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GSC’s OLLI program is a stimulus package for the mind

By Linda Tucker

Contributing Writer

THERE’S BEEN A LOT OF talk these days about the need for a stimulus package. If you want to take a break from all the political turmoil, consider Granite State College’s OLLI program. It promises a stimulus package for your brain that will also be loads of fun. And, it won’t require spending the grandparents’ inheritance to pay for it.

On Feb. 26, Granite State College will host its OLLI open house from 1 to 3 p.m. to launch its spring 2009 offerings at its campus at 53 Technology Lane in Conway.

The open house will feature light refreshments and a presentation by Betsy Gemmecke, Outreach Coordinator. Catalogs will be available, course facilitators will be on hand and attendees will be able to register for classes.

With courses geared to students age 50 and over, OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) provides an opportunity for adults to explore avenues of interest in a collegiate environment without the pressure of tests, grades or homework and at a surprisingly affordable cost. Regardless of a person’s educational background, this is a chance to learn for the fun of it.

The Bernard Osher Foundation fosters a growing national network of lifelong learning institutes for seasoned adults located at 119 colleges and universities from Maine to Hawaii and Alaska. Until recently, for New Hampshire residents to participate in OLLI, students needed to travel to Manchester, Concord or Exeter.

The OLLI program came to Conway last fall and has already become hugely popular. With 81 new members in its debut year, it’s catching on fast as a place for unlimited access to the programs and activities at the Conway campus and at any of the other three Granite State College Institute locations in New Hampshire.

Payment of membership dues gives access to the programs and activities at the Conway campus and at any of the other three Granite State College Institute locations in New Hampshire.

A Day Pass is just $25 per person, ages 3 and above, for admission one day in the 2009 season. Call 603-383-4186, ext. 0.

A Season Pass is just $66 per person, ages 3 and above, for unlimited admission every day of the 2009 season. Call 603-383-4186, ext. 0.

With courses geared to students ages 3 and above, OLLI at GSC is expecting vigorous attendance and pursue fresh interests. OLLI at GSC is expecting vigorous renewal numbers and is hoping to attract at least 200 new members this spring!

Structured as a membership program, participants pay $35 per year to join OLLI and then usually an additional $5 per session each time a class or workshop meets. Some classes, however, are free! Programs might consist of a single session or meet weekly for up to eight weeks usually for one-and-a-half to two hours. Course activities include lectures, travel, outdoor exploration, cultural and ethnic experiences, small group discussion and social opportunities.

Each community presents unique educational offerings. There is no end to the subjects that can be explored. This spring, topics offered in Conway will encompass arts, literature, film, history, technology, religions, finances, science, world affairs and the environment. The OLLI catalog gives full course listings for all campuses.

According to Virginia Martin, OLLI Director and member, “all four OLLI curriculum committees have worked creatively – not to mention diligently – to bring an enticing variety of great classes and activities.” The spring schedule contains some intriguing course titles.

If you’re the adventuresome type, you might be fascinated by “The Lewis and Clark Expedition,” as relayed by Marianne Borowski. Marianne will show their experiences and tell how she bicycled across the U.S.

A great year to be a Nordic skier

The trails of the Jackson Ski Touring Foundation have been alive with the sounds of happy Nordic skiers this season. The JSTF isn’t the only place to find great cross-country conditions. Great Glen Trails, Bear Notch Ski Touring, Bretton Woods, Mount Washington Foundation and King Pine can all boast Nordic skiing bliss.

(Thom Perkins/Jackson Ski Touring Photo)
in 2002 and rode the Lewis and Clark Trail from St. Louis to the Pacific on the 200th anniversary of the expedition in 2004. If you're really looking for excitement, in week two, she promises to help you plan your own biking adventure with all the details to make it easy and fun.

If all the electronic wizardry that your grandchildren are playing with has you baffled, "Gizmos and Gadgets" sounds like it will answer all your questions while providing an interactive experience. The grandkids might be impressed when you get fit on your Wii or text them from your Blackberry.

And if you're hoping to get an early glimpse of spring, take a May 6 walk in the woods with Joshua Potter, a naturalist with the Tin Mountain Conservation Center. My husband and I have spent many happy hours learning from Josh about the mountains and valley we live in.

There are 17 other courses to choose from, including Golf 101, Spontaneous Cooking, Mosaic Art and many more. To get the complete list, attend the open house or visit the OLLI website at www.granite.edu/olli. Register early! Classes fill quickly. Credit cards are accepted by phone at 447-3970.

All presenters are volunteers and future subject matter will be determined by the interests of the members. To become an instructor, anyone with a topic that they think is appealing and that may be relevant to others is welcome to contact Betsy Gemmecke.

OLLI derives its name from benefactor Bernard Osher, a native of Biddeford, Maine, and a graduate of Bowdoin College. Osher began his business career managing the family's hardware and plumbing supply business before becoming involved in banking and investing. In 1997 he created the Bernard Osher Foundation. The foundation's stated mission is "to seek to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts."

According to information published by the foundation, in the fall of 2000 it began to focus on offering courses to a more mature population — those whose primary purpose was to learn for the joy of learning, not to accumulate credits toward a degree or upgrade career skills. In early 2001, an endowed grant was bestowed to the University of Southern Maine, enabling them to expand and improve their already existing "Senior College" with programs targeted toward students near or at retirement age.

Today, the OLLI at the University of Southern Maine functions as a National Resource Center facilitating the exchange of opinions, solutions and experiences amongst the current network of over 120 nationwide OLLI centers.

Virginia Martin, OLLI Director, says that due to the current economic climate, OLLI at GSC is no longer receiving grant money from the Osher Foundation, but is currently operating on membership/class income and donations.

"We hope to raise $3,200 this spring to reach our goal of $6,000 in member donations this fiscal year," said Martin. "These results will be achieved not through a small number of large gifts but rather from a large number of dedicated members making modest gifts."

Martin is hoping that along with the $15 membership fee, members will consider including a $10 or larger tax-deductible donation to OLLI. OLLI can connect you with new and fascinating people in your community from all walks of life. Members are retired, semi-retired, in transition, looking for a change, or still working. Educators include retired instructors, facilitators, topic experts and qualified members with an accumulation of knowledge. Wherever your interests may lie, you're sure to find a lively and spirited group looking to share your enthusiasm.

Granite State's Conway campus is located off the White Mountain Highway (Rte. 16) in Suite 150 of the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council's Technology Village. For further information about Granite State College or OLLI, logon to www.granite.edu/olli, or call 447-3970.
A new, updated Valley-wide public transport system is more important than ever

Out of state and out of area mail subscribers report increased delays in receiving this weekly newspaper in a timely fashion. We can’t explain it and worse, we feel helpless trying to correct the problem. Labeled subscriber copies of this newspaper, and all others in the Saloon Press newspaper group, are taken to the local post office in the early morning hours on the day it is published. Where it goes from there is anybody’s guess. Nobody at the post office of entry or the post office of receipt seems to know anything. We know lots of mail bounces around from local post office to other post offices before it finally reaches its destination.

A message to our readers who receive the Mountain Ear by mail

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To say we’re frustrated by the lack of service from the post office would be an understatement. It appears that our newspapers, that customers pay to receive, kick around in a black hole somewhere and arrive anywhere from three days to three weeks after they are supposed to. Unfortunately the ultimate frustration lies with the paying customer. And for that we are truly sorry.

Even though fighting the postal service is a huge undertaking, we will keep up the battle in hopes of getting somebody’s attention. But we won’t be sending them anything in the mail.

Rich Piatt, Publisher
Salmon Press Papers
Vocal Jazz, Big Band and Jazz Combo were all recognized for excellence
Fryeburg Academy jazz students win big at Berklee Jazz Fest

FRYEBURG, Maine — Sometimes they make it look easy! Fryeburg Academy Jazz students began their competitive season on a high note by winning big at the 41st annual Berklee High School Jazz Festival in Boston.

High energy performances by all three groups, Vocal Jazz, Big Band and Jazz Combo were recognized at the evening’s award ceremony. Birth of the Cool Combo members, seniors, Jared LaCasce, Tyler Arnold, Anya Rose, Dan Rounds and sophomore, Devin LaCasce, outperformed schools from all over the U.S. to capture their first ever Berklee title. Vocal Jazz and Big Band were both awarded second place.

This was director, Brent LaCasce’s 17th Berklee festival and certainly one of the most rewarding. To have all three groups place in their respective divisions recognized the time and hard work that each student put into the performances. Ensembles are judged by a panel of top Berklee College faculty members and given a short critique following their performance. The judges were clearly impressed with what they saw and heard.

Big Band, with its second place win, boasted its best Berklee showing to date. The veteran band is made up of rhythm section, Dan Rounds (keyboard), Tyler Arnold (drums), Ryan Ahern (vibes) and Anya Rose (bass guitar); trumpets, Mary Rhymer, Lauren Brooking, Louise Alfano, Tim Wadleigh and Jared LaCasce; trombones, David Reed, Mark Schwalbenberg, Lindsay MacGillivray and Mack Bray; and saxophones Delani Celes, Dan Stackhouse, Devin LaCasce, Stephen Lansing and Meghan Bradley.

Fryeburg Academy’s Big Band
(Photo Courtesy of Dawn LaCasce)

FA’s talented Vocal Jazz Ensemble is well-known at the festival as a “must-see” group and packed the performing area. The rhythm section of Naomi Elas (keyboard), Tyler Arnold (drums), Jeremy Holden (guitar), and Anya Rose (bass) led the group of vocalists Bobby Sheehan, Roosevelt Bishop, Delani Celes, Jared LaCasce, Logan Cline, Lindsay MacGillivray, Liz Delmonico, Hannah Hill, Gillian Armstrong, Louise Alfano and Devin LaCasce.

Senior, Jared LaCasce, in his final Berklee festival, was awarded the Superior Musicianship Trophy, the highest honor, for both Vocal Jazz and Big Band during the evening’s award ceremony. Groups will continue their competitive season at the Regional District II Jazz Festival held at Lake Region High School on Feb. 26. The ensembles, along with other FA Jazz groups, will also perform at the Jazz Cabaret to be held in FA’s new Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center on March 10. More information on both of these events can be found at www.fryeburgacademymusic.com.
The Last Voyage...

