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Campaign announced to preserve Birch Ridge land

Association seeks to raise \$2M to protect "critical" area overlooking Merrymeeting Lake

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — There is a renewed local effort afoot to preserve a large, environmentally-sensitive parcel of land near Merrymeeting Lake.

Spearheaded by the Merrymeeting Lake Association (MMLA), the non-profit group has negotiated the purchase rights to acquire 2,038 acres on Birch Ridge overlooking the lake. To execute the tentative agreement that would prevent the land from ever being developed, the group will need to raise \$2 million by next spring.

To date, volunteers have raised about 10 percent of this amount in pledges; MMLA's

board is planning to mount an aggressive fundraising campaign to summon up the balance. In the meantime, a Maine-based harvester is expected to continue logging the site while MMLA seeks the support needed to secure the purchase.

If successful, MMLA intends to let the swaths of clear-cut land eventually revert back to a mature forest that future generations can enjoy and help maintain the lake's water quality at the bottom of the ridge.

The opportunity

A statement on the MMLA web site reads, "We have until April 2019 to complete the transaction. We will

be working this year to raise funds from various land conservation groups, state and local assistance groups, and from all lake residents to close the deal and save this key piece of land by placing it into permanent conservation."

"We had a chance once to conserve the parcel before and fell short," said MMLA president Bill Bassett. "[B]ut we learned from that and are very optimistic."

One reason for optimism is that the sale price is half of what needed to be raised a decade ago.

That earlier effort involved a partnership between the town, a statewide forest con-

servation organiza-

tion, and MMLA. Bassett, who has served on the association board for four years, described the

parcel as one of "critical importance" on many fronts.

He said that if the group is successful "there would be many

community benefits."

Bassett noted that "quality of life" considerations are high on the list. He said the

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Unifying Barnstead Elementary School

Elementary school introduces program allowing special education students to compete alongside classmates

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BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Elementary School is continuing its drive toward inclusion through its first foray into unified sports - a basketball team that played its first game recently.

Unified sports is an initiative of the Special Olympics, whose mission is, according to the SONH website, "promoting social inclusion through sport."

Unified teams consist of student athletes who participate in a school's special education program and play alongside non-special education "buddies" in league competitions against other schools.

The Special Olympics web site states that unified sports programs "join people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team."

BES joins several other area schools in establishing such teams. For example, Alton Central, which BES matched up against in late February, is another such school. Additionally, the PMHS program is in its sec-

ond season and offers unified students with a suite of sports options including basketball, soccer and volleyball. In each of these sports, kids with special needs compete on the same team with student athletes who often perform at the varsity or JV level.

The Special Olympics web site summarizes, "[Unified sport] was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding."

In a statement, BES special education director Emily Reese wrote, "This was some of the most fun that I have ever had. It reminded me what an amazing community of

students, teachers, and staff we have here at BES."

Reese credited athletic director Ryan McKenna and paraeducators Shawnda Hopkins and Shelli Vardaro for their efforts to pull the squad together and get them into game-ready condition.

Reese noted that the opportunity to participate in a sport is of vital importance to students with special needs. "Our unified kiddos were in their glory and their peers were exemplary citizens, unwavering in their support, patience, and kindness," she wrote.

The game with ACS also provided the BES community with an

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Fun in the sun

Sawyer and Camden Hills and their parents brought a little beach reading on their recent visit to Cape Coral, Fla., to visit family. They reported it was great to get away from the snow and cold for some fun in the sun. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

Cruiser, election law among items on BOS docket

BY MARK FOYNES

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NEW DURHAM — The acquisition of a new police cruiser and the town's stance on a proposed state law that would affect how municipalities manage local elections were among the items discussed at the March 28 board of selectmen's meeting.

With Selectman Cecile Chase unable to be present with an excused absence, it was determined at the outset that any action items not pre-

sending a clear majority would be tabled until a later date. Such a scenario did not arise.

The session began with resident Corey White giving an overview of his efforts over the past year to gain approval for a permit to build a house on a Class VI road. He explained the waivers and permits that he's obtained. Chairman David Swenson read a letter submitted by former Selectman Ron Gehl providing a historical summary of the town's stance toward such endeavors. The letter claimed the town had yet to approve such an application "under the circumstances presented in the application."

Resident and former Selectman Terry Jarvis said she's not aware of a case where an applicant was given a comparable list of conditions. She spoke in favor of approving the application as a means of generating new tax revenue.

John Chase said he "is happy Libby Road will be brought up to Class V standards;" he also expressed concern about "how strict the town will be with bringing road classes up, explaining there are lots being sold as buildable across the road from his property."

Swenson responded by saying that applications need to go through the process with the planning board, ZBA, and the board of selectmen. He indicated that the applicant had done

the necessary legwork. The application was granted.

During the public input session, resident Ron Uyeno, citing the three-vote margin by which the budget passed at town meeting, asked how the town plans to move forward in FY18. Swenson attributed the slim margin "to erroneous information in publications, and clarified the budget was increased by 5.1 percent, not 10 percent." He said the BOS and the town plan to work within the approved operating budget for the upcoming year.

During the new business session, resident Joan Swenson presented her Human Resource Policy Rewrite for review and discussion. At a previous meeting, she volunteered to draw upon her professional background to assist with a revision. A workshop session for further review of the documents was set for April 2 at 7 p.m.

Also under new business, the nominations of Robin Bickford and Bob Bickford to the 1772 Meetinghouse Committee were approved. Swenson said both have been actively involved in efforts to restore the historic structure.

A discussion on a potential amendment to the assessing contract, deemed "not satisfactory" by Selectman Swenson, was postponed until

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Jumping in the snow

Prospect Mountain's Grace Hardie competes in the triple jump at Inter-Lakes High School on Tuesday, April 3, during the team's first meet of the season. See the story on page B3.

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Kingswood drama takes home state title

Original production "Silent Movie" earns praise from adjudicators

BOW — The cast and crew of Kingswood Theater are state champions. On Saturday, April 7, in the Bow High School auditorium, Kingswood Regional High School was awarded the coveted plaque for having the best production at the New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild's State Festival. Kingswood Theater's production of Silent Movie was named Best Production and Qualifier to the New England Drama Festival. This is Kingswood Theater's first win since 2012.

In addition to the entire group placing first, Kingswood Theater's technical designer, Meg Roche, was awarded the prestigious Sarah P. Bunkley Award for Best Technical Design at the State Festival. This is Kingswood's third Bunkley Award in five years.

The Saturday afternoon performance of Silent Movie, an original script, dazzled audiences at the festival, garnering an enthusiastic standing ovation both for the performance as well as a mind-blowing three-minute set strike afterwards.

Three professional adjudicators then offered feedback. Adjudicator William Howell said the show was a, "Terrific blend of technical and performative excellence that



THE KINGSWOOD drama program won the New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild's State Festival.

resulted in an awe-inspiring production." Veteran NHETG adjudicator Kevin Gardner described it as, "an outstanding piece of original theater performed by a wonderful cast under sure-handed direction. It is one of the most entertaining and skillful productions this adjudicator has seen in the

NHETG festival." He added, "This will be an experience that I will remember for years to come." Susanna Brent, the third adjudicator described it simply as, "A triumph."

After all the participating schools performed, members of the New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild (which includes

all of the students participating) held an election of new board officers. Kingswood director Scott Giessler was voted in as the organization's new president. Giessler has previously served as NHETG secretary and vice president. Roche was elected one of three student board members.

During the evening's awards ceremony, the adjudicators presented All-Star Company Awards to individual actors and designers for their performances and technical work. Breaking from the traditional formula of selecting one or two actors to highlight, the adjudicators bestowed upon Silent Movie an All-Star Company Award for Excellence in Ensemble Acting, which recognized the superior achievements of the entire cast.

Despite its rarity for most schools, this is an award that has been given to Kingswood many times over. Cast member and Kingswood senior Joie Milbourn, notes that, "Our constant receiving of this award is a total vindication of Kingswood's no-cutting policy." Although receiving this award was a victory in and of itself, the evening was just getting started for Kingswood.

The next item presented was the Sarah P. Bunkley Award for Best Technical Design at the State Festival. This is a one-of-a-kind award presented to just one student in the entire festival for superior technical design in either costuming, set design, lights

and/or sound. Bunkley herself was there to give the award, and presented it to Roche, Silent Movie's technical design and director.

The awards ceremony was then capped off by naming the two schools to receive Best Production and Qualifier to the New England Drama Festival. The first to be named was Concord High School. The second was Kingswood Regional High School.

Upon arrival back in Wolfeboro, Kingswood was met at the town line by a police escort who led the group triumphantly back to the Kingswood Arts Center. Banners for the group and for Roche will be erected in the Arts Center lobby during the Circle of Champions ceremony at the end of the year.

Kingswood now advances to the New England Drama Festival on April 26, 27 and 28, which just happens to be hosted this year at Gilford High School, right around the lake. At the time of this article, the performance time was not available, however all the latest information on the New England Drama Festival schedule can be found at nedrama.org.

Annual Home, Garden and Recreation Show is April 21

ALTON — Rotarian Jeremy Dube, Chair of the Alton, Barnstead and New Durham Centennial Rotary club's 11th annual Home, Garden and Recreation Show, April 21, Prospect Mountain High, Alton, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., is pleased to announce, "We are very excited about the large number of local and regional businesses and organizations that have signed up for booth space this year. To date

we already have over 75 exhibitors registered and assigned their booth spaces. There's still room left for only 2-4 more booths and still space open for outdoor exhibitors."

This year's show will feature a number of new and interesting products and services; a former Walt Disney artist will do your caricature, an antiques dealer, (bring two hand-held antiques and for a very small fee learn

how much they are worth and a little history too), dog training demo, solar design and installation costs, plus a farmers' market, a representative from the UNH Master Gardener program, WASR radio, food sales, tick and mosquito control and a chance to win a 50-inch HDTV and other prizes. The major sponsor for the show is TDS and they'll be on hand to answer your questions and promote their ser-

vices. The Alton Home Show is the only not-for-profit home show in New England, therefore costs for booth space is very low.

Any business or organization interested in participating as an exhibitor, call Duane Hammond at 569-3745 or go to www.theacrc.org to sign-up.

Preschool movie, sewing class on tap at Oscar Foss

BARNSTEAD — Join the Oscar Foss Memorial Library for a showing of "Ferdinand" on Tuesday, April 17, at 11 a.m. Children up through age five are welcome. They will provide snacks and some comfy seating but extra pillows and stuffies are always welcome.

Beginner sew-along

Join in at the library on April 19 at 6 p.m. and learn how to make a zippered pouch. Danielle will teach the basics of inserting a zipper and creating a makeup or pencil pouch. If you have your own sewing machine, please bring it

along. You will also have the option of learning to sew by hand. There is a minimal cost for supplies and pre-registration is required. The small fee is due prior to the workshop. Registration can be done online at oscarfoss.org, or by calling 269-3900. This workshop is for ages 12 and up.

Teen poetry slam

April is National Poetry Month. Come share your original poem or recite a favorite poem at the teen poetry slam. The first part of the evening will be scheduled performers, with an open mic to follow. Refreshments will

be served. Poems must be submitted in advance to Lindsey or Melissa. They can be dropped off at the library or e-mailed to lindsey.ofml@gmail.com or melissa.ofml@gmail.com. Please add "poetry slam" to the subject line and be sure to include your name and contact information. Contact the library at 269-3900 with any questions you may have.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about the library's programs or events. There is always something happening at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

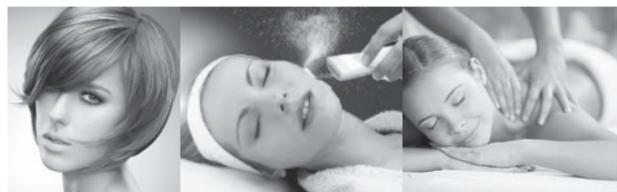
Locke Lake meeting is April 19

BARNSTEAD — The next Locke Lake Colony Association public board of directors meeting will be held on

Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

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PMHS FBLA brings home honors from state conference

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed in the State Leadership Conference March 29-30 in Manchester. This conference is comprised of workshops, guest speakers, caucusing, a dance, and competing in competitive events. Students compete against other FBLA students from across the state.

PMHS students were very successful. Tiffany White and Kaci Gilbert placed first in the Partnership With A Business Competition, as well as second in Business Ethics. Hailey Kean placed second in Job Interview, and Amity Wilson placed second in Impromptu Speaking. Gabriela d'Empaire-Poirier and Sydney DeJager placed third in Publication Design.

Four students, Abigail Thomas, Gabrielle Fosset, Gilbert and White, earned the first ever New Hampshire Business Achievement Awards (BAA). All four students earned the future level, and White also earned the business level. As a chapter, PMHS was named as



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THE PROSPECT MOUNTAIN FBLA took part in the State Leadership Conference at the end of March.

an honorary chapter, received second place in a state officer's project (United Starts With You), as well as third place in the Scrapbook/Historian Competition. Ms. Cove, the chapter's adviser was also named Local Chapter Adviser of the Year for the State of New Hampshire.

The group qualified to compete in seven events at the National Leadership Conference in June, held in Baltimore, Md.

Grange hosting gardening seminar

BARNSTEAD — On Tuesday evening, April 17, the Barnstead Community Grange has invited Master Gardener Roz Mason to come and talk about what people all should be interested in, gardening. At the last get together, people had some questions raised about wanting to know about starting a garden and such things. So the Grange looked around and found Mason, who is all prepared answer those types of questions

and many more. Mason has been around gardens all her life, playing in the dirt so they say, but she got real serious a couple of years ago and got herself qualified as an Advanced Master Gardener. She's been keeping busy answering questions at the UNH Cooperative Extension answer line and doing presentations like she will be doing on April 17.

Mason will be touching on developing a garden plan, choosing a lo-

cation, creating a layout and getting started, along with information on soil testing, seeds, plants, equipment, supplies, weeds, diseases and pests, harvesting and storage. It's been designed for people interested in starting their first garden, but old time gardeners could come by and pick up some useful information and maybe even pass on a piece of their own.

So, mark the date, Tuesday, April 17, at the Oscar Foss Memorial

Library in Center Barnstead at 7:30 p.m. This event is being brought to you by the Barnstead Community Grange in cooperation with the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Anyone interested in getting more information on the meeting or the Barnstead Community Grange, just search Barnstead Community Grange on Facebook, RSVP to info@bcgrange.org or just come on down, refreshments will be served.

Learn about poor houses with Alton Historical Society

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society has received a grant from New Hampshire Humanities to host Steve Taylor to present Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers. Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers will be presented on April 17 at 7 p.m. in Alton's Gilman Library. The program is free and light refreshments will be served.

