

Coronavirus concerns close local schools

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Contributing Writer

REGION — Amid growing concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS), Barnstead Elementary School (BES) and Alton Central School (ACS) announced on Saturday, March 14, in letters to parents that they would closing school and utilizing “remote learning” for two weeks starting on Wednesday, March 18.

The next day, Gov. Chris Sununu directed all New Hampshire public schools to close through April 3 and utilize remote learning. As of Sunday, there were 13 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire and no deaths, according to WMUR.

Exact plans of remote learning at PMHS, ACS and BES were still in the works at the time of writing, but the letters to parents over the weekend informed them of the developments. Monday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 17, were scheduled to be workshop days for teachers

and staff at all three schools in order to solidify remote lessons and activities, with remote learning starting the next day.

According to the March 14 letter from BES Superintendent Brian Cochrane, “we expect that the learning experiences will be primarily technology-based” for students in grades four through eight, while the lower grades will likely see instructional packets similar to “blizzard bags” used during snow days. The letter from ACS Superintendent Pamela Stiles relayed the same message.

According to the letter from PMHS Superintendent Tim Broadrick on March 14, students and parents would be allowed access to the school on Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in order to collect belongings from lockers and Chromebooks. ACS also allowed parents and students into the building on Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., per the letter from Stiles.

“What platforms we

will use or not use are still being discussed, but we are a Google Classroom school and much of what we will be doing will be within that platform, but not exclusively,” BES Principal Tim Rice said in an e-mail

with The Baysider on Sunday regarding the method of instruction the school will use.

Schools are also making arrangements so that students can access meals and other resources during the two weeks

of at-home and online education.

“You will be sent a copy of the detailed plan regarding how to access meals for breakfast and lunch, how to contact school resources while learning is taking place

at home, and how to have your health-related questions answered. That will be sent you to within the next day or two,” Stiles said in the letter to parents over the

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Art appreciation



Kindergarten students at New Durham School trekked to the New Durham Public Library recently to see artwork done by their classmate Griffin on display. The youngster has been drawing “as long as I can remember,” and his favorite subject is dinosaurs.

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Alton voters pass most warrant articles

Replacement of dock in Alton Bay fails

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

ALTON — Alton voters had a large number of warrant articles on the town and school ballots when they went to the polls on Tuesday, March 10.

While the majority of the planning board proposed amendments were defeated, the majority of the rest of the articles passed.

On the warrant, articles two through 11 were planning board proposed amendments. Two dealt with multi-family structures and town-

house definitions and passed 381-328, three allows amusement use in rural residential and rural zones (by special exception) and failed 368-343, four is to remove firewood processing as a permitted use in residential commercial zone and failed 395-323, five permits lumber yards in residential commercial and residential rural zones (by special exception) and failed 387-332, six removes outdoor recreation as a permitted use in residential zone and failed 387-326, seven permits small engine re-

pair in residential commercial and rural residential zones (by special exception) and passed 443-279, eight removes water extraction facility as permitted use in the residential and lake-shore residential zones and passed 399-302, nine removes utility scale solar energy systems/solar farms as permitted in the residential and residential commercial zones and passed 389-317, 10 amends definition of boat storage and passed 381-311 and 11 adds a definition for product storage area and failed

357-339.

Article 12 is to raise \$25,000 to the benefit pay expendable trust fund and passed 513-234.

Article 13 is the operating budget of \$8,267,897 and passed 480-275.

Article 14 is to raise \$50,000 for engineering at New Riverside Cemetery and passed by a 545-211 vote.

Article 15 is to raise \$100,000 for the fire department equipment capital reserve and passed 544-207.

The selectmen and budget committee both unanimously recommend article 16, to raise \$100,000 (from undesignated fund balance with no tax rate impact) to be used toward the pur-

chase of a fire ladder truck and it passed by a 539-219 margin.

Article 17 is the raise \$23,000 to the grounds and maintenance vehicle and equipment capital reserve fund and passed 490-264.

Article 18 is to raise \$350,000 to the highway

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Majority of articles pass in New Durham

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

NEW DURHAM — New Durham voters had their say on a number of warrant articles on the ballot on Tuesday, March 10.

Articles two and three are zoning ordinances put forth by the New Durham Planning Board. The first one amends articles in the zoning ordinance to be consistent with updated land use sustainability map and the second one amends setbacks from water bodies. The first passed 232-61 and the second passed 215-74.

Article four is the operating budget of \$3,210,062 and it passed by a vote of 179-117.

Article five raises \$330,000 for the road program, with \$117,000 coming from the highway block grant aid, the rest from general taxation. It passed by a vote of 227-69.

Article six raises funds for public works capital reserve funds, including \$25,000 for highway equipment, \$75,000 for highway trucks, \$22,000 for vehicle and equipment maintenance, \$20,000 for solid waste equipment, \$40,000 for road reconstruction and \$15,000 for gravel. The article passed by a vote of 215-83.

Article seven is for public safety capital reserve funds, with \$15,000 for po-

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Barnstead School District Meeting up in the air

BARNSTEAD — With gatherings of 50 or more people prohibited in the state of New Hampshire, the status of Barnstead’s Annual School District Meeting was up in the air.

Superintendent Brian Cochrane said on Tuesday that by his reading of the order from Governor Chris Sununu, they would not be allowed to host the meeting. The district was reaching out to the moderator to see where things are. Visit barnstead.k12.nh.us for any updates.



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Locals choose new town and school officials

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

REGION — Local voters went to the polls on Tuesday, March 10, and there were a few races on the ballots in the three local communities.

Alton

In Alton, there was a three-way race for two three-year seats on the board of selectmen. Incumbent Reuben Wentworth easily won one seat with 633 votes and newcomer Rossiter “Bob” Holt received 378 votes to earn the second seat over John Markland with 310 votes.

That was the lone race on the town ballot, with the rest of the races all unopposed. For trustee of the trust funds for three years, David St. Cyr received 604 votes and for library trustee for three years, Betty

Jane Meulenbroek got 568 votes and Kristine Simone got 551 votes. Robin Lane-Douglas received 598 votes for a two-year seat as moderator and Raymond Johnson got 594 votes for a six-year term as supervisor of the checklist. For two three-year seats on the planning board, Roger Sample received 543 votes and Robert “Bob” Regan got 540 votes and for two three-year zoning board seats, Paul Larochelle got 593 votes and Paul Monziona got 541 votes. Thomas Lee received 572 votes for a two-year seat on the zoning board.

On the school ballot, there were no contested races. Karen Kharitonov received 581 votes for a three-year seat on the school board and Julie Brown received 577 votes for a two-year

seat on the school board. Jean Stone received 610 votes for a three-year term as treasurer, Robin Lane-Douglas received 607 votes for a one-year term as moderator and Linda Roy received 616 votes for a one-year term as clerk.

Barnstead

The main race for Barnstead residents was for two three-year seats on the board of selectmen. Rick Therrien was the top vote-getter with 296 votes and Paula Penney received 270 votes to secure the second seat over Gary Madden at 274 votes and Rick Duane at 257 votes.

For a pair of three-year seats on the planning board, Kathy Preston received 370 votes and Michael Cipriano got 345 votes to defeat Karen Schacht Reno

with 214 votes.

For a four-year seat as supervisor of the checklist, Priscilla Tiede edged Shirley Hayes by a vote of 295-277.

George Drew easily won a three-year seat as road agent with 495 votes to 102 votes for Kyle Tiede.

The rest of the ballot was uncontested. Andrew Sylvester received 432 votes for a three-year seat on the budget committee and Michael Cipriano received 56 write-in votes for the other seat. Nancy Carr received 526 votes for a two-year seat as moderator and Elaine Swinford was reelected overseer of public welfare for another year with 505 votes. Karen Montgomery received 522 votes for a three-year seat as trustee of the trust funds, Judith Forsyth got 531 votes for a six-year seat as supervisor of the checklist and Ann Cwik received 514 votes for a three-year seat as library trustee. For a two-year seat on the budget committee, Alan Glassman was the top write-in candidate with 60 votes.

There were three zoning questions on the ballot, with question one passing 334-184 and question two passing 302-263. Question three failed by a 325-223 margin.

There was one race on the school ballot, with Brandy Pelletier (359 votes) and Lyla Adkins (321 votes) defeating Kevin Genest (239) for two three-year seats on the school board.

Jason Henry was elected to a two-year seat on the school board with 518 votes, Nancy Carr received 551 votes for a one-year term as moderator and Hilary Henry received 511 votes for a one-year term as treasurer.

New Durham

There was just one contested race on the New Durham ballot, with Cecile Chase defeating Ron Uyeno for a three-year seat on the board of selectmen by a 188-100 vote.

For town moderator, Ron Cook received 263 votes for a two-year term, for a pair of three-year seats on the budget committee, Terry Jarvis received 222 votes and Rudy Rosiello received 187 votes, for a three-year seat as cemetery trustee, Freeman Goodrich received 255 votes, for a two-year seat as library trustee, Patrice Mitchell got 262 votes, for a three-year seat as library trustee, Richard Leonard received 258 votes and for two three-year seats on the planning

board, Robert Craycraft got 220 votes and David Wessel got 209 votes. For two three-year seats on the zoning board, Stephanie Richard got 231 votes and Terry Jarvis got 197 votes and for a one-year seat on the zoning board, Paul Raslavicus received 239 votes.

On the Governor Wentworth Regional School District ballot, there were no contested races. For a two-year term as Effingham member, James Pittman received 2,144 votes overall and 227 in New Durham, for a three-year term as Brookfield member, James Manning received 2,133 votes overall and 225 in New Durham, for board member at large for three years, Wendi Fenderson received 2,163 votes overall and 241 in New Durham and as a board member from Wolfeboro for three years, Charlene Seibel received 2,191 votes overall and 221 in New Durham. Randy Walker won another one-year term as moderator with 2,330 overall votes and 236 in New Durham.

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Here's to your health series offered by Alton Parks and Rec

ALTON — Adults of all ages are invited to join the informal roundtable conversation led by Carol Wallace, Certified Wellness Educator on Thursdays, April 2, 16 and May 17 at the Gilman Library starting at 7 p.m. In this fast-paced world, life can be hectic with juggling the demands of work, family and taking care of your own health. This informal discussion will cover topics and sharing of information about

effective techniques and skills that will help combat stress and bring more calmness into one's life.

Topics include simple steps that can improve your immune system to fight the flu and other contagious diseases; how your environment effects your health; the joy and importance of movement; benefits of essential oils and healthy eating; meditation and Reiki- healing through movement of energy.