A Classic Sea Tale where truth surpasses fiction

There are stories we hear along the way in life — from our friends, or in books and movies, some from the newspapers and some from our fathers as we grow up... some tales are true, others are just fantasies and fables meant to entertain. It would be more than 45 years before Dwight Smith, Jr. would take his own voyage of rediscovery, transcribing his late father’s hand-written journal into a legible, detailed account of a classic maritime odyssey. Today, it reads much like an adventure novel, with all the varied elements of conflict: man vs. man; man vs. nature and man vs. himself. As Dwight, Jr. poured over the journal pages these many years later, he learned much about his seagoing father that only hindsight can teach. Sitting in his North Conway home, reading his father’s words, the walls and mountains melt away as the reader is transported to the shipping lanes of a wartime world and a son gets to know his Dad a little better.

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he last thing Captain Dwight Smith saw before impact was the phosphorescent trail left in the torpedo’s wake. A second later it hit his ship, followed immediately by a deafening explosion. “Well, Jesus Christ, that’s it,” he exclaimed, as the ship lost power.

Born in 1889, Dwight Smith, Sr. was 53 years old at the time of his last and greatest adventure. Originally from Rockland, Maine, his family moved to Vermont, where Smith ran away from home at age 16 to go to sea. He rode his bicycle from Vermont to Boston and began a lifelong love affair with the oceans of the world. Following a stint with the lighthouse service in the Philippines prior to World War I, he served in the Navy throughout the war. Once back in the private sector, he fulfilled his dream of becoming a sea captain, also finding time to marry and have two children.

But the lure of the high seas always called to this mariner. “Mother knew when she married him she was marrying...
the sea as well. Growing up, we wouldn’t see him for months at a time, but that was part of the life,” Dwight, Jr. remembered.

Being a sea captain in peace time had its risks, but these are infinitely compounded in wartime, as it necessitates leaving the family to remain at home waiting for their loved one to return.

THE LAST VOYAGE OF THE West Kebar began on June 6, 1942. The 426-foot-long merchant ship had been armed with machine and anti-aircraft guns the month before. It was the first time Captain Smith’s vessel had held weapons in the eight years he had commanded her.

The war was raging and the American-West African Line was among many merchant carriers that transported war materials across the embattled sea lanes. Several ships of the American-West African Line had already been lost to the German “Wolf Pack,” as had many friends of Capt. Smith. The American flag on the ship’s side was unceremoniously painted over, as battle-ship gray was applied. Shortly thereafter, 150 tons of munitions were loaded on board.

After attending a convoy meeting at the U.S. Naval Port Director’s office near Gravesend Bay, N.Y., Smith took his ship in a 12-boat convoy. Leading the first column, the West Kebar proceeded down the coast, escorted by five surface craft, two blimps and a number of planes that came and went throughout the day. The convoy split up the next day, with the West Kebar and two Norwegian ships heading south for the Virginia Capes. Upon arrival at Little Creek Naval Base, Smith received routing instructions for the voyage to West Africa. The trans-Atlantic voyage was uneventful except for one report of an enemy sub sighted to the east of Bermuda, only six miles from where the West Kebar would be passing.

“I figured since we wouldn’t have reached the sub’s position for four hours, it would likely be well clear on one side or the other,” Smith wrote in his journal. As the submarine was not spotted again, his assumption proved correct. If nothing else, the incident served as a fresh reminder that the ship was headed into troubled waters.

The ship had six passengers for the ocean crossing, all men. It could carry a maximum of 12 passengers besides the 30-odd crew members. Company rules stated that a ship with more than 12 passengers must have a doctor on board, which the West Kebar didn’t. Most often, Smith’s passengers were missionaries, bound for the Sudan Inland Missions in Nigeria, and the captain wasn’t entirely sure their motives were of the highest order.

“The missionaries, all young men under 30, were going out into the foreign field for the first time, and in my opinion doing a fine job in draft dodging, as they were all young, healthy, strong and in a hurry to get away from it all,” Smith wrote.

The ship arrived at its first port, Freetown, to take on boiler water and receive naval routing orders. She unloaded 900 tons of cargo in Robertstown before proceeding to Monrovia, Liberia. Due to endless delays, it would be more than a month before the West Kebar would be allowed to continue her journey. When she sailed, it was in the company of an...
The No. 4 lifeboat overflowing with people after 10 days at sea.

(All photos & illustrations courtesy of Dwight Smith, Jr.)

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American ship and an armed British trawler.

"I don't know just what protection the trawler afforded us seeing that she was one knot slower than the Kebar and six knots slower than the American ship," Smith noted in his log. This particular leg of the journey was extremely dangerous, as two of the West Kebar's sister ships had been torpedoed and sunk on this route. A heavy fog helped the ship pass without incident to its next point in Nigeria. From there she went on to Lagos, Nigeria, where she would pick up her last ill-fated cargo.

When the West Kebar was ready for her long journey homewards, it was with this cargo: 5,620 tons of manganese ore, (vital to the war effort); 950 tons of palm oil; 450 tons of crude sheet rubber and 600 tons of mahogany logs. Capt. Smith was concerned over the "very grave and dangerous" condition the ship would be in if the vessel's shell plating was ruptured. The heavy ore was distributed evenly through the holds, to the buoyancy limit of the ship. Should one hold be penetrated, as was the case on many ore-laden ships, buoyancy ceases and the ship sinks almost immediately, resulting in a total loss of life.

When the West Kebar left its last port, Takador, it was with 15 other ships. Two left the convoy to pick up additional cargo. One of them, the S.S. Scapa Flow, was captained by a one-time shipmate and longtime friend of Capt. Smith's. The Scapa Flow was torpedoded shortly thereafter and most of its crew, and captain, were lost. Forming up with a 42-ship convoy and seven escorting vessels, the West Kebar left the convoy to proceed to its destination in Trinidad. A radio message from Naval Operations in Washington re-directed the ship to the Virgin Islands for a secret rendezvous, which it would never reach. No one on board could have imagined the fate that was soon to befall them, as they all looked forward to an early return home.

"Life on board had proceeded at an even tenor, with the crew going about their work in good spirits and the passengers spending their time feeling very pleased about the prospect of a fairly early and safe arrival in the United States," Smith wrote.

On wartime footing, seagoing ships were required to observe a complete and total blackout at night. "Life at night is not so pleasant on shipboard, as it is too hot inside the cabins to remain there with the lights on and all opening closed. That leaves nothing to do at night but to sit around and talk and even that becomes a bore after subjects of conversation have become scarce," Smith observed.

Nine passengers were aboard this leg of the journey, including one woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, the American-born wife of a Gold Coast doctor. The others were a mixture of miners and missionaries who were soon to get to know each other far better than they may have wished.

Fire and abandon ship drills had been conducted throughout the journey, with the ship's crew well versed in emergency procedures. Standing orders were issued regarding the launch of lifeboats, to avoid loss of life through premature launching. The captain required all persons to carry their life jackets and valuables, and to be familiar with emergency procedures. These were precautions that would soon save lives.

The captain himself packed a watertight bag with clothing and vital equipment, which, with tongue in cheek, he named his "Going Away Bag." Sad to say, he wrote, "it never went anywhere." On Oct. 28, 24 hours before the torpedoing, Capt. Smith, through some premonition, perhaps, thought it wise to make provisions to save a few important papers and valuables by other means than the "Going Away Bag." These he stitched to his lifejacket, just in case.

OCTOBER 29, 1942 WAS A partly cloudy day, with passing rain squalls. At the current pace, home would be reached by November 20. "Our sched-
in the darkness. Of the two remaining lifeboats, one had already left, with an unknown number of men, and the other was in the water and completely filled with people. Smith made one last pass around the deck to check for stragglers, before thinking of his own escape. Since the sea was quite choppy, he decided not to jump into the lifeboat for fear of injuring someone below.

Then came the moment for the last man on board, the captain, to leave his sinking ship.

“At this moment it was brought home to me that a dead and dark ship with no soul other than oneself on board, was indeed a lonesome and dreary place. I went to the rail, shouted into the darkness that I was coming over the side and jumped in. A couple of minutes swim brought me to the boat. I scrambled and was dragged over the bow and found that it took a few minutes to regain my breath, before making my way to the stern, where I took command from the second officer,” Smith wrote of the experience.

Shouts were heard from another direction, where Smith found a life raft with eight men on board. The 24-person lifeboat was overloaded with 35 people on board, and Smith hoped to equalize the distribution. As the West Kebar was still riding high, the captain began to make plans to re-board in the morning to salvage what could be saved and to further assess the damage.

“At that moment,” Smith wrote, “there was a terrific explosion and a burst of flame lighted the sea. The poor old West Kebar had been torpedoed again from the other side. Our boat was no further away than 100 yards. This gave us a ring-side at the death of a good ship, which death nearly broke my heart.”

The submarine commander had apparently waited for the ship to sink, and since it hadn’t, the U-boat was forced to expend another torpedo. The West Kebar broke in half and plunged to the bottom of the sea.

In a steady rain, the occupants of the overcrowded lifeboat tried to get comfortable (in a manner of speaking). In pitch blackness, with meager supplies, several hundred miles from the nearest landfall, the situation was quite serious. It was 15 minutes before the sound of rushing water marked a new threat — just 30 yards away, a long grey shape loomed up through the rain. The sub had surfaced.

Dwight Smith, Sr., Captain of the merchant ship West Kebar, had just learned what it felt like to have his ship torpedoed out from under him. The day was October 29, 1942. True to naval tradition, Capt. Smith was the last man off his ship.

After diving off the rail and swimming to an already overcrowded lifeboat, he witnessed the Kebar’s death blow, as a second torpedo split her in two and sent her swiftly to the ocean floor. A steady rain was falling on the 14 men and one woman who were squeezed in to the 20-person lifeboat. In the dark of the night little could be seen, but a distinct sound was heard — that of rushing water. Thirty yards away, a submarine was surfacing. Having heard tales of German U-boats that machine-gunned shipwreck survivors, the lifeboat passengers instinctively ducked down. Words, rather than bullets were soon heard through the rain. "What was the ship's name?" asked a German sailor in heavily accented English.

