is usually the gazebo in the village, now decorated with green swags, bells and snowflakes and with lighting on the first Saturday in December. The Garden Club would like to thank the following members for their efforts with the gazebo: Joan Blackwood, Vel Masse, Carol Dole, Kathy Bielawa, and Carol Young. You may also have noticed the Riverside Cemetery fencing on Main Street is decked out with swags and wreaths in honor of our departed residents. These were placed by fellow members Joan Blackwood, Jane Bradbury and Peggy McKinney. If you are interested in learning more about Alton Garden Club, take a look at our Web site: altongardenclub.com. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!



LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Cleaning up

Today, I returned to the place where I had my ladder fall last year. I never did get around to cleaning the roof and gutters, so after another year, it pretty much was in need of some attention. You know what they always say about getting right back up after something doesn't go right? Well, that wasn't about to happen as I was kind of hurting and seeing double, so I laid low, for a while.

After making extra sure that my ladder was secure, I was up there blowing off all the pine needles when I see these two gentlemen strolling down the driveway. This is a rare occurrence in this neck of the woods at this time of year. This is summer lake house land and they've all flown the coop back to warmer climates. Well wouldn't you know that these weren't a couple of our fine police officers checking on a complaint. I know that it would have been respectful of me to mosey on down and chat with these fellas face to face, but I just stood up there on the roof as we carried on our discussions.

It was pretty obvious that I wasn't

stealing anything and that I was actually doing work that I was hired to do. Why clean roofs and gutters before everything stops falling from the trees? I work at my convenience. I joked that I was stealing moss. They wanted my ID, so I flipped them my license like it was an old baseball card and it landed pretty close to the officers' feet. That grade school skill still occasionally comes in handy. I gave them names and numbers and soon they were satisfied and moseyed on back up the driveway and out of sight.

I knew it was about a two-hour job and that I'd be packing up well past sunset, even without my distraction. So I quickly got back to work and caught glimpses of the sun slipping down behind the clouds as I hastened to finish off the remaining sections of roof and gutters. Daylight was rapidly diminishing as I was packing up the truck and I actually used my headlights upon leaving the camp. Which is something those of you who know me know I don't do until it's absolutely necessary.

This morning I went around just doing

things that needed to be done. Like filling the gas tank and diesel jugs. Wouldn't you know that I paid more for eight gallons of diesel than to fill up my car! At least I'll be able to keep the tractor running. I really enjoyed not rushing off to do work. I could easily get used to a being retired life. Someday. Maybe I'd find a little cafe that served GF muffins or donuts. I could gain some weight under those circumstances.

But I don't want to put on any weight. I'd have to get new cloths. While swapping short sleeve shirts for flannels, I looked in my closet at many brand new items hanging there. I really need to pass them on or wear them. My wife bought some for me years ago, and them being new, got kept aside for special occasions, which unfortunately rarely happen. She left in 03, they're still there! Looking in my sock drawer, there is one pair of socks with these sparkly threads going through them. Now I can't say for sure, but I remember when I got my first job, in high school, and started to buy myself stuff, I remember that I thought

that some socks with sparkly threads going through them were cool. Could these be one in the same?

My life is filled up with little bits of things that I have squirreled away. Like old, faded pictures, a toy, a piece of clothing, my first guitar. They're all there to remind me of something in my past. Are people in the future going to look back through their millions of photos on their phones, or whatever photo device of the day? Things have become so electronic, so vulnerable, so voluminous. It all needs to be backed up multiple times because it's all so easily destroyed. I had a collection of writings stored on my early laptop that were vaporized by loading the wrong boot disk. A whole hard drive full of stuff decided to no longer allow me access. So much for all of that stuff.

I think I've finally passed the point to where I'm starting to rid myself of some of this clutter. Wish me luck.

E.Twaste

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you for your support

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who came out and voted in the General Election, and the overwhelming support I received from so many.

Please know that the best way to reach me with any questions/concerns is by phone (603-776-8989). If you send an email (barbara.comtois@leg.state.nh.us), please put Alton or Barnstead in the subject line so that I know it is from you.

My job as a representative is to serve you, the voters, of Alton and

Barnstead. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and safe Holiday Season.

Rep. Barbara Comtois
Barnstead

It's very important for our democracy to acknowledge loss

To the Editor:

I lost my bid as a Democrat running for State Representative here in District 7. The people of our district chose the three incumbent Republicans to continue on as their representatives. I accept that I lost, but am grateful for the votes I did get, especially since I am not originally from this part of the state. Thank you for your votes! Hailing from the northernmost part of

the state, and then having lived and worked in the southern part of the state, I moved here to retire. Of course, the Lakes Region is a lovely place to settle down in for retirement, but through my political campaign I have gotten to know my community better.

Through talking and meeting with people in Alton and Barnstead, I was clearly gifted a better familiarity with this

part of the state. So, I didn't leave my campaign empty handed. It is easy to live somewhere and not really understand the culture and history of the area when you didn't grow up there. I've learned a lot during the past six months and respect what the majority of the people in our district want, which is Republican representation in Concord. It stings a little, but that's ok. Although I felt I had different ideas

to offer and would have worked very hard, the majority wins. That's democracy. I think we can all feel glad to know it is still intact here in New Hampshire. Congratulations and good luck to all the successful candidates who won their elections in Belknap County during the Midterms.

Sherry Dumais
Alton Bay

Something so soul-satisfying about splitting a bunch of kindling



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Editor's note: While Mr. Harrigan's hiatus continues, we present the following North Country Notebook column originally published in December 2011.

One of my favorite things to do is to split kindling. Often, I use butt ends of spruce and

fir (fir is better) from stuff that I or helper Bob Vashaw have to clean up from blowdowns around woods roads and fences. If it is a clear piece, meaning no knots, I split it into small sections with a heavy maul or a hydraulic splitter, and set it aside for splitting much finer into kindling. If not, it's set aside to go into stove, fireplace or outdoor furnace.

Some of my choice butt ends are cedar, the best for splitting for kindling, which I get from longtime friend David Hodge, known for making some of the best hay around and for building the very finest of split-rail fences. What butt ends I get from him, mostly, are clear and straight. It is the type

of wood most satisfying to split. What is knotty goes for starting fires in the fireplace or outdoor furnace, which does not have to be much, because

once the outdoor furnace is going, it's going. The living room fireplace is another matter, because it seldom holds a fire through the night.

On a rainy or snowy day, which is what determines outside work or inside work, I build a fire in my old Atlantic box stove in the shop, and commence to split kindling. To me, it is a totally pleasant chore. It takes about a half an hour to get the place warmed up, enough time to get snacks out and warm up a cup of tea.

And then, it's time to set about. I've had this

old, small axe for many years, an ancient thing (I'd estimate early 1800's) with a short handle and a heavy head, perfect for splitting fine stuff. For decades, I've kept it hidden

from successive kids, who tend to bruise or break handles. Hence, here is not a mark on the handle, which I'd call a haft, although that is hard to find in any dictionary.

Inside, I've already stacked up a bunch of split logs, which I always heard called bights, although I cannot find any reference to them in such a way. A bight is mostly used for bodies of water, but in my dim mind and recollection, garnered from old-timers, it also referred to a split piece of wood.

At any rate, there I am in my shop, with a good fire going in the old Atlantic box stove, with its Gothic side panels. This is a stove that I warmed myself from back when the Deadwater logging

camp was still going. That was about a half-century ago. My favorite recollection of that comes from when best friend Jimmy Berry and I, soaked and half frozen after hunting the high end of Deadwater, stopped at the camps to seek warmth and shelter and were welcomed in to sit by the stove and have some huge cookies. When Raymond Ricker's family were auctioning stuff off, I happened to see the stove in an ad in the Colebrook News and Sentinel, and rushed down to the auction and

managed to buy the stove. And there it sits in my shop, warming me as it did so long ago. For about everything important that I have, there is a story.