Taylor, scholar, farmer, journalist and longtime public official as well as founding executive of the NH Humanities Council, will talk about New Hampshire's houses and farms for the poor from the earliest settlements through most of the 1800s. Following England's 1601 Poor Law, the colonies collected taxes for the care of the poor, but the honest poor, widows,

orphans and disabled were mixed in with the vagrants and cheaters when farmers/citizens were paid to take these people into their homes. The poor houses and farms were established in the state around 1830 as a way to hopefully distinguish between the two. Later, county institutions became the norm with their own set of problems.

And yes, Alton did

have a poor farm. The New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

For more information, contact Sandy at sandy2@metrocast.net.

Author, book giveaway in New Durham on Monday

NEW DURHAM — Published author Marty Kelly will be at the New Durham Public Library bright and early on Monday, April 16, to read to pre-schoolers.

What's the occasion? Why would a busy author take time to get down on the floor with the youngest readers?

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) will tell you that establishing a love of reading is one of the most important things you can do for your child, and that it starts with newborns. As part of CLiF's mission to inspire kids to fall in love with books, it awards a variety of different grants.

This past year, the New Durham Public Library was designated a CLiF Rural Libraries grant recipient, which included free children's books for the stacks, programs at New Durham School, a monetary grant for a new literacy program, and storytelling events that feature book giveaways.

"We couldn't be more thrilled with the support CLiF has shown us," Library Director Cathy Allyn said. "And we're really looking forward to the upcoming pre-school event."

Stories begin at 9 a.m. for pre-school children of any age, even newborns. Kelly, who has

done many programs like this for CLiF, is a charismatic performer.

He will wind up around 9:20 a.m., and then all of the children in the audience are welcome to peruse the new, displayed books appropriate to their ages, and choose two to bring home for free.

Registration is not required for this free event. Following the book giveaway, the library will throw a party for the youngsters.

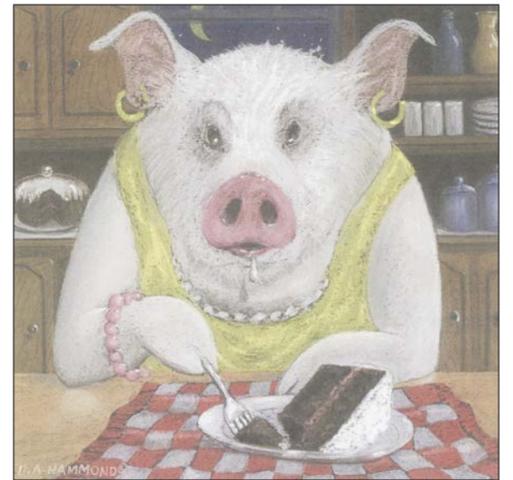
"We'll have food, music, and toys, and we'll bring out all of the different kinds of equipment we use for our little kid programs," Allyn said. "At the first

event, people stayed for a long time, just enjoying talking with each other while the kids played or paged through their new books."

Local pre-schools and day cares are also invited to attend. Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

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Another chance

Birch Ridge is back in the news. More than a decade ago, a 220-unit development was proposed on Birch Ridge, overlooking Merrymeeting Lake in New Durham. The proposal came before the town but after much objection from members of the community, the developer decided to move on and instead put the property up for sale for four million dollars.

A drive was organized to try and purchase the land to put it in conservation, led by the Merrymeeting Lake Association (MMLA) and supported by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. However, this fundraising drive came up well short of the funds needed to purchase the more than 2,000 acres.

The land was eventually sold to a logging company and that company has been logging the land since 2017 and it is expected that the cutting will probably end this year and the logging company is looking to sell the parcel, which has been cleared of trees and is no longer of use to them.

When it was revealed that the company was interested in selling, MMLA made its interest known and eventually a land broker and the MMLA came up with a price of two million dollars for the property, half of what the property was selling for more than a decade ago when the MMLA was trying to raise funds to purchase it.

The MMLA notes that it is confident that it can raise the funds for the purchase and before even making the conditional agreement public had collected 10 pledges of \$20,000 each, which covers 10 percent of the funding necessary to purchase the land.

The MMLA has also noted that despite the fact that the land has been stripped of its trees, it's still important to conserve the land as these landscapes tend to regenerate pretty quickly.

The MMLA praised Russ Weldon of Merrymeeting Market and Marina with helping to lead the way to collect pledge commitments and also praised everyone who has supported the effort so far.

It's interesting that more than a decade after the chance first came to purchase the land, the chance has arisen again and we are hopeful that this time around, the MMLA is able to raise the funds required to purchase the land before it can possibly be sold off to another developer.

We have nothing against development, but the Merrymeeting Lake area is a beautiful area and we support the MMLA in its bid to raise the funds to purchase this land. We hope that local residents who have a vested interest in this area (and those who don't but support conservation efforts in general) will support this chance to purchase a large parcel of land that is a big piece of the New Durham landscape.

Two million dollars is a lot of money, but it's much less than the four million needed more than a decade ago and we hope that the funds will continue to come in and the MMLA can come through with this purchase for the betterment of the Merrymeeting Lake community.



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Apache Awards

Alton Central School is happy to announce that Derek Pappaceno (left) and Greg Neveu were honored with "Apache Awards" for the month of April. The "Apache Awards" are chosen each month and are voted on by fellow staff members. Pappaceno currently teaches enrichment at ACS and Neveu is the director of instrumental music and general music teacher. The theme for the month of April was "A staff member who utilizes bulletin boards, pictures, web site, newspapers, morning announcements, or other means to communicate student achievements." As in the previous months, this award aligns with the school's strategic plan.

Letters to the Editor

What is wrong with representatives?

To the Editor:

What is wrong with our local representatives? On Feb. 15, the New Hampshire House passed a broad resolution against hate crimes by an overwhelming majority. The resolution had bipartisan sponsorship and the vote was 234 in favor and 69 against. Nevertheless, when we look to our three local representatives, Barbara Comtois, Raymond Howard and Peter Varney, we see that they all voted against it. Belknap County is making a name for itself as the only county in New Hampshire that voted against a resolution denouncing hate crimes. Representatives Comtois, Howard and Varney and seven other Republican

members of our county delegation can take full credit for embarrassing us all (and the two Republicans who voted in favor).

It should be noted that the resolution was a symbolic gesture that involved no cost to the taxpayers. All it did was signal that New Hampshire condemns the hate crimes that have become so common. It was a way of saying we are better than that. How sad it is that Representatives Comtois, Howard and Varney feel otherwise and could not find it in their hearts to make even this small gesture.

Ronald P. Blais
Barnstead

Register for town wide yard sale

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its 21st annual town wide yard sale on Saturday, June 2, rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to participate by having a yard sale at your house, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 before May 7 with your yard sale location. When calling please include your name, phone number and complete physical address.

Free maps will be available after May 25. Sign up today by calling 875-0109 or e-mail parks-rec@alton.nh.gov.

Camp Winnepesaukee
Two weeks of Sum-

mer Camp at the Alton Bay Community Center and Railroad Square Park, ages 7-11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation. July 9-13 - American Summer Bash Week featuring Camp Olympics, carnival activities, snow cones, face painting, photo booth, popcorn, swimming, games, cookout, s'mores, crafts and more. July 30-Aug. 3 - Adventure Week featuring an Egyptian escape room, mini golf, ice cream, pizza, mad science fun with slime, snorkeling, swimming and more. Register early for discounts before May 31. Registration forms available online

at www.alton.nh.gov. (Town Government/Parks and Recreation).

Wicked Cool Camps

Presented by Wicked Cool for Kids and Alton Parks and Recreation, camp is held Monday-Friday at the Alton Bay Community Center, grades K-5, July 16-20.

Wicked Cool Vet School is 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Become a veterinarian in training this week and learn about furry, flying and fishy friends. Make amazing animal models, build big bones, visit with a live animal and more.

Wicked Cool Science is 1-4 p.m. Grow giant glowing cubes, create crazy chemical reac-

tions, make glow sticks glow brighter, make a DNA necklace, harness the power of the sun and more.

See wickedcoolforkids.com for additional information. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov. (Town Government/Parks and Recreation).

British Soccer Camp

July 23-27 at Jones Field. Three programs available, ages 3-15 years. Register at challengersports.com.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m.

Feinberg elected to Colby-Sawyer student government

NEW LONDON — Jacob Feinberg of Center Barnstead has been elected secretary of Colby-Sawyer's Student Government Association. Feinberg majors in biology and is a member of the class of 2020.

Colby-Sawyer College is a comprehen-

sive college that integrates the liberal arts and sciences with professional preparation. The college's faculty, staff and students strive for excellence in an engaged teaching and learning community that fosters students' academic, intellectual, and personal growth.

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Living the musical dream

Kingswood grad prepares for release of debut EP

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BOSTON, Mass. — Stacey Kelleher has always had a love for music.

That love has taken her from the choir rooms of Kingswood Regional High School to the college campus of Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. and is now taking her down the path to the release of her first EP, which hits music outlets on Friday, April 13.

"I'm so excited," the Berklee junior stated. "It's been six or seven months working on it."

The Ossipee native's self-titled EP will feature four songs, all songs that she wrote, which started as part of her homework project as a songwriting major at Berklee.

"It's been kind of like my homework assignment for my classes," Kelleher said. "So I bring them to class and get feedback from teachers and my peers."

Kelleher has been working with a producer in Los Angeles, Calif. to help get the EP ready for release and while she's made two trips out to the West Coast over the last few months, much of the work has been done remotely. She said in an interview the weekend prior to her EP came out that she had just received a couple of new cuts to listen to.

"We're just finishing it up," she said.

Her single, "All I See," which was released already, will be on the album and was



COURTESY PHOTO

KINGSWOOD GRAD Stacey Kelleher's debut EP is due out on Friday, April 13. She will return to the Lakes Region on May 19 for a show at the Lone Wolfe in Wolfeboro.

the only song on the album that featured another musician, as she had a fellow Berklee student play the drums on the piece. She played guitar on one of the songs as well, but for the most part, the music on the EP is all done electronically.

And it surprised Kelleher how well it all sounded given the fact that it is all electronically-based.

"It sounds so full," she said. "It's amazing that it's all coming from the same keyboard and equipment."

Kelleher is planning to head to Los Angeles again this summer for an internship with a social media and marketing company that works with Live Nation to promote concerts and musical events but she is playing a couple of local shows next month before she makes the trip out west.

She will stop by the Lone Wolfe Brewing

Company in Wolfeboro on Saturday, May 19, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. for an acoustic set.

On Sunday, May 27, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. she will be playing at the Tamworth Lyceum as part of a round-style acoustic show.

The Kingswood graduate pointed out that the entire Berklee experience has been everything she could've dreamed of growing up. She started writing songs at the age of 10 and Berklee was a dream that she chased throughout high school, as she sang the National Anthem at different events and performed with various musical groups.

"It's amazing," she said of her college experience. "It's a lot of work, but I love it."

"I'm very fortunate to be able to be here with so many amazing people and to do this every day," she said.

The self-titled EP

will be out on April 13 and will be available on the traditional platforms, iTunes, Spotify, Apple Music, Google Play, Amazon Music, etc. Physical copies and merchandise will be available soon on

her web site at staceykellehermusic.com and she also said she plans on having physical copies available at the Lone Wolfe performance in May.

After one more year at Berklee, Kelleher

plans to return to Los Angeles to continue her budding music career.

Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

Auditions Sunday and Monday for Village Players summer show

WOLFEBORO — As Crimes of the Heart wraps up on the Village Players stage this weekend, the summer production of The Fox on the Fairway is ramping up with auditions this Sunday and Monday.

This summer will offer a chance to participate in one of the hilarious farces by Ken Ludwig. Ludwig wrote a number of other shows that the Village Players have produced, including Leading Ladies, Lend Me a Tenor and Moon Over Buffalo and he is known for his high-quality comedy pieces.

Bob Tuttle will be directing The Fox on the Fairway and is holding auditions at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, and Monday, April 16, at the Village Players Theater, located on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro. Performances are scheduled for July 27 through Aug 5. The Village

Players encourage anyone interested in performing in the show or working on the crew to come to auditions. All parts are available and all crew members are needed.

The Fox on the Fairway is a fast-paced farce spoofing the stuffy members of a private country club. This madcap adventure about love, life and of course, golf is filled with slamming doors, mistaken identities and more.

The roles they are expecting to fill include Henry Bingham (mid 40s), director of the Quail Valley Country Club. He is witty and cynical at times, much like Basil Fawlty from Fawlty Towers;

Pamela Peabody (39), a member of the Quail Valley Country Club. She is very attractive and sophisticated, but a bit loose and a bit of a drinker;

Justin Hicks (25), Bingham's new eager-to-please assistant, who volunteers his

services as a golfer to help Quail Valley win the golf tournament;

Louise Heindbedder (23), a waitress at the Quail Valley Country Club. She is very attractive, and a bit flighty, but studious;

Dickie Bell (mid 40s), the director of the rival Crouching Squirrel Country Club, with whom Bingham gets into a highstakes bet. He is a bit obnoxious, including his fashion sense, but tries to come off as goodnatured;

Muriel Bingham (40s), Bingham's wife, generally overbearing and stern, she somehow has a soft spot for Dickie.

Tuttle is looking forward to a good turnout for auditions, so please attend on April 15 or 16 to express your interest. If you are unable to attend either audition, please contact Tuttle at r86tuttle@gmail.com or producer Joshua Spaulding for off stage work at trumpet138@hotmail.com.

Brewster faculty member presents at national conference

WOLFEBORO — Brewster Academy faculty member Michelle Dodge presented at the National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA), national conference in Atlanta last week. Dodge, who is an environmental science teacher on Brewster's freshman team, presented the hands-on workshop, Authentic Assessments for All.

She walked participants through differentiated assessments, created using real-world applications, which better prepare students at all abilities to solve scientific problems.

Dodge holds a master's in science education from Montana State University and a B.S. in environmental studies and English

from Hobart and William Smith Colleges. She is the 2013 recipient of the Brewster Academy Arthur Morris Kenison Award for Career Growth.

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Pittsfield Players presenting Neil Simon show

PITTSFIELD — Carole Neveaux directs a stellar Pittsfield Players cast in Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn," the first play he ever wrote. If you listen carefully to the dialogue you'll hear the name of a character that didn't appear in another of his plays until five years later.

The setting is 1960s New York City and budding playwright, Buddy Baker, (presumably Neil Simon) has flown the coop. Literally. He's tired of his father, Harry Baker, not taking him seriously and being crowded at like a rooster whenever he comes home late

(or early in the morning), after all he just turned 25.

Buddy runs to his big brother's bachelor pad where brother, Alan, takes Buddy under his wing and teaches him how to be a real ladies man. Alan's reputation of parties, bars, late nights, ski weekends, golf outings and many women finally catches up with him though when main squeeze, Connie, pops the question.