Smith answered, “West Kebar” and was ordered to board the submarine. Capt. Smith’s written account of the incident recounts his feelings at that instant.

“That was the moment I felt sure my number was up, and that the future for me meant that I would, if I survived the passage, find myself in an internment camp either in Germany or occupied France.”

Since getting on board the sub meant bringing the lifeboat alongside in rough seas, Smith was forced to detach the lifeboat from the life raft, which held an additional eight men. His plan was to reconnect the two boats later, but it was never to happen.

Once on the conning tower, Smith met the U-boat commander who had just sunk his ship. A barrage of questions followed regarding the Kebar’s cargo, destination and ports of call. The sub captain went on to taunt Smith with a bit of psychological warfare, by telling him that the allies were losing the war and that the allied fleet in the Southwest Pacific had been wiped out.

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(All photos & illustrations courtesy of Dwight Smith, Jr.)
Summit fox is one of three curious visitors

In answer to our questions about the summit fox, whose photo was recently sent to us by the summit Observatory, a weather observer at the Mount Washington Observatory sent us the following information:

The summit fox is actually one of three that frequent the summit year round. They each have distinct looks such that State Park has given them nicknames. They are more frequently seen in the winter, since they are fearful of humans, but they do show up in the summer and eat scraps left by tourist after the summit closes. It is rare to see the three together, as they are competitive for food, but it does occur.

They are very curious and will come within a few inches of people, trying to smell them out. In fact, pictures we have taken are not zoomed in; we are literally standing a foot or so away when we snap them. They also will follow us around because they are curious creatures and want to find out what we are doing.

They occasionally sleep on the summit under the old tank platform that the cog used to use, but more commonly they live below tree line and can be seen coming up in the afternoon or early morning and then heading back down. They come up here to eat the vermin that live on and around the mountain. As always, it has been a lot of fun having them on the summit, learning things about another culture and getting to know some great people.

Franconia Ridge sticks out of a sea of clouds. (Mount Washington Observatory Photo)
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After imparting that information, the sub commander simply said, “So, you may go now,” Smith wrote. “I was very surprised at being released and offered a heartfelt “Thank you,” to his captor, before being lifted down the ladder by a husky German sailor.

“During those few moments, I certainly felt like an infant and a silly ass, but my departure was expedited by the young Hercules,” Smith wrote. Seconds after Smith disembarked, the sub made a crash dive, which nearly swamped the lifeboat.

A moment later, all was silent, save for the raindrops splashing into the ocean and some people prepared to spend their first night in a 28-foot lifeboat in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Smith assigned watch duty to his three deck officers who had to work the steering bar, since the rudder had been smashed beyond repair by the sub.

The sea had become steadily rougher and it was essential to keep the lifeboat from floating broadside to the waves, because it would fill with water and quickly capsize. Constant working of the oars was necessary to straighten the bobbing boat. In such tight quarters, this constant maneuvering precluded sleep for the castaways.

The constant maneuvering precluded sleep for the castaways. Throughout the night, the slap of the waves and the rhythmic lullaby of the breaking point was slowly but surely taking its toll on the castaways. Throughout the day, the castaways endeavored to close the gap, but to no avail.

ON THE MORNING OF THE 31st, Smith made a tremendously difficult decision. “I was fully convinced that to continue in the endeavor to reach the life raft would only result in failure, and that such failure would likely mean the loss of not only the eight men in the raft, but of the 35 souls in the boat. I therefore made the heartbreaking decision to abandon the attempt and leave the men on the raft to whatever fate had in store for them, while I set the boat on course for the nearest land, Barbados Island, 400 miles from our position,” Smith wrote.

The hopes of those in the boat were tempered by the fact that merchant ship captains were warned about getting too close to a boat on the open sea, because lurking submarines were known to use them as decoys. In any event, they weren’t sighted and their ordeal continued.

By now, the day-to-day difficulties of being adrift in a crowded lifeboat were beginning to take their toll and the false hopes and lost hopes of rescue further depressed some of the crew. Smith tried to remain reassuring about their arrival in Barbados, but a dangerous apathy had begun to take hold.

“Signs were becoming more and more frequent and clearly evident that the breaking point was slowly but surely approaching for some of the boat’s company — an overcrowded boat adrift on a vast expanse of ocean, and being alternately burned by a scorching sun and most thoroughly chilled by frequent downpours of exceedingly heavy rains — add to this having no room to stretch one’s legs and having to subsist on the barest of rations,” Smith wrote.

Clearly life was not getting any better for these shipwreck victims, and Smith was soon to face another challenge to his authority.

CAPT. SMITH SOON DISCOVERED four inhabitants of the lifeboat drinking seawater.

“This is one thing to be greatly feared, as it is certain to create an overpowering thirst, one that can never be satisfied, and almost always ends with the victim becoming crazed and either dying in agony or jumping overboard and drowning,” he wrote.

He searched and confiscated any-

Capt. Smith’s drawing of the West Kebar broken in half by German torpedoes on Oct. 24, 1942.

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Local children receive free dental care on ‘Give Kids A Smile Day’

CONWAY — Friday, Feb. 6, was “Give Kids a Smile” Day in New Hampshire, sponsored by the N. H. Dental Society. GKAS is a day of national service by dentists to give exams, treatment, and education to children who might not otherwise have access to oral healthcare. In New Hampshire, an estimated 2,610 children received service from 30 dentists and nearly 70 other volunteers. N.H.D.S. estimates that more than $58,000 worth of oral healthcare was donated during GKAS.

Dr. Eric Hirschfeld of Conway Oral Healthcare treated students from the Conway Elementary School, providing approximately $3,500 in free care. This is the fourth year that Dr. Hirschfeld has taken part in the program. “This year, we saw a marked decrease in the disease level of the children who came in. That’s a good sign,” said Dr. Hirschfeld. He credits the Community Health Center, the area sealant program, and an increased awareness of the importance of oral health literacy through programs like “Give Kids a Smile.”
NORTH CONWAY — The Mountain Garden Club (MGC) of Mount Washington Valley has announced that five $1,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2009-2010 school year.

The MGC Alice T. Madden Scholarship program was established with the intent of encouraging post-secondary education in plant science disciplines such as horticulture, agriculture, forestry, environmental science, land management and other related fields of study.

Graduating high school seniors with plans to enroll in any of these "green" disciplines, or post-secondary students presently pursuing a course of instruction in these disciplines, and who are residents of the Mt. Washington Valley, are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Contact the Guidance Office at your school or go to the MGC website, www.mountaingardenclub.org, for the application form and more detailed information. Applications must be returned to the MGC scholarship chairperson on or before April 30.
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thing that could be used as a drinking cup and threatened physical violence to anyone who tried it again. Meager supplements to the water ration were gleaned during the heavy rainfalls, using anything that would hold or absorb water, including a drenched and wrung out wool blanket.

"Under other circumstances it would have been really comical," Smith logged, "to see a number of humans, their hands held back and mouths wide open like fish out of water, trying to make themselves believe they were actually getting a drink."

The rains were a mixed blessing, as after each cold rain, body temperatures were lowered and uncontrollable shaking overtook them all. It was getting harder and harder to remain civilized, as violent mood swings brought on by the rigors of the ordeal led the ship's cook to attempt suicide. Smith felt some of the others were not far from equal feats of desperation.

"The signs were their extremely listless manner, speaking but seldom and their heads held back and mouths wide open like fish out of water, trying to make themselves believe they were actually getting a drink."

Night's were somewhat easier, Smith noted, as everything seemed so unreal. "The boat's company were tired or semiconscious only, living for the time within themselves and thinking thoughts never divulged and trying to assure themselves that the next day's sun would light up the ever hoped for rescue," he wrote.

Due to prevailing winds and currents, Smith had quite a job navigating his small vessel to its tiny island destination 400 miles away. He had to steer quite away from a direct line, so that winds and current would align him in the actual direction he wanted to go. It was especially lonely being the group's leader when, after a full week, the castaways sighted what they thought was land, but which Smith knew was only another low-lying cloud formation. This happened day after day.

At 10:15 on the evening of Nov. 6, "just another miserable day ending," as Smith put it, one of the sailors sighted a light in the distance off the starboard bow. Suddenly, the sullen company perked up and focused their eyes in the direction from which the light had been seen. The seas were still rough and as the boat pitched it was difficult to spot again, but Smith knew what had been seen.

"Its path could easily be seen at each sweep across the clouds. As soon as I was absolutely positive that we were looking at a light's loom and not at a dream, I ordered the steward to issue everyone a full mug of water. This was a special occasion to be fittingly observed, and so by the pale gleam of the hurricane lantern we each had a drink that no millionaire's money could buy, and that no person on earth not situated as we were could begin to appreciate that dirty mug of not too clean water," Smith wrote.

CONTINUING ON THE COURSE that was their salvation, the castaways sailed through all of the next day. Though they were closing in, yet another night had to be spent in the confines of their cramped lifeboat. Though they continued sending up rocket flares and radioing S.O.S. signals through the night, no response came.

Finally, on the morning of Nov. 8, they were spotted and a Motor Torpedo Boat picked them up and whisked them to land and safety.

Simple pleasures like a mug of soup, clean clothes and a dry bed would never be the same again for any that had been a part of this ordeal. While Capt. Smith sent telegrams to his family for some reason, they were held up by Naval censors for the reason of not "aiding the enemy."

Smith took objection to this ruling, to no avail. "I thought that a most asti- nute reason, considering that I had been told that all my friends and down the coast of Africa had heard all the details, including my ship's name and my name, over English radio broadcasts from Berlin and Rome," Smith wrote.

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All told, three of his letters and cable-grams were held up, so it was many days before his family knew he was indeed safe. As it turned out, the other eight men from the life raft were picked up by a Spanish ship and interned for the duration of the war.