I set a piece of cedar upon the splitting block, and split

off a piece about the size of a hefty slice of ham, and then turn it and commence splitting it into fine pieces about the size of celery sticks. "Plink, plink," they go as they fall to the floor. In not much time, too little time actually, there's quite a pile. I'll use them in the fireplace, on especially cold days, to build a fire to augment the abundant heat coming in from the outdoor furnace.

Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events
Dec. 8 – Dec. 15

Thursday, Dec. 8
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Silly Stretching Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join Miss Jill for an active storytime filled with fun!
Home School Club, noon-2 p.m.

Are you a homeschooled teen and want to hang out? Come join us!
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Road to WWII, 4-5 p.m.

WWII did not start with a single attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Learn the origins of the conflict in the Pacific from the eyes of those intimately involved. What did America know before the attack? What fueled Japan's aggression and expansionist tendencies. How did nationalism influence the trajectory of the War. Please join Peggy Hennelly-Mani-

ates, Executive Director of the Wright Museum of WWII in Wolfeboro for an in depth look at the many roads that led us to war in the Pacific.

Friday, Dec. 9
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Candlelight Stroll, 5-7 p.m.

Adult and children's crafts at the library, horse-drawn carriage rides, cocoa and smores, a bonfire at the village

fields, and an appearance by Santa himself.

Monday, Dec. 12
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Digestive Health, 10-11 a.m.

So many of us struggle with our digestion. The human digestive system is complex and it's hard to understand WHY yours may not be working optimally. Bloating, constipation, pain, diarrhea, acid reflux, hemorrhoids, etc are not normal. It is a sign that your digestive tract isn't functioning efficiently. This class is all about understanding HOW your digestive system works and learning what you can do to help it function optimally. Presented by Dr. Aman-

da from Awakening Chiropactic.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Intermediate Line Dancing, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
Hand & Foot, 10 a.m.-noon

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

We are expanding our "Experts" roster. We will have a retired pharmacist available to help you organize all of your medications in a single document to make communication with healthcare professionals more manageable. The pharmacist will be available by appointment and you must call ahead to ensure availability.

Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten requests

- "The Boys from Biloxi" by John Grisham
- "A World of Curiosities" by Louise Penny
- "The Perfect Assassin" by James Patterson
- "Triple Cross" by James Patterson
- "Desert Star" by Michael Connelly
- "No Plan B" by Lee Child
- "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult
- "Going Rogue" by Janet Evanovich
- "The Choice" by Nora Roberts
- "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

Afterschool Teen BYOB, 5-6 p.m.
Club, 2:30-4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Home School Club, noon-2 p.m.

Are you a homeschooled teen and want to hang out? Come join us!
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Book Discussion:

For a change of pace, there is no designated book for this month's book discussion. Instead, we ask that you bring two books that you read this year to share with the group and give everyone a head start on their "to be read" for next year.

Pittsfield Players stage comedic adaptation of "A Christmas Carol"



COURTESY
The Pittsfield Players will present "A Dicken's Christmas Carol, a comedic adaptation, A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts." The Styckes Upon Thump Repertory Company embarks on its fifteenth farewell tour. When the diva feigns illness, certainly thinking the production would be cancelled, but the troupe rallies and with "the show must go on" attitude pushes ahead. If things can go wrong they most likely will. Pictured above are Scrooge (Bill Schultz) and Christmas Present (Chad Boutin). Scrooge wondering just who this creature is. The production will be on Dec. 16 & 17 at 7:30 pm and on the 18th at 2 p.m. at the Scenic Theatre, 10 Depot St., Pittsfield. Reservations: call 603-435-8852 or online www.pittsfieldplayers.org via ticketleap, or at the door.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Advice can help when making charitable gifts

Now that it's the holiday season, gifts are probably on your mind – and you might intend for some of those gifts to go to charities. Although your intentions are good, you could be shortchanging both your recipients and yourself with your method of giving. But with some guidance, you can make choices that work well for you and those charitable groups you support. Of course, you could simply give money to these groups. However, by donating other types of assets, you can increase the value of your gift and gain greater tax benefits, too? It's certainly possible, but your ability to gain any tax advantages depends somewhat on whether or not you can itemize deductions on your tax return. Due to legislation passed a few years ago that significantly increased the standard deduction, many people may no longer be itemizing. But if you still

itemize, you can generally deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income for cash donations to IRS-qualified charities. Another contribution strategy involves donating other assets, such as stocks. You could donate stocks directly to a charitable group, but you might gain more benefits by making an irrevocable contribution to a donor-advised fund (DAF). Again, assuming you can itemize, you can deduct the full fair-market value of the asset, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, and your contributions can be invested in mutual funds or similar vehicles. The contributions have the opportunity for growth, and distributions to the charity are tax-free. You can then decide, on your own timetable, which IRS-qualified charitable groups you would like to receive the money. Furthermore, if you donate stocks that have risen in

value, you won't incur potential capital gains taxes that you would have when you eventually sold the stocks. These taxes can be considerable, especially if you've held the stocks for a long time. (You'll want to consult with your tax advisor on how charitable gifts can affect your taxes, especially if you're thinking of using a donor-advised fund.) These charitable donation methods are not secrets, and they are available to many people – you don't have to be wealthy to employ them. Yet, here's an interesting statistic: Those who work with a financial advisor on charitable strategies are more than three times as likely to donate non-cash assets such as stocks than those who contribute to charities but don't work with an advisor, according to an August 2022 survey from finan-

cial services firm Edward Jones and Morning Consult, a global data intelligence company. These findings suggest that many more people could be taking advantage of tax-smart charitable giving moves – if only they had some help or guidance. Also, by getting some professional financial assistance, you may find it easier to implement your charitable giving decisions within your overall financial strategy, which is designed to help you meet all your important long-term goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement. Your instinct to help support charitable groups is a worthy one – and by getting some help, you can turn this impulse into actions that may work to everyone's benefit.



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Local girls earn soccer All-State nods

Gilford's Meyers named Division III Coach of the Year



Four of Gilford's All-State girls' soccer players (l to r), Millie Caldon, Anna Coapland, Allie Kenyon and Gracey LeBlanc.



Two of Gilford's All-State girls' soccer players (l to r), Margaret Cummings and Vanessa Flanders.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Girls' soccer coaches from around the state have announced the All-State recognition for the fall season.

For Division III, First Team honors went to Gilford midfielder Millie Caldon (nine goals, 24 assists) and forward Allison Kenyon (27 goals, 13 assists). Second Team honors were awarded to Gilford goalie Margaret Cummings (14 shutouts, 93 saves) and defender Gracey Le-

Blanc (11 goals, three assists), while Honorable Mention went to Berlin goalkeeper Alexa Goulet, Gilford defender Vanessa Flanders (two goals, seven assists), Prospect Mountain defender Lani Demers, Belmont defender Emma Winslow, White Mountains midfielder Josie DeAngelis, Gilford midfielder Anna Coapland (eight goals, 13 assists), Inter-Lakes midfielder Sara Harris, White Mountains forward Emma Simpson, Belmont forward Darci Stone and Newfound forward Rylee Barney.

Also earning First Team honors were defenders Bella Bovell of Stevens, Juliana Grela of St. Thomas, Ava Houde of Trinity and Alexis Lawler of Hopkinton, midfielders Ella Pottle of St. Thomas, Lydia Cramer of Raymond and Katie Mulcahy of Trinity and forwards Maddie Karasonovich of St. Thomas and Maddy Minckler of Stevens.

Second Team honors also went to defenders Morgan Wagner and Alex Wallenmaier of Campbell and Bella Skoglund of Trinity, midfielders Stella Lavertue and Tori Dalke of Stevens, Kate Burrus of St. Thomas and Elise Miner of Hopkinton and forwards Penelope Wenzel of Raymond, Elizabeth Holmes of Hopkinton and Gabby Kim-Levesque of Campbell.

