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Gathering to honor former Chief Dana Littlefield (front, second from right) who retired after 23 years were Carrabassett Valley and Kingfield firefighters: (back, left to right) Kingfield Fire Chief Chuck Twitchell, Fred Nichols, Carrabassett and Kingfield Deputy Chief Bob Carlton, David Harrison, Chip Eames, Charles Hinkley, Thornton Ring, Phil Shurtleff Sr., Michael Lempert, Pete Boucher, (second row) Mahlon Hansen Carrabassett Fire Chief Courtney Knapp, Earl Connor, Hubert Norton, Aaron Boone, (front row) Ethan Gile, Torin Twitchell, Littlefield and Phil Shurtleff Jr.



The bell of the North New Portland Community Church is lifted back into the belfry after both it and the church had major renovations and repairs done.



Zoe Grant, 13, mingles with some of the 24 alpacas and two llamas at the Good Karma Farm in Kingfield, owned by her parents, Jim and May Grant. Good Karma was one of many farms that held an open house for Maine Alpaca Open Farm weekend last September.

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formed a partnership so that the local TV station could continue to offer its unique brand of programming. After serving as the town manager for New Portland for over 12 years, Andrea Reichert retired from that position to take one at Poland Spring in Kingfield.

November

Androscoggin Superior Court ruled that Saddleback and others violated the Maine Human Rights Act when Master Electrician and foreman, Robert Duggan, was fired from Saddleback's worksite for reporting serious electrical safety hazards and unlicensed workers doing electrical work. Mt. Abram's boys' soccer team defeated Georges Valley in semi final action, 1-0, to move on to the Western C finals. Maine's Election Day referendum saw the repeal of the beverage tax endorsed by voters, who also knocked down a casino for Oxford County, but the drinking water/waste water bond was approved. For the area, one of the biggest questions was whether MSAD #58 voters would approve or shoot down the consolidation plan; they shot it down.

December

A local hunter was accidentally shot when he was on

the further side of a deer his nephew fired on. The hunter was taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons. The Tranten family of Kingfield was in the middle of opening a new store in Farmington at the old Riddles Drug Store location. Harley Lee of Endless Energy Corporation was trying to breathe new life into his Redington Wind Farm project by asking the town of Carrabassett Valley to annex part of Redington Township so that the wind farm would come under the town's purview and not LURC's. Between 28 and 32 inches of snow fell on the area in time for Christmas, with Eustis reporting a whopping 42 inches. In an early morning fire, the Porter House Restaurant in Eustis burned. While the front of the house remained intact, the kitchen area was a total loss. The building was 100 years old this year.

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Cars crossing the United States border at Coburn Gore enter a new radiation portal monitor. The non-intrusive machine, in place by September, detects both legitimate and illegitimate radiation and is one of 374 located at borders across the U.S.



Abby Hansen Masterman, a new intern at Mt. Abram Regional Health Center in Kingfield, holds 10-day-old Jasper Mello of Strong.