Many of the survivors had articles written about them, and the one woman on board the boat, Elizabeth Fowler, wrote a book of her own. One of her quotes gives us a description of Smith during the ordeal. "He sat high in the stern, his blanket draped across one shoulder, knotted handkerchief dipping over his head, with the classic dignity of a Roman senator. He was a noble, heroic figure as he sat there presiding over us. He might have been immortalized in bronze, so deeply had the sun burned him. 'The Mighty Mite,' his men called him," Fowler wrote.

As a postscript, this information sur- face about the sub that had sunk 22 ships, including the West Kebar, between Oct. 6, 1942 and May 5, 1943, before the sub itself was bombéd and destroyed in French Port of Lorraine in July, 1944.
From a happy search ending to a new trail map
Tidbits from around the mountains

By Steve Smith
Contributing Writer

Random Hiking Tidbits

This week a film crew from the cable channel Animal Planet is scheduled to come up to the Valley for a piece on the well-known peakbagger duo of Tom Ryan and his miniature schnauzer, Atticus M. Finch, who have been featured in these pages several times and are currently reading in Tamworth. As many readers know, over the last two winters “Tom & Atticus” hiked to 1,548-foot spur on the east side of Mt. Tripyramid. As the AMC Guide explains, when viewed from the northeast in the Albany Intervale, the long, flat crest of this mountain blends in with the main massif of Tripyramid. Back in the late 1800s, occasional groups would ascend this deceptive foreground ridge only to discover that their real objective was still a considerable distance away beyond a thickly-grown saddle—“Hence the name,” quoth the guidebook in earlier editions.

The top of The Fool Killer is heavily wooded and yields no open views. It is occasionally climbed from the Sabbathday Brook valley by obscure peakbaggers. As far as bushwhacks go it’s relatively easy. Recently I navigated an off-trail route to a rock slab on The Fool Killer’s lower northern spur, a favorite perch with fine views across the Sabbathday Brook valley to Pothash Mountain, Mt. Passaconaway, Mt. Whiteface, and East Steepler. The deep snow in the woods and the steep terrain near the top almost killed this fool’s plans for enjoying the vistas, but eventually the objective was attained. I basked in the sun for an hour before cruising back down the track that had taken me several hours to break out on the way up.

That same week my friend John Compton and I made an 11-mile round trip to 4,764-foot North Twin Mountain. Parking for this hike (small fee) is available from the friendly owners of the Seven Dwarfs Motel on Little River Road in Twin Mountain. This saves over a mile of walking each way on the unpoloished Forest Service access road for the North Twin Trail.

Conditions were perfect for our ascent, with a packed snowshoe track and a solid snow bridge for the trail’s third crossing over the Little River. (The first two crossings were avoided by an off-trail beater track.) I wouldn’t vouch for the condition of the crossing now, after the thaw. The most memorable part of this trek, aside from the wide-sweeping views and the snow depth on the summit ridge, is in the summer the last quarter-mile of the trail is a tunnel through high scrub. On our trip the small trees were mostly buried in snow, treating us to an alpine-type ridge walk. The trail sign at the summit was submerged up to the bottom of the signboard. A similar effect is found along the north approach to Carter Dome. Good stuff.

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Deaths

Richard Edward Dunn

Richard Edward Dunn, 82, of Hale’s Location, died Feb. 15 with his loving wife Betty at his side.

Dick was born on Sept. 12, 1926, in Buffalo, N.Y., to John and Evelyn Dunn. After serving in the U.S. Navy he returned to Western New York to pursue a career in real estate.

During his 55 years of a successful career, he served as President of the New York State Board of Realtors and as Vice President of the National Board of Realtors. Dick was responsible for the successful marketing of Hale’s Location.

The family includes his beloved wife of 33 years, Betty Dunn, of Hale’s Location; five children, Michael Dunn of Denver, Colo., Susan Beaver of Beverly Hills, Fla., William Dunn of Palm Desert, Calif., Laurie Cordova of Clinton, Texas, his late son Robert Dunn of El Paso, Texas and his step-daughter, Cynthia Loeffler, of Fairport, N.Y. Dick is grandfather to five grandchildren and has many wonderful true friends, including his extended family, the Carriers. He will be deeply missed by his beautiful daughter, Tatum Brett, of North Conway, his parents, Judy and Wayne Dunn of Conway, his sisters, Jennifer Ramsey and her husband, Allen, of Conway and Amanda Brett of Conway; his grandparents, Lawrence and Victoria Brett of Chocorua; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was the grandson of the late “Bill” and Lillian Birkbeck of Conway.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Mountains Church in North Conway. In lieu of flowers a trust fund has been established for Tatum Riley Brett, c/o Citizens Bank North Conway.

The Furber and White Funeral Home in North Conway is in charge of arrangements.

William Lawrence Brett

William Lawrence Brett, 14, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 13, while on a snowmobile trip with friends.

“Lumpa” (this was a nickname that was given to him from his childhood friends on Brookside Road in Albany, when he was a toddler and has stayed with him right through his adult life) was born on June 2, 1974, in North Conway. He attended Conway Elementary School and Kennett High School.

He was an exceptional athlete whether it be at hockey, softball, golf or skiing and he gave 100 percent of himself. He never really cared about winning as long as he could play the game. He went to work at Play It Again Sports right out of high school and was the manager until the store closed in 2007. He also worked at Hale’s Location Country Club Pro Shop in the spring and summer months and Bob and Terri’s Sport’s Outlet in the winter months.

He lived life to the fullest and has many wonderful true friends, including his extended family, the Carriers. He will be deeply missed by his beautiful daughter, Tatum Riley Brett, of North Conway, his parents, Judy and Wayne Dunn of Conway, his brother, Christopher Brett, and his wife, Robin, of Fryeburg, Maine and Damon Brett of Conway; his sisters, Jennifer Ramsey and her husband, Allen, of Conway and Amanda Brett of Conway; his grandparents, Lawrence and Victoria Brett of Chocorua; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was the grandson of the late “Bill” and Lillian Birkbeck of Conway.

William Lawrence Brett was laid to rest on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Our Lady of the Mountains Church in North Conway. Arrangements were made by the Conway Area Humane Society, 223 East Main St., PO Box 260, Conway, NH 03818.

The Furber and White Funeral Home in North Conway is in charge of arrangements.

Editor’s Note: Announcements of births, adoptions, engagements, weddings, deaths and memorial services may be sent to the Passages Editor, c/o The Mountain Ear, P.O. Box 530, Conway, N.H. 03818, or emailed to earnews@salmonpress.com. Items must be submitted by Monday noon for publication on the following Thursday. We are glad to publish engagement and wedding photos (enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope and kindly print address on back of photo for photo return).
Zeb’s General Store recognized as 2009 Retailer of the Year by Country Business Magazine

NORTH CONWAY — Country Business Magazine has chosen Zeb’s General Store as its Retailer of the Year for 2009. Country Business Magazine is a publication for independent gift retailers. It has 10,000 subscribers. A formal award presentation will be made to Zeb’s General Store at the Denver Gift Show on Feb. 29. The announcement of the award was presented in the February edition of the magazine.

Susan Wagner, Editor of Country Business Magazine made the following comment in her editorial in the February issue of the magazine. “Snugly set in a charming town in New Hampshire’s White Mountain, Zeb’s General Store, with its ‘look at me’ yellow exterior and ‘come-on-in’ front porch, appears as though it has been welcoming visitors for over a century. Inside, glass front candy counters, a marble soda fountain and vintage display cases, bins and buckets hold an assortment of old-fashioned goodies, much as you’d imagine they did years ago. So it’s a testament to the owner’s vision and zeal that Zeb’s – this year’s Retailer of the Year – feels like it’s been serving customers for generations even though it’s been only 17 years. After 17 years in business, Zeb’s General Store, located in North Conway, is well on its way to becoming as legendary as its namesake – New England sea schooner captain Zebulon Tilton. While Captain Zeb drew attention with his sailing exploits and colorful personality, Zeb’s General Store is attracting notice for being the nation’s largest purveyor of New England-made products in a quaint setting designed to evoke the spirit of an old-time mercantile.

Catering to a loyal customer base of local residents and tourists alike, owners Peter Edwards and David Peterson have built Zeb’s success on a reputation for quality, service and caring, which were two of the reasons why they were our pick for this year’s Retailer of the Year.”

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ALBANY — The White Mountain Waldorf School, an independent pre-K through 7th grade school located off Route 16 just south of Conway Village, has appointed new board members and is currently accepting applications for additional appointments to be made in May.

The school recently appointed Melissa Florio as Interim President, and Bob Tafuto as Interim Vice President. This change occurred as the current president, Terry Young, stepped down from her position to focus on a newly accepted teaching position within the school’s after-care program. The board of trustees is responsible for supporting the school’s mission to provide children with an education that inspires intellectual freedom, artistic creativity, and social responsibility.

This year the board is focused on the continued expansion of the school at its permanent 75-acre campus. The next phase of growth will include development of a long-term financial plan that will sustain the school for decades to come; providing for all facets of the school’s operations, including teacher’s salary and benefit packages, a complete and rigorous academic program through eighth grade; affordable tuition and a scholarship program. Long-term development will also include expansion of the school buildings to eventually include a gathering hall for festivals, music and physical education, an early childhood center and permanent classrooms for the elementary and middle-school.

As interim board president, Florio brings 14 years of human resource and strategic management experience, which includes seven years as owner and consultant of Workplace Foundations in Freedom. Prior to accepting the president role, she served as vice president and chair of the Development Committee. Florio says an important aspect of her volunteer work as board president will include building awareness in the communities about Waldorf education.

As interim board vice president, Tafuto will continue to serve as a guide to the school in decisions relating to the physical operation of the facility, as well as other important functions. Tafuto is a licensed New Hampshire surveyor, and is part owner of Ammonoosuc Survey Co., Inc. in Intervale. He has been a valley resident for 29 years. Tafuto is a member of the Waldorf School’s Building Committee and with his surveying experience and familiarity with planning boards his involvement was essential to the relocation of the school earlier this year.