Honorable Mention also went to goalies Hai-

ley Knight of Stevens, Ashley Hardner of Derryfield and Madison Carmichael of Hopkinton, defenders Katharine Dornan of St. Thomas, Oceana Palmer of Raymond and Ingrid Bjornas of Derryfield, midfielders Heidi Smith of Campbell, Sam Chappell of Derryfield, Kennedy Mark of Hopkinton, Carly Grant of Kearsarge, Mariella Tsitsonis of Fall Mountain, Emily Howell of Hillsboro-Deering, Emily Seiler of Mascoma and Sydney O'Toole of Sanborn and forwards Amanda Roy of Monadnock, Lydia Tremblay of Bishop Brady and Irelynd Aucoin of Conant.

Gilford's Rob Meyers was named the Division III Coach of the Year for guiding the Golden Eagles to the Division III title.

In Division IV, First Team honors went to Profile defender Lily Pospel and Woodsville forward Paige Smith. Second Team honors went to Lin-Wood defender Kate Clermont, Littleton defender Kaitlyn Ilacqua and midfielder Lauryn Corrigan, Woodsville midfielder Brianna Youngman, Profile midfielder Makenna Price and forward Evie Burger. Honorable Mention was presented to goalie Eliza Wagstaff of Profile, Groveton defender Marissa Kenison, Lisbon defender Katie Clark, Littleton defender Avah Lucas, Lin-Wood midfielder Abishai Corey, Littleton forward Addison Hadlock and Woodsville forward Makayla Walker.

Also earning First Team honors were goalie Ella Walsh of Portsmouth Christian, defenders Chloe Kirby of Concord Christian, Morgan Boucher of Newmarket and Isabelle Correa of Sunapee, midfielders Elizabeth Tschudin of Sunapee, Olivia Blackadar of Newmarket and Lilli Carlile of Concord Christian and forwards Maggie Moore of Newmarket, Brynn Smith of Sunapee and Lula Wamberg of Portsmouth Christian.

Second Team honors also went to goalie Sierra Riff of Colebrook, defenders Emma Walkowiak of Newmarket and Sierra Lignos of Portsmouth Christian, midfielder Tatiana Stockbower of Portsmouth Christian and forwards Ellana Frotin of Concord Christian and Jacqueline Giroux of Pittsburg-Canaan.

Also earning Honor-

able Mention were goalie Sienna Grondin of Pittsburg-Canaan, defenders Annabelle Shumway of Epping and Gabrielle Lensky of Somersworth, midfielders AJ Mulligan of Newmarket and Briar Bell of Pittsfield and forward Annemarie Sweet of Mount Royal.

Andrew Dawson of Newmarket was named the Division IV Coach of the Year and Profile's Ellie Bartlett was named the JV Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Second Team honors went to Plymouth defender Morgan Ellis-Makovsky and Kingswood forward Kylie Rapoza, while Honorable Mention went to Kennett defender Ashley Garside and forward Bryn Fayle, Plymouth goaltender Jenna Benoit and Kingswood midfielder Madison Eaton.

Earning First Team honors for Division II were goalie Lexi Boudreau of John Stark, defenders MaKenzie LaFlamme of Laconia, Jylin Ladd and Mackenzie Hawkins of Pembroke and Madeleine Boudreau of Hollis-Brookline, midfielders Greta Caulton of Souhegan, Isabella LaPerle of Bow, Mary Rainey of Lebanon and Lindsey Butler of Pelham and forwards Ashlyn Walsh of Pelham, Lyndsey LaPerle of Bow and McKenna Maguire of Hollis-Brookline.

Also earning Second Team honors were goalie Abigail Lussier of Con-Val, defenders Sophia Joncas of Pelham, Marissa Green of Bow and Kate Hansen of Milford, midfielders Rylee LeBlanc of Pembroke, Paige Magnuszewski and Lauren Holt of Hollis-Brookline and Sidney Roberge of Bow and forwards Somer Loto of Coe-Brown and Alina St. George of Milford.

Honorable Mention also went to goalie Bridget Hilton of Bow, defenders Sam Veilleux of John Stark, Calli Gray of Merrimack Valley, Hailley Bromely of Oyster River and Mary Joy of Coe-Brown, midfielder Lily Wolf of Coe-Brown and forward Bella LaPierre of Coe-Brown.

Carlos Fuertes of Pelham was named the Division II Coach of the Year and Hollis-Brookline's Mike Vetack was named the JV Coach of the Year.

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Bulldogs looking for another deep playoff run

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LACONIA — The Belmont-Gilford hockey team has made a habit out of making deep playoff runs and coach Jason Parent notes that this will be the goal for the team again as the new season begins.

Parent is looking forward to returning a number of strong players all over the ice, including Owen Guerin, Aidan McKenzie, Carson McGreevy, Nate Gerbig, Adam Ribeiro, Rory Doris and Eivan Guerin, all of whom played a big role in last year's run. The Bulldogs will

also be welcoming a few new faces, with Sean Ellis and Nolan LaFrance two of the newcomers expected to make an impact right away.

Parent notes that Owen Guerin is approaching the 100-goal mark for his career and should reach the mark during this season.

The Bulldogs will be playing two games each against Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes, Sanborn, Kennett, Pembroke-Campbell, Berlin-Gorham, Lebanon-Stevens, Kearsarge-Plymouth and Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield as well as single

games with Division III newcomer Kingswood and John Stark-Hopkinton.

The season officially kicks off on Monday, Dec. 12, on the road against Kingswood at 5:30 p.m. With renovations taking place at Kingswood's home arena, that game will be played in Rochester. The Bulldogs will be taking on Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

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Bourdeau returns to Prospect Mountain bench

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — Back on the bench at Prospect Mountain for the first time since 2014, new boys' hoop coach Tom Bourdeau says that his team could be the most improved team in the division, though he's also aware that it might not show up in the win column.

"We could be the most improved team in Division III, but it may not show up in the win column," Bourdeau said, noting last year's team finished at 0-16 and lost every game by an average of 33 points. "We

need a lot of improvement just to close that gap, never mind win some games.

"I would like to win six or seven games and get this team into the playoffs just for experience," Bourdeau continued. "With just a few seniors, I am excited about the future of this team as we have a strong junior and sophomore group."

Bourdeau was the first JV coach in Prospect's history and moved into the varsity job for the following three years. He also served as an assistant coach for the baseball team for

five years and returns to the Timber Wolf bench inheriting eight players from last year's varsity roster.

Senior Nate Archambault and junior Dillon Miller will be sharing the duties at center and there will be a three-man rotation at the guard position between junior Ethan Capsalis, junior Nate Leavitt and sophomore Joseph Deane. Senior Wyatt Bassett, junior Will Bassett and junior Cam Collins will see time at the forward position.

Among newcomers, sophomore TJ Locke

has won a starting job at forwards while junior transfer student Rex Clerc is battling for time at the forward position. Justin Sanville moves up from last year's JV team and sophomore Jacob Luscomb will be a swing player, seeing action for both the JV and varsity teams.

"The preseason is going well," Bourdeau said. "I was a late hire, so there was no summer ball, so we are far behind of where I want to be as far as putting in plays and defenses."

The Timber Wolf coach noted that the

team scrimmaged Pittsfield and Plymouth last week, with mixed results. Against Pittsfield the team had just seven turnovers, while at Plymouth that number jumped to 20. This is something that plagued last year's team.

"Turnovers were the major problem with last year's team and we need to correct this quickly," Bourdeau said. "I am very pleased with the effort that the players are giving me."

The Timber Wolves will play two games each against Winnisquam, Berlin, Newfound,

Campbell and Somersworth and single games against Raymond, Inter-Lakes, White Mountains Regional, Gilford, St. Thomas and Belmont.

The season kicks off on Friday, Dec. 9, at Raymond at 6:30 p.m. and continues on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Winnisquam at 7 p.m.