Different topics will be offered each meeting. April 2 will include simple ways to improve the immune system and reducing stress through meditation, Reiki and movement. Learn something new, share experiences and find helpful tools for wellbeing.

Reiki classes
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring reiki classes with Reiki Master Teacher Carol Wallace. Classes will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center, 58 Mt. Major Highway. Reiki I- March 28 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. includes hand positions and self Reiki; Reiki II (Reiki I is a pre-requisite) - April 4 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - practice Reiki on others, distance Reiki and symbols. Register by March 24. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation office and on the town of Alton web site, www.alton.nh.gov.



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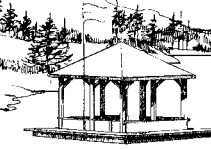
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Bear musicians

Barnstead Elementary School musicians were selected to participate in music festivals around the state. On Friday, March 6, five Barnstead students were selected to participate in the Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival at Kennett Middle School in Conway. Grace Books (soprano) and Joey Howlett (baritone) were members of the chorus totally 91 students. Erin Rawnley (flute), Derek Hopkins (clarinet) and Shannon Kelley (baritone) were selected into the band totally with 92 members. Students spent their day in rehearsals with students from the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, the day culminated in a wonderful concert experience that evening. Grace Brooks (mallet percussion) was one out of 236 auditioners for the New Hampshire Middle Level Honors Band Festival. She was selected to be one of 124 students from all over the state of New Hampshire to participate in the Honors Band Festival. On Tuesday, March 10, Brooks performed with the concert band at the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham in a phenomenal performance with highest performing middle school musicians in the state.

Oscar Foss offering seed starting workshop

BARNSTEAD — Bring your kiddos over to the Oscar Foss Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for stories, songs, crafts, and snacks with Ms. Jerissa. Every week the program follows a new exciting theme.

Seed starting workshop
Spring is finally here. Come to the library on Thursday, March 26, to join Master Gardener Sarah Marcoux from the UNH Cooperative Extension for a workshop on seed starting. All materials and information will be provided free of charge. This program will be held in the meeting room from 6 to 8 p.m.

YA Cozy Cafe
High schoolers, start your weekend right on Friday, March 27, and drop in for our pop up Cozy Café. Grab your friends to come hang out and enjoy complimentary drinks and pastries. Choose from a selection of specialty espresso beverages, locally blended teas, and rich drinking chocolates handcrafted just for you. Cozy Cafe will run from 4 to 7 p.m. and is for ages 14-18.

Adult Book Club
After moving book discussions online for the winter, the Oscar Foss Memorial Library Book Club will be returning to their regular meeting schedule. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1, to discuss the memoir Thinking in Pictures by Temple Grandin. Copies are available at the library if you would like to join or read along.

Yoga at the library

Mary Ellen Shannon, RYT offers two yoga classes at the library every Tuesday afternoon, Simply Yoga at 4:15 p.m. for beginners and an all levels class at 5:30 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. If you have blocks and straps, please bring those also. Classes are by donation and all are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate. Shannon has been a resident of Barnstead for 18 years and a yoga practitioner for even longer. If you have further questions, please contact her at 269-5030.

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 Sundays and Mondays.

New Durham senior lunch cancelled

NEW DURHAM — Regretfully, the town of New Durham must cancel its senior lunch scheduled for Saturday, March 21. They feel the need to comply with precautions that need to be taken for this unique time in society. The senior population is special to everyone and organizers want to protect them at this time. Once this is over, they will have a great luncheon to celebrate.



Locke Lake board meeting tonight

BARNSTEAD — The next public Locke Lake Colony Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

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Interesting times

Well, things certainly got interesting over the course of the last week.

Last Thursday, we received a notice from the NHIAA, the organization that oversees New Hampshire high school sports, saying that all remaining tournament games for the winter season would be played without large audiences, with admission being restricted to four tickets per player, plus coaches, necessary staff and media.

The next morning, the NHIAA followed the lead of the NBA, MLB, the NHL and countless leagues around the world by suspending all tournament games over the weekend.

Then, on Sunday, Governor Chris Sununu made an announcement that he was ordering all schools in New Hampshire closed until April 3, with online learning set to begin after teachers had the opportunity to train in the programs needed to put the online learning into place.

This is unprecedented in our time covering local high schools. We have never really seen anything like this. It feels like the entire country has ground to a halt as schools, sports, entertainment and more have shuttered their doors for a while in an attempt to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

While many of these closures hit close to home for us (we follow all sorts of sports, we are part of a local community theater that has closed for a few weeks), this was the right decision on many levels.

While it's hard to decipher information that has come out, since there are so many people out there claiming to be experts, it seems that the 'social distancing' that has been suggested is a way to slow the spread of the virus. Large groups of people clumped together in one location is a way to spread any sort of virus, particularly one that doesn't seem to have a known cure at this moment.

So yes, we suggest that local residents follow along and try not to get together in large groups. We also urge all younger residents to help out senior citizens in the community. The older residents are some of the most susceptible to this virus and offering to help pick up some groceries or takeout for seniors in the community could provide them a respite from going out and risking being exposed to the virus.

We also urge local residents to help out local businesses as much as you can. Obviously, people not being able to congregate in large groups could be tough for small businesses that rely on visitors to stay afloat. One good suggestion we've read about is to buy gift cards online to give businesses some cash flow in a time when many people are staying home and then when things clear up, enjoy your time at that local business.

We know that there is no perfect solution to the virus that is sweeping around the country and world, but we urge local residents to take precautions as necessary. Wash your hands often, try to avoid lots of physical contact and if you're not feeling well, stay at home.

And please, there's no reason to buy cases upon cases of toilet paper. Leave some for those in the community who might actually need it.

Letters to the Editor

Care for the self in anxious times

To the Editor:

Recent events have impacted the way that our daily lives unfold. Our daily routines interrupted. Our social edicts halted by the impact of a virus that we have little understanding of. How do we care for ourselves and our well-being when our lives have been interrupted and social distancing is encouraged?

In anxious times, getting back to simpler times and nature can help to relieve to impact of these challenging times. Our beautiful towns offer lots of open spaces for exploring,

even if it is in your own backyard. The sun light is a natural detox for the body. The fresh air of the approaching spring will lift your spirits as we will also have the majestic blue of the sky to run our eyes over.

Walking offers the body bilateral stimulation, which helps to bring our minds and bodies into an integrate state. Being in an integrated state allows for a more mindful, thoughtful response to situations. A casual walk, while gentle moving your eyes side to side, with rhythmic breath-

ing will offer a stress reduction that will surprise even the most skeptical person.

What about those racing thought that have the "what if" or the "should have, could have, would have" flavors? Utilizing descriptive labeling and expression can help to change those distress thought patterns in to a more balance present thought such as "this is now" or "I am." Descriptive commenting is labeling the feeling or sensation that is occurring. I statements can be a nice guide for this "I feel... when... I would

like to see... happen. Writing, drawing, painting and cooking are a few activities that serve as creative outlet. When all else fails, humming will help. Humming you may wonder, why would humming help? Humming activates the vagal system supporting regulation within your nervous system.

Stay tuned for future articles relating to self-care and wellbeing.

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100+ years of childcare experience in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — Barnstead has more than 100 years of Early Childhood Education (ECE) experience in four child care providers. In a profession of extensive turnover, this is extraordinary and the community needs to recognize and say thank you to them. These women are Madeline Wheeler (32 years), Dawn McCartney (25 years), Shelly Reale (20 years) and Donna Miner (30 years). Interestingly they represent the spectrum of child care services available in NH including a license-exempt home care, family child care, group home care and center care.

Wheeler has run a family group child care home in Barnstead for 32 years. Her license as a group home allows her to enroll up to 17 children from infants through after-school. She has two assistant teachers and the program is called Windy Hill Child Care. Wheeler grew up on Long Island and received her Early Childhood Education Certification from the Tech in Concord. She and her family have a classic hilltop farm setting complete with fields, tractors and animals. There is warm family feeling to the mixed ages and exten-

sive play spaces. Wheeler shared that she is now caring for the children of her former students.

Reale is in her 20th year of providing a licensed family child care home called Hobby Horse with up to six preschoolers, plus three after-school children. In high school, she took the two-year course offered at the Concord High Vo-Tech ECC and went on to work at a local daycare center for a brief time. She later earned her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education. In 2000, when she moved into a larger home in Barnstead on a busy road, she knew it was perfect for her dream of running a home daycare. Her plan was to stay in business until her then infant daughter was in high school. She is now in college and Reale has no plans of closing any time soon. "I enjoy meeting all of the wonderful families, am inspired by the amazement in a child's eyes when they learn something new and love knowing I make a difference for so many families."

McCartney has cared for children in her Barnstead home for 25 years. Her interest in caring for children began in her teens and she graduated from the University

of Hartford with a BA in psychology and a minor in ECE. She began her career working in a center but soon moved to providing family child care and preferring the quality she could offer a small group of children. McCartney maintains certification in CPR and first aid and NH exempts her from licensing because she cares for three or fewer children in addition to her own. During the past 25 years, McCartney was active volunteering in many facets of the community, as well as raising a family, all the while running a family daycare for children age six weeks through their teen years. She reports, "I love my job and the bonus is the gift of helping children develop into the wonderful people they are becoming." Many in Barnstead also know McCartney from her generous work with the school and the food pantry.

Miner is the director and owner of Barnstead's only licensed child care center, called Buzy Beez. This program enrolls up to 35 children from infants to school-aged students and has a staff of nine teachers. Miner formerly provided family child care in her home and has been a day care center teacher

in neighboring centers. Her passion for children also started as a teen and she studied ECE in college. Her lifelong dream was to open a center. In 2015, she opened Buzy Beez in the Barnstead Office Park, down Depot Road next to the White Buffalo. In total, she has been working with children for 30 years.

So, for Barnstead this is great news. Working parents have good choices of experienced child care providers and the licensed programs offer the state scholarship program to help parents pay for the care. Families must be involved in a work, training or school related activity and income eligible. As you might guess, these programs are often full and you may want to get on a waiting list. There are other license-exempt home providers in town who advertise locally. You may also call Child Care Aware to get referrals to other options in neighboring towns or along your route to work. Their number is 1-855-393-1731.

Next time you see one of these Early Childhood providers, take the time to thank them. These women are unique, dedicated and helping grow the future.