The Waldorf School’s rigorous academic curriculum brings the core academic subjects like math, science and language arts vibrantly to life for the students through the integration of the arts, music and movement as each subject is taught. This approach to learning develops enthusiastic lifelong learners who are creative problem solvers and ready to engage in the challenges of our time.

To learn more about White Mountain Waldorf School or in applying for a position on the Board of Trustees, the school welcomes you to call the office to learn more. Consider the many opportunities available to learn more about how the White Mountain Waldorf School operates and what it has to offer the greater community. The board meetings are open to the public, the community is invited to monthly classroom observations, and open houses with interactive demonstrations and guest speaker lectures are scheduled throughout the rest of the school year. ‘To find out more, call the school at 447-3168 or visit wmws.org.”

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This spectacular event begins at 11 a.m. at the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort in North Conway. This year we are honoring the memory of our friend and CAHS volunteer Patricia Gale, who passed away this past summer. Pat contributed many of her beautiful handmade bags to past auctions and was a long-time volunteer in our cat adoption center.

In addition to the amazing items listed above in this year’s live auction, which will be conducted by auctioneer Steve Schofield, there will be a wide array of artistic pieces including paintings, jewelry, and pottery. And, as always, the silent auction will include certificates for overnight stays at inns and resorts, restaurants, services, animal-related items, whimsical collectibles (and serious collectibles), books, music, and much, much more. The list is growing by the moment, and this event sells out every year, so don’t miss out! Visit conwayshelter.org for a complete list of items available in both the live and silent auctions.

Tickets are $30 per person or $200 for a table of eight and all of the money raised goes directly to the animals in the care of the Conway Area Humane Society. For more information or to buy tickets, call 447-5605.

The 6th Annual Paddy O’Paws Brunch and Auction to benefit the animals of the Conway Area Humane Society has a world of adventure — and many, many more items — waiting for bidders on Sunday, March 15, at the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort.

Have you always dreamed of a safari in Africa? Does the thought of being a fighter pilot for a day speak to your adventurous side? If that thought ties your stomach in knots, consider a lovely scenic airplane trip for two to Bar Harbor for lunch or two round-trip tickets on Southwest for your own special destination. Perhaps a spa package at Thorne Hill or a tour with a chocolatier on Willie Wonka Day at the Bavarian Chocolate Haus is more to your liking. All of the above can be yours and are awaiting your bids at The Paddy O’Paws Benefit Brunch and Auction.

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On the Slopes & Trails

Skiing with Sven

If it’s new equipment you need, now’s the time to dive in & save

By Sven Cole

Contributing Writer

WITH ALL THIS TALK ABOUT the economic stimulus and the fact that the government is trying to get people spending again, I thought it would be appropriate to talk about spending some money on equipment right now.

In the ski world there are two times a year when you can count on a pretty good selection of gear and really good prices. The first is during the tent sale season (October-November) and then again as we begin to get towards March and the end of the season. It’s not uncommon to see discounts that read “10 to 30 percent off select ski equipment” at just about any time of the season, but when you start seeing “50 percent off storewide!” or “Up to 80 percent off!” it’s time to start noticing.

Right now is a tough time to pull the trigger on purchases that aren’t really deemed “necessary,” but the argument could be made that skiing is very therapeutic and the potential networking that you can do while riding a lift could be very positive to your career. While I’m not sure the IRS will let you write off this purchase, I am sure that the purchase of new equipment will bring a sense of happiness and excitement that must have some sort of positive health effect.

The key here is that we have a bit of a lack of crowds. This also means the ski shops aren’t as busy; you may just find yourself sitting around with the shop reps to go out on the hill and see how they can do and how to make them do it. They can give you those insider tips that they also can see how you ski and help you choose the next stick to go and demo, as there are times that we think of ourselves as skiing one way but we ski an entirely different way. Ultimately, you’ll end up with a ski that will make your winter.

If at all possible see if you can get one of the rip reps to go out on the hill with you. These guys and gals spend their lives figuring out what various skis can do and how to make them do it. They can give you those insider tips that don’t get you in trouble with the SEC. They also can see how you ski and help you choose the next stick to go and demo, as there are times that we think of ourselves as skiing one way but we ski an entirely different way. Ultimately, you’ll end up with a ski that will make your winter.

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Upcoming events.

Attitash will be hosting the U Go Girl Giant Slalom on Saturday, Feb. 21. This is a chance for the ladies to ski fast and raise cash for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. On Wednesday, Feb. 17, Attitash will be hosting the Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge, a fun event with good racing and plenty of Mountain Dew giveaways — no reason to not to be fully caffeinated in that day. Get the details at www.atti-tash.com.

Black Mountain hosts the Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge on Thursday, Feb. 19. Then on Friday, Feb. 20, they will be demoing Hammer Head Sleds on the mountain. Don’t forget to check out their special daily deals that they list on www.blackmt.com, deals like Black Monday, Carroll County Residents Day, and Girls Day Out.

Bretton Woods will be hosting another Friday Night Freestyle Frenzy on Friday, March 13. A chance to show off your best tricks in the terrain park under the lights. Of course, Bretton Woods always has a great aprés schedule going on, check out the Mardi Gras party going on in the Cave on Saturday, Feb. 21. Get all the details at www.brettonwoods.com.

Cranmore has the event thing dialed with daily events, music, fireworks, night skiing and riding, and entertainment going on from now through Saturday, Feb. 28. For those who missed buying your loved one something special for Valentine’s Day, check out the Meister Hot Wine Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 21. This does sell out, so call or go online to try and get a reservation. Great food, great music, and an atmosphere that can’t be beat. Get the lowdown on the dinner as well as the daily event schedule at www.cranmore.com.

King Pine keeps you busy during the vacation weeks with daily family focused events. Check out the Gold Rush and Kids’ Fun Race on Thursday, Feb. 19. Or get on board with Downeast Coffee Day on Sunday, Feb. 22 or the Silly Slalom and Bean Bag Race on Tuesday, Feb. 24. There are firewords, mini hits contest, and more — the full schedule can be found at www.kingpine.com.

Shawnee Peak will be hosting the Russ Haggett Ski Race on Sunday, Feb. 22. This race remembers a legend in skiing and raises money for a scholarship fund in Russ’s name. Then learn to free a heel in tel line clinics on Tuesday, Feb. 23, which will be a good way to stretch out after you piled into a car for Shawnee’s Holiday Car Load Days on Monday, Feb. 22. Also check out the aprés entertainment lineup at www.shawneepeak.com.

Sunday River will be hosting the Visa U.S. Snowboarding World Cup starting on Thursday, Feb. 26, through Wednesday, March 1. Watch the best in the world battle it out in snowboard-cross and parallel giant slalom. Add to this a huge mix of aprés entertainment for all ages — live music for adults to the party zones for kids.

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Chocoholic’s fantasy held at trailside stops in North Conway, Intervale
20th Annual Chocolate Tour takes place Feb. 22

Bring your friends, bring your family, and join the crowd for the 20th Annual Chocolate Festival on Sunday, Feb. 22. Cross country ski, snowshoe, or drive between trailside chocolate stops from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then visit other area businesses for more chocolate and discounts for snowtubing.

This annual event presented by the members of the Mt. Washington Valley Ski Touring Foundation along with area businesses is a fundraiser for this intown Nordic and Snowshoe Center providing groomed trails connecting North Conway Village and Intervale.

The last Sunday in February is now known as the “sweetest day on the trails” and the one day of the year when sweet indulgence is guilt free! Every year hundreds of chocoholics travel between 12 and 15 kilometers of gently rolling network trails stopping along the way to enjoy chocolate prepared in a variety of ways.

Participants have enjoyed everything from chocolate fondue, handmade peanut butter cups, cookies of all kinds, chilli prepared with chocolate, chocolate-dipped strawberries, chocolate fountains, and brownie sundaes, to the classic hot chocolate topped with whipped cream.

This year, the Festival Pass will include nine trailside chocolate stops, including the new stop at the Whitaker Woods Meeting House, five additional area chocolate stops, and a discount on tubing at Cranmore Mountain. Skiers and snowshoers will also find a new refreshment stop located on the Intervale Trail between the Touring Center and the 1765 Inn. The Believe in Books Literacy Foundation will be selling refreshments, scarves, and offering comic relief to raise funds for their non-profit. Be sure to plan to stop for a break to enjoy the spectacular mountain views.

The Chocolate Festival Passes are $20 for adults and children if purchased in advance, and $25 if purchased the day of the event. Get an early start on the tour, avoid the crowds, and save by purchasing your ticket in advance online, at the Touring Center or any of the trailside chocolate stops.

The Chocolate Festival brochure and Trail Map with all details will be available the day of the event at any trailside stop.

Alpine
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A list of events and entertainment, as well as snowboard competition schedule at www.sundayriver.com.

Wildcat will see the return of Cheryl B. Engelhardt for après entertainment on Sunday, Feb. 22. Add to this the Sixth Annual Make-a-Wish 100K Vertical Challenge and Wildcat has plenty of reason for you to head up to the Cat. The 100K Vertical Challenge is a unique and challenging event that takes full advantage of Wildcat’s speedy quad and ample vertical. Get the details, and sign up at www.skiwildcat.com.

Sven Cole is a local skier and writer; his daily ramblings can be found at www.skiingswithsven.blogspot.com.
Memories of teenage skiing and that moose at the finish line

By Sven Cole

Contributing Writer

THERE IS A MOOSE STANDING on the finish line. I’m guessing it’s still standing there right now as you read this — a moose. It’s not a live moose, but a moose made out of wood and adorned with real antlers. It’s in a field — it’s Roger Lowell’s field, to be exact — and it’s standing on the finish line. Not a finish line for any race right now, but for a race that I remember like it was yesterday from 1991. Every time I drive by and see that moose I laugh, and think about how I got into ski racing.

I had always been someone who cross-country skied. I had enjoyed many adventures on my skis that included boot laces that moose got me to thinking about my life. For some reason, I’ll never forget this next series of events. One of the kids on the team lent me a pair of tight legs — blue and black tiger striped. They looked like they had been stolen from some ’90s band’s lead singer. I coupled these stylish tights with a white cotton long sleeve t-shirt, a blue and grey fleece hat, and a pair of heavy alpine ski gloves — the padded, Could kid race gloves with the zipper on the cuff that you always left unzipped (those gloves were always cold, but they looked cool and were all we used in those days).