In the meantime, Alan has set up little brother with wild Peggy, who will do almost anything for a part in one of Oscar Manheim's films. The



COURTESY PHOTO (Left) THE PITTSFIELD PLAYERS are planning their second venture of having an evening dinner/theatre night for their patrons. This will be in conjunction with the comedy by Neil Simon's play "Come Blow Your Horn," directed by Carole Neveaux, on May 4 and 5. Pictured are Scott Partridge, chef/owner of the Main Street Grille in Pittsfield and Neveaux. They are selecting three entre choices for the evenings. Picked were chicken marsala, baked haddock and steak tips. Included with the dinner will be salad and dessert. Last year, more than 40 people took advantage of this price saving combo. Reservations can be made by calling the theatre at 435-8852.

problem is Manheim doesn't exist. He's an MGM executive that

Alan made up to spend more time with good time, air-headed Peggy

while Connie is on the road pursuing her own career in the entertain-

ment industry.

The brothers' good time hits the fan when mom shows up and is determined to join their bachelor's den because she's no longer feeling the love from husband, Harry after 37 years of marriage. Hilarity ensues when mother is left alone with Alan's phone that seems to ring non-stop and Mrs. Baker figures out there must be some "carrying on" going on.

Ernie Bass plays Alan Baker, Jordan Gagan assumes the role of brother, Buddy, Mrs. Baker is played by Meggin Dail while husband Harry is performed by Marty Williams. Cathy Williams is featured as Connie and Alex Keyes as Peggy.

You'd be remiss if you didn't meet the Bakers and Connie and Peggy on May 4, 5 or 6 at the Scenic Theatre, home of The Pittsfield Players, 7:30 p.m. Please come early as they can only hold reserved seats until 7:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online through TicketLeap via www.pittsfieldplayers.com. For more information on the show, including "dinner and a show" tickets in conjunction with Main Street Grill, please call 435-8852.

LRSO presenting pops concerts on May 19 and 20

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of conductor and music director Benjamin Greene, invites you to the final concerts of its spectacular 2017-2018 season with two performances on Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m. Both performances are at Inter-Lakes Auditorium in Meredith.

Sit back and enjoy the eclectic mix of timeless themes from Broadway and beyond, performed pops-style with special guest vocalist and theatre performer Abigail Dufresne. Dufresne will showcase her unique

vocal versatility with selections ranging from "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables, Barbra Streisand's enduring "Evergreen," Michel Legrand's haunting "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life" and other Broadway medleys. The LRSO delights with popular instrumental classics from Leroy Anderson including "The Typewriter" and "Blue Tango" and hits including "Fiddler on the Roof," "Pink Panther," "The Shadow of Your Smile" and many, many more.

If you've never experienced a live orchestra performance, the orchestra invites the public to

explore this concert adventure. If you're a long-time patron of the LRSO and the performing arts, they look forward to seeing you again.

Dufresne attends the University of Rhode Island, where she will receive a BFA in acting and costume design, and has studied theatre at The Stella Adler Studio of Acting. She fell in love with performing at the age of 10 when she proudly portrayed a hamburger in a children's theatre production of Willy Wonka and has never looked back.

Dufresne has performed in Italy, Canada and across the Northeast. Some of her theatre credits include Spring Awakening, On the Town, The Music Man, Legally Blonde, Guys and Dolls, Antigone, The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, and Much Ado

About Nothing.

This May 19 and 20 concerts are the final concerts of the LRSO's 2017-2018 season. Last May's "Sinatra" concert was sold out. These pops concerts sell quickly - don't delay. Tickets are available online at www.LRSO.org/tickets, by phone at 800-838-3006, and at ticket outlets Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith and Greenlaw's Music in Laconia.

The LRSO wants to thank its concert sponsor Bank of New Hampshire, and all its patrons, for supporting the orches-

tra this year. Next year's season will be announced soon, so please join the mailing list at www.LRSO.org or follow the LRSO on Facebook at LRSO1.

The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra is a Meredith-based, non-profit orchestra that performs throughout the fall, winter, and spring months. Orchestra members range in age from teens through retired seniors, representing more than 36 communities in the Lakes Region and beyond.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 167 calls for service during the week of April 1-7, including four arrests.

One female subject

was arrested for willful concealment.

One male subject was arrested for theft.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

There was one motor vehicle summons arrest.

There were three motor vehicle accidents.

There was one theft at Hannaford's.

There were eight suspicious person/activity reports on Suncook Valley Road (three), Finethy Road, Main Street, Bowman

Road, Homestead Place and Prospect Mountain Road.

Police made 48 motor vehicle stops and handled five motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 102 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One background/record check, one assist fire department, one fraudulent action, one pistol permit application, two animal complaints, one juvenile incident, three domestic complaints, six general assistance, one miscellaneous, one wanted person/fugitive, seven alarm activations, two lost/found properties, four highway/roadway hazards, five general information, two vehicle ID checks, one civil standby, two civil matters, four wellness checks, seven community programs, one disabled motor vehicle, 29 directed patrols, three motor vehicle lockouts, one OHRV complaint, 13 property checks and three paperwork services.



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Alton	22 Rattlesnake Island	Single-Family Residence	\$12,333	Linda E. Horton	David N. Night (for Light-Harrington Fiscal Trust)
Alton	Rines Road	Residential Developed Land	\$39,333	Linda J. Mansfield	Billy A. and Deanna A. Rowley
Barnstead	54 Peacham Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$175,000	Jean-Paul H. Bernier	Rachel A. and Phillip A. Giunta
Barnstead	193 Province Rd.	N/A	\$227,533	Clear Creek Properties	Austin B. Plummer
Barnstead	8 Sands Terrace	Single-Family Residence	\$85,000	USA HUD	Peter Arvanitis
New Durham	283 Old Bay Rd.	Multi-Family Residence	\$255,000	Robert P. and Crystal A. Chofay	Traynor Cully and Ashley Karatsanos
New Durham	61 Tash Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$88,000	David A. Bickford	Elizabeth R. Bilodeau

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are

usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and

data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.

Grafting workshop in Milton on April 14

MILTON — On Saturday, April 14, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) and Branch Hill Farm/Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust will offer an apple tree grafting class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the barn at Branch Hill Farm, 307 Applebee Road in Milton Mills. The class will be taught by Jared Kane, owner of Jug Hill Orchards, and will take place rain or shine.

Kane started his own cider specific apple orchard in Milton Mills and has won national awards for his hard cider. For this workshop, Kane will teach the art of graft-

ing apple trees and the basics of pruning and care. The workshop will include an introductory slide presentation as well as hands-on training. By the end of the class, each person will have completed grafting their own small apple tree to take home in a pot, with a scion collected from an heirloom tree that bears excellent apples for fresh eating or cider. If time and weather permit, the class will take a short walk to see some wild apple trees growing at Branch Hill Farm.

Pre-registration is required by April 11 and earlier registration is advised since

class size is limited to 20. To pre-register, call MMRG Education Coordinator Kari Lygren at 978-7125 or e-mail info@mmrg.info.

MMRG, a non-profit land trust, works to conserve and connect important water

resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land in Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Throughout the year, MMRG offers many

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OBITUARY

William G. Feger American Legion Chaplain

ALTON — William G. Feger, who was lovingly known as Pappy, lost his courageous battle against colon cancer on Sunday, April 8, at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital with his family by his side.

Pappy was born on Nov. 9, 1954 in East Islip, N.Y., son of John Feger and Marion (Grundner) Feger. He met his wife Theresa Feger when he was just 16 years old and moved their growing family to Alton 37 years ago. He spent years rebuilding the farmhouse where they raised four children.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Feger; his son, Billy Feger and his wife Shannon of New Durham; his daughter, Heather Hillsgrove and her husband Jason of Alton; his daughter, Terry Stevens and her husband Matt of Alton; his daughter, Jill Cole-



ty of Rochester; and his grandchildren, Lilianne Hillsgrove, Charlie and Brody Stevens, Adriana Trent, Brenden and Carter Colety, his little buddy Chili and his three sisters, Carol, Anne and Susan of New York.

He was a carpenter by trade and over the years of his career he worked as a supervisor on many commercial projects like Misty Harbor Resort and Waterville Valley. He enjoyed building homes most of all and loved using his attention to detail doing finish work and fine woodwork. His son Billy joined him

when he was just out of high school and they worked for themselves for 14 years. Over the last 10 years they have been working together in the garage. Whether they were resurrecting something from nothing, doing someone's brakes or painting a car, Pappy was making sure it was getting done right.

Pappy lived life by the seat of his pants. He planned nothing and played harder than most. His wing man David Temple, aka Johnny Bravo, was like a son to him and was always there when Pappy needed him. They enjoyed late night jam sessions playing the guitar and harmonica and howling at the moon.

Pappy was dedicated to the American Legion in Alton, where he loved helping in the kitchen and served as the Chaplain. He was very close to his Legion friends and family and missed them dearly while he had been sick.

He was predeceased by his parents and twin brother, John Feger.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion on Route 28 in Alton. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

Mark on the Markets

Invest like a pro



BY MARK PATTERSON

Contributing Writer

The process of reviewing a client's existing 401k, 403b or other retirement plans that they have accumulated during their working time, have revealed some commonality as far as allocations between stock and bond funds. Most clients tell me that they had heard that they should have some bond funds for safety and that they really do not have a plan or ever received help with these allocations. The return that their portfolio and the fees are often not realized as well. Many times, the "growth" in the portfolio was attributed to their own investment and employer match, not fund performance. During the accumulation phase of investing it may be best to keep plowing money into your retirement fund without overthinking the whole process, but as you approach the distribution phase of

life (retirement), risk, reward and sustainable cash-flow are key to a solid income plan.

First off, you can't afford to screw up here. When we are no longer working, our income becomes fixed. Sure, we can work a part time job, but let's plan so that the young people can have those jobs and we can be altruistic with our time.

A retirement income plan is really a statement of cash-flows. Some have pensions, or maybe Social Security, these are sustainable cash flows guaranteed by the Government or an insurance company.

Then we have our 401k, 403b, IRAs known as qualified plans. This is where we need to derive sustainable income if our Social Security and pensions do not allow for sufficient cash flow. It may make sense to defer our Social Security payments for the eight percent growth from the government, and take income from our qualified plan in the interim. All this can be calculated for the best plan for you.

Insurance companies invest in investment grade bonds and mortgage backed securities that are considered safe and stable. Why don't you? What I often see are mutual funds, stock or bond funds with no rhyme or reason. It is

really not possible to invest in individual bonds in most retirement plans. That is why bond funds exist. What I show my clients is how to invest like the professionals and institutions, not retail clients. Mutual funds were really a means of diversification for small amounts of money. Attach a commission to them and you have something that registered reps can sell you. By the time most people are approaching retirement, they may have enough assets in order to own their own portfolio of fixed income, like bonds and mortgage backed securities. You, the client then maintains control, has a sustainable and steady cash flow just like the insurance companies, banks and pension plans. The use of exchange traded funds or even mutual funds may be useful to invest in obscure or specialized sectors of the market. There are ways to convert retirement assets to self-directed IRAs that opens the door to open architecture investing.

If you have interest in what I am writing about, give me a call.

Mark Patterson is an advisor with MHP Asset Management. Mark can be reached at 447-1979 or mark@mhp-asset.com

Marion Williams graveside service April 21

ALTON — A graveside service will be held on April 21 for Marion Louise Williams at Old Riverside Cemetery in Alton at 11 a.m. with Pastor Samuel Hollo officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the Community Church of Alton on Church Street in Alton. All are welcome.



Thibeault on Dean's Honor List at RPI

TROY, N.Y. — Ryan M. Thibeault, of Alton Bay has been named to the Dean's Honor List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the Fall 2017 semester. Students named to the Dean's Honors List are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. The Dean's Honor List recognizes students who attain a grade point average of 3.50 or better and have no grade below C. His current GPA is 3.93. Thibeault studies Aerospace Engineer-

ing. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, founded in 1824, is America's first technological research university. For nearly 200 years, Rensselaer has been defining scientific and technological advances of our world. Rensselaer is ranked among the best universities in the U.S., according the annual list of college rankings released by U.S. News and World Report last fall. The publication list ranks Rensselaer 42nd among 311 national research universities.



THE WRIGHT MUSEUM offers winter viewing for school groups.

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Spend quality winter time at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — The Wright Museum extends its annual invitation to schools to visit during the winter season. The museum is closed to the general public in the winter, however schools can make an appointment for a private viewing from February through May to visit the permanent and special exhibits. It is a great time to visit if you love the idea of having the entire museum to yourself. Schools can request a docent-led tour of the museum, or they can be their own guide.

This February through April, in addition to its great permanent collection, the museum is proud to offer school students two

special exhibit in the Art Gallery. The first exhibit is, "Memories of World War II: Photographs from the Associated Press Archives." This exhibit includes 60 of some of the most iconic black and white photographs taken during World War II. The second exhibit "The WWII Art of Private Charles J. Miller," features 40 works selected from the more than 500 paintings that Miller created while serving in the South Pacific during WWII. This exhibit was not seen for 70 years, these dramatic watercolor painting are "national treasures."

These exceptional exhibits are a must-see for students. Both offer powerful visual comple-

ments to what they have read and heard about WWII. To arrange your trip to the Wright Museum, call 569-1212, or e-mail michael.culver@wrightmuseum.org or Donna.Hamill@wrightmuseum.org.

In 1994, the Wright Museum of World War II opened in Wolfeboro, a creation of its visionary founder David Wright. The museum accomplishes its mission, to provide a vivid perspective on the profound and enduring impact of the World War II experience on American society, through careful preservation and thoughtful display of its extensive permanent collection of 1939-1945 items. Unique to traditional WWII mu-

seums, the more than 14,000 items in the museum's collection are representative of both the home front and the battle field. These irreplaceable items, together with fully operational military vehicles, introduce visitors to a seminal period in American history. Just as importantly, the museum places the period into historical context by illustrating the enduring legacy of Americans known today as 'the greatest generation.' Visit the Wright Museum of World War II, 77 Center St., Wolfeboro, contact by phone at 569-1212, or e-mail michael.culver@wrightmuseum.org or Donna.Hamill@wrightmuseum.org.

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- Add warm clothes and blankets to emergency kit
- Keep gas tank full
- Take cash out (ATM's may not work)

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Heifetz on Tour returns to celebrate "April in Paris"

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Friends of Music is pleased to announce that an ensemble of artists from the renowned Heifetz International Music Institute will be back in Wolfeboro for its sixth annual Heifetz On Tour concert at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy on Saturday, April 14. This is the seventh in a series of eight

concerts presented by the Wolfeboro Friends of Music. Sponsors for this concert are J. Clifton Avery Insurance and Edward Jones-Financial Advisor: Kevin Lawlor. Season sponsors are Deb and Paul Zimmerman and Benefit Strategies.