MARK ON THE MARKETS

End of the bull



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

March 9, 2009 was the beginning of an 11-year bull market in stocks. On that day, I was sitting in front of my computer in my office, at the time in Conway. There was

panic in the markets, the S and P 500 index hit 667, before turning up that day. That was a point of capitulation, which is a word that means "surrender." During these times of capitulation and extreme fear is the time that you want to step in and buy assets that many people and institutions are trying to sell at any cost. This is a very difficult thing to do, but the professionals thrive in times that the average investor panics. Conversely when the equity (stock) markets are high and topky, these same investors want to buy at the top. I have addressed

this "emotional" investing in other articles, but I am still fascinated with investor behavior. I can say that many people do not fall into this panic selling and marking a top buying and that is hopefully a positive behavior that we have learned from experience.

If you have structured your portfolio with non or low correlated asset classes, which is very different from having different mutual fund names, and you have achieved true asset class diversification, you will be able to weather market corrections with less pain than if you were

fully invested in equity mutual funds from the same fund family. I am not saying that in recent weeks you would not have seen your portfolio down, but not with the same intensity as if you were not properly diversified.

The other issue is the lack of any cash or liquidity. It is ok to take a profit and hold cash for other opportunities. If you are fully invested, with no available cash, you would not have any dry powder to take advantage of volatile markets. Some cash is good.

Actively managed portfolios using low cost

ETFs, stocks and bonds are going to offer more diversification, flexibility and control of taxes and timing than the all too often family of funds.

Yes, I have referenced funds a couple of times, but only because that is what is commonly found in many 401ks and 403bs. It is likely that you can stay in the plan however transfer assets to an IRA where you can take advantage of fee based active asset management. This is known as "in service distribution." I would encourage anyone inside of five years of retirement to contact me about this method

to customize your portfolio for the purpose of your needs. You may be surprised that it is more cost efficient and effective than staying in your current plans.

The bull market with low volatility has ended. Hopefully, what seems to be a volatile mess will end up being an opportunity to upgrade your portfolio to an actively managed portfolio that is designed with conviction and purpose.

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Trio of locals graduate from NHTI

CONCORD — The following students graduated from NHTI-Concord's Community College, during the Fall 2019 term.

Julie Petelle and Shelby Therrien of Alton and Joanne Miloro-Pirozzo of Barnstead.

NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning providing accessible, rigorous

education, serving students, businesses and the community by creating pathways for lifelong learning, career advancement and civic engagement. NHTI—Concord's Community College offers more than 90 academic programs to more than 4,600 students annually. Graduates can transfer to four-year colleges and universities,

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lice cruisers and \$3,000 for fire department ancillary equipment. It passed by a 225-71 vote.

Article eight raises \$20,000 for the water quality and milfoil treatment capital reserve fund and it passed 239-58.

Article nine is to raise funds for facilities capital reserve funds, with \$5,000 for Smith Ballfield and equipment, \$20,000 for public safety facility and \$25,000 for 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration. The article failed by a vote of 159-138.

Article 10 is for expendable trust funds, with \$25,000 for computer systems and office equipment, \$10,000 for records management and \$20,000 for town buildings and improvements. The article passed by a 209-89 vote.

Article 11 it to raise

\$7,200 for contributions to health and other agencies, with the funds coming from the JC Shirley Timber Trust with no impact on the tax rate and it passed by a 235-62 vote.

Article 12 is to change the purpose of the existing gravel capital reserve fund for the exploration, mining and acquisition of gravel for use by the department of public works. A two-thirds vote was required and it passed by a 242-56 vote.

Article 13 is a petitioned warrant article to see if the town will adopt a conflict of interest ordinance. It passed by a 166-128 vote.

On the school ballot there were four articles. The turf field article passed 1,880 to 896, the repairs and improvements article passed 2,033-739, the operating budget

passed 2,023-684 and the 25-year solar agreement passed 2,065-700.

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Locals on honored at SNHU

MANCHESTER — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2019 President's List.

Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Matthew Olive of Barnstead;
Justin Smith of New Durham;

Cassidy Downs of New Durham;
Maddison Foss of Alton;
Hannah Robitaille of

Barnstead;

Sara Ball of Barnstead.

Emily Skelley of Alton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2019 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, non-profit institution with an 87-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than

130,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers over 300 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.



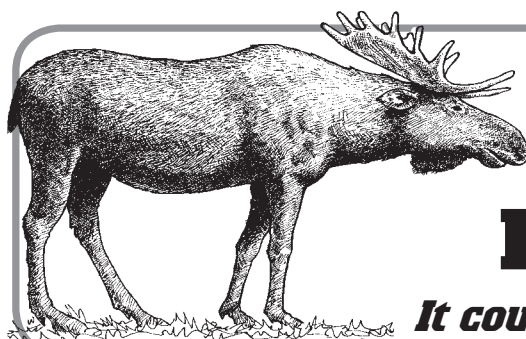
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Services in Town Parks and Other Town Properties for 2020-2022

The Town of Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department is seeking bids for the following services in town parks and other town properties:

- Clark Complex Painting of Buildings (2020)
- Parks and Recreation Pick Up Truck (2020)
- 4th of July Fireworks (2020-2022)

Details and complete bid packages can be obtained by calling Parks and Recreation

Director Christine Collins at
603-569-5639 or by emailing
parksdirector@wolfeboronh.us.

The Town of Wolfeboro reserves the right to award the bid based on the best interest of the Town of Wolfeboro.

INVITATION TO BID

REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR WINDOW PROJECT WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The SAU #101 Office is soliciting bids for **Replacement of Exterior Window Project** for the WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT. There will be a mandatory walkthrough on **March 20, 2020** at 10:00AM at the Paul School, 60 & 76 Taylor Way, Wakefield, NH 03872. Bid specifications can be obtained at the SAU #101 Office, the Paul School or the SAU #101 website: www.sau101.org. Bids are due by 2:00PM, April 3, 2020, and may be mailed or delivered to the SAU #101 Office, 76 Taylor Way, Sanbornville, N.H. 03872. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked, "Replacement of Exterior Window Project."

E-mail, fax or other forms of the proposal will not be accepted. Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be accepted.

REJECTION/AWARD OF PROPOSALS: The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to negotiate with any or all Bidders, and to waive any informalities in the Request for Proposals process, and to enter into an agreement with the Bidder whom the School District in its sole discretion determines is in the best interests of the School District even though the Bidder may not submit the lowest bid or proposal. Bidders shall be responsible for any and all expenses that they may incur in preparing their proposals.

WITHDRAWAL OF ANY PROPOSALS is prohibited for a period of one-hundred eighty (180) days after the proposal due date.

INVITATION TO BID

ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM REPLACEMENT OF EXTERIOR WINDOW PROJECT WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The SAU #101 Office is soliciting bids for **Asbestos Removal from Replacement of Exterior Window Project** for the WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT. There will be a mandatory walkthrough on **March 20, 2020** at 10:00AM at the Paul School, 60 & 76 Taylor Way, Wakefield, NH 03872. Bid specifications can be obtained at the SAU #101 Office, the Paul School or the SAU #101 website: www.sau101.org. Bids are due by 2:00PM, April 3, 2020, and may be mailed or delivered to the SAU #101 Office, 76 Taylor Way, Sanbornville, N.H. 03872. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked, "Asbestos Removal from Replacement of Exterior Window Project."

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ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021

Registration for the 2020-2021 Alton Central School, SAU 72, kindergarten class will be held on Friday, April 24, 2020 from 8:00am to 12:30pm, please call for an appointment.

Students must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020. The child's birth certificate, immunization records, parents photo ID, proof of residency, and guardianship paperwork (if parents are in separate households), should be brought to Kindergarten registration. If your child has had her/his physical recently, please bring it to the registration. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call Sonya Kelly, Administrative Assistant to the Special Education Director, at 875-9302.

PET OF THE WEEK

JOAN

Meet sweet Joan! Joan came all the way from Lubbock, Texas to find her forever family. She is a 2 year old boxer mix ready for adventure. Joan is currently learning quite a bit at our shelter. She is food motivated and willing to train! Currently Joan knows sit, down, is learning leash skills such as 'with me' aka heel, and loose leash walking. Joan would do best in an active adult only home as the only animal. If prospective adopters have another dog, we are happy to try them, however Joan has been a little over the top with her doggy friends. No cats for this sweetheart!



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OBITUARIES

Cynthia Louise Treadwell
Longtime Barnstead town clerk/tax collector

JEWETT CITY, Conn. — Cynthia Louise (Brown) Treadwell passed away on Wednesday March 4, after losing her battle with ALS.

Born June 9, 1950 in Middletown, Conn. to Howard W. Brown Sr. and Elizabeth (Massey) Brown, Cynthia graduated from East Hampton High School in 1968.

She faithfully served the community of Barnstead for 31 years. She started part time in 1993 as deputy town clerk/tax collector then became full time town clerk/tax collector in 1997 and retired on May 29, 2018.



Cynthia was an avid hunter. She enjoyed nature, spending time up in the north country.

She is survived by her children, Keith Treadwell and Michelle Treadwell of Center Barnstead; as well as her

grandchildren, Nicole and Ryan Treadwell; her siblings, William Barbour, Howard W. Brown Jr., Lola Brown, Suzan Brown, Penny (Brown) Oschman, Lisa Brown and their families; as well as her many friends.

There will be no services, per her request.

The family appreciates your thoughts and prayers during their time of grief. If you would like to make a donation, please make it to the ALS association at www.ALSa.org in her honor.

Amy Lynn Allard
Speech therapist at local schools

WOLFEBORO — Amy Lynn Allard, 46 of Canopache Road, Wolfboro passed away at her home Saturday March 14.

Amy was born in Dover, Sept. 22, 1973, daughter of Martin Chabot and the late Janet (Arbour) Chabot. She grew up in Somersworth, moving to Wolfboro eight years ago.

Amy graduated from UNH with a Masters Degree and worked as a speech therapist for the Governor Wentworth School System and recently for Alton Central School.

She was a parishioner of St. Katharine Drexel Church in Alton, was a great mom, loved her family and friends, enjoyed eating out, the lake and beaches and camping.

Amy loved spending time with her family.

Pre-deceased by her mother, she leaves her father, Martin Chabot of Wolfboro; her husband, Michael Allard of Wolfboro; two sons, Samuel Allard and Lucas Allard; and a daughter, Madeleine Allard, all of Wolfboro; a sister, Caryn Barry of Strafford and several nieces and

nephews.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 17, at the Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 85 Mill St., Wolfboro.