Before I knew it, I was in the starting gate being instructed by some guy wearing a blue vibram sole and yellow and white Skal Placid Olympic logs all over it and a pair of matching moose boots (not like the ones you can buy at Spruce Hurricane today), a headset and big pair of deer skin mittens. It would be years later, but I would come to learn that it was likely that the starter was none other than Chunny Brownhill.

So there I am in the starting “block,” all decked out looking like a rejected rocker wannabe, and the starter says “GO!” This is the moment I’m not sure if I’d go to the race at Black Mountain in Rumford, just to watch. I had agreed. I had been up to Black Mountain in Rumford, just to watch. I had agreed.

And so here we are, now three generations out trying to get us out there skiing. And me, never pushing racing but always encouraging. My face turned red and I said, “Their sister, one of laughter followed by a lot of racers, some girl was cheering me on, I yelled back, “Thank You!” and promptly planted a pole between my legs and fell flat on my face in front of a large group of people. In my mind now this riotous crowd of ski racing fans numbered in the hundreds, but the truth be told it was probably four coaches, a bus driver, five moms, a sister (who didn’t want to be there), so she yelled to some kid wearing fuzzy tights, and two dads — but I like my memory of it better.

That fall got a reaction from the crowd, one of laughter followed by encouragement. My face turned red and I picked myself up and flailed my way out of sight and around the course (SLOWLY), finishing 108 out of 120 starters. I could leave it at that, but I think a more accurate representation of my placement is I finished 108 out of 109 finishers. You see, this was when my team got me fired up to get into racing and figure this crazy sport out. Some of my fondest memories from that year were from ski practice and races, culminating with our team winning the overall State Championship my senior year of high school.

This brings me back to the moose. The other day I was skiing with my wife and our girls, along with one of my best friends and her kids. Her father was with us, it was his field, his grooming, his moose. I reflected back on his encouragement, never pushing racing but always trying to get us out there skiing. And there we were, now three generations out cruising the trails and having a ball. The memory of the moose in my mind, and soon the kids were looking to race each other back to the moose. Maybe that finish line was still there after all.

Leanne Smith recovering from ACL surgery

MWVST posts strong J2 results at State SL and GS champs


Cannon hosted the GS championships the following day in difficult weather and snow conditions. An overnight thaw followed by a cold front provided variable conditions amid high winds, snow and fog. Nonetheless it was another good day for the Valley team. The MWVST ladies had an excellent showing with McPherson grabbing another 4th place result. She was followed by Claire Hodson in 6th (the 2nd run having started 49th), Shannon 9th, Alexe Taylor 15th, and Emily Leach 25th. For the men it was Gregoire in 8th and Carrigan 16th.

Stowe hosted the U.V.M. Carnival Feb. 6 & 7. MWVST alumni posted yet again more outstanding results. In the men’s GS MacConnell (ages 14-15) podiumed with a 2nd place finish following up on his 3rd place the week before in the U.N.H. Carnival. Ace Tarbbery (Dartmouth) took 14th with Josh Kernan (Colby) 17th. Ace Tarbbery (Dartmouth) took 14th with Josh Kernan (Colby) 17th. Ace took 15th. In the SL Tarbbery podiumed with a 3rd place result and Kerman was in close pursuit finishing 5th.

Wildcat was the host for the Boston College USCSA MacConnell Division Carnival Feb 6 & 7. MWVST alumn Danielle Shannon kept up her winning ways taking both the ladies GS and SL. Shannon has now won 8 of 10 races and had two 2nd place results. She is the overall Ladies Mac McConnell Division Champion. On the men’s side MWVST alum Peter Ostroski took 5th in the GS and 8th in the SL. He also clinched the title as Men’s MacConnell Division Champion for the second year in a row. Alumnus Abbi Nolan (UMASS) had a 15th in the ladies GS.


Former MWVST standout and current U.S. Ski Team member Leanne Smith has already begun her rehab from ACL surgery and reports she already has terrific range of motion in the knee, which is very encouraging. She expects to be back on snow in August in preparations for the 2009-2010 season. She is on the throne competing in the Vancouver Winter Olympic trials in February.

Nordic Tracks with Sven

Sven Cole is a local skier who has flash back 80s every time you see the typical strapping or animal print lycra. Check out his daily ramblings at www.skiingwithsven.blogspot.com, and don’t forget to check out the cool events coming up at your favorite touring center. One not to miss — the 20th Annual Chocolate Festival at Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring on Sunday, Feb. 22 — details at www.cross countrykings.com. I’ll see you there — I’ll be the one with chocolate all over my ski gloves.
At Coleman State Park in Stewartstown

Rave X Motorsports comes to 17th Annual Snodeo, March 7

The Swift Diamond Riders Club has announced that Rave X Motorsports will be performing its heart-stopping show at this year's N.H. SnoDeo at Coleman State Park in Stewartstown. The Rave-X Motorsports team are freestyle snowmobilers and their tricks "wow" crowds where ever they perform. Their show, which will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m. at the 17th annual Snodeo, will be hosted by Dave Carlberg, co-owner of Rave X. SnoDeo attendees will have a chance to see riders Rave X co-owner Ralph Gallagher from Poland, Maine, Waterford, Maine's Brandon Bell, Seth Bell also of Waterford, Travis Philpot from Windham, Maine, DJ Coffin of Bath, Maine and X Games hopeful Ben Copf perform their snowmobile stunts. The Swift Diamond Riders Club is a snowmobile club based in West Stewartstown. The club boasts over 1,000 members. The Snodeo is held March 6 and 7 and features the club for trail maintenance and other club activities that promote snowmobiling in New Hampshire's North Country.

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The first two days of the workshop will provide plenty of time in the field to observe, identify, and study birds in their natural habitats, including a field trip for boreal species. A week later, Lewey will offer an optional trip to observe winter coastal birds. Classroom time will include lectures, slides, videos and discussions to help develop an understanding of basic avian biology and behavior, and the observational skills needed for bird identification, with emphasis on the winter season birding in this area.

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1 Annual Snow Princess Fantasy, Part of the MVY Winter Carnival celebration, the Snow Princess Fantasy for children will take place at the North Conway Grand Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 12 to 2 p.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be $20 and includes a princess regale for girls and two tickets to the event. Additional tickets are $8 per person. (Mountain Ear File Photo)

Tuesday 24

Rigo, Swing and MoonMaxY. The MVY Children's Museum is holding its weekly rumba, pre- ludio and mambo yoga class at 9:30 a.m. This is a non-traditional spin on yoga. The class is open to women, men with infants and preg-nant moms. It is flexible and starting at a ratio of two to one in the need of mothers of young children. The cost is $12 for non-members and $10 for members. Registration is required. Please call 336-2992 to reserve your spot today.

Easy Riders. The Jackson Ski Touring Foundation in Jackson will host Easy Riders, a gentle introduction to cross-country skiing every Tuesday. Ski from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to absolute beginners. Registration is required. Please call 356-2992 to reserve your spot today.

Schoolhouse Skis. The Headwall. A silent comedy set in 1952 or 367-4332 ext. 301.

Saturday 19

Doctor Farm and Museum in Tamworth will celebrate "Woodland Forests," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include guided tours led by a tour guide, a trade fair, and a variety of educational workshops led by local experts. The events will be located at the Farm and Museum in Tamworth. For more information, call 323-7591.

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feeding mothers. Breastfeeding peer counselors and lactation specialists facilitate the program. Babies and breastfeeding mothers are welcome. The program is sponsored by the La Leche League. For more information call 356-6936. ext. 146.

Community Coffee Klatch. Meets at the Chocorua Public Library every Thursday at 10 a.m. Coffee, news, and great conversation are all part of this morning. Bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome.

Computer Tutoring. Every Wednesday, free one-on-one computer tutoring is available. Sponsored by the Kenton Retired Teachers Association and the Gibson Center. Call to set up an appointment at 316-1211.

Diabetes Workshop. The Diabetes Center at the Memorial Hospital in North Conway will offer a four-part program called “The Facts and Myths of Diabetes” from 10 a.m. to noon. The sessions are designed to help those with diabetes learn how to control and monitor their condition. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 356-3700.

Dinner Bell North. Elizabeth Ann Sevigny Church in Fryeburg, Maine will hold their Dinner Bell Free dinner every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m.

Evening Program Series. The Appalachian Mountain Club in Pinkham Notch will present “Bicycle Touring in Europe and the United States” with Danil Saidov at 9 p.m. The programs follows the 15th annual Dartmouth Dieting featuring the cuisine of Hungary. All programs are free and open to the public.

Folk Band for Beginners. Mountain Top Music Center in Conway will offer Folk Band for Beginners every Wednesday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Learn to play traditional American folk songs. Classes are taught by Susan Kozik. For more information or to sign up, call 447-4737.

Grief Group. A grief group will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on the morning meeting at The Men in North Conway Village. The program is free and open to the public to discuss thinking about the death of loved ones. For more information call Jaff 496-4977 or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care Services of NH at 356-7006.

House School Support Group. The Bretwood Public Library in Bretwood, Maine will hold a Home School Support Group every Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. We will urgly encourage our participants to set goals, do projects, find other kids your year age, and moral support for parents. For more information call 383-9355. ext. 915-3001.

Musical Group. A free on-going musical group meets every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the White Mountain Hypnosis Center in Madison. For more information, call Jaff 387-8236 or the MWVAA’s office, located next to the RSU on the lower level of North Conway Village.

Nature Nuts. The Mountain Conservation Program presents “Nature Nuts,” the nature program for children ages three through five and their caregivers from 9 to 10 a.m. at the White Mountain Hypnosis Center in Madison. For more information, call 356-0777 or the web at www.imnm.org.

Old Time String Band. Mountain Top Music Center presents “Old Time String Band.” Meet with jam sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, accordion, or any other string instrument you may have. This is for all skill levels. For more information over 25 years experience teaching and performing. For more information call 447-4737.