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Local soccer players earn Lions Cup roster spots

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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REGION — A handful of local soccer players have been selected to compete in the Twin State Lions Cup soccer game, which pits the top senior players from New Hampshire against their counterparts from Vermont next June.

On the girls' team is Gilford senior Allie Kenyon, while Gilford coach Rob Meyers will be one of the team's assistant

coaches.

The boys' team will also feature a pair of Gilford athletes in Chance Bolduc and Alex Burnham as well as a pair of athletes from Kingwood in Caleb Russo and Brayden Rapoza. Belmont coach Mike Foley will be serving as an assistant coach.

The girls' team also features Abigail Rayder of St. Thomas, Aracelli Cloutier and Sari Stein of Bedford, Avery

Fitcher of Concord, Cai-la Scully of Merrimack, Elizabeth Tschudin of Sunapee, Emma Smith of Exeter, Isabella and Sophia Keogh of Timberlane, Isabella and Lyndsey LaPerle and Marissa Green of Bow, Kayleigh Brunette of Manchester Memorial, Lexi Lawler and Maddie Carmichael of Hopkinton, Madeleine Boudreau and Paige Magnuszewski of Hollis-Brookline, Maggie Moore of Newmarket, Mary Rainey of Lebanon, Ryley LeBlanc of Pembroke and Stella Lavertue of Stevens.

The boys' team also features Sam Husson of Windham, Sam Henry and Collin Grant of Exeter, Ty Nolan of Hanover, Merim Husanovic and Tyler Telge of Manchester Memorial, Prince Ohja of Manchester Central, Christian Levoantoski-Correa of Londonderry, Francis Callendrella of Lebanon, Nate McEvoy of Hollis-Brookline, Hunter Perry and Anders Eisenhaure of Oyster River, Ben Robinson of Coe-Brown, Gavin Wheeler and Luca Godoi of Merrimack Valley, Austin Spurr of Concord Christian and Willem Belanger of Winnacunnet.

Russo was also recently named to the New England All-Region

Team by the United Soccer Coaches.

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PSU lax to offer Play Like a Panther clinic

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University women's lacrosse program is excited to offer a girls' youth lacrosse clinic, Play Like a Panther, for players of all skill levels in grades 9-12, head coach Becky Dale announced.

The clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, at Panther Field with the Bank of New Hampshire Field House as an alternate location should weather necessitate a move indoors.

Attendees will work

closely with Plymouth State lacrosse team members and coaches to improve skills prior to the start of the 2023 lacrosse season.

Online registration will remain open until midnight on March 17. No refunds will be available after the close of registration.

Clinic rates are \$50 per individual. Coaches can also register a team of up to ten athletes at a discounted rate of \$300 (\$30/individual).

Athletes should bring lacrosse protective

equipment including goggles, mouth guards, goalie equipment (positionally), cleats and sneakers, sticks and water bottles. To expedite the check-in process, athletes should also bring printed, signed waivers for each individual player.

Online registration is required for all Plymouth State Athletics camps and clinics. Registration and waiver links are available at athletics.plymouth.edu/camps.

PSU pitching clinic set for Jan. 22

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University head softball coach Mike Bernier announced the program will hold a pitching clinic in January.

The clinic will take place in the Bank of New Hampshire Field House at ALLWell North on Sunday, Jan. 22, with separate time slots for different skill ranges. A session for intermediate

level players will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., with an advanced session to follow from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

NCAA Division I Merrimack College pitching coach, and former Salem High School softball coach Harold Sachs will serve as guest clinician, along with members of the Plymouth State coaching staff and team.

The clinic is open to

students in fifth through 12th grades at a rate of \$100. Pitchers should bring a catcher with them, though there is no additional charge for the catcher to attend.

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Preseason action

The defending champion Gilford boys' hoop team traveled to Londonderry for a presason jamboree, where they took on Division I Nashua North and dropped a 58-52 decision in overtime. The Golden Eagles open the season at home on Friday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. and will be hosting Somersworth on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m.

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Wendell E Beck, 84



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He was predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Alice (Rollins) Beck and his son Duane A. Beck. He is survived by his son: Alan Beck and his wife, Linda of GA and his 2 children (Jason & Kenneth), a daughter: Wendy Brown, of Alton and her 4 children (Caitlin, Dalton, Breanna and Ayden). He also had 2 step-children, whom he considered his own: Tina Kelley and her 2 children (Amanda and Thomas) & Eugene Dan- is and his 2 sons (Eugene Jr and Logan) along with 14 great and step-great grandkids.

He will be missed by so many people, and to honor our dad's life, we will be holding a Celebration of his Life on Sunday December 11th at what was formally known as Scoville Family Restaurant; 19 Village Circle, Alton, NH from 2:00 - 4:00. We want everyone who knew him to attend and share their memories and stories with lots of laughs and tears.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to either Alton Community Services or the New Hampshire Humane Society in Laconia, NH

To express condolences, please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of our dad, Wendell E Beck of Alton, NH. He died at the age of 84 in his home on November 27, 2022. Wendell is a retired Deputy Chief of the Gilman- ton IW Fire Department and a lifelong member of Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge #75. He worked as an Oil Burner Service Technician for well over 30 years, as well as his hobbies of selling bait to the local stores and shooting fireworks at surrounding towns. He also enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, having afternoon Coffee with his lifelong friends gossiping about the Local Town News and complaining about Politics, the Saturday night Bean dinners at the Tibbetts' and going to any Casino that his cousin, Heidi Beaudoin and her husband Peppy, talked him into. But most of all, no matter how much he complained about them he loved and enjoyed spending time with his

Wrestling returns to Kingswood

Knights will compete in Division III in the new season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — For the first time in a long time, the Kingswood athletics winter sports program will include a full varsity wrestling team.

While the Knights have had a number of wrestlers over the past 10 years, including multiple-time state champion Brian Lindsay, this winter will be the first time the school has featured a full varsity program.

Charlie Cowen, a coach with more than two decades of experience leading wrestling programs, is leading the Knights in the new season after guiding the school's club team last winter.

"The numbers are low, but they are decent for a first-year team," Cowen said, noting there are eight to 10 high schoolers and another 10 to 15 kids in the mid-

dle school. "It's always an uphill battle when you're just starting.

"But so far, so good, we'll continue to build and build and build," he added.

The team has a couple of solid sophomores who wrestled on the club team last year that will be expected to contribute right away at the varsity level. Corey Chapman will likely start the season at 132 pounds and Stephen Lawrence will start at 190 pounds.

They are joined by a couple of other kids who should be key contributors, including senior football team captain Riley Saxby and juniors Jackson Hall and Joel Ingle.

"Starting something new, it's been nice to see the interest there," Cowen said.

In addition to hosting a club team last year, the Knights also had a summer camp that helped to

put the pieces in place for the new program.

Cowen also credited Athletics Director Aaron House for his work in getting the sport off the ground at Kingswood.

"He's been very supportive," Cowen said. "He picked up the ball with the sport and has been very helpful the last two years to drum up the interest."

Cowen comes to the Knights with 25 years of coaching experience, including 13 years as a varsity head coach. His experience started at Traip Academy in Maine and also included stops at Lexington Christian Academy and Winchester High School, both in Massachusetts. Currently he is working as a teacher at Cornerstone Christian Academy in Ossipee.

The Knight coach is also excited to welcome assistant coach Eddie Michno to the fold. Mich-

no brings high school and college wrestling experience to the mat and Cowen notes he has been a big help in the first weeks of the preseason.

The Knights had their first match after deadline Wednesday at Kearsarge and will wrestle at Pelham, Concord, Goffstown, Winnisquam, John Stark, Nashua North, Bow, Plymouth and Campbell as part of their Division III schedule. Kingswood will also have three home matches on the season, welcoming Raymond and Souhegan on Dec. 21, Con-Val on Jan. 4, and Mascoma and Campbell on Jan. 25.