A mass of Christian burial was Wednesday, March 18, at St. Katharine Drexel Church, 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery Wolfboro in the spring.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of Wolfboro is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

Robert M. “Bob” Bengston
WWII veteran



ALTON — Robert M. “Bob” Bengston of Alton passed away at age 95 on March 7. Born on Nov. 3, 1924 in Hartford, Conn., he was the son of the late Monder Bengston and Alma Ertel Bengston of Wethersfield, Conn. He graduated from Wethersfield High School in June 1942 at age 17. As a young boy, from the Wethersfield Green, he watched planes from Brainard Airport flying over and dreamed of being a pilot. After high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as WWII was escalating. He spent the next two years fulfilling his dream as he trained and became a B-17 bomber pilot. After his training, he was stationed in England. When the European Theater of the war ended, he was transferred to California to prepare for the invasion of Japan, which never happened as Japan surrendered.

With the war over, he was discharged and he returned to Wethersfield where he met his beloved wife, Louise “Jerry” Robinson. They were married on June 15, 1946. They moved to Whitefield, where they owned and operated a small airport. In 1949, they moved back to Connecticut and he started his own business, R.M. Bengston Inc., building homes, apartments and commercial buildings. They lived in Newton, Conn. and raised their four children, Kristina, Rob, Tim and Jon

there. In 1971, Bob left the building business and spent the next 15 years as a woodworking instructor at Bulkeley High School in Hartford. Jerry was the school nurse at Bulkeley at the same time. Bob and Jerry both retired in 1986 and moved to their summer residence in Gloucester, Mass.

Sadly, Jerry passed away later that year. In 1990, while in the Caribbean helping his daughter build her house, he met Lois Smedley, who was on vacation from Maine. He was lucky enough to fall in love a second time and they spent the next 30 years enjoying life together, finally settling in Alton. He loved life, his family, a glass (or two) of wine at 5 p.m., Big Band music and the peacefulness of New Hampshire. He had a great wit and sense of humor and up to his last breath, when asked how he was, he always replied “fantastic.”

Words can not describe how sorely he will be missed. He is survived by his four children, 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, daughter Kristina

of Gloucester, Mass.; son Robert and his wife, Elizabeth of Gloucester, Mass.; son, Timothy and his wife, Diane of Rocky Hill, Conn; son, Jon and his wife, Susan of West Hartford, Conn. His grandchildren are Ariel Kipp and husband, Al of Woburn, Mass.; Matthew Bengston and wife, Andrea of Swampscott, Mass.; Timothy Bengston of Boston, Mass.; Alexandra Bengston of Boston, Mass.; Scott Bengston and wife, Megan of Wethersfield, Conn.; Ryan Bengston and wife, Elizabeth of Rockport, Mass.; Kelley Bilodeau and husband, Matt of Ashford, Conn; Aaron Bengston of Southington, Conn.; Amy Kadison of Italy; Dana Lewis and husband, Jeremiah of West Hartford, Conn. His great grandchildren are Alfred and Asher Kipp, Madison Bengston, Cole Bengston, Aiden Bengston, Eugene and Mason Bilodeau, and JJ Lewis.

On Saturday, March 28, at Peaslee Funeral Home, 12 School St, Alton, there will a memorial gathering at 11 a.m. followed by a memorial service at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the East Alton Meeting House Society, 344 Drew Hill Road, Alton, NH 03809 c/o Mark Northridge. Burial will be at Mt. Ada Cemetery in Annisquam, Mass. A graveside service will be held there at a later date.

Doris Vandewater
Longtime Huggins volunteer

WOLFEBORO — Doris (Craft) Vandewater, 95 of Wolfboro passed away March 8, at Huggins Hospital in Wolfboro.

Born in Cedarhurst, N.Y. Dec. 15, 1924, daughter of the late William H. and Eleanor Madeleine (Sargent) Craft, she grew up in New York and lived in Plaistow for many years prior to moving to Wolfboro in 1986.

Doris worked as a bookkeeper for Plaistow Lumber and Supply Co. She was a founding member of the St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Plaistow. In Wolfboro, she was a long-time volunteer at Huggins Hospital, a member of the Kingswood Golf Course, past president, vice president for the ladies league for three years and a tournament director.

Pre-deceased by her husband, Edward Vandewater in 2011, she is survived by two sons, David William Vandewater (wife, Tricia) of Eustis, Fla., Todd Edward Vandewater (wife, Donna) of Canterbury; four grandchildren (Jessica, Dane, Chelsea and Erin) and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at Island Pond Cemetery, Harwich,

Mass. at the convenience of the family where Edward and Doris will be laid to rest.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of Wolfboro is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

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20 Church Street, Alton

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FROM ALTON TO NEW ZEALAND

Te Aroha o te Moana

BY ALEXANDER AMANN
Contributing Writer

Considering that I traveled the entire width of the Pacific Ocean and swapped seasons in one fell swoop, I felt surprisingly decent upon our arrival to Aotearoa. Once our entire group had made it through customs and the biosecurity checkpoint at the Auckland Airport, we were brought to the vans by our field leaders to make the hour and a half journey to our accommodation in Whakatiwai.

Our arrival to the field centre was a mix of relief and difference from expectation; by mid-morning we all felt fit to sleep, being late afternoon in home time, and perhaps it was this dreary state that made it strange to arrive to a new home that we'd never seen before. But, once gathered, it didn't take long for the wise Maori words of our program director Jono to encapsulate the novelty of the day I found myself waking into – with the sunshine soon after reminding me of the searing summer of the southern

hemisphere.

Words can hardly describe the appreciation I felt for taking a part in Maori culture within a week of arriving here. We were welcomed into the Kaiaua Marae (the Marae is a meetinghouse and spiritual grounds of local tribes) through the Powhiri ceremony. This consists of newcomers to the Marae entering into the grounds while the elder women of each party sing a haunting call to each other, sometimes overlapping and discordant. It symbolizes the weaving of a spiritual connection between the ancestors of the visitors and the host tribes. Then, each group sits across from each other, parted by the Marae atea, a space of ground that is symbolically occupied by the ancestors, and is not to be crossed until both groups have spoken their intentions, recognized their ancestors through song, given a prayer for the current times, and the host tribes receive a small gift. It is a humbling and emotional ex-

perience, demonstrating recognition of ancestors long past, as well as the vulnerabilities and intentions of both parties involved. After this, everyone greets each other with the Hongi – where one lightly touches their nose and forehead against another to share a breath and recognise the presence of the other. Finally, the ceremony is complete with the sharing of food, and an open conversation where each person tells their story and Whakapapa (family lineage) in what is called the mihimihi. I have never in my life sat encircled with new friends and strangers alike and charged myself to recount a representative monologue of my personal experience. It made me think about what things in my life have been most influential and what I still hold to be important to me as a person. The reverence Maori have for their ancestors is unsurpassed by any culture I know of – some elders can recount the names of every one of their progenitors

back to the waka (canoe) that carried them here from the expanses of the Pacific islands nearly 900 years ago.

During our fifth week here, we focused on marine ecology at the University of Auckland – Leigh campus. This satellite institution a few hours North of Auckland on the East coast hosts a few dozen graduate students and professors studying many facets of marine science. In a five-square-kilometer area along the coast and the nearby Goat Island, no fishing or human disturbance is allowed to occur, as it is a marine reserve. It is arguably the first marine reserve ever established in the world and gives us a control for what unperturbed marine ecosystems look like. We had the pleasure of conducting kina (sea urchin) and fish surveys as part of an 11-year running survey at Goat Island and in nearby Matheson Bay, which is not protected. The learning curve for snorkeling was certainly steep and com-

pounded by getting used to efficiently counting fish and kina with steel quadrats and transect tape. I quickly learned that exhalation while swimming with a quadrat means a small panic as my snorkel filled with water and I ended up gasping for the surface (apparently the first exercise in this activity did not stick with my brain, as it happened several times more). Once familiarized with the process, I was able to settle into observing all of the life at Goat Island. The kina surveying was difficult at first, but soon I was able to hold myself under for longer periods of time, pushing aside lush kelp to reveal a neighborhood of curious faces – of kelpfish, goatfish, and the inquiring snapper. We finished off the week with snorkeling at Tawhiti Rahi and Aorangi (the Poor Knights Islands), which are a marine reserve 24 km off the coast, thrust skyward by a bout of volcanic activity.

Once you poke your head underwater, you

become a part of and a spectacle to an aware, resilient being. As I took deeper and deeper dives into the reef neighborhoods of Aorangi, I noticed that I was not going unnoticed – a certain Sandagers Wrasse (*Coris sandeyeri*) became my companion as I explored the azure waters of the island reef. What adds peculiarity to it all is the physical, fluid connection of being immersed in water. From the outset, it's such an obvious aspect of this environment; but when I let my body float still and the waves swayed me to and fro, I became in sync with all around me – the plankton, the salps, the snappers and wrasses and untold schools of shimmering fish – us all being at the mercy of the elements, and placed on the same plane of existence for even but a moment. Needless to say, I did not want to leave this. And that's just it – this is home. The beauty of our planet is for all to experience and cherish.

OBITUARY

Christine Lois Churchill Fipphen Accomplished genealogist

OSSIPEE — Christine Lois Churchill Fipphen, 92, of Wolfeboro, died on March 5 at the Mountain View Community in Ossipee.

Chris was born in Fort Fairfield, Maine on Sept. 6, 1927, the daughter of William Leigh Churchill and Blanche Edith (Currier) Churchill. She grew up in Fort Fairfield, where she graduated from Fort Fairfield High School in 1946. She graduated from Westbrook Junior College in 1948, and later Bryant Stratton School in Boston. Chris worked for several years as a bookkeeper at Charles F. Rittenhouse in Boston.

In 1956, Chris married John Stanley Fipphen of Shrewsbury, Mass., whom she had met at the Old South Church in Boston. Chris and Fip raised their family in Northborough, Mass., where they lived for almost 30 years. They moved to Wolfeboro in 1987.

Chris gave her time and energy generously to her family, her friends and neighbors, her faith and her community. She was a model of volunteerism throughout her life, serving in numerous volunteer roles in local churches, historical societies and schools in Northborough and Wolfeboro. Of particular note are the many leadership positions that she held at the Trinity Church in Northborough and her many years of service to the Northborough Historical Society. For

ever busy and involved, she always found time to write letters to distant friends or family, or work on her next photo album project.

Chris was an accomplished genealogist, a passion she shared with her family. She spent many years traveling New England and New Brunswick researching her ancestors. She published several articles in Downeast Ancestry and was a contributor to the Maine Families in 1790 series published by the Maine Genealogical Society. Chris was an active member and supporter of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Chris and Fip traveled to England extensively during their retirement, creating cherished memories that were well documented by Chris in her twin roles of photographer and travel diarist. She leaves her family an extensive manuscript and album of her research on her family tree.