The concert will feature a trio of outstanding Heifetz performers; violinist June Lee, cellist Noémie Ray-

mond-Friset, and faculty pianist Carlos Avila. All were participants in the 2017 Heifetz Institute, the highly-regarded string instruction program and accompanying festival located on the campus of Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, Va. Founded by virtuoso soloist and pedagogue Daniel Heifetz, the Institute is known for its Heifetz Performance and Com-

munication Training, a unique approach to music training, education, and presentation. Before moving to Virginia in 2012, the Heifetz Institute established deep roots and experienced exponential growth in the Wolfeboro community with its summer program located at Brewster Academy.

The concert will have special meaning Lee,

who will be returning to Wolfeboro for the first time since being a Heifetz student on the Brewster campus in 2007 and 2008. The April 14 concert will feature Lee and her fellow performers in a program called "April in Paris," featuring some of the greatest works of solo and chamber works by noted French composers Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, and Camille, Saint-Saëns, along with those who studied, worked, lived, loved, gambled, and otherwise left their mark on the City of Light including Fritz Kriesler, Niccolò Paganini, and even the Argentinian tango master Astor Piazzolla.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Lee began studying piano at the age of four with her pianist mother. She soon found a new interest in cello and started exploring the instrument. When she turned eight she found her voice on violin and began vigorous study at the Korea National University of Arts Pre-College Division. She expanded her music education and artistry in Austria, Brazil, Germany, Korea, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and the United States through schools and festivals. She has given concerts as a soloist in venues including Carnegie's Weill Hall and Symphony Space in NYC, and as an orchestral musician in Carnegie Stern Hall, David Geffen (old Avery Fisher) Hall, and Alice Tully Hall under the batons of renowned conductors. Lee has completed her undergraduate degree from the Juilliard School and is currently pursuing her Doctorate degree in Performance and Literature at the Eastman School of Music.

Raymond-Friset has been called one of the most promising Canadian cellists of her generation. Noémie is a passionate musician, praised for her sensitive and refined playing. She began playing the violin at age four and switched to cello at seven. She has a master's degree from the Université de Montreal and is

currently studying with Heifetz Institute faculty member Steven Doane at the Eastman School of Music. Her acclaimed performances include a Yo-Yo Ma master class to an audience of 800, the Saint-Saens and Dvorak Cello concertos with the National Arts Centre Orchestra and Vivaldi's concerto for four violins and cello with Pinchas Zukerman. As a laureate of the 2015 Canada Council for the Arts Musical Instrument Bank, Noémie plays on a Joannes Guillami cello dating from 1769, on loan from the Canada Council for the Arts.

Hailed for his "beautiful command of tone and mood...and unruffled savoir-faire" (San Francisco Chronicle), his "layers of emotional expression" (The Examiner) and his "level of artistry that seem far beyond his years" (Contra Costa Times), Avila is one of the most in-demand pianists on the classical scene. Avila has been a guest at festivals such as Schleswig-Holstein, Tanglewood, Sarasota, Aspen, Banff, Music Academy of the West, Pianofest, and Holland, where he had the opportunity to work and study with the late Isaac Stern and others. He was also recently showcased on New York's WQXR as one of the winners of the Gina Bachauer Piano Competition. In 2018, he became the new pianist of the Boreal Trio. A proud Filipino-American, Avila is a graduate of the Juilliard School where he studied with Jerome Lowenthal and did prior studies at Yale with Peter Frankl and Clause Frank. He currently resides in New York City.

Tickets are available at the door, Black's Paper Store and Avery Insurance in Wolfeboro; at Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, by calling 569-2151; or visiting www.friendsofmusic.org. High school students with ID will be admitted free of charge and any child accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.



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Crimes of the Heart

Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley continues this weekend, April 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and April 15 at 2 p.m. at The Village Players Theater. Tickets may be purchased online at www.village-players.com or at Black's Paper and Gifts on Main Street in Wolfeboro. **Crimes of the Heart** features a small ensemble cast of four women and two men: Lenny Magrath, played by Barbara Wilson, Chick Boyle, played by Amanda Dickinson, Doc Porter, played by Christian Boudman, Meg Magrath, played by Melanie Perkins, Babe Botrelle, played by Gwen Collins, and Barnette Lloyd, played by Benjamin Dudley. In the photo (l to r), Babe Botrelle, Lenny Magrath and Meg Magrath have a discussion during recent rehearsal. **Crimes of the Heart** is sponsored in part by Bruce and Kris Gural.

Volunteers honored at MMRG Annual Meeting

WOLFEBORO — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) held its 2018 Annual Meeting at The Inn on Main in Wolfeboro, with 90 members and guests in attendance. The evening started with a social hour and silent auction accompanied by live music, followed by dinner, award presentations, MMRG conservation news, and a special presentation by Melissa Paly, Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper for the Conservation Law Foundation.

Retiring Board Chair Jack Savage spoke of how MMRG's conservation mission can bring together diverse groups of people and help heal a fractured society. He added, "We know conservation has the power to save our woods and wildlife; it may even be able to save us from ourselves." Incoming Board Chair Nicole Csiszer was unable to be present but sent her appreciation of Savage's 'dedicated service' and 'ambitious thinking while honing our vision', exemplified in his instigation of MMRG's conservation planning process that 'put us at the forefront of conservation planning in our region.'

Among MMRG's accomplishments of 2017 highlighted by Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns was the completion of the new Conservation Action Plan. The plan and maps are now available on MMRG's web site, www.mmrinfo.com. Connaughton-Burns also pointed to the past year's land conservation projects, Split Rock Conservation Area, WidowMaker Farm, and Leary Field and Forest, which were respectively 'completed,' 'fully funded' and 'well on its way with three generous grants' in 2017.

MMRG's Volunteer of the Year award was given to Stewardship and Lands Committee member Charlie Bridges, whose expertise and experience from his work as Director of the Endangered Species Program at NH Fish and Game have been invaluable to MMRG. Connaughton-Burns remarked on how frequently Bridges had assisted her with landowner visits, site walks, guided nature walks, and stewardship monitoring walks, not to mention grant writing and developing easement language. Accepting the award, Bridges lauded the active dedicated staff and core of volunteers, saying, "It's your efforts that inspire me."

Rodney and Judy Thompson of Farmington were recognized as MMRG's Conservationists of the Year. Connaughton-Burns commented that in addition to being MMRG's first easement donors in 2014, the Thompsons' conservation project 'seems to have ignited an energy for conservation in their neighborhood, inspiring a little triangle of neighbors to conserve their land as well.' She also cited Rod Thompson's skill and contribution as

creator of trail maps for neighboring WidowMaker Farm and Leary Field and Forest. Thompson thanked MMRG 'for being there at the precise time we needed them,' recalling that MMRG had just expanded its mission to become a land trust and accept easements.

Guests were enthusiastic about the educational talk given by Paly, who described herself as "The Lorax" of the Great Bay Estuary. Her message was a mix of discouraging news and optimism for the future. Grasses are the foundations of healthy estuaries, providing habitat for small fish, shellfish, and birds, but Great Bay's eel grass ecosystem is not healthy; it is drastically diminished in extent and the remaining grass plants are weakened by virus due to water turbidity and nitrogen overload favoring competing invasive plants. A downward spiral has led to diminished photosynthesis, which further weakens the ability of the grass to take root and hold the sediment in place. Paly's optimism stems from recent steps to reduce nitrogen waste entering the Bay and the work of conservation partners, including MMRG, to protect water quality through land conservation in the headwaters watershed.

During the short business meeting, MMRG members re-elected board members Wendy Scribner and Ron Gehl, both of whom were praised by Savage for their valuable volunteer

contributions. Previously-appointed board member Ian Whitmore and incoming board member Jonathan Nute were newly elected to serve three-year terms. Savage cited Whitmore, a retired energy company executive, for his helpful experience in complex problem solving and Nute, a retired county forester, for his wealth of forestry knowledge.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, a non-profit land trust, works to conserve the land and natural resources of Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. MMRG is grateful to the business sponsors for this event: D. F. Richard Energy, Forest Pump and Well Drilling, David Hutchins Builders, and S&S Plumbing and Heating.

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Perform It! keeps Shakespeare alive in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — There is an old Chinese proverb, “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” With that quote in mind, how did a group of students from age eight through 18 fall in love with William Shakespeare?

What strange motivation is out there lurking in neighborhoods that draw these young people back year after year to study this great playwright? Many people well remember high school and the moans that hung in the classroom when Shakespeare’s name was mentioned.

Apparently, this whole thing started back in 1994 when a group of enthusiastic parents got together to establish, not a unit study, but a yearlong learning model on William Shakespeare. They never planned on telling their students about Shakespeare, they didn’t even plan to teach their students about Shakespeare. As with the Chinese proverb, they instead, formed a young people’s stage company and through acting, they involved their students and produced award-winning Shakespearean plays. Year after year the students returned, and eventually there was a waiting list of hopeful thespians.

Twenty-four years later, Perform It! Young People’s Stage Company is still drawing young people into

the arts through Shakespeare. Many students start as young as eight and by the time they graduate high school they not only have performed in six to eight plays, but they have a huge appreciation for Shakespeare and a commanding understanding of theater. It is not unusual to see some of these students continue their acting with local theater groups.

Alum Carolyn Hart had this to say in a 2012 Perform It! newsletter, “Doing theater has opened up a whole new world for me. I love doing Perform It! especially because we don’t just get together and do a play. We come together and create a performance. I love stepping on stage in full costume, covered in makeup and face paint with the words of my character on my lips. It isn’t simply that I look like my character, but as I step onstage for the first time with her image, I also step into her, and I become my character.”

Starting in the fall, Perform It! students meet weekly to learn voice projection, stage presence and explore the stage through educational activities and performance of skits. Additionally, students learn about the world of Shakespeare and the Elizabethan culture through the exploration of the Shakespearean comedies. During these early months, as the actors build friendships, the ar-



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ACTORS from Perform It’s 2017 production of *Twelfth Night*. Pictured are (l to r), Caeli Drummey, Gwen Collins, Christopher Dudley of Barnstead and Cora Nicoll.

tistic director studies the personalities and mannerisms of each actor and the group as a whole. In a few short months, a decision will be made as to which comedy will best suit this group of thespians.

By early spring these actors are in full swing, blocking and practicing lines. Rehearsals now bring the group together three times a week. While visiting a rehearsal, one could witness enthusiastic actors intent on their work while also laughing and creatively working their scenes. At this point, pages of lines had been memorized and props had been introduced into the practice.

Standing in front of the group is Rebekah Billings, the artistic director. Billings is new to Perform It! this year and energizes the group with her love of theater. A recent graduate of Bob Jones Uni-

versity in Greenville, S.C., Billings started college as an English Education major but it never felt quite right. Always present were her memories as a young child writing stories and acting them out. With God’s leading, she changed her major to theater and now holds a Bachelor of Art in Theater Art and a Master of Art in Theater. Billings said, “I want theater to be my mission and use it to invest in the lives of children.”

Further down the hallway is a team of seamstresses sewing and hemming costumes. Cowboy boots line the wall. Skirt patterns lay across tables. It’s not a room where you want to get in the way.

There are other groups of parents working on the ad campaign, ordering banners and posters to advertise the upcom-

ing play, finalizing the design for this year’s t-shirt order, and making sure tickets are ordered. In the wings, awaits the crew ready to construct this year’s stage. All hands are busy.

This year’s play is *The Taming of the Shrew* set in the Wild West. This accounts for the cowboy boots. Billings took a moment and summarized the play.

Set in the Wild West, Kate is the older sister; her younger sister is Bianca, who has all the men after her to marry her. But, alas, Bianca cannot get married until Kate gets married so the suitors come up with a plan to find a courageous man to marry and tame Kate. When Petruchio comes to town and attempts to tame Kate into the role of submissive wife, there is a standoff between him and Kate.

Who will win?

Actors travel from as far away as Bartlett and are also as close as Wolfeboro. Some have been with Perform It! for years and for others it is their first year. What do they all have in common? Billings said, “They are very eager to learn more about Shakespeare as well as what it takes to be a good theater artist.

“I think it’s going to be a fantastic show and very hilarious,” Billings adds.

Perform It! is a non-profit organization that each year offers scholarships for many of its children. This year, for the first time, they extended scholarships to any child that needed it. They rely heavily on fundraising to keep its shows alive. From wreath sales in November to playbill ads in the spring, and ticket sales, the theater group is always looking for community support. To support the quality productions Perform It! offers, go to their web page at Perform It! Stage Company.

Dust off your cowboy hat and saddle up the sedan. Let these thespians share their love of Shakespeare with you.

All performances are in the Great Hall at Wolfeboro Town Hall. Tickets are available online at www.performitstagecompany.org, at Black’s Paper Store in Wolfeboro, by text at 998-7111 and will be available at the door. This year’s show dates are: Thursday, May 3, 10:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m.

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Community Church of Alton
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<p>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit abundant-harvest.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON Worship Services 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 02835 Pastor Kent Schneider 755-4816 www.farmingtonucc.org</p>
<p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM. All Are Welcome. Rev. Charles Wilton 998-4102 96 Maple Street & Route 28, Barnstead</p>	<p>FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School 9:45am, Church 11am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nason.</p>
<p>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm; Tues-Thurs 9am. 875-6161.</p>	<p>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H. on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2846</p>
<p>BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Sam Huggard, www.befreechurch.net.</p>	<p>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL 40 Hildes Spring Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert E. Cole, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p>
<p>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Morning Service 10:00 am. Adult Sunday School 9:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am. Rte. 126 next to Town Hall. Pastor Brian Gover. 269-8831.</p>	<p>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Curtis Metzger, 435-7908 www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p>
<p>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON Prayer Meeting 9:00 am Christian Education for all ages, nursery-adults, 9:00 am Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Hollis, 875-5561. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am 20 Church Street</p>	<p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA Sunday Services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524 6488 • uud.org</p>
<p>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD UCC Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:00AM, 504 N. Barnstead Rd., Pastor Nancy Tallott, 776-1820. cnorthbarnstead.com</p>	<p>MAPLE STREET CHURCH Sunday Service 11am 96 Maple Street Center Barnstead, NH 02425</p>

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

Feathered friend’s activities

BY VIVIAN LEE DION
Contributing Writer

At a New Durham luncheon, my husband and I had the pleasure of sitting with fellow seniors. We’re the people who wonder how we had time to work, raise a family, and maintain our homes because nowadays time flies. We are retired and some mornings go by in a jiffy and that’s when we realize nothing too productive has been accomplished. At this gathering, we focus on companionship, food, and lighthearted conversations. When the chatting begins, we realize our table mates share the common thread of watching birds.

Ken Shields tells a story of seeing 10 robins a few weeks ago. His backyard was a blaze of bobbing red breasted little ones. This happened before the March nor’easters, and the robins were feeding on bittersweet and sumac. They were fluttering, feeding and flying from bush to bush. He said it was quite a sight. We wondered with all the energy used flying and searching the bush-

es, how much nutritional value the robins are getting? But, when food is scarce, every little bit helps.