The schedule continues with a match at Pelham on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

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Faragher hoping soccer success carries over to basketball

New coaching staff to lead Kingswood hockey girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — With a new coaching staff at the helm, the Kingswood girls' hockey team will feature a roster that includes seven returning seniors who will be counted on to help lead a group of newcomers.

"Every kid on this team will be a big part of this program," said coach Aaron House. "We are welcoming new players to the team, several of whom will be trying ice hockey for the first time.

"Everyone's commitment to the team and our community to help keep our girls' ice hockey team going should be commended."

The Knights will be relying heavily on senior Sarah Paraskos, as House notes that she will be the team's workhorse and will be more than capable of handling that role. She is supported by fellow seniors Kassie Tinker, Kendra Blaisdell, Karli Bennett, Karleigh Fox, Ella Santulli and Maria Alvarez-Pabon, all of whom have roles to play and are showing the coaches they are giving it everything they have.

"As we look at this season, we will focus on keeping the players engaged with a goal of 100 percent player retention year after year," House stated. "We will focus on individual and team growth to ensure that the improvement can be measured from now until the end of February.

"We'll face many opponents with talented and deep rosters, so we will do our best to keep everything in perspective," the Knight coach added. "I'm encouraged by the work ethic the student-athletes have shown.

"I believe we have a group of kids that will work hard for an entire game," he added.

Without the use of the Pop Whalen Arena in the preseason, the team has had to travel to practices, so they've only had a couple of practices in the first week or so and have used that time to try and get new players some skills they will need while also challenging the returning players.

"So far, so good, everyone is working hard and smiling when they come into and when they leave the rink," House said.

While new to coaching hockey at the high school level in New Hampshire, House, who is also the Kingswood Athletics Director, he coached high school in the Washington, D.C. area and has also coached travel teams in New Hampshire and the Mid-Atlantic for both boys and girls.

"This will be a new challenge that will be fun, as I have another opportunity to make connections with Kingswood kids beyond just being their athletic director," House said.

The Knight head coach will be joined by assistant coach Shane Flood, who has had a great impact as the head coach of the girls' soccer team the last couple of years.

"He is going to bring great positive energy and a competitive fire that the girls will find engaging," House said.

Rick Aucoin will also be on the bench as an assistant coach. He has coached a number of years in the house league in Dover and his experience working with players at that level will be incredibly valuable to the girls, especially those trying hockey for the first time.

"I've already noticed Rick has a great amount of patience when working with our players," House noted.

The Knights will be playing a schedule that includes two games each with Berlin-Gorham, Central-Memorial and Con-Val-Conant along with single games with Oyster River-Portsmouth, Keene, Exeter, Bishop Guertin, Souhegan, Pinkerton, Lebanon-Stevens, Concord, Bedford, Bishop Brady-Trinity-West, Salem and St. Thomas.

With construction ongoing at the Pop Whalen Arena, the first two home games of the season prior to the holiday break, are tentatively scheduled to be played in Rochester.

The season opens on Tuesday, Feb. 13, when the Knights host Oyster River-Portsmouth at Rochester at 4:30 p.m.

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BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Coach Joe Faragher watched what coach Erik Nelson's boys' soccer team did this fall and is hopeful the success will carry over into the winter season, with a number of athletes from the soccer team on his boys' hoop team.

"They earned some big high school moments this past fall and having that experience will be helpful as we move forward," Faragher said. "Competing isn't easy, winning is hard, but if we show up and progress how we're capable, I think we'll have the chance to take hold of some of the opportunities that arise."

The Knights will be led by a group of tough and experienced seniors who are able to set the tone. The group includes Matt Jacobs, James Yarlning, Casey Arsenaull, Owen Souza and Cullen Davey. Right behind them are juniors Will Crane, Brady Clarke, Emerson DeNitto and Curtis Cloos, who are looking forward to taking the next step from their experience last season.

The roster also includes three freshmen, two of whom were integral parts of the boys' soccer team success this fall. Brady Moulton and Thomas Benker got some very valuable experience in that run and will be expected to contribute right away on the court. Freshman Kolby Brown rounds out the roster for the Knights and is expected to make an immediate impact with his size and athleticism.

Faragher is also excited to get back to normal a bit more this season after a couple of unusual seasons.

"I'm excited to work towards a 'new normal,'" said Faragher. "I think the last few years have been incredibly tough on players, coaches and communities.

"We're all trying in some way to get 'back to normal,'" he continued. "I do think that normal will look different though."

The Knights will be playing a schedule that includes two games each with Coe-Brown and Kennett plus games with Oyster River, Hollis-Brookline, Manchester West, Bow, Lebanon, Plymouth, Bishop Brady, Laconia, Milford, John Stark, Hanover and Merrimack Valley.

The Knights are slated to open the new season on Friday, Dec. 16, with a game at Oyster River.

Pancake breakfast free to first responders and families

GILFORD — Belknap County Sportsmen's Club is hosting a pancake breakfast free to all Belknap County First Responders And Their families on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Local soccer boys earn All-State honors



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Tanner Keenan earned First Team All-State honors.



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Alex Burnham of Gilford earned All-State First Team honors.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Tyler Lafond of Gilford was named All-State First Team honors.



RC GREENWOOD

Chance Bolduc of Gilford earned First Team All-State honors.



RC GREENWOOD

Hermann Defregger (right) was named Division III JV Coach of the Year.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — New Hampshire boys' soccer coaches have announced the All-State honorees for the recently concluded fall season.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Belmont keeper Jacobb Bivens, Gilford defenders Chance Bolduc and Tyler Lafond, Gilford midfielder's Alex Burnham and Andrew McDonough, Winnisquam midfielder Ayden Cushing and Gilford forward Tanner Keenan.

Second Team honors went to Berlin keeper Haden Poulin, Belmont defender Owen Waldron and midfielder Liam Waldron, Inter-Lakes midfielder Luke Brown, Prospect Mountain midfielder Cam Dore and Gilford forward Thomas Donnelly.

Earning Honorable Mention were Berlin defender Brady Poulin, Belmont midfielder Will Riley, Winnisquam forward Zach St. Onge, Newfound forward Josh Blouin and White Mountains forward Robert Southworth.

Also earning First Team honors were defenders Davis West of Kearsarge and Aidan Smith of Mascoma, midfielder Zach Thompson of Mascoma and forwards Dylan Selby of Kearsarge and Luke Delia of Campbell.

Second Team honors also went to defenders Justin Edmonds of Campbell, Logan Miller of Hillsboro-Deering and Michael Thresher of Bishop Brady, midfielder Wyatt Hemming of Campbell and forwards Griffin Cassidy of Hillsboro-Deering and Owen Simas of St. Thomas.

Earning Honorable Mention were goalie Coby Boissy of Hopkin-

ton, defenders Derek Bader of Fall Mountain, Ben Sawyer of Conant and Cohen Claytor of Raymond and midfielders Dugan Brewer-Little of Derryfield, Ryan Whiting of St. Thomas and Sam Dalke of Stevens.

Belmont's Mike Foley was named Division III Coach of the Year and Gilford's Hermann Defregger was named JV Coach of the Year.

In Division IV, First Team honors went to Woodsville goalie Cam Davidson and defender Connor Houston, Gorham defender Carson Roberge and forwards Brendan Saladino and Jack Saladino and Littleton midfielder Joelvy Perez.

Earning Second Team honors were Littleton defender Blake Fillion, Lisbon defender Griffin Barnes, Gorham midfielder Isaac Langlois, Woodsville midfielder Ben Taylor and forward Coby Youngman and Littleton forward Grady Hadlock.

Honorable Mention was presented to Profile goalie Danny Burnell, Gorham defender Kody Lemieux-Thibodeau, Lin-Wood midfielder Jake Avery, Profile midfielder Adam Bell, Moultonborough midfielder Nick Sturgeon and Groveton forward Corbin Frenette.