From 1979 to 1987, she served as the curator of the Northborough Historical Society, and later served on the board of the Wolfeboro Historical Society. She co-authored the Images of America volume on Wolfeboro, which is still in print. She also was one of the editors of the three-volume History of Wolfeboro, NH, 1770-1994, published in 1996.

She was also an avid photographer, crossword enthusiast, cribbage player and baseball

fan, among the many passions of a much beloved and very special lady.

Chris was predeceased 10 years ago by her husband of 53 years, John Fipphen. She is survived by her two sons, Richard Churchill Fipphen of Manhattan, and Peter John Fipphen, of Chelmsford, Mass., and his wife Holly; her four grandchildren, Daniel Fipphen of Washington, D.C., Emily Fipphen of Manhattan, Elizabeth Fipphen and Rebecca Fipphen, both of Chelmsford; her first cousin Mae Louise Churchill Crooker; and her daughter-in-law, Janet Rosenblum. Her twin sisters Muriel Churchill Rice and Miriam Churchill Patterson both predeceased her.

A memorial service in Chris's honor will be held at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 242 Boston Post Road, Chelmsford, Mass. on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m., with a reception following the service. Private graveside services will be held in the spring. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Chris's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Cure Alzheimer's Fund.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

BY LARRY SCOTT
Contributing Writer

Not since World War II has an issue gripped the international scene as has the coronavirus scare currently dominating our society. But something as common as the flu is threatening international lockdown, with business, commerce, the money markets and tourism taking a hit from which it will take months to recover.

I agonize over a society that must live with uncertainty and fear, the victims of circumstances it cannot control. And rightly so. When everything seems to be out of control, with no clue as to how bad things may yet get, the fear is genuine. Italy is on lockdown, travel from Europe is on hold, the NBA season and other public events have been cancelled, and everyone who can is working from home.

Priority one at this time is to stay calm and hold steady. We are in deep trouble and it is possible the worst is still to come, but to panic will solve nothing. It is imperative that we all take proper precautions, do those things we would normally do if the flu threatened our family, and adjust as necessary to a very uncertain future.

We tend to forget that we have been here before, and hopefully, a hint of things to come.

From the Editorial Board of the [wsos.org](http://www.wsos.org) web site, this commentary on March 20, 2001.

“US stock market investors suffered their greatest ever one-week losses during the week of March 12-16. The Dow Jones Industrial Average experienced three sharp declines in five days, including a drop of over 400 points on Monday. ... The Dow Jones index fell below the 10,000 mark for the first time in six months.”

And more recently, perhaps you remember the stock market selloff on Aug. 18, 2015. As per Wikipedia, “the Dow Jones fell 588 points during a two-day period, 1,300 points from Aug. 18-21, and on Monday, Aug 24, stock markets were down substantially, wiping out all gains made in 2015.” What seemed to be a crisis at the time pales by comparison with what we are going through at the moment, but it does give us another hint of things to come.

But as disturbing as we find the coronavirus pandemic to be, another “virus” has threatened

us all, and this one is terminal. The Bible calls it sin. We have become alienated from God, chosen to live by our own standards, and when things unravel as they have at the moment, we forget there is crisis coming from which there will be no recovery.

Jesus put it this way: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” That, too, is a hint of things to come.

I do not minimize the awesome threat the current crisis poses to our economy and to the lives of millions of Americans. But we will recover and become a stronger, more united people for having weathered the storm.

We are reminded, however, that when this is over we must yet deal with the most devastating threat of all. If we have not welcomed Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives, sin will most certainly destroy us. The prognosis is death, but it need not be. “In Him was life,” my Bible says, “and that life was the light of men.”

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Village Players Theater announces postponements

WOLFEBORO — Across the country, events have been postponed due to the spread of the Covid-19 virus, including the shuttering of stages on Broadway and Wolfeboro is no exception.

With the best interest of the patrons, volunteers and members of the Village Players Theater at heart, the theater's board of directors voted on Sunday to suspend operations at the theater for a few weeks with the hope of slowing the spread of the virus.

This impacts a number of events that were planned for the theater in the coming weeks.

At this time, the theater does not have any rescheduled dates but will continue to monitor the situation moving forward. The board meets again on April 6 and will reevaluate the situation at that time.

“With all the latest news and concerns regarding the Covid-19 virus threat to our region, The Village Players has decided to postpone our performance of Broadway Bound and our auditions for Laughing Stock. Our March movie The Searchers will be cancelled. The safety of our patrons and members is our highest priority at this time” said Village Players President

Matthew Johnson. “We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to our schedule as more information becomes available to us. Any tickets purchased to this point will continued to be honored or refunded.”

The spring production of Broadway Bound has been postponed indefinitely while the theater is closed. Director Bob Tuttle and Assistant Director Emily Judkins have been working with the actors to prepare the show for production and the Village Players Board of Directors will do everything in its power to make sure that the cast and crew get the chance to bring Neil Simon's show to the residents of the Wolfeboro area.

The March movie production, The Searchers, was scheduled for this weekend, has been cancelled and it is the hope of the board that the movies will be able to resume with the April screenings of Public Enemy on April 24 and 25.

The previously announced auditions for the summer show, Laughing Stock, directed by Michaela Andruzzi and Chelsea Stewart, have also been postponed. When a new

date is determined for the Laughing Stock auditions, it will be announced on social media and in all available media outlets, including the Village Players web site, village-players.com.

The Under Construction improv group, which had its first meeting this past weekend, will be scheduling further workshops as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

The Village Players Theater appreciates the support of all its patrons and thanks them for their continued loyalty amidst the virus concerns that have swept through the country and

the state. Anyone who has already purchased a ticket for a coming event should know that it will be honored at any rescheduled dates and anyone looking for a refund is invited to e-mail info@village-players.com.

The Village Players Theater will continue to have updates on the theater web site at village-players.com and on all social media platforms including Facebook (Village Players), Twitter (TheVillagePlayersNH) and Instagram (villageplayersnh) and wishes all of its patrons the best as they continue to work through the ongoing health crisis.

ALTON

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department equipment capital reserve fund and passed 488-250.

Article 19 is to raise \$950,000 for the highway road construction capital reserve fund (partially offset by highway block grant of \$201,000) and passed 515-232.

Article 20 is to raise \$10,000 for the highway sand shed capital reserve fund and passed 488-250.

Article 21 is to raise \$150,000 for the bridge construction capital reserve fund and it passed 552-185.

Article 22 is to add \$20,000 to the highway building improvements/repairs capital reserve fund and passed 480-253.

Article 23 raises the sum of \$10,000 for the highway sidewalk capital reserve fund and was passed by a vote of 506-

234.

Article 24 is to establish the Alton Bay Community Center Property Capital Reserve Fund and to place \$10,000 into the fund. It passed by a 533-211 vote.

Article 25 is to raise \$23,000 for the milfoil capital reserve fund and it passed 601-138.

Article 26 is to raise \$5,000 for the landfill closure capital reserve fund and passed by a 614-127 vote.

Article 27 offers no impact on the tax rate, entering into a 25-year lease agreement for the purpose of constructing a solar panel array on the top of the town's capped landfill. This article is passed with a vote of 595-149.

Article 28 is to raise \$25,000 to hire a master plan consultant to address master plan needs

and passed by a 419-313 votes.

Article 29 is to raise \$14,000 for the town hall building improvements capital reserve fund and passed 550-206.

Article 30 raises \$50,000 to replace the first floor lift at Town Hall and passed by a vote of 514-236.

Article 31 establishes an IT Capital Reserve Fund and to place \$6,346 in the fund. It passed by a vote of 551-201.

Article 32 raises \$80,000 for the installation of the first phase of a GIS system for town departments. This comes from the unassigned fund balance with no amount from taxation and passed by a vote of 496-250.

Articles 33 and 34 discontinue the Alton Water Works water transmission line ex-

tension capital reserve fund and discontinue the Alton Water Works water transmission line replacement capital reserve fund. Article 33 passed 608-139 and article 34 passed 604-142.

Article 35 also has no impact on the tax rate and is to establish a water main expense capital reserve fund and to appropriate \$55,000 from the unassigned fund balance to this fund and it passed 578-174.

Article 36 is to raise \$5,500 for the water bandstand maintenance and repair capital reserve fund and it passed 584-172.

Article 37 is to raise \$80,400 to replace the existing dock attached to Shibley's on the Pier and all related work and allowing the public to dock at the new dock. This article did not pass, failing by a 400-354 vote.

Article 38 is to raise \$3,000 for funding Old Home Week events and passed 622-129.

Article 39 is to sell a parcel of land located on Coffin Brook Road by auction and it passed by a 618-128 votes.

Article 40 is to raise \$12,500 to support Alton Community Services and passed by a 645-104 vote.

Article 41 raises \$2,000 to support the American Red Cross and it passed

by a 557-192 vote.

Article 42 is to raise \$10,000 to support Community Action Program. This article passed by a vote of 626-124.

Article 43 is to raise \$2,500 to support Caregivers and passed by a 635-120 vote.

Article 44 is to raise \$500 to support Court Appointed Special Advocates. This article passed 639-113.

Article 45 is to raise \$12,000 to support Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice and passed 641-112.

Article 46 is to raise \$2,500 to support Child and Family Services of New Hampshire and it passed 589-159.

Article 47 is to raise \$15,750 to support Lakes Region Mental Health Center and passed 534-214.

Article 48 seeks \$3,000 to support L.I.F.E. Ministries and passed 545-204.

Article 49 is to raise \$1,575 to support New Beginnings and passed 594-158.

School ballot

Article two is the operating budget of 15,047,480, which includes \$4,178,027 for the Prospect Mountain operating budget. It passed by a 511-233 vote.

Article three is to approve cost items in the

collective bargaining agreement with the Alton Teachers' Association and to raise \$137,630 to cover the 2020-2021 fiscal year sum. The article passed by a 519-229 vote.

Article four is a special article to authorize a special meeting if article three does not pass and it passed 494-249.

Article five is to raise \$165,000 for the buildings and grounds expendable trust fund (cafeteria upgrade) and passed 527-222.

Article six is to create the Alton Technology Expendable Trust Fund and to raise \$30,000 for the fund. The article passed 517-231.

Article seven raises \$100,000 for the building and grounds expendable trust, all coming from the fund balance with no money raised from taxation. It passed by a 537-210 vote.

Article eight raises \$100,000 for the special education capital reserve fund and it passed by a 536-210 vote.

Article nine raises \$15,000 for the PMHS athletic field capital reserve fund, which is 50 percent of the total appropriation and it passed 518-230.

