2008 Ice Storm Knocks Out Power in So. New Hampshire

► Ice Storm Leaves Early Christmas Present

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warm, could cook in an electric skillet and had running water. Her generosity extended to 6 days and nights of togetherness that included four generations and three grandchildren ages 5, 3 and 1 year. Our days were filled with feedings, nap time, peek-a-boo and pampers. But in the evening after a skillet dinner that needed to pass the taste test for all ages, we retired to the living room, which with the help of two excited kids was illuminated by Christmas candles only. We talked about our family, what Santa would bring the children, and what we would do when the lights came back on. And best of all, we sang songs – Jingle Bells was a favorite along with Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We did our best to sing in rounds Row, Row, Row Your Boat, and Frere Jacques. Soon, the kids were bundled into their pajamas and shuffled off to bed, leaving the adults with plenty of time for conversation.

So thank you to my Secret Santas - the ice storm of 2008 and PSNH. The kids won't remember those fun nights of singing and story telling, but I'll never forget them. The best present I could receive – time with my family.

Sports Briefs

Souhegan Girls Cross Country Team Award Recipients

A banquet was held to honor the 33 members of the Souhegan High School Girls Cross Country Team on Wednesday November 5th. The following girls received special awards:

Left to Right top row:
- Varsity Senior Award - Anna Stauble
- Varsity Best Newcomer Award - Jil Sanchez
- Varsity Most Improved Award - Molly Mirhashem
- Freshman co-Most Valuable - Csilla Va'mos

Left to right bottom row:
- Varsity Coaches Award - Marissa Ashcraft
- Freshman co-Most Valuable - Rachel Springman
- Varsity Most Valuable - Leah Demarest

Missing from picture:
- Junior Varsity Most Improved - Kelly Ferguson

Souhegan Boys Cross Country Team Award Recipients

A banquet was held to honor the 28 members of the Souhegan High School Boys Cross Country Team on Wednesday November 5th. The following boys received special awards:

Left to Right top row:
- Varsity Best Newcomer Award - Hunter King
- Varsity Most Improved Award - Anthony Caruso
- Freshman Most Valuable Award - Bert DeForest

Left to right bottom row:
- Varsity Coaches Award - Ben Clemence
- Junior Varsity Most Improved Award- Sam Lowell

Missing from picture:
- Varsity Most Valuable Award - Chris Merra
- Varsity Senior Award - Dylan Schultz

Snow Named to NEC All-Tournament Team

Carsten Snow of Amherst was recently named to the Northeast Conference (NEC) All-Tournament Team for field hockey. Snow and her Sacred Heart teammates met Rider University in the semi-final match up of the tournament. Unfortunately Sacred Heart fell 2-0 in the contest. Snow was named for her strong play at midfield. The game was also the final one for Snow as she finishes her fourth season for the Pioneers. For the season the Sacred Heart squad finished 3rd in the NEC, compiling a 5-2 record in league play and 7-12 overall. Non-league games included some difficult opponents like UConn, Northwestern, and Miami of Ohio. Snow appeared in 17 games with 5 starts both on defense and at midfield. She recorded one shot on goal.

In her career she played in 55 of 79 games with 20 starts and recorded 12 shots. In 2005 Sacred Heart captured their first NEC championship. Snow was also named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division I Academic Squad for 3 consecutive years maintaining a GPA above 3.3. She will be graduating with a BS in Sociology in May 2009 and plans to attend grad school next fall for Urban Planning and Development.

Prior to playing for Sacred Heart University, Snow was a member of the Souhegan Sabers undefeated state champion field hockey team in 2004.

SHS Boys Basketball Teams Deliver Strong Performance at Kearsarge Regional Scrimmage

Both the varsity and junior varsity boys basketball teams came away with scrimmage wins over Kearsarge Regional HS last week. The varsity Sabers prevailed by a score of 53-50, with sophomore forward Ryan Redmond leading the way with 14 points and 7 rebounds. Seniors Jake Gaffney and Mike Dwinell also led the rebounding effort with 7 apiece. After the Sabers took a 42-32 lead with 3 minutes left in the 3rd quarter, Kearsarge came back to tie the game at 47 in the 4th quarter. However, a key basket by Redmond and a free throw conversion by captain Stephen Daigneau down the stretch sealed the victory for Souhegan.

In the early matchup, the JV Sabers won convincingly at Kearsarge 68-43. Captains Seth Cordts and Nick Hession led a strong defensive effort which was given a huge assist by Nick Calvetti. Brendon McKenna, Wesley Crowell, and Zach Polio contributed nicely to give Souhegan a large rebounding margin over Kearsarge which was a big factor in the win.

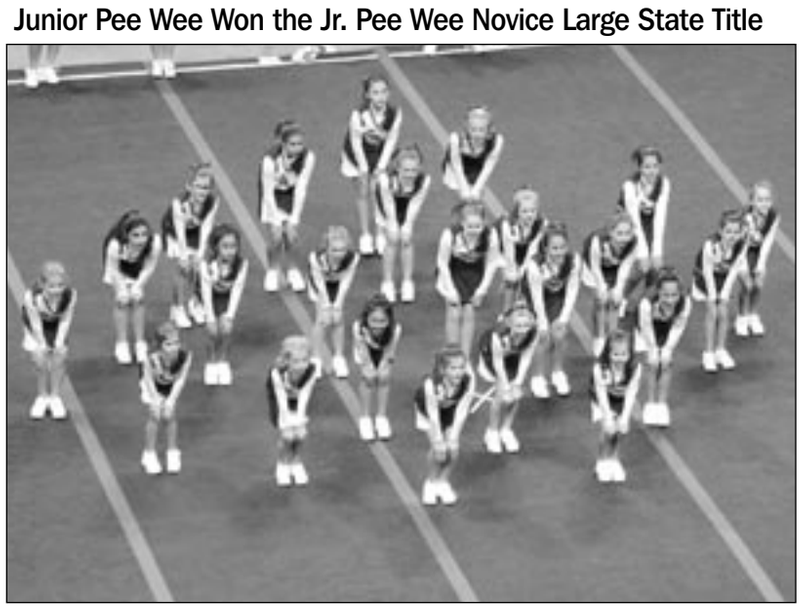
Local Student Named to Wells College Team

AURORA - Idolyn Villiotti of Amherst, a student at Wells College in Aurora, New York, is a member of the Wells College Swimming team during the 2008-2009 winter season.

Wells is a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III member and joined the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) in Fall 2007.

Competing Cheer Squads from the Amherst Patriots

Junior Pee Wee Won the Jr. Pee Wee Novice Large State Title



Corrected names: Junior Pee Wees
Cayley Barry, Hunter Baum, Kara Bossi, Morgan Brown, Sierra Byrne, Rhonda Card, Caterina Coppola, Abby Cranney, Brenna Desborough, Mackenzie Kinney, Grace LaFrance, Natalie Larson, Vanessa Lee, Christine Liu, Sophia Mancini, Lindsey Miller, Miranda Moscatelli, Allie Pattelena, Carli Quinn, Jessica Redd, Kathryn Rondeau, Samantha Speer, Marissa Walker. Head Coach, Cindy Bossi, Asst Coaches, Heather Walker, Ellen Barry, Kristin Desborough, Howard Brown. Team Parent Laurie Coppola