Also earning First Team honors were defender Levin Campbell of Concord Christian, Colebrook midfielder Kolten Dowse, Concord Christian midfielder Ethan Young, Sunapee midfielder Matthew Tshcudin and Epping forward Jacob Twombly.

Second Team recognition also went to Concord Christian goalie Jayden Young, Concord Christian defender Aid-

en Duffy and Epping defender Luke Snyder, Concord Christian midfielder Austin Spurr and Mascenic midfielder Wyatt Duval and Newmarket forward Tyler Napolitano.

Earning Honorable Mention were Epping goalie Patrick Thompson, Somersworth defender Wiliam Sneddon, Colebrook defender Peyton Rancourt, Holy Family midfielder Gabe Lacasse, Mount Royal midfielder Luke Kalpakgian, Pittsfield forward Parker Clark and Portsmouth Christian forward Jai Maganti.

Concord Christian's Craig Anthony was named the Division IV Coach of the Year.

In Division II, First Team honors went to Kingswood goalie Caleb Russo, defender James Yarling and forward Brayden Rapoza, while

Second Team honors went to Plymouth defender Luke Legacy and Kingswood midfielder Noah Silva and forward Dom Alberto and Honorable Mention went to Kennett midfielder Alex Clark.

Also earning First Team honors were defenders Francis Calan-

drella of Lebanon, Nate McEvoy of Hollis-Brookline and Ben Robinson of Coe-Brown, midfielders Anders Eisenhaure of Oyster River, Gavin Wheeler of Merrimack Valley, Otto Bourne of Lebanon and Hunter Crea of Hollis-Brookline and forwards Hunter Perry of Oyster River and Nick Brill of Lebanon.

Second Team honors also went to goalie Miles Lanier of John Stark, defenders Maddox Maguire of Milford, Austin Klonek of Con-Val and Andrew Baldwin of Merrimack Valley, midfielders Andres Alcocer of Oyster River, Aden Cremonini of Milford and Lucas Godoi of Merrimack Valley and forwards Brady Kouchoukos of Coe-Brown and Avery Wilson of Milford.

Also earning Honorable Mention were goalies Wyatt Beaulieu of Con-Val and John Somers of Hollis-Brookline, defenders Chuck Wason of Souhegan, Kaden Dolloff of Laconia, Jesse Gertz of Hollis-Brookline and Antonio Furtado of Pelham, midfielders Colby Pepka Pembroke, Luke Hartshorn of Bow, Joe Bernasconi of Souhegan and Brady Ash of Sanborn and forwards Garrett Rousseau of Con-Val and Nate Shipman of Trinity.

Con-Val's Scott Daniels was named Division II Coach of the Year and Lebanon's Bill McFee was named JV Coach of the Year.

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Prospect's Cam Dore earned All-State honors for the fall season.

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Rogacki brings long coaching career to a close

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Coach Dave Rogacki, after leading his Gilford field hockey team to the Division III championship this fall, has officially announced his retirement from the sidelines.

"After 35 straight years of qualifying for the state tournament and finishing this season with a perfect record and state championship I have decided to retire after 477 victories," Rogacki said. "Along with assistant coach Sara Caveny, we have built a very well-respected statewide field hockey program."

The Golden Eagles finished off a perfect season with a hard-fought 2-0 win over Bishop Brady in the Division III championship game in October.

The longtime coach noted that he will always hold the group of seniors who helped to make this year a special one.

"This year's seniors have been and will always be one of the special groups that I have had the privilege to work with," Rogacki said.

Rogacki also noted that he will be stepping down from his position as head coach of the Gilford girls' lacrosse team as well, noting that he feels proud of the program he has built on the foundation that he inherited.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Friday, Dec. 9

BELMONT
Boys' Hoops vs. White Mountains; 6
Girls' Hoops at White Mountains; 6:30
GILFORD
Boys' Hoops vs. Winnisquam; 6
Girls' Hoops at Winnisquam; 6:30
WINNISQUAM
Boys' Hoops at Gilford; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Gilford; 6:30
Saturday, Dec. 10

WINNISQUAM
Wrestling at Con-Val; 9
Sunday, Dec. 11
GILFORD
Swimming at Oyster River; 1
Monday, Dec. 12

BELMONT-GILFORD
Hockey at Kingswood (Rochester Arena); 5:30
Tuesday, Dec. 13

BELMONT
Boys' Hoops at Inter-Lakes; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Inter-Lakes; 6
GILFORD
Boys' Hoops vs. Somersworth; 6
Girls' Hoops at Somersworth; 6:30
WINNISQUAM
Boys' Hoops vs. Prospect Mountain; 7
Girls' Hoops at Prospect Mountain; 6
Wednesday, Dec. 14

BELMONT-GILFORD
Hockey at Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes; 6
WINNISQUAM
Hockey vs. Belmont-Gilford; 6
Wrestling vs. Campbell, Mascoma; 7

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Friday, Dec. 9

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Hoops at Raymond; 6:30
Girls' Hoops vs. Raymond; 6
Monday, Dec. 12

KINGSWOOD
Boys' Hockey vs. Belmont-Gilford (Rochester); 5:30
Tuesday, Dec. 13

KENNETT
Girls' Hoops at Kingswood; 6
KINGSWOOD
Girls' Hockey vs. Oyster River-Portsmouth (Rochester); 4:30
Girls' Hoops vs. Kennett; 6
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Hoops at Winnisquam; 7
Girls' Hoops vs. Winnisquam; 6
Wednesday, Dec. 14

KENNETT
Boys' Hockey vs. Berlin-Gorham; 6
Girls' Hockey at Concord; 3:30
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Hockey at Pembroke-Campbell (Everett Arena); 7:30
Wrestling at Pelham; 6

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Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Gilford's Grand Holiday Home Decorating Contest! The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and the Gilford District PTA are co-sponsoring a Holiday Home Deco-

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	217 Damon Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$4,950,000	Susan E. Greene RT and William J. Greene	Aqua Palm NT and Marci G. Leober
Alton	131 Lockes Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$427,000	Troy T. and Heather M. Corriveau	Taylor Morley
Alton	Roberts Cove Road	N/A	\$225,000	Jones Fiscal Trust and C.E. Cornelissen	Elizabeth A. and Russell C. Lampman
Alton	354 Route 11D	Single-Family Residence	\$8,050,000	New Hampshire 354 LLC	Michael G. and Catherine Sirois
Alton	Route 28A	N/A	\$951,533	Jeffrey A. Goebel	Mark E. Cooper RET
Barnstead	S. Barnstead Road	N/A	\$400,000	R.S. & K.E. Atherton RET	1947 Diamond LLC
New Durham	Old Bay Road	N/A	\$85,000	Donald and Vickie L. Blackden	Dennis and Nicole Gallagher
New Durham	N/A (Lot 36)	N/A	\$25,000	Heidi A. Caron	Stephanie Ferguson

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Paint Night
With Anne Morrell

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Pajama Paint Party with instructor Anne Morrell at the Pearson Road Community Center, 7 Pearson Rd., on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 6-7:30p.m. Dress in comfy clothes and slippers and enjoy a fun night out. Let your creativity flow with a winter scene of snow, white birch trees and red cardinals. All supplies are included, \$15. View the painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. Handmade paintings make great gifts. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name and contact information by Dec. 12 to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109. Register early as space is limited.

"Light Up Alton" Event
Residential and Business Decorating Contest

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the ABA are sponsoring a Residential and Business Decorating Contest. The contest is open to properties within the Alton and Alton Bay zip codes (03809 & 03810). Post your picture(s) on the Alton Parks and Recreation Department/

ABA Event Facebook Page by Dec. 16, include your family or business name if desired. Prizes will be awarded for best displays. Winners will be announced on Dec. 20. Happy decorating, Alton, and thank you for joining us in bringing festive cheer to our community.