Morning Garden and Sweet Pea Programs. The White Mountain Waldorf School offers Morning Garden and Sweet Pea Programs to children today. Did you have a newborn or looking for a loving environment to bring your toddler to meet new friends? Amy St. Pierre-Golden (Miss Amy), an experienced Waldorf Teacher, will be offering programs this fall which will provide for both needs. She will offer a weekly Morning Garden program for parents and toddler (crawling to 3 years) from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for eight weeks as well as The Sweet Pea program (newborns to pre-crawl) from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Please call 447-3168 for more detailed description of each program and we do offer a sliding scale fee.

Music for Toddlers. Mountain Top Music Center on Main Street in Conway will hold music for toddlers classes from 10:15 to 11 a.m. For children between 18 months and three years old, this class offers children and their caregivers an opportunity to dance, play rhythm instruments, sing, and play games using familiar songs. This class stimulates musical and cognitive development. Songs are included so that you can bring the songs home to enjoy all week. $20/week please register by calling 447-417.

Storytelling Dinners. The Corner House Inn in Center Sandwich will hold storytelling dinners every Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This week Laura Packer and Karen Brooks of Masa are the featured story-tellers. Cost for dinner and entertainment is $18.95 plus tax and gratuity. For reservations or more information, call 383-6129.

U.S. Census Bureau Test Sites. If you are interested in participating in the U.S. Census Bureau test sites for jobs are set up in Bartlett at the John Bartlett Elementary School at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday.

Zumba Dance/Exercise Class. The Conway Village Church on Main Street in Conway will offer a Zumba Dance/exercise class from 6 to 7 p.m. The class is free and taught by a certified instructor. For more information, call the church at 447-3851.

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Friday Grief Support Group. The Friday Grief Support Group will be held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Tin Mountain Conservation Center. For more information, call 383-9131 for more information.

Friday Painters Open Studio Group. The new Open Studio Sessions will meet Fridays from 9 a.m. until noon at the MWVAA’s office, located next to the RSU on the lower level of North Conway Village. Artists should bring their own supplies and are also welcome to bring a lemonade bag lunch. The Friday Painter group is free for members and a $1 donation is suggested for non-members.

Hot Shopping Event. Settlers’ Green Outlet Village in North Conway will hold a hot shopping event from 9 to 9 p.m. Free hot chocolate, bonfire and VIP shopping certificate will be given to the first 10000 shoppers.

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A.A. Meetings. There will be several AA Meetings held throughout Carroll County. Call 1-800-593-6600 for more information.

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Entertainment

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Dj  
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Karaoke/Dancing

Dj  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. (N)  
Dj/Dancing

The Conway Cafe - Conway Village  
Open Mic Night  
Wednesdays (N)  
Harkenwolf Record Shop

Stu's  
Delaney's Hole in the Wall - North Conway  
Cantonese Traffic  
Wed. Feb. 23 (N)  
Acoustic Rock

Eagle Mtn. House - Jackson  
Clare Gardner  
Sunday, Feb. 22 (B)  
Piano

Homestead Restaurant - North Conway  
Acoustic Open Mic  
Thursdays (N)  
Host: Tom Rehmman

Mike Jewell  
Inn at Thorn Hill - Jackson  
Saturdays (N)  
Solo Piano

Clare Gardner  
Mondays (N)  
Piano & Vocals

Joshua Tree Bakery - West Ossipee  
Open Mic  
Fridays  
Local Talent

Dennis & Davey  
May Kelly's Cottage - North Conway  
Celtic Sessions  
Fridays (N)  
Celtic Crooners

Sundays (A)  
Irish Music

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Wednesdays (N)  
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Kennett jumping team soars to state championship at Proctor Academy

By Joshua Spaulding
Sports Editor

ANDOVER — National champions has a nice ring to it.

While officially the title will be New Hampshire state champions, members of the Kennett ski jumping team can call themselves national champions after squeaking past Concord in the state jumping meet at Proctor Academy on Friday, Feb. 13.

New Hampshire is the lone state in the United States that sanctions ski jumping as a high school sport, giving the Kennett fliers a legitimate claim as the national high school ski jumping champions.

The Eagles captured the state title on the strength of third place finishes (in a tie) from Michael Larson and Darrien Shannon, as well as consistent jumps throughout the chilly night.

“As a group, they were consistent and that’s what it takes to win as a team,” said coach Chip Henry.

Larson and Shannon tied for third place (along with Concord’s Parker Finch) with a total of 120 points. Shannon’s best jumps earned him scores of 60.5 and 59.5, while Larson’s two best jumps earned him scores of 62 and 58. Larson’s longest jump was 13 meters and Shannon hit 32 meters.

Hunter Haynes was the third scoring jumper for the Eagles, as he leaped to an 11th place finish overall with 90 points. His top two jumps netted him 57.5 and 56.5 points. He jumped 30 meters on all three of his jumps.

Jeff Sires rounded out the scoring for the Eagles with his 16th place finish with 109.5 points. His best jumps earned 54.5 and 55 points and his longest distances were 28 and 27.5 meters.

Those four jumpers combined to give Kennett a 369-365 edge over Concord High School. Hopkinton was a close third with 363 points and Plymouth was within 10 points in fourth place with 359.5 points.

Vince Patch also jumped for Kennett and scored a 22nd place finish with 104 points, hitting distances of 25.5 and 25 meters and top point jumps of 59 and 54 points.

Bart Cromwell was 25th overall with 102.5 points and hit distances of 26.5 and 27.5 meters. His top two jumps each received 53.5 points.

In the competition for the Gene Ross Cup, which is presented to the top rookie jumper each year, Kennett’s Travis Rockett was 11th overall, with Hanover’s Sam Shapiro taking the title.

For the female jumpers, Kennett’s Emily Leich finished second overall with 96 points. She earned 47.5 and 48.5 points for her top jumps, which hit distances of 23 meters and 23.5 meters.

Cromwell took fourth place in the overall State Skimeister competition, which is awarded by the New Hampshire Ski Coaches Association. To earn points, skiers must compete in the giant slalom and slalom events at their respective state alpine meets, the freestyle and classical races at their respective state cross-country meets.

While the evening of Friday the 13th turned out just fine for the Eagles, particularly after the Marauders came to Cranmore and knocked the Eagle alpine boys off Division II’s top spot the previous Tuesday.

But all in all, it was a great evening for the Eagles, a night they will remember, a night they became national champions.

“It was a little nervous after the rain that the conditions were going to be a little nasy,” he said. “But the hill was in better shape than it was last week for the pre-state meet (also won by Kennett).”

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“It’s been quite a few years,” said Henry, as he held tightly to the state championship plaque.

And surely it was a joyous ride home on Doug MacDonald’s bus on Friday night.
Team skiing again proves successful for Eagle alpine girls
Flynn, Gardella lead the way to another title, Feb. 12

By Joshua Spaulding
Sports Editor

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Rainy days may have gotten the Carpenters down, but the miserable weather did no such thing to the Kennett girls’ alpine ski team at the Thursday, Feb. 12, Division II State Meet.

The Eagles used steady team skiing to outdistance Hanover in an abbreviated slalom and took home the Division II championship plaque in the rain at Waterville Valley.

The morning giant slalom runs were marred by rain that at times was heavy and did a number on the Waterville snow, as ruts quickly formed on the course.

The Eagles placed five skiers in the top 11 in the morning giant slalom, with senior Maggie Flynn leading the way. The Eagle stalwart, who two days earlier at the boys’ state meet was hobbling around on crutches, put her injury worries out of her head and raced to a strong second place finish in a combined time of 72.01.

Sophomore teammate Taylor Gardella was second for the Eagles as she came home eighth overall in a time of 73.78, just ahead of Cassidy Van Deursen, who placed ninth in a time of 73.94.

Emily Leich finished just out of the top 10, placing 11th overall in 74.25. Senior Lacey Mailman rounded out the Eagle team with her solid 16th place finish in 77.33.

After the morning events, the Eagles held a slim nine-point lead over the Marauders of Hanover and needed strong performances in the slalom to seal another championship.

The slalom competition was shortened to only one run, as deteriorating course conditions and continuing rain led to the decision to cut things short. Gardella was on her game in the slalom, as she came home second overall in a time of 33.94, just edging out Kingswood’s Jessica Kalled for the runner-up spot. Flynn was fourth overall in 34.54.

Van Deursen cracked the top 10 again, this time placing seventh overall in 35.14. Leich put in a strong run that would’ve put her in the top 15, but she was disqualified for missing a gate near the bottom of the course.

Thankfully, Mailman had yet another steady race and came home 4th overall and finished out the Eagle scoring with her time of 38.46.

Burton fell on her slalom run, but recovered and finished 62nd overall in 55.82.

“I guarantee Emily had no idea that she straddled that gate,” said Kennett coach Chuck Broomhall.

When the points were tallied, the Eagles had widened their lead to 752-729 over Hanover and had the championship plaque in their hands once again. Plymouth, led by overall winner Nika Mosenthal, was third.

“Thank’s the way we ski, as a team,” said Broomhall, pointing to the consistent finishes. “When they ski for us, they do it and they do a good job with it.”

With their top 10 finishes, Flynn, Gardella, Van Deursen and Burton have all earned invitations to the Meet of Champions, set for March 3 at Cannon Mountain.

Skimeister Award
Van Deursen also took home the Division II Skimeister Award. The award is presented to the top finisher among the four Division II events, including freestyle and classical cross-country and slalom and giant slalom.

Van Deursen beat out Kingswood’s Kirsten Silfvenius for the title of Division II’s best all-around female skier.
Sports Highlights

Eagles finish as runners-up at Div. II state meet

Marauders end Eagles’ run at the top at Feb. 10 competition

By Joshua Spaulding
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — The Kennett boys’ alpine team took home a trophy from the Division II State Meet last Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Cranmore.

However, it wasn’t the trophy the Eagles are accustomed to.

The Eagles finished as runners-up to a very strong Hanover squad, ending a run on the title that goes back as long as most can remember.