Sadly, our huge snowfall and dipping temperatures have pushed the birds to other places. Ken, and his wife, Louise, enjoyed seeing the robins even though it was a short visit. Perhaps the warmer weather will bring them back in search of earthworms. Let’s hope so.

Ken’s musical buddy, Kevin Durkee, tells an interesting story about what he thought was a sharp-shinned hawk. This small hawk is an accipiter: “They feed mainly on birds and small mammals. These long-tailed hunters with short rounded wings fly rapidly with short wing beats interrupted by glides. Females are much larger than males.” As described in the Golden Field Guide of North America, “The sharp-shinned hawk is fairly common in open woodlands and open margins. This smallest accipiter preys on small birds up to the size of pi-

geons. Like other accipiters, it migrates during all daylight hours; flies just above treetops in early morning, and often soars high at midday.” Kevin said, “I knew when the hawk was around because the small birds at the feeder scatter, and hide. Then I saw the hawk clutch a chickadee in midair.” Sometimes nature can be cruel, but this little hawk with sharp talons and great speed is doing this to survive.

My husband, Ray, tells of seeing a red-bellied woodpecker. We both have enjoyed seeing this little fella for several years and were wondering if he made it through the winter okay. Sure enough he’s here again. Although, Ray didn’t mention this, here’s the rest of the story; one morning he was sitting in his recliner and heard a tapping noise on the pole where the suet feeder is usually hung. Because he didn’t get out there early, the woodpecker let him know it, as if to say, “Hey, where’s my suet?” Ray got into action, and

quickly hung the caged feeder. Much to our surprise, just the other day the female red-bellied woodpecker appeared on the suet post. There she was pecking away while the male lingered nearby waiting for his turn. Perhaps, we will see their chicks later in the spring.

A special thanks to New Durham employees Donna Young and Stephanie MacKenzie for coordinating the luncheon. Thank you for the beautiful music provided by Ken Shields and Kevin Durkee, and to all the volunteers. The little lass in St. Patrick’s Day attire, who had a big smile and shamrock necklace brightened the room. The seniors appreciated getting together, having lunch, and socializing.

New Durham is a wonderful place to live. And our table companions agree with the bird watching.com motto: “Bird watching, your lifetime ticket to the theater of nature.”

Vivian Lee Dion of New Durham is a writer and speaker.

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 opportunity to come together as a community. Reese added, "The large turnout of students, teachers, and parents who came out to cheer them on was a tribute to their efforts."

Principal Tim Rice, in a phone interview, echoed the sentiments, noting that the creation of a unified team fits within the school's broader strategy of "creating a total inclusion school."

"Students - special needs and otherwise - all go to the same classes; they see each other in the hall - this was just one way to extend that relationship," Rice said.

"The turnout at the game [with Alton] was fantastic and I think the BES community should be proud," Rice added.

In terms of the unified team's origin at the school, the principal explained that BES was eligible for a regional grant to participate in unified sports. Other area communities, he said, include Alton, Gilman and Belmont. As a grant-funded endeavor, he said that the program has had no local immediate tax impact.

The unified team consisted of middle



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THE BARNSTEAD unified hoop team recently completed its first season.

school students, which fit in well with McKenna's experience coaching seventh and eighth grade basketball.

"He does a fantastic job - and he really stepped up to make unified happen - and, of course, with a lot of help from fellow faculty," Rice said. He sin-

gled out Reese for her initiative and Hopkins and Vardaro for their dedication.

According to Rice, both Reese and McKenna were key in initiating the unified team.

"They did the initial legwork and assured me that they could make it happen," Rice

said, noting that both were exemplary in coordinating their efforts across their respective departments.

Rice added that the creation of a unified program did not require a school board vote, but that he and Reese informed the group all through the way - from conception through recruitment and the team's first game.

"[Board members] were all extremely excited and supportive and gave kudos to Reese and McKenna for taking the initiative to implement the type of program that forwards

the values and creates the kind of learning environment that we spend a lot of time talking about at meetings," Rice said.

Looking ahead, Rice said BES is considering expanding the unified program to additional sports. Also included under the unified umbrella are volleyball and soccer.

"At this point, it's really a numbers game," Rice said. As a new program, he explained that it is necessary to recruit enough SPED students and non-SPED buddies to field a team. Rice said that it was logical to

begin with basketball because it is the last sport of the season - and that the teams are the smallest relative to the other sports.

"We would love to expand into soccer - but again, it will come down to whether there are enough kids to establish a team," Rice said. He expressed confidence that, going forward, the program would continue to be successful and expand into other areas of competition.

"I think now that we're moving ahead since we have some good momentum," Rice added.

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the April 9 meeting. He asked that Town Administrator Scott Kinmond gather relevant information for newly-elected Selectman Dorothy Veisel. Kinmond said he's working with the assessing firm as they are still under contract. He said they will continue to move forward with the set-up of the cyclical re-evaluation, including pickups.

Kinmond said he'd contacted the town assessor to determine why equalization rates vary. He explained the rate changed from 91.6 to 93.2 percent, as well as the impact of the school contributions. Swenson confirmed the equalization rate has not been received in order to determine the impact on the school rate. Kinmond stated he is still working on getting additional information from the assessor and will report back at a later meeting.

The board next discussed a conservation easement deed restriction on a parcel that spans multiple towns, including New Durham. Kinmond said he'd spoken with conservation commission chair Gehl - according to whom the easement was reviewed by town counsel with no noted issues. Swenson said property owners are collaborating with Moose Mountain Regional Greenways in addition to the involved municipalities.

During an annual financial policies review, Kinmond discussed the Fund Balance Guideline Policy, recommending that the town not dip below the eight percent amount prescribed by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration. The board agreed and approved the recommendation. Kinmond next addressed the investment policy, which he said remains un-

changed. The board approved the investment policy as presented.

The board next discussed municipalities' latitude in setting or revising election dates - a topic Swenson said is being addressed by SB438. Swenson said the measure presently is going before the Election Law Committee. According to the General Court web site, SB438 is "[r]elative to the postponement of local elections." Slated to come out of committee in late April, it addresses the Secretary of State's authority to make changes to election dates. The matter took on an increased prominence during the March elections, which took place on schedule in spite its occurring during a northeaster that dumped over two feet of snow in much of New Hampshire.

Swenson stated he's opposed to the change; he proffered a draft letter for later submission to the committee if the BOS said it was in agreement. The board consented to send the letter to the Election Law Committee as presented.

The board next discussed the acquisition of a new police cruiser. Kinmond said he and police chief Shawn Bernier are working to get state bid pricing for the vehicle. He noted they are looking "to transition one vehicle to a 4X4 pickup truck for multi-purpose capabilities." Kinmond said MHQ Inc. of Marlboro, Mass. put in a bid for an accessorized asset, offering \$2,500 in trade-in value for the town's 2011 Ford Explorer. Kinmond recommend against trading the Explorer "as he believes there may be additional usability of it by the town," especially since cruisers are not assigned to specific officers. He cited prior recommendations by CIP.

Retaining the vehicle would give the town a total of five cruisers.

Swenson disagreed, "stat[ing] he would not be in favor of this purchase without the trade in."

In the end, Swenson moved to authorize the purchase of \$27,000 replacement cruiser, less the trade in value of the 2011 Explorer, to MHQ.

While discussing the motion, Veisel said she thinks that the potential value of repurposing the vehicle might outweigh the \$2,500 trade in offer.

Swenson disagreed, saying he "has not seen justification from the police department or the other town departments justifying the costs to keep and maintain the vehicle." Veisel and Swenson both voted in favor of the motion, which passed.

The new vehicle will be a Dodge RAM 1500 4x4, outfitted with a special police services package and accessories. The purchase will be made out of the Police Cruiser CRF, and the Trustee of Trust Funds was authorized to complete the transaction.

Subsequently, the board authorized the expenditure of \$9,000 to outfit the vehicle with communications equipment, emergency gear, and a prisoner transport barrier. A separate action approved \$1,200 to have the vehicle detailed with NDPD insignia and related graphics.

The full draft minutes are available on the town website: https://www.newdurhamnh.us/sites/newdurhamnh/files/minutes/bos_minutes_3-26-18_draft.pdf.

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Locals earn honors at SNHU

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Eligibility for the President's List re-

quires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Amelia Duane of Barnstead;

Matthew Olive of Center Barnstead;

Eric Ryan of Center

Barnstead;

Sarah Stone of Alton.

Michael Andres of Center Barnstead has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2017 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an acad-

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conservation of the parcel would bolster long-term efforts to maintain the town's rural character, which is a cornerstone of the town master plan. Additionally, keeping the land open for snowmobiling and hiking are examples of how, potentially, it could create recreational outdoor opportunities. Earlier conservation efforts also cited the importance of maintaining wildlife habitat.

Bassett added that there are economic benefits, too. He said that a large residential development could place greater stress on local roads and cause highway maintenance cost hikes due to increased traffic. Additionally, a large development could attract many families with children and put pressure on the capacity of the local school, which might need to ramp up staffing and have a local tax impact.

For Bassett, however, this is not ultimately a financial issue. Rather, it's one that presents the community with an opportunity to "be good stewards of its natural resources." He cited the "pristine water" of the lake as the town's greatest asset. He said he fears what an untold number of up-ridge septic systems and fertilized lawns could mean for the lake, given the potential for runoff and seepage. MMLA is embarking on this endeavor at a time when New Durham is working with regional, state, and federal officials to address water quality in the greater Merrymeeting watershed.

"Putting this land in permanent conservation is key to maintaining the lake's long-term health," Bassett summarized.

Perspective

To put the size of the property in context: 2,038 acres translates to nearly three-and-a-quarter square miles.

That's the area equivalent of about 2,700 football fields.

The parcel is 20 percent larger than the island of Gibraltar, which separates the

southern tip of Spain from the African continent.

The land MMLA hopes to place in conservation is about double the size of New York's Central Park.

By way of juxtaposition, the lake itself is only about half that area at 1,100 acres.

"It is a large piece of real estate - and now is the time to get in gear," Bassett said.

Background

This is the same tract of land that was the proposed site of a 220-unit development about a decade ago.

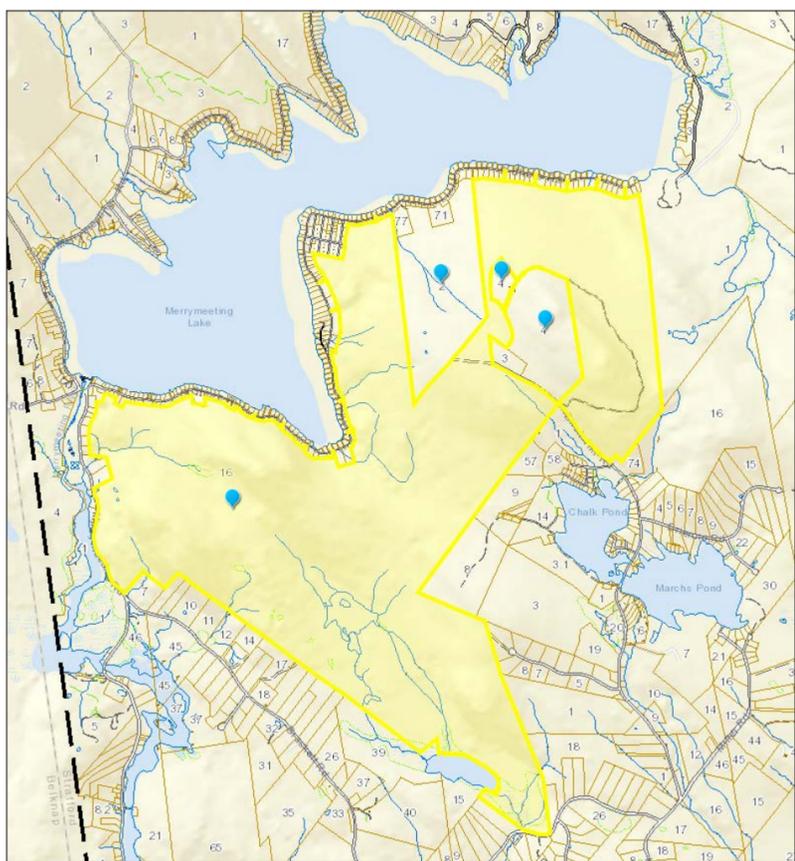
During a 2007 public hearing on the proposed project, a crowd of more than 300 people turned out in opposition. While the owner at the time, Red Oak Ridge LLC, had the right to continue through the town's approval process, the New York-based developer decided to abort its plans. Red Oak Ridge reps and town officials - with the blessing of a town meeting vote - hammered out an agreement that would allow the town to acquire the parcel for \$4 million. (The vote did not guarantee any funding, but rather it empowered town agents to negotiate terms).

MMLA was then also a major driver in this previous effort to put the land into conservation. The organization devoted its 2008 annual report to help educate its members about the project and urge their support.

The prospect of protecting so much acreage attracted the interest of the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests, a statewide conservation group based in Concord. The non-profit mounted a campaign that garnered \$655k in pledges in less than a year.

The effort fell short, however.

The forested parcel was subsequently acquired by T.R. Dillon Logging Inc. of Madison, Maine. Considered by many to be aggressive in its timber culling practices, the company's approach to forest management led, in part, to the passage of a 2004 Maine state law aiming to



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THE TAX map that shows the 2,000-acre parcel MMLA is raising funds to preserve.

"substantially eliminate liquidation harvesting." (Maine defines this as "a harvest that removes most or all commercial value in standing timber, without regard for long-term forest management principles.") At the time, Dillon, according to an article cited by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, grossed between \$400k-\$500k in timber and biomass sales each week.

The Dillon company brought this so-called "liquidation harvesting" strategy to New Durham in 2017. Last summer and fall, dozens of log trucks daily rumbled up and down Birch Hill Road - a residential road that was the only way for the rigs to access the site.

Over the course of the season, hundreds of grapple-load-laden trucks wended their way down that curvy, narrow road, which the drivers negotiated with considerable skill and courtesy. Some of them hauled off loads of pine, oak, and maple - species desirable for milling. Other rigs traversed the thoroughfare toting off closed-top trailers replete with woodchips destined for the biomass market.

With much of the saleable timber and biomass harvested, T.R. Dillon, which is not a development firm, began looking to offload the parcel when the cutting ends - perhaps this year. Bassett said that MMLA made

some initial overtures expressing an interest in acquiring the property directly from the logging company. He said he was surprised that Dillon opted to use a Maine-based land broker called Lloyd's Lands to hammer out a deal.

But in the end, the agreed-to price tag of \$2 million is half of what stakeholders attempted to raise the first go-around - back when Red Oak Ridge owned the property.

Looking ahead

"We learned a lot the first time, and we're optimistic that we can raise the needed funds," Bassett said.

Although much of what was once forested has been stripped of its trees, Bassett and others at MMLA are steadfast that the land should be conserved. Denuded landscapes in N.H. regenerate relatively quickly.

"It will all come back - especially if it's left how it is," Bassett said confidently.