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1. Hobart Commercial Broiler
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7. Commercial JET Lathe, GH-1340R
8. 2-Clausing Lathes, Model 4902
9. Backhoe attachment, WOODS7500
10. Delta Wood Lathe, Model GH-1340R
11. RF Hunter Pure Oil Filtration, Model HF80

This equipment is available for inspection **by appointment only**. Please contact Janice Hempel at the Technology Center at 569-4361 to schedule an appointment. This equipment is sold "as is" with no warranty or guarantee regarding its operation. Purchasing is done at the buyers' risk.

Required bid forms can be obtained by contacting Sandy Libby at 569-1658 and are also located at the Tech Center.

Completed bids must be sent or delivered to the SAU #49 Office, PO Box 190, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896, physical address: 140 Pine Hill Rd., Wolfeboro, NH, no later than 2:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The bid must be submitted on the GWRSD bid form, enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Equipment Bid."

No email or facsimile bids will be accepted. Winning bidder must remove equipment by Friday, April 3, 2020.

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals pertaining to this project. Questions regarding the equipment specifications contained in this request for proposal should be directed to Janice Hempel, LRTC, (603) 569-4361 while proposal submission procedures may be directed to Sandy Libby (603) 569-1658.

Racing the spring meltwater from logging camps to home



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

This is the time of year when men and grown boys left logging camps deep in the woods and headed home to farms and families. In many cases, their wives and siblings had not seen them for months. Out of the wilds they came, clothes in tatters and famished for a home-cooked meal. The food in the camps was good, but not that good.

They came with hard money - hard-earned, the lure that had drawn them to the woods. Farm families could produce few non-perishable goods that could survive the long trip to outside markets and earn hard money - maple candy, wool, honey. The logging camps were a siren song. The suggestion of deception was earned. Scouts for labor often painted life in the camps as far better than it was. Work commenced with the time-honored cry, "Daylight in the swamp," and ended at dark. Camps were not tall enough for a tall man to stand, to conserve heat. The men in camps, as Doughboys would soon do in the trenches, raced bedbugs for sport. Swampers, fellers and limbers were so tightly packed under long quilts in long bunks that everyone had to turn over at once.

SCHOOLS

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weekend.

On social media, parents discussed the impact that school closures will have on families. Tracy Huyck wrote in the Barnstead NH Community Group on Facebook that two weeks will probably not have a "huge impact" on the 13-year span of a child's education, but that parents will face challenges during the remote learning period.

"The impact is going to be for the parents who are scrambling for childcare. Risk losing a job. Financial ramifications could be the greater im-



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A RIVER hog with a pike pole on a long-log drive, with a bateau toward the far shore.

Swampers cleared trails for horses and teamsters to skid logs out to shoreline piles. Fellers were the tough men who felled the tall trees. Limbers knocked the limbs off logs and hewed the sides smooth so they'd skid. And teamsters and horses did the skidding, the articulated skidders of yore.

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In the spring, when the brooks and streams and rivers began shaking free of their bonds, and ice on lakes and ponds began to settle and crack, about two-thirds of the crew were sent home. The remainder stayed on for the drive - a few teamsters, the river hogs, and of course the cook and cookee.

The teams and teamsters stayed on to help break out the immense shoreline piles of logs, and then followed the pact on an already struggling family," Huyck wrote.

Gov. Sununu expanded on the statewide response to the outbreak on Monday, opening up unemployment benefits to parents impacted by the closure of schools, increasing flexibility on licensing requirements so that businesses can allow workers to bring their children to the workplace, and allowing daycare centers to increase the number of children they currently accept.

While planning for childcare and taking time off work make the situation difficult, par-

drive to round up strays - logs stranded on meadows and shoals. The river hogs were the men herding, picking, shoving, dragging, and cursing the logs down the river. The cook and cookee were what made it all move.

The logging company's lawyers often followed right along behind the drive, paying farmers for damages to fields and fences, and towns for bridges and roads. Once in a while, they followed the letter of the law.

"River hog" was a term of endearment, sort of. Not for nothing did generations of families up and down major rivers hand down stories from when the drive and the river hogs hit town.

Some of the men, the true river hogs of the bunch, wore footgear with small spikes in the soles, known as caulked soles, or spiked boots. ents also felt that closing schools was the right decision for the health of the community.

"It is hard to see the economy take this huge hit," Sarah Christie, a Barnstead resident with two children, said in an e-mail. "It would be much more difficult to watch more people in harm's way. The only way to stop the spread is to literally, stop. It is prudent that we all do what is asked. Stay home."

All three schools will continue to keep in contact with families as updates arise.

Like tightrope-walkers they carried long poles, with spiked tips for pushing and pulling and nudging logs that needed a little encouragement down toward the mills. They hopped from log to log, rode them like canoes, tried to roll each other off, and occasionally did a little jig.

These were tough men and had to be, working in ice-cold water at one of the most dangerous jobs on earth. No wonder they had the devil-may-care attitude they did. No wonder some lost their lives on a dare, running rapids where no men and boats were supposed to be.

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Andy Anderson was one of my favorite people. He came to New Hampshire's northernmost town of Pittsburg with the Civilian Conservation Corps - the famed "CCC" of Depression times - and decided to call the place home. He fit his adopted town like hand to mitten.

Quite soon, he knew the old stories from the old men, the river hogs of yesteryear, as well as the men who told them.

In his later years, Andy worked for the state's old Forest Fire Service. One of the jobs he did was help maintain the trail and lookout's cabin on the summit of Magalloway Mountain, at 3,383 feet one of the North Country's higher peaks.

Andy was on my short-list of people to call when I needed an excuse for a story somewhere back in the woods. So, it was that I called him one day back in the early 1970s, when I was working for the New Hampshire Sunday News, and said "Andy, I need an excuse to get into the woods."

There was silence for a heartbeat or two - maybe Andy, putting

thumb to pipe - and he said "Sounds like a trip to Sheehan's."

So, into Sheehan's Flowage we went, hauling grub and gear into a camp far behind First Connecticut Lake. It was one of Andy's several homes away from home, and as soon as we hung up our packs and hats, it felt like mine.

(For readers pining for more about the early and innovative days of logging, I highly recommend Robert Pike's companion books, "Tall Trees, Tough Men," and "Spiked Boots," available at finer book stores everywhere.)

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5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends.

But many of today's youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices. Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their chil-

dren to get outdoors once the school year ends. Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

1. Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be ful-

ly available to them elsewhere.

2. Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence. Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable

in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

4. Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character

and prove enlightening for children.

5. Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools. Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.

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Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers' lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp

is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

Kids' interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child's interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom and dad liked a particular

camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children's interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

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PMHS hands out winter sports awards

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School wrapped up the winter season with the annual sports awards on Thursday, March 12.

This year's awards were a bit different than normal, however, as they were held during the school day as an effort to help combat the spread of Covid-19.

Principal J Fitzpatrick and Athletic Director Corey Roux presided over the ceremony, which honored athletes who competed in basketball, spirit, swimming, alpine skiing and indoor track.

The NHIAA Sportsmanship Awards are presented to two players on each team who demonstrate sportsmanship throughout the season.

For the alpine ski girls, Abagael Swenson and Isabella DeMille were the winners while Ryan Nolin and Matthew Bonner were the winners from the boys' alpine team.

Skylar Presbrey and Ava Blair were the winners from the winter spirit team while Trevor Smith was the winner from the swim team.

For the unified basketball team, Kolby Dubisz and Jonathan Gray were the award winners.

For the indoor track boys, Peter Dowd and Michael Mott were the winners while Veronica Dowd and Ashlyn Dalrymple were the girls' indoor track winners.

For the varsity boys' hoop team, Ethan Howe and Noah Sanville were the winners while the JV winners were Nathan Archambault and Wyatt Bassett.

Grace Hardie and Cassidy Kelley were the winners from the varsity girls' hoop team and Jillian Simpson and Jiana Kenerson were the JV girls' basketball winners.

Additionally, the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization All-Academic Team awards were presented to varsity basketball players in their junior or senior year who have a B+ average or is in the top 20 percent of their class.

The boys' team winners were David Fossett, Alex Ludwig, Brandon Stellon and Keegan Unzen.

The girls' team winners were Grace Hardie, Cassidy Kelley, Julia

Leavitt, Ava Misiaszek and Hannah Racine.

Team awards Individual team awards were also handed out by coaches.

For the boys' varsity basketball team, Keegan Unzen and Brandon Stellon were both named Most Valuable Player. Ryker Burke received the Coaches Award and Michael Perry was named Most Improved Player.

For the girls' varsity basketball team, Hannah Capsalis, Ava Misiaszek, Hannah Racine and Julia Leavitt were all presented with the Coaches Award.

Trevor Smith was named Most Valuable Player for the swim team.

For the boys' alpine ski team, Ryan Nolin was named Most Valuable Player, Ian West was named Most Improved Player and Dalton Lawrence won the Coaches Award.

Abagael Swenson was named Most Valuable Player for the girls' alpine team, Amber Fernald was named Most Improved Player and Grace Simensen won the Coaches Award.

For the winter spirit team, Rylee Duquette was named Most Improved Player and Patrick Hussey and Rhannon O'Gara were

presented with the Coaches Award.

For the boys' indoor track team, Michael Mott was named Most

Valuable Player, Peter Dowd was named Most Improved Player and Frank Dowd won the Coaches Award.

Chloe Kane was named Most Improved

Player for the girls' indoor track team and Ashlyn Dalrymple was

presented the Coaches

Award. Makayla Richard was named Most Valuable SEE **AWARDS**, PAGE B2

Bean, Plache ski in Meet of Champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ANDOVER — The Kingswood Nordic team had a pair of skiers compete at the Nordic Meet of Champions, which was held last Tuesday at Proctor Academy.

The race was originally scheduled for Dublin School but was moved to Proctor Academy and featured the top skiers from each of the four divisions from their division championships the previous week.

Allison Bean represented the Kingswood girls. In the classic race, she finished in 16th place overall in a time of 12:41.6 and in the freestyle race, she finished in 12:12.5 for 17th place overall.

Axel Plache represented the Kingswood boys and finished 18th in the classical race with a time of 10:54.8 and placed 25th in the freestyle race with a time of 12:16.9.

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COURTESY PHOTO

ALLISON BEAN and Axel Plache represented Kingswood at the Nordic Meet of Champions.

Coronavirus wreaks havoc on local sports schedules

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
SPORTS EDITOR

REGION — Things took a pretty tough turn on the local sports scene last week, as the NHIAA joined the professional and collegiate ranks in taking games off of the schedule to help combat the spread of the coronavirus.

Most impacted by the cancellations in the short term was Kennett High School, which as of Friday's postponements, still had two teams alive in the postseason tournaments. The Kennett hoop boys were scheduled to play at Bow on Friday night in the quarterfinals and the hockey Eagles were slated to be in Manchester on Saturday for the Division III championship.

