



## Inside the huddle

The Rangeley Lakes Region High School boys' basketball team receives some final words of inspiration from Laker head coach Matt Clark during a game against EWC rival Buckfield. (Dan Fayen photo)

## Bobcats rally to beat Lakers

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*Richmond, 46 — Rangeley, 28*

RANGELEY — The Lakers' tough 3-2 defense and hot perimeter shooting had the top-ranked visiting Richmond Bobcats (14-1) fighting for dear life and trailing 11-5 after one quarter on Friday evening, Jan. 29.

The Rangeley boys' basketball coach wanted to slow the potent Richmond transition game down entering the "Senior Night" contest and his strategy seemed to work as the Bobcats had a difficult time penetrating Rangeley's zone defense.

Rangeley junior guards Regan Sargent and Jordan Richard had the hot hands for Rangeley as they led the Lake

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## Richmond tops Rangeley girls

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*Rangeley, 43 — Richmond, 32*

RANGELEY — The Rangeley Lady Lakers fell short 43-32 in their bid to topple the division-leading Richmond Lady Bobcats at home on Friday, Jan. 29.

A full house packed the Rangeley Lakes Region Community School on "Senior Night." The Lady Lakers (10-6) have been on a roll with a six-game win-streak and ranked fourth in the latest MPA Heal standings.

Rangeley played the taller Lady Bobcats tough the first half and led the visitors by three at the break, 23-20.

The Lady Lakers struggled in the second half as they tried to generate an offense but were outscored by

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## Handicapped Skiing launches new programs for school vacation week

NEWRY — Maine Handicapped Skiing, the State's leader in adaptive recreation programming for children and adults with physical disabilities, has expanded its capacity to serve more children and working families this winter during the February school vacation week. Thanks to new sponsor Saddleback Resort and a partnership with the Pine Tree Society, more young people with disabilities will have the opportunity to ski and ride during days that are convenient for families, therapists and caregivers.

MHS's newest alpine program host site and sponsor is Saddleback in Rangeley. The resort has provided space, lift tickets and other support to enable MHS to deliver adaptive skiing and snowboarding lessons there from Tuesday, Feb. 16 through Friday, Feb. 19. As is the case with all MHS programs, participants in the Saddleback program receive lessons, lift tickets and equipment at no cost, thanks to the generosity of the resort and the time and talent of MHS's volunteer instructors and guides.

MHS will also partner that week with another of Maine's leaders in serving people with disabilities, Pine Tree Society, in delivering a winter overnight camp for children aged 8 to 18 with physical disabilities. The first annual Winter Wonderland Camp will take place Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 21 at Pine Tree Camp in Rome. Campers will stay in Pine Tree's heated cabins and will enjoy arts and crafts, snowmobiling and other activities at the camp. MHS staff and volunteer instructors will provide a day of nordic skiing and snowshoeing, as well as a day of adaptive alpine skiing and snowboarding at Sugarloaf resort. The cost for this four-day program is \$150 to cover all meals, lodging, staffing and activities. Most physical disabilities can be accommodated at the camp and within each activity.

MHS also still has limited availability in adaptive alpine programs at Sunday River and Sugarloaf resorts during various days throughout the February school vacation week, as well as in adaptive cross country programs at Pineland and the Sunday River Cross Country Center at Wilderness House.

For more information or to register for any MHS programs, visit [www.skimhs.org](http://www.skimhs.org) or contact Maine Handicapped Skiing at [info@skimhs.org](mailto:info@skimhs.org) or 824-2440.

All daily lessons are free of charge for registered participants and all physical disabilities will be considered.

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