He said that, in the short term, he's not very concerned about erosion or runoff into the lake since all the stumps were left in the ground. With only moderate runoff, Bassett said he has no immediate fears for the Merrymeeting's water quality. He said a bigger threat would come from the type of large-scale development that had been previously proposed.

Bassett said there is reason for optimism

that the community can make its \$2 million fundraising goal. Before going public with the news of the conditional agreement, MMLA has quietly obtained 10 pledges of \$20,000 each - or 10 percent of the necessary funding.

"We are grateful for the support of these people and families who are passionate about the lake and for their making these kinds of substantial commitments," Bassett said. He added that, at this point, he could not disclose donors' names.

Bassett credits Russ Weldon of the Merrymeeting Market and Marina for stepping up to secure many of these pledge commitments, noting that he'd been a leading player in the prior attempt to conserve the parcel.

"Russ has really put in a lot of dedication and effort," Bassett said, adding that the generous financial commitment of so many lake stakeholders has given the whole MMLA group a sense of optimism.

"Russ knows how much our lake means to people - and he is willing to ask people to support efforts to preserve the lake's water quality," said the MMLA president.

Bassett stressed that a show of financial support in any amount will advance the conservation campaign. He said that becoming a dues-paying member of MMLA is one option, adding that one needn't be a shoreline resident of the lake to join.

"The dues are pretty reasonable when you

think about all that our volunteers do to keep the lake pristine and what it means for the whole town," noting that a tax-deductible gift of \$50 is the cost of membership.

He added that an increase in membership could also demonstrate to outside funders a commitment to the conservation project going forward as MMLA ramps up its grant-seeking activities.

"You will be seeing a lot of energy around this effort in the coming months," Bassett promised. He added that MMLA board members will be aggressively seeking out grant funding opportunities from foundations and government sources - as well as from individuals who are part of the broader Merrymeeting community.

Looking forward, the land acquisition agreement and MMLA's fundraising strategy will be cornerstones of the organization's annual membership meeting, which is scheduled for the first weekend in July. On hand will be representatives from the N.H. State Forest Rangers office, land conservation groups, and local officials who will talk about how the property's conservation can contribute to the public benefit.

The organization's Facebook statement noted, "[T]here will be a full and open discussion about the purchase." It also noted, "This will be the most important MMLA annual meeting MMLA has ever had."

"Stay tuned - there will be a lot coming up," Bassett said.

MMLA is a non-profit membership organization managed by volunteers. According to its most-recently-available IRS Form 990, the Association is a public charity in good standing, as recognized under 501(c)(3) of the tax code. The same document states that its primary purpose is the "preservation of water quality ... in Merrymeeting Lake, which includes preserving the habitat of the lake's wildlife."

For more information about MMLA and their endeavor, e-mail mmla@mmlake.org. Membership information is available at mmlake.org. Tax-deductible contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 468, New Durham, NH 03855.

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Note to helicopter parents: Just give the kid a stick

You never know what you're going to bump into on the internet in the middle of the night. This time it was an article in High Country News, which took my mind far west with Lewis and Clark, and to the Pacific Ocean and back.

The article, headlined "Let Your Kids Play with Fire," was all about letting kids be kids. But an article about kids and fires begs the very basic (and somehow pathetic) question, which is how many kids even get to see an open fire these days, let alone play around one without someone calling Child Welfare or at the very least 911.

Author Alan Crow, a former underground miner and journeyman carpenter who is now a teacher and paralegal in Arizona, writes that his son learned early on how to lay out a fire pit in the shape of a light-bulb, so coals for cooking could be raked into the narrow end. But after supper, it was all play.

"One of my most vivid memories is the image of him crouching by the campfire against a background of a billion stars, mesmerized by the smoke swirling upward from the end of his poking stick," Crow wrote. "It's impossible to measure the positive effect this backcountry activity, as well as others like it, had on his confidence and sense of self-worth."

Crow likened letting kids play around a fire to "running with scissors on steroids." That six-year-old, he noted, is now a six-foot, 220-pound police officer in Kansas with a family of his own. When they visit, Crow adds, he and his wife love to have a cold one while watching their six-year-old grandson (yes) poke the fire.

Anyone who's spent

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



much time around a fireplace or fire pit knows that kids just naturally love fire. We all do, I think, as a link to the ages, and a reminder of our common bond.

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Captains Lewis and Clark and their company of 30 or so soldiers, backwoodsmen and adventurers had been on the trail for about a month when their scouts encountered the Mandans. They encamped just below the village and prepared for a parley, as was common for the times.

It was not, of course, the Indians' first experience with Europeans. French fur traders and explorers had long since visited from the far north, as had Spanish traders from the southwest.

Still, this was an official party sent forth by the young United States government. By all accounts, and I think I have read most, the Mandans treated the Corps of Discovery as honored guests.

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The officers and many of the men gathered in one of the biggest Mandan lodges, where the peace-pipe was passed around before various dignitaries made long-winded speeches. After more food than most could eat, the visitors fell back against their packs and blankets for more passing of the pipe, and more speeches.

A bright-eyed little Mandan child of perhaps two was playing at the edge of the fire, not far from the two cap-



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SKETCH of a Mandan village at Knife River, with its mud-covered lodges. Some explorers and writers thought the Mandans met so many measurements of "civilization" that they had to be descended from one of Israel's fabled Lost Tribes.

tains' feet. A hot coal tumbled from the heap of embers, and the child crawled to grab it.

In a reaction instilled since childhood, Meriwether Lewis reached to grab the child's hand. Equally fast, Captain Clark grabbed Lewis.

The Indian custom was to let the child learn by experience, Clark later explained. Interference would have been an affront.

Lewis and Clark had many months and more than a thousand miles to go before they reached the Pacific, where they were supposed to rendezvous with ships providing supplies and a choice for the way home. The Pacific coast, after all, was fairly well known, if not accurately mapped, after the voyages of Bougainville, Cook and others. The big mystery was the territory between the Mississippi and the Pacific Ocean.

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Despite what schoolkids (including me) were taught for generations, Lewis and Clark were hardly the first to cross the continent. That honor was earned by Canada's



MYSTERIES OF CANADA – COURTESY PHOTO

CANADIAN trapper and explorer Alexander Mackenzie, who reached the Pacific nine years before Lewis and Clark did.

Alexander Mackenzie, who on his second attempt at a crossing emerged at the mouth of the Bella Coola River in British Columbia nine years earlier, in 1793

Canadian history was scarcely taught in

our classrooms, even though we lived just a few miles shy of the Quebec border; and Mackenzie was hardly the sole example. American academia and society were equally slow to recognize archeological

proof that the European "discovery" of the New World occurred around 1100 A.D. when the Vikings settled at Lans aux Meadows in Newfoundland, 400 years or so before Columbus.

We share a continent and a lot more, including families and cultures, which to me makes the absence or blurring of Canadian history in American education so incongruous. To me, it's all one big story—I'm just as interested in les habitants settling their way up the rivers running north into the St. Lawrence as I am in the New England settlements progressing northward from the Boston Colony and the Gulf of Maine.

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On a cool July night, sparks from the fire compete with fireflies for attention, kids chasing the fireflies or watching the sparks disappear into the awesome magnitude of the night sky.

Let the kids go, I've wanted to tell anxious parents as we sat around the fire, talking about what the next generation of kids will know, or not. In the meantime, just give them a stick to poke the fire with, relax, and let them go, and enjoy the show.

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KYC hosts series on addiction prevention

WOLFEBORO — Each Wednesday afternoon, the Kingswood Youth Center (KYC) engages local youth in substance misuse prevention activities. Encouraging healthy choices is an important part of the KYC's mission to prepare youth for success in the adult world. Through collaborations with White Horse Addiction Center, the KYC hosted a five-week series titled 'Perspectives on Prevention.' Each week a speaker was invited to provide their perspective on substance misuse prevention, addiction, recovery, and our community's substance misuse challenges.

The first perspective was a law enforcement perspective provided by KYC Di-

rector-at-Large and retired Chief of Police, Kevin Sanzenbacher. Chief Sanzenbacher explained how law enforcement fights substance misuse using a combination of enforcement, prevention and support to treatment efforts. The next guest was a local mother whose adult children have struggled with addictions. She shared her story in hopes that it will help prevent other families from facing the struggles that her family has coped with. A local man who is in long-term recovery spoke about challenges and opportunities lost due to addiction. Daniel Green, LADC, one of White Horse's Licensed Alcohol and Drug Councilors provided the perspective of a treatment profes-

sional. To conclude the series, the KYC's high school and middle school students provided their perspectives. The students answered questions to shed light on their observations surrounding teen substance misuse.

The KYC provides a safe, positive environment where youth are encouraged to have fun, learn, and make good choices. These efforts dissuade substance misuse and prepare students for positive outcomes as they enter adulthood. If you are interested in supporting the KYC's mission through volunteering or giving, please contact Zachary Porter, Associate Director, at the KYC at 569-5949 or associatedirector@kyc@gmail.com.

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Kingswood students honored for February, March work

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — Winter snow storms delayed the congratulatory monthly lunch with Kingswood Regional High School Principal Guy Donnelly, Student Coordinator Grady Charland and English teacher Aaron Gauthier for students nominated for recognition by teachers, doubling

the number of honorees who settled in to seats in the private dining room of the Lakes Region Technology Center on March 29.

Donnelly says the teachers of each department nominate students who display the school's core values and beliefs of respect, responsibility and community for recognition with a lunch from the



Skylight Dining Room for February and March are Madeline Nicolson and Anthony Scott Students nominated

ELISSA PAQUETTE
KINGSWOOD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL students chosen as Students of the Month this February and March enjoyed a buffet luncheon in the Lakes Region Technology Center's Skylight Dining Room with Principal Guy Donnelly, Student Coordinator Grady Charland and English teacher Aaron Gauthier on March 29.

(LRTC), Mikayla Matos and Riley Quinlan (science), Robert Hen-

derson (math), Arianna Denver-Lane, Devyn Watrous and Matt Jimino (music and art), Jeremy Ash and Julia Merullo (technology), Aiden Pipken and Josh Duntley (business), Grace Trites, Rachel Perrow, Cam Taatjes and Jayden Donovan-Laviolet (social studies), Jill Blattenberger (world language) and Kiera Conrad (library).

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WHAT'S ON TAP

The local high school teams continue to get seasons under way in the coming week.

At Prospect Mountain, the baseball and softball teams will be hosting Franklin at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 13, will visit Berlin on Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m. and will be at Mascenic for 4 p.m. games on Wednesday, April 18.

The Timber Wolf tennis girls will be hosting Littleton on Friday, April 13, and will visit White Mountains on Monday, April 16, before hosting Gilford on Thursday, April 19, all at 4 p.m.

The Prospect boys' tennis team is at Littleton on Friday, April 13, will be hosting White Mountains on Monday, April 16, and Profile on Tuesday, April 17, and will be at Portsmouth Christian on Wednesday, April 18, all at 4 p.m.

The track Timber Wolves will be hosting a home meet on Thursday, April 19, at 4 p.m.

The unified volleyball Timber Wolf kids will be hosting Belmont at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 16.

At Kingswood, the lacrosse girls are hosting Alvirne at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, and will visit Oyster River for a 5:30 p.m. game on Monday, April 16.

The Knight baseball and softball teams will be hosting Coe-Brown on Friday, April 13, and will visit Kennett on Monday, April 16, both at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Plymouth at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

The Kingswood lacrosse boys will be at Bow on Friday, April 13, at 4 p.m. and will be hosting SEE ON TAP, PAGE B10

Timber Wolves roll in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — As far as starts to the season go, it couldn't have gone much better for the Prospect Mountain tennis girls on Monday, April 2.

The Timber Wolves took to the courts for their first match having only one day of practice on the court but came away with a 9-0 win over Berlin.

"It was a nice start," said coach Al Poirier.

Meagan Minaya was the first Timber Wolf to finish off her match, as she cruised to an 8-0 win at the number two spot in the lineup.

Ava Blair was not far behind in the third spot, finishing with an 8-1 win to give the Timber Wolves a 2-0 lead.

Anna Francis, who was playing at the number five spot in the lineup, came through with a very quick 8-1 win for the third Prospect win.

Gabriela d'Empaire-Poirier came through with a hard-fought 9-7 win in the top spot in the lineup to give the Timber Wolves a 4-0 lead.

Moments later, Serena Avery, who was celebrating her birthday on the day of the first match, finished out an 8-3 win at number four to clinch the win for the Timber Wolves.

Sydney DeJager made it a clean sweep of the singles matches, as she took an 8-0 win in the sixth spot, sending the match to doubles with the Timber Wolves up 6-0.

The duo of Francis and Ava Misiaszek played at number three doubles and got Prospect's first doubles win by an 8-0 score.

Minaya teamed up with Mackenzie Burke in her first tennis match, finishing with an 8-1 win in the second spot in the lineup.

The number one doubles team of d'Empaire-Poirier and Blair finished with an 8-0 win to close out the 9-0 win for the Timber Wolves.

Poirier noted that the team had to thank Glen Chagnon for his help in clearing off the courts and getting the nets up.



SERENA AVERY celebrated her birthday with a win at number four singles for Prospect Mountain in the season opener last week.

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GABRIELA D'EMPAIRE-POIRIER fires a return shot during action against Berlin last week.

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"Glen was very good to us," Poirier said.

Prospect was slated to be hosting Gilford on Wednesday, April 4, but that match was postponed due to the rainy weather and will now be played on Thursday, April 19.

Prospect Mountain is scheduled to be hosting Littleton on Friday, April 13, at 4 p.m. and will be at White Mountains Regional on Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m.

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Summer hoops offered in Gilford

GILFORD — The Lakes Region Elite Basketball League will take place this summer at the Gilford Youth Center.

The league is seeking skilled players, boys and girls, ages 8-11. There will be tryouts for the league on Saturday, May 26 and June 3. It is free to try out, but you must be pre-registered.

The league will run

for 10 weeks beginning mid-June. Each week, teams will have a practice during the week, followed by a game on Friday or Saturday. The season will end with a three-day tournament/championship.

All players who make the league will receive a reversible game jersey. Weekly highlights/stats will be posted on the LRE

web site. For more information about the league, including tryout information and fees, visit www.lrelitebasketball.com.

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Changes afoot for Prospect softball

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team that takes the diamond this spring will look a bit different than the team that battled to a 10-6 record last year.

But coach Rick Burley is confident this year's version of the Timber Wolves can put up some solid numbers.

"It's definitely a total different look than last year," the Timber Wolf coach noted. "As a team, we'll have some bumps in the road, but it's a matter of getting our chemistry as the team comes up with its own identity."

Senior Ali Brown was one of the big bats for the Timber Wolves last year as a junior and was a lockdown defender in centerfield and she returns to the lineup with her big bat this spring. However, she is shifting from the outfield to behind the plate to fill a hole left by the departure of Mackenzie Burke.