And there was quite a bit of drama involved as well, as a mere one point separated the top three teams after the morning giant slalom, meaning the team that skied the most perfect slalom in the afternoon would be able to walk away with the title.

And that team was Hanover. The Marauders swept all four top spots in the afternoon races and cruised to a comfortable 22-point win over the Eagles, who were third after the morning giant slalom portion, while Hanover and Plymouth were tied in the top spot.

The morning giant slalom race saw Hanover, Plymouth and Kennett all put three racers in the top six, setting up an afternoon slalom fight to the finish.

Kennett senior Alex Leich put together two very strong runs to take home second place overall in a time of 65.05, while freshman teammate Jake Van Deursen came home sixth overall in a time of 66.32.

Kennett’s third skier was junior Michael Larson, who raced to a ninth place finish in 66.83, and freshman Shane Love rounded out the morning scoring for the Eagles with his time of 66.96, placing him 12th overall.

Freshman Matt Halupowski finished 20th overall in 68.34 and senior Bart Cromwell, skiing for Skimeister points, was 25th overall in 69.79.

Junior Hunter Haynes had a strong first run, but missed a gate on his second run and didn’t record a finish time.

After the giant slalom, Hanover and Plymouth stood tied with 376 points each, while Kennett was second with 375.

“To have the first three teams within one point was something else,” said Kennett ski coach Chuck Broomhall, noting that he hadn’t seen anything like that in his years of coaching.

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Larson rounded out the scoring for Kennett with a 10th place finish in 70.19. Cromwell was 20th overall in 73.74, and Van Deursen and Love each had one good run but had issues on the other run and didn’t record finish times.

When the points were tallied up, Hanover won with 770 points, followed by the Eagles with 748 and Plymouth with 738.

“I’ve got to give Hanover credit,” Broomhall said. “They had to have 16 skiers (four scorers at two runs each) ski without a problem to win that race and they did.”

Broomhall credited Leich with putting the pressure on the Marauders with his strong second run out of the fourth starting spot.

“All, what he did in his second run really put the pressure on their skiers to ski the way they had to,” Broomhall said. “When they saw Alex come down with the fastest time in the second run, they knew they had to beat him.”

With their top 10 finishes, Leich, Haynes, Larson, Halupowski and Van Deursen all earned invitations to the Meet of Champions, which will take place on March 3 at Cannon Mountain and will feature the top skiers from every division.
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Feb. 10 match-up with Oyster River had a different ending
Knights give Eagles all they can handle in Feb. 13 finale

By Joshua Spaulding
Sports Editor

WOLFERBORO— “This time around it was a little more competitive.”

In the final game of the regular season, the Kingswood girls’ basketball team put up a fight against county rival Kennett, but in the end, the playoff-bound Knights held on for the 19-8 tally in Oyster River on Feb. 13.

It was a different kind of game, very physical,” said Kennett coach Peter Ames. “I think we were trying to win it before we came away from Wednesday’s Division II state meet with any medals, the Eagles still put together some solid results.

Possibly some of the best results came from an alpine skier who hit the trail in her last race in the slalom and giant slalom the previous day at Cranmore.

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“We didn’t shoot well in the first half, particularly from the foul line,” said Ames. “We couldn’t seem to make a free throw, so we had some empty possessions.”

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Feb. 13 brought Kennett Eagles a 66-43 win
Eagle boys exact a little revenge on Knights

By Joshua Spaulding
Sports Editor

CONWAY — Last time the Kennett and Kingswood boys met on the hardwood, the Knights of Kingswood came out with a big win at a time when they needed one.

This time around, both teams were in need of a win, but it was the Eagles of Kennett who came out on the top end, knocking off their county rivals by a 66-43 score in Conway on Friday, Feb. 13.

Coach Dan Cheddi Knights continued to struggle on offense, which has been the case the last few games.

However, in the early going, both teams seemed reluctant to kick it into high gear, with Kennett leading 11-4 after one quarter and 22-15 at halftime.

“I looked like the game was in slow motion,” Chuck said.

For Kennett, however, that was something they had been working on, slowing down the tempo of the game, which plays to their advantage.

“We talked a lot in the last week about tempo,” said Eagle coach Steve Coté. “One thing we didn’t do very well against the elite teams was work hard to control the tempo of the game.”

He noted that most of the teams the Eagles played in the previous few games (Oyster River, Pelham, Pembroke and Laconia) like to play an up and down style.

“We don’t have the personnel to allow us to do that,” Coté said.

The Eagles took a 35-27 lead after three quarters, but Kingswood pulled to within 22-15 at halftime.

Senior Cam Lambert brought the crowd to its feet in the final minutes with a layup off a Flynn pass.

“We really, really needed that,” Coté said.

“We’ve been playing top teams and feel we are really battle tested and want to get into the playoffs.”

For the Eagles, Tommy Wagner had 21 points and eight rebounds, while Tommy Flynn had 11 points on five-of-five shooting from the field in what Coté called his best game of the season. Ian White had 10 points and 13 rebounds and Matt Aubnault chipped in with 10 points.

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Girls Hoops

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three or four minutes, she kind of took the game over.”

“I give Ali a lot of credit,” Eckhoff said. “She hit some key shots, and that was the key to the game.”

For many of the Eagle players, the illness that had swept through the team and forced players to the sidelines in previous weeks, was still hanging around a bit, but Ames said his team was able to overcome that and push through.

“It was better,” he said of the sickness. “But some kids didn’t quite have their legs with them, so it was good to come out with a win.

“It was a difficult game because it got pretty ragged,” he added. The Eagle coach also offered praise to the Knights, who his team beat by 36 points with them, so it was good to come out with a win.

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Hockey

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Girls Hoops

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They were 11-4, we were 1-16 and we only lost by seven points,” said Eckhoff. “I look at that as a win. We played really, real- ly well.”

Eckhoff also pointed to the fact that the game would be a good way to remember a tough season.

“That’s what I was waiting for all season long,” the Knight coach said. “I’ve been waiting for them to put it together as a team. To go out at the end with this is nice.”

Wagner’s 30 led the way for Kennett, the second year in a row she dropped 30 on the Eagles’ county rival, while senior Ashley Gordon had 12 and sophomore Melissa Frase chipped in with 11.

For Gaudreau, with 1:12

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Humorist and storyteller Rebecca Rule at Chocorua Library, March 4

N.H. storyteller advises all to ‘Live Free and Eat Pie’


Rule's version of a "tourist guide" to New Hampshire includes how to talk like a native, how the Granite State differs from New Hampshire, including "The Best Revenge"—a collection of short stories that was named Outstanding Work of Fiction by the New Hampshire Writers Project and one of the five Essential New Hampshire Books by New Hampshire Magazine and "Could Have Been Worse: True Stories, Embellishments and Outright Lies." She is best known, perhaps, as "The Moose of Humor" and for her live storytelling events, many sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. She also has produced two CDs of New Hampshire humor, "Perley Gets a Dumpsticker" and "Better than a Poke in the Eye."

For more information about the event, contact the library at 323-8610. ▲

Lucy Merrow oil paintings on display at local businesses

CONWAY — Mount Washington Valley Arts Association (MWVAA) member Lucy Thompson Merrow's art is now on display across the Mt. Washington Valley.

Merrow is a well-known artist in the Ossipee area and her art is currently, featured at the Laconia Savings Bank in Center Ossipee and also at the Law Offices of Helme, Cole and Smith in Ossipee.

Merrow is an alumna of U.N.H., where she majored in zoology, and during that time was able to take art classes with artist John Hatch. She has taken many adult art education classes over the years and has continued adding to her knowledge of oil painting. These paintings on display at the local businesses are for sale. Those wishing to purchase artwork may contact Merrow at 539-2109 or at lmerrow@verizon.net. ▲

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
at St. Andrew’s Church

Mardi Gras (translated from French to English as Fat Tuesday) is a day for feasting before fasting and a chance to live it up before the following day's Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season.

In keeping with the tradition of Fat Tuesday's tasty meals and jovial spirit, St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church welcomes everyone to its annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Reservations are not needed — come and join the festive feast at the church's parish hall, located at 678 Whittier Road (Old Route 25) in Tamworth from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

On the menu are pancakes, sausage, and beverages, served with homemade applesauce and local maple syrup. And you won't want to miss the decadent chocolate desserts! Face-painting for kids (and adults too!) will be available. Come in masks or costumes, if you wish — it will add to the cheer of the evening.

A suggested donation of $5 per adult and $2 per child will be gratefully accepted, with all proceeds from this supper going to support the Tamworth Community Food Pantry. The contribution of non-perishable food items are always welcomed as well.

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The workshop will be conducted by RCAP Solutions, the Northeast Rural Community Assistance Partnership, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES), and the Maine Departments of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Environmental Protection (DEP).

The event is especially directed at owners and operators of public water systems, elected officials, homeowners and landowners, septic system professionals, homeowners’ associations, watershed organizations, civic groups, and any customers of a public water system who may be interested in protecting their drinking water source.

The SMART about Water Program is a cooperative effort among state and federal agencies, the National Environmental Services Center at West Virginia University, and RCAP. The goal of SMART about Water is to stimulate voluntary planning activities among small and very small community and non-community water systems with an emphasis on the issue of untreated wastewater from failing septic and sewer systems.

Source Water Protection is the first in a chain of multiple barriers that are available to guard the public health from contaminated drinking water. Protecting drinking water at the source has resulted in nearly eliminating the huge number of deaths that, at one time, resulted from contaminated drinking water.

The workshop will present an overview of the linkage among drinking water quality, private wastewater treatment and watershed development. The workshop will recommend guidelines and specific advice as to how public water systems can begin the planning process for ensuring that they will continue to have a safe drinking water supply in the future. In particular, the threat from failing septic systems will be addressed by helping to identify signs of failure, and what remedies may be taken to avoid failure and to keep septic systems functioning properly.

Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited, so please register early. Call 1 (800) 488-1969, ext. 6712, or e-mail dfoley@rcapsolutions.org to register. 0.2 Drinking Water Operator contact hours offered. For further information, call 539-5803.