Little Pesaukees-Drop-In Playgroup

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a drop-in

playgroup for ages five and younger at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. The program is free and is a great place to meet new people. Please bring a peanut free snack for your child. For more information contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Yoga Sculpt Class with Sheila Marston

An energetic class that is a combination of

vinyasa, strength training, cardio and core at the Alton Bay Community Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bring two sets of weights, water and a yoga mat. Drop in cost is \$12 or \$40 for four weeks.

Weight Training Classes- Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays

days, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises to build strong

muscles and bones. \$20 per month or \$5 drop in. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

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Auditions for Village Players spring show are Dec. 19

WOLFEBORO — If you are looking for an opportunity to take part in a deeply serious theater experience, the Village Players have something for you this spring. “Extremities” by William Mastrosimone is a serious exploration of sexual assault. The show tells the story of Marjorie, who is assaulted in her home by Raul, a man who seemed to appear out of thin air. However, Marjorie is able to fight back, capture her assail-

ant and tie him up. When Marjorie’s roommates return home, they argue about what to do with Raul. Should they punish him themselves or call the police? “Extremities” examines the extremes of human behavior, march and compassion, hatred and violence and how these extremes affect the criminals and the victims. At the same time, audience members are challenged to examine their own attitudes about sexual

assault in the culture today. Auditions for “Extremities” will take place on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. Director Michaela Andruzzi is looking for a cast of three females and one male and she is asking that actors come to the theater to audition in person if at all possible. If that is not possible, they are asked to send a short video that includes their name, any unavailable times between January and early April and a

three-minute monologue that showcases their talent. Actors also must complete an audition form, which can be obtained at village-players.com/universalaudition-form.pdf. Those who can not attend in person are asked to e-mail the information and video to Producer Joshua Spaulding at trumpet138@hotmail.com. The production is scheduled to take place on March 31 and April 1, 2, 7 and 8.

CHALLENGES

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a few kids I looked after, but it was my intention to stop my daycare when Being Cool reopened after the lockdown.”

Chasse assumed the business would reopen in September of 2020, but that didn’t happen. Several months after that, Being Cool was up for sale.

“I told the owner I was interested so the kids in town would have a place to go because there was nothing else open,” she said.

Following agreements with the owner and landlord, and submitting full paperwork to the town and the state, Chasse changed Cool to Kool and opened up in the spring of 2021.

“Getting all of the licenses and finalizing paperwork took about two months,” she said.

Fortunately, two of the former teachers were willing to return. Chasse worked there herself and hired a full-time teacher for the preschool.

Getting back to speed didn’t happen overnight, however.

“As soon as we opened, we held an enrollment evening, and people came in and signed up. Attendance for the afterschool program was good, but at first we struggled getting kids in to the preschool,” she explained.

Her numbers are now back to normal, with about half of her charges coming from Alton.

What wasn’t normal were safety protocols. All childcare facilities have always work hard at keeping things spic and span, but being open during a pandemic posed real challenges.

“A lot of measures were taken,” Chasse said. “We definitely took precautions.”

That meant a lot of disinfectant, gloves, and masks.

“We started off wearing masks, but decided if parents were fine with it, the kids didn’t have to wear masks every day. We separated the older kids from the younger and just washed everything all of the time,” she said.

Chasse said she has now hired cleaners. “That makes a big difference for me.”

Interestingly, she has not noticed a real difference in illness. Young children generally have colds and stomach bugs

often.

“We had a Covid outbreak during the summer of 2021,” she said, “and had to close down for a few days, but that was it.”

Just as the experts warned, Chasse has noted differences in children’s sociability and behavior that she attributes to the isolation of the pandemic.

“Kids don’t know how to act towards other children,” she said, citing more disagreements than before. “They have a hard time handling conflict.”

Teachers separate sparring kids and speak with them individually.

“We come up with a plan for them, teach them how to talk to one another, and help them figure out why they’re mad and how to control themselves,” she said.

Another change Chasse has seen is related to academics.

“The kids are behind on learning. I don’t think at home learning taught them as much, and that plays into how they react to other children,” she said.

She said her team works with parents “to figure out what teachers and parents can do.”

With a waiting list, Chasse’s business has definitely bounced back now, but with changes.

“We’re more cautious and we’ve kept up with staying safe. We disinfect the tables three times a day at least, we have the kids wash their hands when they blow their noses, and actions like that. We’re more aware of germs and how they spread,” said explained.

She said there was a greater demand for daycare, due to so many places closing.

“Even home daycare is hard to find,” she said.

Her group at Being Kool is younger than usual.

“The oldest is in the third grade, and before you’d have kids all of the way up to sixth grade. It used to be more diverse,” she said.

Chasse said the hardest thing about bouncing back for her was finding staff.

“I knew the kids would be back, but finding teachers can be hard,” she said.

The best part for her, however, is the kids themselves.

“I just love kids and being able to work with them,” she said.

As a sign of her appreciation to her daycare families, Being Kool will hold a Christmas party on Dec. 15 for all of the children and their parents.

The festive event includes lots of food, gifts for the preschoolers, a Yankee swap for the after school kids, and a raffle for the parents.

“We’ll play a game and the preschoolers will sing a carol,” Chasse said. “We appreciate everyone being a part of the daycare.”

Despite the challenges Covid has presented, she feels good about her decision to stay in child care.

“It provides a healthy, safe environment for kids to go to,” Chasse said. “I have good staff and the kids have a great time.”

Alton Rotary Club donates two Christmas trees



Decorating one of the two donated trees by the Alton Centennial Rotary Club to The Festival of Trees Raffle held on Dec. 4, are Rotarians June McLaughlin (right) and Catherine Hallin seated beside her husband Larry. The money raised from the raffle was donated to Alton Community Services / Santa Fund.

ALTON — The Alton Centennial Rotary Club donated two fully decorated Christmas trees to the Annual Alton Business Association Festival of Trees raffle for raising funds to benefit the Alton Community Services / Santa Fund.

“We love this event and happy to have helped make it so successful,” said Rotarian June McLaughlin, who spearheaded the purchase of the two trees and helped decorated them for the raffle held at Alton’s Gilman Museum on Dec. 4.

There were a large number of decorated trees

and wreaths donated by local businesses, organizations and residents too. The cost to win either a tree or wreath in the Festival of Trees raffle was \$1 per ticket. Decorating Rotary’s two trees was accomplished with the help of Rotarians Catherine and Larry Hallin.

“It was a lot of fun decorating the trees Rotary donated, one a beautiful silver tree and the other a traditional green tree, both were beautifully done, if I do say so myself,” said Catherine Hallin.

The Alton Centennial Rotary Club serves the towns of Alton, New Durham and Barnstead. The club meets for breakfast every first and third Thursday (6:45 a.m.) and every second and fourth Thursday (5:30 p.m.) for dinner at the Community and Seniors Center, Alton.

Laconia-Gilford Lions holding plastics collection

LACONIA — On Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, along with the Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees of

the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, are holding their next soft plastics collection. We will also be collecting pop top canned goods for distribution to local food

pantries. Our volunteers will be out front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant St. in Laconia for curbside pickup.

We ARE collecting plastic grocery bags,

vegetable bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, air packing bags, dry cleaning bags, ice bags, cereal box liners, and plastic films labeled with a #2 or #4 recycling symbol. Blue and white Amazon bags are accepted, as are pellet bags and brand new from factory mattress plastic coverings.

No crunchy snack bags, no pet food bags, no boat storage covers. Any attached paper on bags must be removed. No hard plastics.

All plastics are sent via the Gilford Hanford’s to a Maine company to be safely recycled into decking and deck furniture. Consider organizing group collection efforts as have the Taylor and Wesley Woods retirement communities, Prescott Farms, the Interact Club at LHS and others.