Senior Leah Dunne is also back and will be the team's leadoff hitter in addition to being a key cog in the outfield, likely moving to center field from left.

Senior Anna Brasaw is back and will return to first base, where she saw some significant time last year. She also could see time in the outfield if needed.

The final senior is BettyJane Weir, who will be locking down third base in her senior season.

Amongst the juniors, Bekah Wheeler returns with the most experience. She has been the starting shortstop for the Timber Wolves most of the last two years and will return to that role this season, while she will also serve as the team's backup catcher.

Sam Weir will likely see time at second base and in the outfield while Maddie Chase could see time at the hot corner and in the outfield as well. The other junior on the roster is Kasey LaCroix, who will be vying for time in the outfield this spring.

Sophomore Hannah Racine will be looking for time in the infield and will also see time in the pitcher's circle as needed while classmate Lauren Geleas will see time in the outfield and Reilly Gray will serve as a utility player for the Timber Wolves.

The final sophomore is Megan Sarno, who is inheriting the bulk of the pitching duties from the departed Brianna Burley.

"We got her about 40 innings last year and we're hoping that helped her a little bit," said Burley. "She's a decent pitcher."

The Timber Wolf coach noted it's a bit tough at the start of the season, as it's hard to judge a player on how she performs in the gym, but he likes what he's seen so far.

"We're well-rounded with a mixture of different personalities and character," he said. "But I'm a bit burned out on the gym."

Burley also noted that it was important that some new players



LEAH DUNNE is one of four seniors for the Prospect Mountain softball team.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

step to the forefront in the 2018 season, since there are a few key holes to fill.

"I think kids are go-

ing to be stepping up that we haven't seen before," the Timber Wolf coach said. "We have the talent there and I

think they're going to meld really well together."

The Prospect field wasn't quite ready for

play in the week leading up to the first games, though Burley noted that Alton Central's fields were just about

ready and the team would have access to those. The first game of the season, scheduled to be at home, was already switched to a road game. The team was also slated to take part in a jamboree in Raymond this past weekend.

"Hopefully we'll be on the field next week," Burley said.

The Timber Wolves had a pair of games after deadline, at Winisquam on Monday and at Somersworth on Wednesday. The first home game is slated to be Friday, April 13, at 4 p.m. against Franklin. On Monday, April 16, the team is at Berlin and on Wednesday, April 18, the team is at Mascenic, both scheduled for 4 p.m. start times.

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Knight baseball boys a relatively young bunch

Veteran coach Chip Skelley notes three freshmen may start opening day

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — After a few days in the Florida sun, the Kingswood baseball team returned to Wolfeboro to get back to practicing in the gym.

"It's share and share alike in the gym," said veteran coach Chip Skelley. "Which we knew would be the thing."

"But we're ready to get going next week," Skelley added.

The Knights traveled to Historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Fla. and got in some spring training on the facility's diamonds. A total of 17 kids made the trip and 14 of those kids made the varsity team as the year gets under way.

The team will be led by a trio of captains in seniors Brian Lindsay and Bryton Clifford and junior Sam Danais. They are essentially the only players returning to the lineup with significant varsity experience. All three are able to play different positions, which gives Skelley some options to fill the many holes left by graduation.

Lindsay has been the team's primary catcher the last few years but Skelley also knows he's solid up the middle at shortstop or centerfield as well.

"He's able to play different spots, especially up the middle," the veteran coach said. "We had never dabbled with him pitching until now."

Lindsay pitched in the team's third game in Florida and fared well

Clifford has primarily been used in the outfield and will likely be the team's leftfielder, but can also play center and shortstop depending on where he is needed and Skelley notes he could also see time on the mound.

Danais has been recovering from a broken wrist and just had his cast taken off after the Florida trip. Skelley is hoping that once he recovers he can move to shortstop on a regular basis or possibly second base, depending on the need.

The team has a lot of versatile pieces and Skel-



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THE KINGSWOOD baseball team has six seniors this year in (l to r) Bryton Clifford, Jake Jensen, Kody Lambert, Brian Lindsay, Chad Leigh and Dylan McCann.

ley will be able to mix and match a bit to figure out the best combinations.

The ability to move Lindsay out from behind the plate is due to the fact that freshman Cole Paro made an impression on the coaches in Florida and earned himself a varsity spot.

"We didn't know what we had heading to Florida," Skelley said. "But I was pretty happy with what I saw from Cole."

Paro also has the ability to play at third base, while Skelley also likes sophomore Matt Place at the hot corner. Place will also see time on the mound.

Across the diamond, sophomore Matt Drew and freshman Drew Swinerton will likely both see time at first base

and both will take to the mound for the Knights. Swinerton will also likely see time in centerfield for the Knights.

In Florida, second base was mostly Place and freshman Oleg Sheahan's position, but Skelley notes that Danais could also see time there when he recovers.

The shortstop mix is a big one, with Lindsay, Clifford and Danais all in the mix, along with senior Chad Leigh, who could also see pitching time.

"It's all about competition," Skelley said. "It's great to have that. Whoever is hitting the baseball certainly gets the nod."

Sophomore Brian Winn will vie for a spot in the outfield and senior Jake Jensen will look to

earn some playing time as well.

Senior Kody Lambert had a strong performance on the mound in the team's second game in Florida and will likely be a key cog in the pitching rotation, along with junior Korbin Tinker and senior Dylan McCann, who will also likely see time in the outfield.

"We really have no varsity pitching experience coming back," Skelley said.

With very little varsity experience, the veteran coach said it's important that players step up and make the best of the situation.

"We need kids to step it up," Skelley said. "There's no group of seniors coming back with varsity experience, the last couple of years we

were kind of set with kids coming back."

The Knight coach noted that it's possible his opening day lineup could feature three freshmen (Paro, Swinerton and Sheahan).

"There could be three freshmen playing on opening day," Skelley said. "You don't see that very often, but hats off to those three."

The Knights are set to kick off the season at home against Coe-Brown on Friday, April 13, at 4 p.m. and are scheduled to be at Kennett on Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m. and hosting Plymouth at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

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Belknap Sportsmen Association hosting ham and bean dinner

GILFORD — A ham and bean dinner with all the fixings will be held at the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association clubhouse on Lily Pond Road on Thursday, April 19, at 6 p.m.

Dr. Richard Boisvert is originally from Lebanon and received his BA from Beloit College in Wisconsin and an MA and PH.D. from the University of Kentucky. He has conducted field work and research in Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, France and Quebec, as well as New Hampshire. He is the coordinator of the state conservation

and rescue archaeology program with the NH State Historical Preservation Office and has directed annual field schools and research in New Hampshire since 1988, focusing on Paleoindian topics for two decades. He was appointed New Hampshire State Archaeologist in 2002 and is the current Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer.

Admission is open to all club members and the community at large, cost is \$15/person water and soda provided. BYOB.



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TAREN BROWNELL (back) hands the baton to Gabby Clark during the 4X100-meter relay last week.



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NAOMI INGHAM ran her way to second place amidst the snow and rain in the 1,600 meter in Meredith.



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MICHAEL PERRY competes in the long jump last Tuesday in Meredith.

Snow and rain doesn't stop Timber Wolves

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MEREDITH — Prospect Mountain track coach John Tuttle says that every day is a good day for a track meet.

It's safe to say that many in attendance in Meredith on Tuesday, April 3, may have disagreed with him, at least on that day.

With Mother Nature dropping both rain and snow throughout the afternoon, the Timber Wolves kicked off their season at a meet hosted by Inter-Lakes, with Moultonborough, Berlin, Gilford, Winnisquam and Hillsboro-Deering



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THOMAS HOWLETT (left) takes the baton from Chris Normandin in the 4X100-meter relay last Tuesday in Meredith.

also in attendance.

The Timber Wolf girls were led by a couple of second place finishes on the afternoon.

Naomi Ingham ran to second place overall in the 1,600 meters, finishing in a time of 6:24, with Anna DeRoche in ninth place in 7:27.

Grace Hardie also picked up a second place in the triple jump, leaping 31 feet, six inches on her best jump.

Essence Bourque added a third place in the discus with a toss of 65 feet, nine inches.

In the 800 meters, Sadie DeJager ran to sixth place overall in 3:01, with

Grace DeJager in 3:30, Rebekah Bartolin in 3:37, Lily Michaud in 3:38 and Jane Holiday in 3:53.

The Timber Wolf girls also picked up a third place finish in the 4X100-meter relay with a time of 59.6 seconds.

In the 100 meters, Taren Brownell finished in 16.5 seconds and L. Lang finished in 17.5 seconds. Ashlyn Dalrymple finished the 200 meters in a time of 31.9 seconds while Bourque threw the shot put 20 feet, four inches and the javelin 50 feet, four inches.

The top performance for the Timber Wolf boys came in the shot put, where Justin Perrin threw his way to first place with a toss of 38 feet, six inches. Cameron Hersey threw 18 feet, eight inches.

The Timber Wolf boys also picked up a first place in the 4X100-meter relay, crossing in a time of 50.8 seconds.

Garrett Sherwood ran and jumped his way to third place in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 52.9 seconds.

In the 200 meters, Chris Normandin finished in fifth place with a time of 26.7 seconds and James Williams finished in 29.6 seconds.

Michael Perry took sixth place in the long jump with a distance of 17 feet, 17.5 inches, with Caleb Parelius at 15 feet, nine inches and James Williams at 13 feet, 11 inches.

Thomas Howlett added a sixth place in the 800 meters, finishing in 2:19.3 seconds, with Ethan Crossman in 2:53.6.

The Timber Wolves added a third place in the 4X400-meter relay with a time of 4:09.1.

In the 100 meters, Parelius finished in 13.1 seconds, Williams crossed in 13.9 seconds and Normandin finished in 14.1 seconds. Parelius finished the 200 meters in 27.6 seconds and in the 1,600 meters, Frank Dowd finished in :53 and Nate Cormier finished in 5:59.

The Timber Wolves were scheduled to compete at Gilford on Tuesday, but that meet was postponed. Next up on the schedule is a home meet on Thursday, April 19, at 4 p.m.

Six seniors to lead Kingswood softball squad

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — While there will be some young players in key positions, coach Richard Arthur also has a number of solid returning athletes as the Kingswood softball team prepares for a new season.

"We will be a little bit younger than last year," said Arthur. "But it seems to be a pretty good group."

He noted that the younger players who made the team demonstrated the work that was needed to get to the varsity level and played themselves onto the team.

"The cream always rises to the top," Arthur stated.

The Knights will be led by a sextet of seniors, five of whom are returning to the team from last year's squad and one returning after a few years away.

Abby Coulter returns to the lineup as a team captain and will be serving as the shortstop to start the season. Arthur noted her bat will also be a presence in the middle of the lineup.

Kasey Birth is back as well, bringing with her a good deal of speed at the top of the lineup and in centerfield. She also may be called on to pitch a little.

Shawna Knowles is probably the most aggressive player on the team and Arthur notes she can play pretty much anywhere he puts her on the field.

Sarah Bean and Sarah Hotchkiss are also back for their senior years and Arthur points



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FIVE OF THE SIX Kingswood softball seniors were at Media Day last month. Left to right, Shawna Knowles, Brittany Lapolla, Sarah Hotchkiss, Kasey Birth and Sarah Bean.

out that both of them bring powerful bats to the Kingswood lineup.

The senior returning after a few years away is Brittany Lapolla, who has earned herself a starting position at first base to open the season with a solid glove.

The team is bolstered by the arrival of Jill Blattenberger, a junior who comes to the team from Pinkerton Academy. She has been playing travel softball a while and Arthur sees her starting the season at third base.

"Jill and Brittany bring strong gloves at the corners, that will shore up the defense," Arthur stated.

Two of the youngsters the Knights are carrying on their team are going to be playing two of the biggest positions on a softball diamond,

as freshman Maggie Shaw will start the year as the team's pitcher and classmate Irena Petit will start the season as her batterymate. The two have been playing together for many years and Arthur said the hard work has paid off.

"They work hard, they take extra lessons, they want it," the Knight coach said. "That's one of the biggest reasons their getting the shot."

He noted that seeing the hard work they put in made it easier for the coaches to give them the chance to play at the varsity level.

In addition to Shaw and Birth, Ariana Dauost will likely get a chance to throw some innings and freshman Brooke Eldridge is also capable of pitching, though Arthur said she's

fighting a bit of an injury. Eldridge is also likely to earn playing time in the field in her freshman campaign.

Junior Maddie Shatzer has been part of the team for the last couple of years but was injured most of last year. Arthur expects her to be a key cog this season as she comes in healthy.

Sami Hotchkiss, Megan Twitchell, BillieJo Dumont, Allie Drew, Alahna Taves and Abigail and Jillian Stetson all provide program depth for the Knights.

"I think we've got something going," Arthur said. "I don't see why we can't get to where we want to be and push for the playoffs like we did last year."

The Knights will feature a pair of games each with traditional rivals

Kennett and Plymouth as well as single games against Coe-Brown, St. Thomas, Lebanon, Sanborn, John Stark, Oyster River, Portsmouth, Souhegan, Merrimack Valley, Trinity, Bow and Con-Val.

The season is set to get under way on Friday, April 13, at home against Coe-Brown at 4 p.m. The Knights will then be at Kennett for a 4 p.m. game on Monday, April 16, and host Plymouth on Wednesday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Arthur noted that as of the end of last week, the team had not been on its field but was hoping to get on the field prior to the first game.

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Fortier takes the helm for Prospect baseball

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ALTON — The Prospect Mountain baseball team returns a lot of experience but is still a young group of kids.

The group will be under the leadership of a new head coach, as Richard Fortier takes over the program from long-time coach Bubba Noyes, who is now coaching at Farmington High School.

The Timber Wolves have just three seniors on the roster but have a total of nine returning players, seven of whom were starters on last year's playoff team.

"Although we have a young team, we are returning nine varsity players," Fortier stated. "That number includes seven players who were starters on last year's roster."

Leading the way for the Timber Wolves is senior Drew Nickerson, who has been a key cog in the team since his freshman campaign. While he will mostly see time at catcher, he will also chip in on the mound and is a versatile player that can play just about anywhere on the diamond, earning Third Team All-State last season.

Fellow senior Zack MacLaughlin also returns to the team and will be playing mostly at second base this season. He will also be counted on to throw some innings for the Timber Wolves.

The third senior on the roster is Zach Thoroughgood, who will see time in the outfield for the Timber Wolves.

Leading the way on the hill will be junior Caleb Piwnicki, who struck out 32 in 39 innings last year while walking just 11 and giving up only 22 hits and five earned runs. Sophomores Richard Stevens and Ryan Dube will also be counted on to throw some innings.

Stevens will also be expected to see time at first base and in the outfield, while Dube will play at third base and will also serve as one of the team's catchers.

The strong sophomore class continues with last year's leadoff hitter, Ryker Burke, who will be moving from second base to centerfield, where he will be asked to anchor the team's outfield defense.