Originally, on Thursday, the NHIAA decided that the games would go on with limited spectators, including media, necessary staff and a small number of family members.

However, that decision changed on Friday morning when all of the weekend's games were suspended, with more to be determined after deadline on Monday.

The NHIAA also cancelled the annual student leadership conference that was supposed to happen on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mount Washington Omni Hotel and the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association postponed the annual scholar-athlete awards scheduled for April 6 and 7 in Concord.

At Kennett, the school district made the decision on Thursday to cancel all out of state field trips, meaning Kennett baseball's first-ever spring training trip to Florida at the end of the month was postponed.

"Other than that, we are business as usual at this point, but this is a very fluid situation and

things are changing by the minute," said Kennett Athletic Director Neal Weaver.

Prospect Mountain Athletic Director Corey Roux shared on Friday afternoon that the NHIAA was looking into a possible shortened spring season, with a delay of the start of practices to early April, with games to start either in late April or early May and an abbreviated season with an open tournament.

PMHS Principal J Fitzpatrick noted that things were on a day-to-day basis at his school, which was cancelled on Friday. The school also changed up its winter sports awards, moving the ceremony to during the day on Thursday instead of at the evening, with Roux and Fitzpatrick presenting awards to the students.

"At this point, every-

thing seems to be day-by-day," Fitzpatrick noted. "As of right now, there's no intention to close Prospect or cancel any programs. However, circumstances seem to be changing on an hourly basis."

At Plymouth Regional High School, SAU 48 made the decision to halt all afternoon activities in a note from Superintendent Mark Halloran and Assistant Superintendents Kyla Welch and Pam Martin. This suspension of activity is through March 31.

Included in the suspension of activities are all afternoon and evening activities (except for local after school programs), field trips, assemblies and guest speakers, community use of the building, professional development conferences and non-essential meetings.

"This will include

cultural arts and any and all academic, co-curricular and/or athletic practices or competition," the SAU notice stated. "We will reassess these guidelines in consultation with state and local health authorities the last week of March to determine the April schedule. Please know we are acting in the best interest of all and we will continually monitor and consult with our health care partners."

At Kingswood, school was cancelled on both Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13. Athletic Director Aaron House put out a notice on all the school's social media accounts on Friday noting that all athletic events, including practices, preseason sessions and meetings, were cancelled for the weekend, with hopes of things resuming on Monday.

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Locals shine at Special Olympics Winter Games

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WATERVILLE VALLEY — A number of local athletes took to the snow at Waterville Valley Resort to kick off the month of March for the annual Special Olympics New Hampshire Winter Games.

Granite State Adaptive

For the Granite State Adaptive team, Michael Foy finished first in division three for Super-G in 37:33 and was second in division two in the giant slalom in 1:14:73.

Hunter Sampson was first in division 11 in the Super-G in 43:49 and was second in division 15 in the giant slalom in 1:34:57.

Cynthia Verrill finished first in division seven in the super-G in 51:26, was second in division seven in the slalom in 2:14:25 and was second in division 10 in the giant slalom in 2:08:39.

Pemi-Baker River Rats

Joshua Gardiner finished third in division 16 in the giant slalom in 2:25:89 and was third in the Super-G in division 12 in 59:35.

Brandon Lawson skied to second in division three in the slalom in 1:38:93, was fourth in division three in the giant slalom in 1:42:58 and was sixth in division three in the Super-G in 43:53.

Desirae McCoy finished in sixth place in division nine for the slalom in 1:00:16, was eighth in the Super-G for division nine in 35:52 and was seventh in division 13 for the giant slalom in 1:19:32.

Shenice McCoy won the slalom for division nine in 50:04, was second in the Super-G in division nine in 31:64 and was second in division 13 in the giant slalom in 1:09:22.

Jeremiah Stevens finished in fourth in the division 17 giant slalom

in 74:03, was fifth in division 15 in the slalom in 1:32:64 and was fifth in division 15 in the Super-G in 36:56.

Lyndsy Stevens placed second in division three in the giant slalom in 1:33:39 and was fourth in the Super-G in division three in a time of 39:70.

Shawnee Stevens was first in the division three slalom in 1:34:87, was first in the division three giant slalom in 1:21:38 and was third in the division three Super-G in 39:34.

Team Gunstock

For Gunstock, Jayson Bruno was third in the division eight giant slalom in 1:41:39, was fifth in division 21 in the slalom in 1:31:04 and was fourth in the Super-G for division 21 in 59:93.

Jacob Chick was second in the division 19 slalom in 1:09:22, placed third in the division 19 Super-G in 47:48 and placed third in division six giant slalom in 1:24:57.

Nathan Chick won the division 19 slalom in 1:07:14, won the division 19 Super-G in 43:41 and placed second in the division six giant slalom in 1:20:25.

Brendan Curry finished first in the division four snowboarding slalom in 1:25:96, placed second in division one snowboarding giant slalom in 1:38:03 and was second in division four snowboarding Super-G in 56:81.

Laura Davies finished in sixth place in division 15 giant slalom in 2:23:26 and was sixth in the division 11 Super-G in 1:12:30.

Jaime Evans was fourth in the division 16 giant slalom in 3:14:50, was fourth in the division 12 slalom in 1:46:41 and was fifth in the division 12 Super-G in 1:24:78.

Mandi Evans was third in the division 11 slalom in 1:42:58, was fourth in the division 15

giant slalom in 2:17:98 and was seventh in the division 11 Super-G in 1:12:47.

Matthew Fink placed fourth in the division 15 slalom in 1:31:51, was fourth in the division 14 Super-G in 34:38 and was fifth in the division 17 giant slalom in a time of 78:30.

Ben Fisher won the division 14 slalom in 1:01:29, was second in the division 14 Super-G in 36:62 and was third in the division 12 giant slalom in 1:19:01.

Christina Gladding placed seventh in the division 15 giant slalom in 3:33:36 and was eighth in the division 11 Super-G in 1:38:55.

Andrew Long was fifth in the division nine giant slalom in 3:48:75, was third in the division 22 slalom in 2:37:22 and was fifth in the division 22 Super-G in 1:30:64.

Rebecca McLaird was first in the division 22 slalom in 1:25:69, was second in the division 22 Super-G in 54:98 and was second in the division nine giant slalom in 1:46:38.

Hayden Meredith skied to fifth in the division nine Super-G in 33:11 and was eighth in the division nine slalom in 1:06:18.

Jeremy Nason was first in the division eight giant slalom in 1:38:77 and was first in the division 21 Super-G in 50:71 and finished third in the division 21 slalom in 1:25:43.

Erin Rouillard was fifth in the division seven giant slalom in 1:40:82, placed third in the division 20 slalom in 1:22:98 and was seventh in the division 20 Super-G in 57:57.

Andre Saranglao was sixth in the division one giant slalom in 1:09:67.

Dominic Sirois finished fourth in the division 19 slalom in 1:16:51, finished sixth in the division 19 Super-G in 50:81 and was sixth in the division six giant slalom in 1:37:42.

Normand Sirois placed second in all three events, finishing in 1:16:76 in the division 18 giant slalom, in 1:32:13 in division 16 slalom and crossed in 36:15 in the Super-G for division 16.

Kristin Tower placed first in the division 10 Super-G in 41:12 and was third in the division 14 giant slalom in 1:37:69.

Nate Webb finished sixth in the division 20 slalom in 1:23:66, was sixth in the division 20 Super-G in 56:12 and was eighth in the division seven giant slalom 1:50:57.

Waterville Valley Coyotes

For the Waterville Valley team, Alex Bond was fifth in the division one giant slalom in 1:09:54 and was fifth in the division one Super-G

in 45:10.

Domenic Brown was first in the division seven giant slalom in 1:37:96, was first in the division 20 Super-G in 50:51 and placed second in the division 20 slalom in 1:18:30.

Donnovan Cahill finished third in the division 20 Super-G in 53:54, was fourth in the division seven giant slalom in 1:39:96 and was seventh in the division 20 slalom in 1:23:71.

Mackenzie Cullen finished second in all three division one events, crossing the line in 14:95 for the 10-meter glide, finishing in 31:42 for the 10-meter walk and finished in 32:19 in the 25-meter super glide.

Maeve Flack was first in the division 20 giant slalom in 1:32:93, was first in the division 18

slalom in 1:43:24 and was second in the division 18 Super-G in 39:51.

Matthew Michaud was first in all three of his races. In the division 18 giant slalom he finished in 1:12:23, in the division 16 slalom he finished in 1:28:38 and in the division 16 Super-G he crossed in 34:10.

Zoey Rose Sikorovsky placed second in all three of her events. In the division eight giant slalom she finished in 1:39:83, in the division 21 slalom she finished in 1:23:87 and in the Super-G for division 21 she finished in 58:66.

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House also noted that the students were at the forefront of the decisions.

“Ultimately, the well-ness of our student-athletes and our community is at the forefront of every decision being made,” House said. “Our student-athletes and coaches are resilient and I wish our GWRSD and Kingswood community the best during these times.”

At Newfound, Superintendent Stacy Buckley sent out a note to all parents in the district on March 11. She pointed out that no more field trips were planned and any scheduled trips out of state were being cancelled. In-state field trips on the schedule will be reviewed and decisions made a few weeks before the trip.

“At this time, we do not anticipate any school closures, however, should this happen, we are in the process of working on a plan for students,” Buckley stated. “The safety of our students and faculty are our priority.”

Athletic Director Alex Sobolov noted that the sports schedule had not been impacted as of yet.

“At this time, none of our sports or school schedule has been impacted,” Sobolov said on Friday. “I know that our district is evaluating all field trips and events on a case by case basis.”

Newfound’s baseball team is scheduled to compete at the Baseball Hall of Fame in April.

On Sunday, Governor Chris Sununu announced that all school in New Hampshire would be closed through at least April 3, changing many of the plans listed above.

Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro will be extending spring break for a week. Students left for their spring break last Thursday and were scheduled to return on March 24, but that was extended to March 30 and classes at that time will be online.

This impacted that perennial national champion Brewster prep basketball team, which was playing in the national championship tournament last week.

The championship tournament was played at Connecticut College and was played without the normal large crowd. Coach Jason Smith noted that players, coaches, families, college coaches and media were the only people in the gym.

After the Bobcats won their semifinal game, Smith was told that the finals would not be played. All of the players were able to head home from the tournament and the Bobcats were named co-national champions with Putnam Science. See the full story in next week’s paper.