Our food drive focuses on pop top canned goods because of their easy access for people in difficult circumstances. So, when you pop in with plastics, don’t forget our pop up pop top food collection!

For any questions, email theandrews@verizon.net, call church office at 603-524-6488 or check our Facebook page.

PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET WORK SESSIONS PROSPECT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL JMA JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Prospect Mountain School JMA Joint Budget Committee will hold budget work sessions and public hearings on:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 Budget Work Session

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Budget Work Session

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 Public Hearing

Time: 6:00 pm for all meetings

Location: Prospect Mountain High School
242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH 03809

Purpose: To review the school’s Fiscal 2024 proposed school budget.

Governor Wentworth Regional School District

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INVITATION TO BID

You are invited to submit a bid on the following items from the Governor Wentworth Regional School District Transportation Department:

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1 – Bus #25-2014 Freightliner 77 Passenger Bus with 323,493 miles-high mileage, rust.

1 – Bus #27-2011 Freightliner 77 Passenger Bus with 197,861 miles-high mileage, rust.

1 – Bus #46-2009 GMC 20 Passenger Van with 208,399 miles-engine noise turbo, rust, high mileage.

Sealed bids will be received at the Superintendent of Schools’ Office, 140 Pine Hill Road, P. O. Box 190, Wolfboro Falls, NH 03896 until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022. No facsimile bids will be accepted. Buses must be removed by December 23, 2022. Please be sure to indicate bus number on bid.

Any questions may be directed to Maryann Belanger, at 603-569-2684.

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FAIR

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sor Meg Jenkins. Jenkins said they had a lot of new crafters this year as well as a lot of repeat applications. Before the end of Saturday Jenkins said they already received a lot of applications for vendors to do next year's fair.

This year's fair featured a few new additions.

Santa Claus made a first ever appearance at the fair and kids could get their pictures taken with him.

The fair also partnered with the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. Jenkins said they asked the artisans if they wanted to contribute items to be auctioned off with their name featured with the item on the auction. She said many artisans contributed.

The Children's Auction also set up a table



Shoppers looked over creations by a variety of crafters during Gilford High School's annual Holiday Craft Fair.

collecting donations.

In addition to donating to the auction, many crafters also donated items to be raffled off with tickets benefitting the seniors.

"The vendors have been very generous to both the Children's Auction and our seniors," Jenkins said.

Shoppers could have lunch in the Food Court set up in the middle school cafeteria, where

students form many different school organizations sold food as a fundraiser. Seniors also sold meatball subs, coffee, and doughnuts throughout the day and class advisor Dee O'Connor said the subs all sold out.

Every senior had to sign up for a three-hour time slot, which included setting up for the fair the night before. Class president Avery Totten said she got to the school around 6:30 a.m. to help get ready.

"Everyone put so much effort into it, everyone's happy to be here," Totten said.

O'Connor said the seniors were working hard all day.

"With the kids helping this was the fastest



John Richter of Candia sold welded art creations for his company Upcycled Lawn Art by JR.

one they've set up for," she said.

O'Connor said there was a line at the door before they opened at 9 a.m.

"I wasn't expecting there to be so many crafters this year," Totten said. "I found it really interesting how everyone loves to come here and sell what they make."

Money will go to the senior class, helping with the senior trip of a whitewater rafting trip to Maine as well as providing a yearbook and a special t-shirt for each senior.

Jenkins said a lot of past students will also come by the fair.

Artisans sold many different items throughout the day.

Ann Dutile of Belmont decorates real eggshells to create Ukrainian eggs (pysanka), a centuries-old artform.

She will get different kinds of eggs from local farms and hollow them out before drawing a design on them with a pencil. She will then use a small, brass funnel called a kistka to draw on the shell with hot beeswax using different colors. When she melts off the wax the color will appear.

Dutile said she first learned how to decorate Ukrainian eggs in high school.

"I just fell in love with the art," she said.

She gradually fell out of it as she had a family and focused on other

obligations, but when COVID-19 hit she got back into the art.

"People told me, 'You've got to sell your eggs,'" Dutile said.

She started at farmer's markets and is now selling at craft fairs.

This was the first time she has shown at the Gilford fair and said she loved it.

John Richter of Candia sold welded art creations for his company Upcycled Lawn Art by JR.

He will take different bits and pieces of metal and weld them together to create lawn art. He said he will get the pieces from flea markets and junk shops, but people will also give him metal items as well.

Richter has been making these items for about eight years.

"I had a welder given to me and I started playing," Richter said.

He now sells his creations at craft fairs, doing around 25 of them across New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

He said he loved doing the Gilford Fair and was meeting with so many old friends.

PRESERVE

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he may be gone, his legacy persists in the land."

While the West-Green family will continue to own and manage the land, the conservation easement ensures the protection of a special natural landscape and connectivity with other conservation lands, significant wildlife habitat, responsibly managed forests, and water quality both on the property and downstream.

"Nothing gives me a greater sense of peace than having a place to retreat, connecting with the seasons, walking among the trees, and sharing this with others," adds West.

The Town of Alton Conservation Commission voted to expend funds from their Conservation Fund to support the protection of the conservation easement on the Addison Cate Preserve by covering most of the Forest Society's transaction and the long-term stewardship costs.

"The Town of Alton and its Conservation Commission recognize the tremendous value that conserved land brings to the Town in recreation, benefits to wildlife, scenery, and especially to the protection of water quality," comments Gene Young, Chair of the Conservation Commission. "The Conservation Commission was especially delighted to contribute to the protection of the Addison Cate Preserve conservation easement because it fits so well into our efforts to conserve land in the Belknap Range and protect water quality for Lake Winnepesaukee."

More than 450 members of the surrounding communities and visitors contributed to raise the remaining costs needed to successfully protect these donations now and long into the future.

"We were able to connect the Forest Society with the West-Green family years ago, and are thrilled that this land is now protected," says Russ Wilder, Chair of the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition (BRCC). "While BRCC does not own land and does not hold conservation easements on land, we do help member organizations conserve the significant natural resources and recreational opportunities in the Belknap Mountain Range. Protecting nearly 500 acres of land is something to celebrate," concludes Wilder.

"Together with the West-Green family, Mr. Freese, Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, the Town of Alton Conservation Commission, and many generous donors we are excited to help expand the extensive patchwork of climate-resilient conservation land around the Belknap Mountains, including the Forest Society's Morse Preserve," states Jack Savage, president of the Forest Society. "We are immensely grateful that these landowners trust the Forest Society to protect and care for this land."

The Evelyn H. & Albert D. Morse, Sr. Preserve in Alton is "as close to heaven as one can get without actuality being there," according to Mary Jane Morse Greenwood, who donated a majority of the 457-acre property to the Forest Society in 2008 and the remaining land in 2016. She may have been partial, but on a clear day, a moderate hike to the top of Pine Mountain offers heavenly views as far as Mount Monadnock and Mount Washington. Open blueberry barrens at the summit provide excellent berry picking in season, overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee with more views of the entire Belknap Range.

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ALTON

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Collins said this is the first time they have had the full event since the pandemic. Last year they offered activities outside to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Collins said she was happy to have the full event back.

"It's great, it's a good feeling," Collins said. "I think everybody's excited and (in the) holiday spirit."



The tree in front of town hall lights up with green and red to kick off Light Up Night.



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER
Chase and Colby DeVito, ages four and two, meet Santa with their parents Courtney and Matt DiVito during Alton's Light Up Night.

At right: Families do crafts in the upstairs meeting room at town hall.

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COURTESY

Candlelight Stroll brings the holidays to Gilford this weekend

Gilford's Annual Candlelight Stroll is on Dec. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Help support the stroll by purchasing a memorial bag. Donation pricing varies from \$3, \$5, \$10. You can purchase the bags at Gilford Public Library or Gilford Town Hall. All bags will be on display at the Gilford Union Meeting House that evening.

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