"The team is returning many sophomores who are expected to hold a much greater role on this year's team," Fortier noted.

Among the newcomers expected to play a significant role on this year's team are junior Devin Thomas, who will see time on the mound, sophomore Joel White,

who will likely work at first base and freshman Nate Holiday, who will work in the outfield for the Timber Wolves.

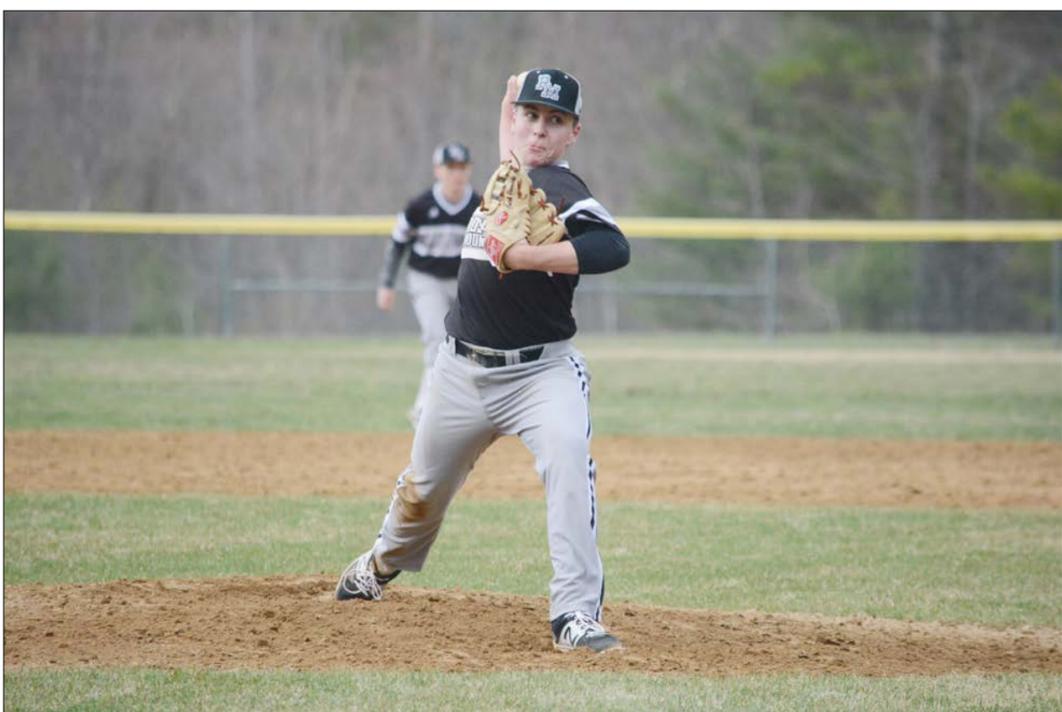
Fortier send the idea is to count on the pitching and defense to help win games.

"With strong starting pitching, the team will look to timely hitting, intelligent base running and fundamental conservative defense to help us win low-scoring games," the new coach noted.

Fortier also pointed out that the team has expectations to move forward into the playoffs and advance a couple of rounds deep in the tournament.

"The team has very high expectations for this season," Fortier noted. "Having a deep run into the playoffs, getting a chance to play in the Final Four is an attainable goal for this talented team."

Due to field conditions, the team had yet to be on their own field



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CALEB PIWNICKI is expected to be one of the primary pitchers for the Prospect baseball team this spring.

as the first game approached. That game, scheduled to be at home, was moved from Alton to Tilton because of the field conditions.

The Timber Wolves will feature two games

each with Winnisquam, Somersworth, Franklin, Mascenic, Campbell, Gilford and Raymond and single games with Belmont and Berlin.

The team had games at Winnisquam and Somers-

worth after deadline earlier in the week and will be hosting Franklin, conditions permitting, on Friday, April 13. On Monday, April 16, the team is at Berlin and the Timber Wolves head to

Mascenic for a game on Wednesday, April 18, all slated for 4 p.m. starts.

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Leadership strong for Kingswood lacrosse boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
SPORTS EDITOR

WOLFEBORO — Before Mother Nature helped to clear off the turf field at the Kingswood complex, Kingswood boys' lacrosse coach Matt Tetreault found ways for his team to get in practice time.

That included seeing time at the Smith Center on the campus of Brewster Academy in the early weeks of practice.

"That was super helpful because it's borderline impossible to have 42 boys' lacrosse players with different levels in the gym," the Knight coach said. "And we were able to get outside this week."

The number of players falls in a fairly sweet spot for Tetreault, as it's just enough to keep the program moving in the right direction while not keeping people from playing.

"It gives the younger players a chance to develop better with a coach to player ratio and an increased amount of game time," Tetreault stated.

The Knights will feature a fairly experienced lineup, led by a trio of captains who are all returning with significant varsity experience under their belts.

Erik Madden was First Team All-State last year and returns to the Knights as the leader of the offense and gave Tetreault an easy way to plan in the offseason.

"You can think about how you can accent his skills and it gives you a direction you can plan in," the Knight coach said.

The other two cap-



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CAM MANN, Erik Madden and Liam Morrissey are the captains of this year's Kingswood boys' lacrosse team.

tains are senior Liam Morrissey and junior Cam Mann.

Morrissey will captain the team's defense while Mann is a short stick defensive midfielder. Tetreault points out that each of the three captains brings something unique to the table as part of their game.

"Erik initiates the offense and decides what look we're going to use," Tetreault said. "Liam leads the communication and calls as our defensive captain."

"And Cam is kind of a great blend of both," Tetreault added. "Short stick defensive midfielders are super valuable."

The Knight coach noted that Mann is a ferocious defender but also has the ability to go one-on-one in the offensive zone to score goals.

"He has the green light to take the ball in," Tetreault said.

Senior Ben Eldridge

is returning to the net for the Kingswood boys and Tetreault said he has shown a strong commitment and focus toward lacrosse in the offseason and has improved.

Fellow seniors Joe Moore and Sam Barton bring a ton of varsity experience to the field in other sports, something that Tetreault says can play a key role in a player's success.

"They have a lot of varsity experience with other sports so they should contribute something," the Knight coach pointed out. "If a kid plays a varsity sport, there's something super valuable about that."

"And we have younger players who have that experience from other sports already," Tetreault added, saying he's happy to reap the rewards of the experience the kids got in fall and winter sports.

The Knights have 12

seniors and 11 juniors to lead the way but the freshman class is the largest group of freshmen Tetreault has had, with 13 first-year high school students.

Included in those 13 freshmen are six who will likely see time at the varsity level and Tetreault noted that most of them have varsity experience in another sport.

The Knight mentor pointed out that the program is continuing to head in the right direction with strong numbers. This year's senior class was Tetreault's first freshman class.

"I think we've kept the kids engaged and boosted the numbers," Tetreault said. "I think we focus hard on building a good team chemistry and team culture."

The Knights have been buoyed by increased numbers at the Abenaki Youth Lacrosse

program, where there have been two 14U teams the last couple of years with seventh and eighth graders. Tetreault commended Jeff Calligandes for helping to recruit a lot of kids into the youth program.

Calligandes will be helping out a bit this year with the varsity squad, while Tetreault will again work with fellow Kingswood alum Mike Manning on the sidelines.

"We coach both teams together every day," Tetreault said.

The Knights are scheduled to be at Bow on Friday, April 13, at 4 p.m. and hosting Winnacunnet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17. The first game of the season was after deadline Tuesday against Kennett.

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Smith River race returns on May 19

WOLFEBORO — The 44th running of the Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race will be held Saturday, May 19. It is a four-mile race which includes a quarter mile of class 2 whitewater and two short portages. There are 19 classes from novice to expert for both canoes and kayaks.

The race starts at 1:15 p.m. at Albee Beach on Lake Wentworth and finishes at the town docks on Lake Winnepesaukee. There will be prizes for the first three finishers in each class. Registra-

tion is \$20 per paddler and there will be free t-shirts for the first 50 entrants. Entry forms are available in Wolfeboro at the Chamber of Commerce or by calling 569-5454.

Racers can also register the day of the race at Albee beach between 10 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

Proceeds from the race go to the Wolfeboro Lions Club and are used to support the club's scholarship fund. In conjunction with the race, there will be a 50/50 raffle.

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Leonard and Brown take helm of Kingswood track team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — With the retirement of longtime coach Paul Harvey, there will be new faces at the helm of the Kingswood track team this spring.

However, those faces are familiar to those who've been around Kingswood the last few years.

Justin Leonard, who is also the team's football coach and Lauren Brown, who coached indoor track this past winter, are leading the way for the Kingswood team, with Kingswood grad Ci Heckl and longtime assistant Jamie Meyers rounding out the staff.

The team was supposed to be outside on the track at The Nick on Wednesday, April 4, for the first time, but the weather put the brakes on that plan, so Brown, Leonard and the coaching staff were overseeing the practice in the halls and rooms of the high school.

"We'd love to be outside," said Leonard. "Unfortunately, the rain didn't allow that to happen."

"We make it work, it's just a little frustrating," said Brown of working indoors. "But what can you do, it's New England."

The Knights have more than 70 team members, with the boys' team over 40 and the girls' team over 30.

"We have some good numbers and a lot of new athletes for track," Leonard said. "And a lot of middle schoolers have

returned as freshmen."

Leonard coached the middle school team last year and is happy to see many of the kids who were with him last year up with the high school team this fall.

"We have a lot of freshmen joining," Brown noted. "I was just adding kids to the roster yesterday."

She pointed out that about three-quarters of the new girls on her team are freshmen.

"As a young team, we'll be strong in a couple of years," she said.

Each coach comes to the team with a good area of focus that allows them to manage the team well together.

Leonard will be the team's primary throwing coach, while Brown will work with the sprinters and the hurdlers. Heckl will work with the jumpers and Meyers will be the distance coach.

During their practice indoors last week, Brown had one group working with hurdles in the dance studio, while Meyers and Heckl had kids doing circuits through the hallways and stairs in the lecture hall, while Leonard was in the cafeteria with the throwers working on form.

"It's my second season with track and I really enjoy it," Leonard said. "These kids push themselves to get better."

With his job as football coach, Leonard has been able to recruit a number of football players to the team, which he said is good for both teams, giving the track team numbers while keeping the



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SENIORS (l to r) Sam Schwarz, Hannah Chatigny, Wyatt Pooler, Cam Stinchfield, Grace Trites and Tucker Gosselin will be among the leaders of this year's Kingswood track team.

kids in shape for when they return to football.

Both coaches noted that they encouraged any kid interested to apply to be a captain and they were both pleased with the applications they received.

"No matter what, we know we have leadership here," Brown stated.

Brown noted that both she and Leonard have also been helping out at the middle school level at times this spring, since coach Pete Llewellyn has between 40 and 50 kids all on his own. She said that the good numbers at the middle school are certainly a good sign for things to come.

And as the season kicks off, the Knights will be ready to roll.

"We're striving for a better Division II placement," Leonard said of the team's ultimate goal. "I am a competitive person and I want the kids to be as competitive as I am."

The Knights are

scheduled to be at Pelham for a 10 a.m. meet on Saturday, April 14, and will host the lone home meet of the season at The Nick on Tuesday, April 17, at 4 p.m.

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Spring sports and weather collide again

It only makes sense that the first week of games in the spring sports season is marred by snow and rain. Because it's spring in New Hampshire.

Last week was supposed to be the start of the spring sports season for many local teams, with all the local tennis teams and one of the local track teams scheduled to kick off the season. And it started out pretty well, as the Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team opened the season as scheduled on Monday afternoon in Alton. The Timber Wolves came away with a nice 9-0 win to start the season but didn't get to play again the rest of the week, as Mother Nature cancelled the other games on the weekly schedule.

Tuesday afternoon didn't look too promising, as the forecast called for snow and rain, but that didn't stop the Prospect Mountain track team from traveling to Meredith for a meet hosted by Inter-Lakes. The forecasted snow and rain came just as the meet was set to begin. Because of the wet conditions, the high jump and pole vault were called off and the decision was made to not run the 3,200 meters as well. I stayed for much of the meet before heading off to rehearsal for Crimes of the Heart, which was in production week at Village Players Theater in Wolfboro. I am serving as producer for the spring show.

Wednesday was a complete washout as far as games go, as all the games scheduled for that day were postponed, many were postponed to Thursday, which gave me something to do on Thursday. However, as it turned out, the wind on Thursday led to another postponement, as the Prospect Mountain tennis boys were called off. However, the Kennett tennis boys did play their game resched-

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

uled from the previous day. And it was about as windy as I've ever experienced at a tennis match. The Kennett boys handled it nicely, since they are pretty used to the conditions. They walked off the courts with a 9-0 win to kick off their season. Friday was another wash out, as all the teams that were scheduled to play were postponed due to the rain and snow.

So, a week after spend-

ing a few days in Florida in the 80-degree sun, I was standing on the infield of the Inter-Lakes track with the snow falling all around me and just a few days later I was on the bench of the Kennett tennis courts with the wind whipping through my jacket.

Needless to say it was quite the introduction back to the New England weather.

On an unrelated note, as mentioned I am serving as the producer for Crimes of the Heart at the Village Players Theater in Wolfboro. The cast and crew has been working hard and the Pulitzer Prize winning show looks great. If you

have some time this weekend (April 13, 14 at 8 p.m., April 15 at 2 p.m.) stop by the theater and see the work being done by the Village Players.

Finally, have a great day Michaela Andruzzi.

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High School Slate

Thursday, April 12
KINGSWOOD
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Alvirne; 5:30

Friday, April 13
KENNETT
Baseball vs. St. Thomas; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Winnacunnet; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Manchester West; 4
Softball vs. St. Thomas; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball vs. Coe-Brown; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Bow; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4
Girls' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4
Softball vs. Coe-Brown; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball vs. Franklin; 4
Boys' Tennis at Littleton; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Littleton; 4
Softball vs. Franklin; 4
Saturday, April 14
KINGSWOOD
Track at Pelham; 10

Monday, April 16
KENNETT
Baseball vs. Kingswood; 4
Softball vs. Kingswood; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball at Kennett; 4
Boys' Tennis at Oyster River; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at

Oyster River; 5:30
Girls' Tennis vs. Oyster River; 4
Softball at Kennett; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball at Berlin; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. White Mountains; 4
Girls' Tennis at White Mountains; 4
Softball at Berlin; 4
Unified Volleyball vs. Belmont; 4

Tuesday, April 17
KENNETT
Track at Kingswood; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Winnacunnet; 5:30
Track Home Meet; 4

Wednesday, April 18
KENNETT
Baseball at Coe-Brown; 4
Softball at Coe-Brown; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball vs. Plymouth; 4:30
Boys' Tennis at Plymouth; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Plymouth; 4
Softball vs. Plymouth; 4:30
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
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- Keep gas tank full
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