

EDITORIAL & COMMENT

TALES OF HOPE

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.
Charles Dickens

Trees For Troops Brings The Spirit Of Christmas

Reflection On Fur

To The Editor:

I was shocked and sickened by the pictures of dead animal fur. Who today wears cruelty with a laugh when so many faux furs and other ways to keep warm are available?

These furs were obtained in unspeakably cruel ways.

Animals need their fur much more than we do. I hope I never see such a heartless lack of compassion and morality in the future.

Sadly,
Jack Hurley
Claremont

The Christmas Tree cut-your-own season is off to a good start, according to Pati and Marshall Patmos of Farmstead Acres in Westmoreland. In addition to having trees, wreaths, and other Christmas products available, they continue to be a supporter and collection point for donations to the National Christmas Tree Association "Trees for Troops" program.

Trees for Troops, a program of the National Christmas Tree Association through its Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, provides free farm-grown Christmas Trees to members of all branches of the military and their families at more than 65 bases in the US and overseas. Through cash contributions, donated Christmas trees, the work of many volunteers, and the support of shipping sponsor FedEx, Trees for Troops has brought the spirit of Christmas to thousands of deserving service men and women and their families. About 20,000 trees per year have been distrib-

uted since the program inception in 2005. The effort is a great way to help bring the spirit of Christmas to the men and women serving the country.

People interested in helping the effort can participate in a number of ways. Locally, cash donations or checks made out to "Trees for Troops" can be delivered or sent to Farmstead Acres, 143 London Road, Westmoreland, NH 03467, where they will be forwarded along with donations collected from Christmas Tree customers. Donations made out to Tress For Troops can also be sent directly to the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, PO Box 3729, Littleton, CO 80161.

Shopping on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and selecting Christmas Spirit Foundation as the charitable organization (donating 0.5% of purchases) is yet another way to donate.

For more details or to donate online, visit www.treesfortroops.org.

God Will Always Be There

*God will always be there
When you're going through a tough time
And you feel all alone
Like nobody's home
You think life just isn't fair!*

*Sometimes you think you should blame yourself
For what happened to somebody else
But you gotta live life, you gotta go on
You'll get through it, you can do it.*

*God will always be there
When you think life isn't fair
God will always care
He'll answer your prayer.*

*So don't give up on life
God always has a plan
You don't always understand
You think you're stuck in the sand.*

*God will comfort you
He will bring you through
God will always be there
God will always care.*

Rachel Depew

Final Week Of Christmas Tree Sales To Benefit Service Trip



Seven of the 12 MWHS Class of 2018 students: (L to R) Sarah Wendy Burman, Elias Elliot, Yiheng Wei, Tristan Archibald, Emily Ulrich, Taja Nadeau, and Zachary Dafeldecker.

Christmas trees and kissing balls will be for sale for a final week at Monadnock Waldorf High School at 146 School Street in Keene. Sales are scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 16th and – if supplies last – Sunday, December 17th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, call 603-903-0064.

Funds raised from these sales benefit the non-profit organization From Houses to Homes and the Class of 2018 service trip to Guatemala. Seniors

will travel to Guatemala's highlands to build homes for the poorest indigenous families currently living in makeshift homes constructed of cornstalk or cardboard walls with dirt floors. In a week, the class will build two houses. It's work that changes lives – both the family's and the volunteers' – one home at a time.

To learn more about Monadnock Waldorf School, visit monadnockwaldorfschool.org or call 603-357-4442.

On Your Way To Your Best Smile ~ Keene Orthodontic Specialists

Orthodontics For Kids & Adults, New Digital Intraoral Scanner, Invisalign Premier Provider, And Ice Cream!

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Taylor Allain is having her teeth scanned by Ashley Wilson of Keene Orthodontic Specialists.

Educating the patient is a priority at Keene Orthodontic Specialists, and an initial evaluation by Miller is always complimentary.

"Our practice is not only focused on you achieving a beautiful and healthy smile, but also providing you with the highest level of patient care in the Keene area," says Dr. Lance Miller.

This local orthodontic provider isn't specifically for children, as Miller is seeing more and more adults of all ages (from 30s to 80s!) coming in for an Invisalign treatment. Invisalign is the most advanced orthodontic system that offers clear aligners (no brackets or wires) that help transform a person's smile more comfortably and effectively.

"We have grown substantially in our Invisalign patients this past year," says Miller, who is ranked as an Invisalign Premier Provider.

Keeping up with technology, a digital intraoral scanner was added to the practice this year. With the aid of a wand, the teeth are scanned, which then generates a true replica of the patient's oral anatomy as a 3D model onto a computer screen. This impressive piece of technology is easier and faster than its

now antiquated impressions counterpart (no goopy mess or unpleasant taste!), and there is a quick turnaround from the lab. The patient's experience is more comfortable, allows them to see their oral impression on a large screen, and can actually cut down on appointments needed.

"We pride ourselves on delivering exceptional patient care and experience while continuing to bring the latest technology into our office," Miller continues, about this advancement in technology.

This state-of-the-art practice – where building healthy and beautiful smiles is the goal – has gone through some improvements over the past year. With the expertise of architect Katie Sutherland of KCS Architects in Keene, the interior was renovated to a comfortable-contemporary look: open and airy, well lit, lighter wall and wood colors replaced darker shades throughout, counter surfaces and edges are sleek and rounded, and the seating in the roomy reception area is ultra comfy. The bonus to the reception area is an ice cream machine for both youth and adults to enjoy a special treat after an appointment.

Miller's foundation, Smile for a Lifetime, is a charitable non-profit organization that gives free orthodontic treatment to children whose parents could not afford the cost of braces. "Kids aren't responsible for their parents financial situation. My goal is to be able to do this for six children a year." For more details about this scholarship, visit www.keeneortho.com.

Keene Orthodontic Specialists is also behind many community endeavors, such as funding the annual Free SAT Prep program at the Keene Public Library, and providing high-quality mouth guards to individual athletes and teams – free of charge. And, for some in-house fun, every other month there is a new contest for patients to play; each completed entry goes into a drawing for a fun prize.

In addition to the Keene location, Keene Orthodontic Specialists has two other offices: 54 Chicker- ing Drive in Brattleboro, VT and 31 Sonja Drive in Rindge.

"It is super convenient to have appointments available in Rindge – where we live – as well," says Jamie Jacqueline. "I recommend Keene Orthodontic to all of my friends with kids."

Keene Orthodontic Specialists has free WiFi access, offers easy financing options, and are the ones to help you on your way to your best smile!

For more details or to set up your free complimentary evaluation, call 603-352-8661 or email smile@keeneortho.com.

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