Plymouth State University followed along with the NCAA and suspended all team activities through April 6. PSU encouraged all students to stay home until then and access their academic work online on March 18. The PE Center and ALLWell North are closed as well.

The World Pro Ski Tour was scheduled to be at Waterville Valley this past weekend but that was cancelled amidst the coronavirus scare.

The Wolfeboro She-Wolves were slated to host their annual tournament at the Pop Whalen Arena in Wolfeboro this coming weekend, but that was cancelled.

The Bruins alumni game, scheduled as a fundraiser for the Kingswood hockey program this past weekend, was also postponed, as the Pop Whalen closed for the season a few weeks early.

“After much consideration, the decision has been made to close Abenaki Ski Area and Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center for the remainder of the season,” said a statement on the town web site. “It was not a decision made lightly, but we feel it is the right decision at this time. Thank you to everyone who made this a great season. We will update you with any further information as it becomes available.”

A number of local high school Nordic skiers were scheduled to compete in the Eastern High School Championships over the past weekend in New York, but those were cancelled on Thursday.

For any updates on the NHIAA decisions about upcoming schedules, visit nhiaa.org.

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Player for the unified basketball team, Jeremiah Winslow was named Most Improved Player and Benjamin Cormier was given the Coaches Award.

For the JV girls’

hoop team, Jiana Kenerson and Maren Rayno were both presented the Coaches Award. Michaela Vernazzaro and Abigail Wittenberg were both presented with the Sportsmanship Award.

For the JV boys’ hoop team, Christopher Cox was named Most

Improved Player and Nathan Archambault was presented with the Coaches Award.

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BOW — While it certainly stung and may still hurt, it is just part of the growing process for the Kingswood boys' basketball team.

The Knights, making their first postseason appearance in three years with a host of underclassmen playing key roles, got off to a rough start and never recovered in bowing out of the NHIAA tournament in the preliminary round. Number two Bow used its size advantage all over the court, establishing an inside attack to complement its outside shooters in scoring the first five points of the game and never letting up in knocking number 15 Kingswood out of the Division II tournament 71-52.

"That was exactly the opposite of what we wanted for a start," Kingswood head coach Dan Place said after watching his Knights end their season with a 7-12 record.

"None of these guys have played in the tournament before... and they were thrown right into the fire."

The Knights certainly were, taking on a Bow team that tied for the top spot in the division and were awarded the second seed in the tournament and they had to do it on the road.

A couple of free throws and a tough inside bucket by Steven Guerrette made it 5-0 Bow, and the hosts never let the Knights get into a flow. Shaun Lover hit a three-pointer and Nick Kiah drained three free throws to give the Falcons a 13-5 lead.

"That was huge," Bow coach Frank Moreno said about his squad's quick start. "We had to set the tone early and get momentum on our side."

"They're a dangerous team," added Moreno. "We played them before and we've scouted them. They shoot the three very well. The Shannon kid (Brogan) can score from anywhere on the court. I



KINGSWOOD junior point guard Brogan Shannon splits between Bow's Steven Guerrette and Nick Kiah (30) during the first quarter of the Division II boys' basketball first round tournament contest in Bow.



KINGSWOOD sophomore forward Ethan Arnold goes to the hoop against Bow's Ben Harris and Nick Kiah during the opening round of the Division II boys' basketball tournament. Kingswood lost 71-52.

think we did a pretty good job blanketing him, making it difficult on them." The Falcons made it difficult for Kingswood

taking away space defensively. Bow got to the line nine times in the opening quarter, with two being behind the three-point arc, and knocked down seven of them in opening up a 22-10 lead.

Kingswood did its best to match Bow, but the hosts had too much firepower. Kingswood senior Matthew Place drained two threes early in the second. But the Falcons knocked down four three-pointers in the frame, two by Lover and one from Kiah and Matthew Lamy, in opening up a 43-22 half-time lead.

"We knew if we were able to get the ball inside good things would happen," Moreno pointed out. "We were able to work the ball inside and get some high percentage shots."

And that made an already difficult challenge even harder for the Knights.

"We didn't get the shots we needed to get early on. And we committed a couple of dumb fouls as well. We fouled a kid taking a three," said coach Place. "They caught the ball where they wanted to, and did what they wanted to do."

"For us all year we have to rebound well," the veteran coach continued. "If we don't rebound well, it is an exceptional challenge for us. Bow is a good team. They are long and very quick. They're basically a Number one seed."

The Falcons refused to let Kingswood back in the game in the third quarter. Kiah, who tossed in a game-high 18 points, scored nine in the period and Lamy netted six as the hosts opened up their largest lead of the night — 28 points (60-32).

Kingswood made a mini run to start the fourth, scoring the first 10 points of the quarter. An inside bucket by Carter Morrissey and a fastbreak layup by Ben Cochrane were sandwiched around 3-pointers by Josh Finneron and Cochrane in the spurt that trimmed the Knights deficit to 18 (60-42) with just under six minutes remaining.

"They hit a few threes in the fourth as they did when we played during the regular season to make it tense for a little bit," Moreno said. "But we were able to settle down and matched them the rest of the way."

With Kiah's 18 leading the way, the Falcons had four players hit double figures. Lamy tossed in 17, while Lover finished with 16 and Ben Harris netted 13.

Despite being harassed all night, Shannon was able to score 13 points to lead the Knights. Ethan Arnold was the only other player in double figures for the Knights, hitting for 10. Morrissey had eight and Place finished with six.

"I think we won three games last year," said coach Place. "For us to get into the tournament is a great step... and we had a couple of overtime losses and other close games."

"We have four seniors and they were great," he added. "They were one of my favorite senior groups to coach."

Along with his son Matthew, the Knights will also lose Cochrane, Trevor Arnold and Anthony Cardamone to graduation.

KRHS 10-12-10-20-52
BHS 22-21-17-11-71

Kingswood: Arnold 4-1-10, Runnals 1-0-3, Place 2-0-6, Shannon 5-2-13, Finneron 1-0-3, Morrissey 4-0-8, St. Pierre 2-0-4, Cochrane 2-0-4. Totals 21-3-52.

Bow: Lamy 5-5-17, Cardarelli 1-1-3, Kiah 5-6-18, Guerrette 2-0-4, Lover 5-3-16, Harris 5-3-13. Total: 23-18-71.

BCSA hosting corned beef dinner tonight

GILFORD — A corned beef dinner with all the fixings will be held at the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association clubhouse on Lily Pond Road on Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m. A New England boiled dinner with corned beef, cabbage, potato, turnip, onions, carrots and homemade Irish soda bread will be served.

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and team in mind as organizers closely monitored the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and other regulating bodies.

"We are deeply disappointed to cancel a race in our first season of the tour's resurgence," says Jon Franklin, CEO of the WPST. "However, we feel it's necessary to take every precaution for the health and safety of our tour family, including our

staff, athletes and fans."

With the cancellation of Waterville Valley, the tour will continue to monitor the health situation closely and will make an announcement regarding events scheduled for April - including Tour Finals at Sunday River and World Championships at Taos Ski Valley - when appropriate. Check <http://worldproskitour.com> for updates.

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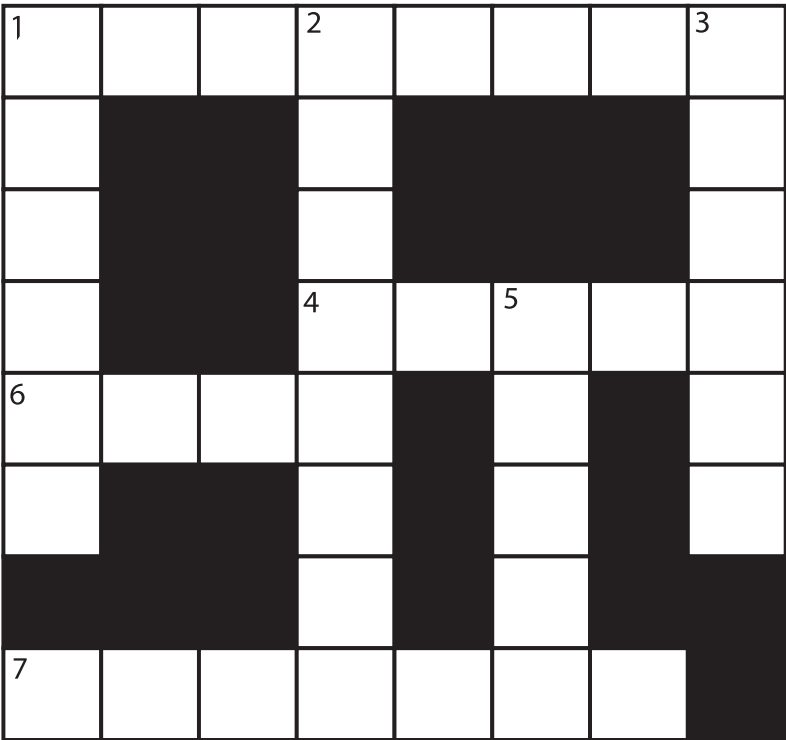


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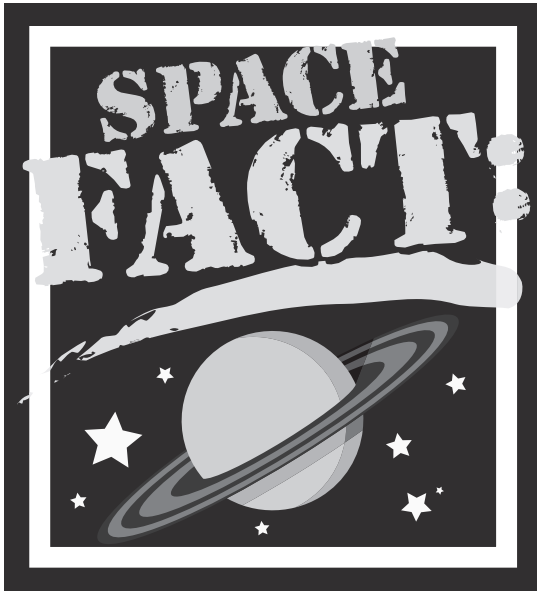
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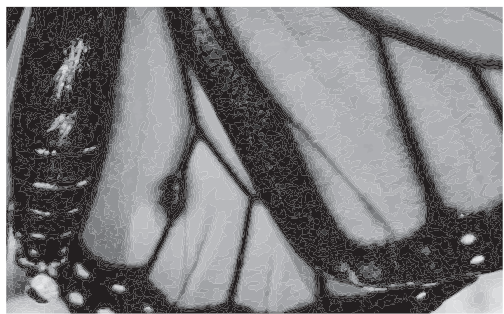
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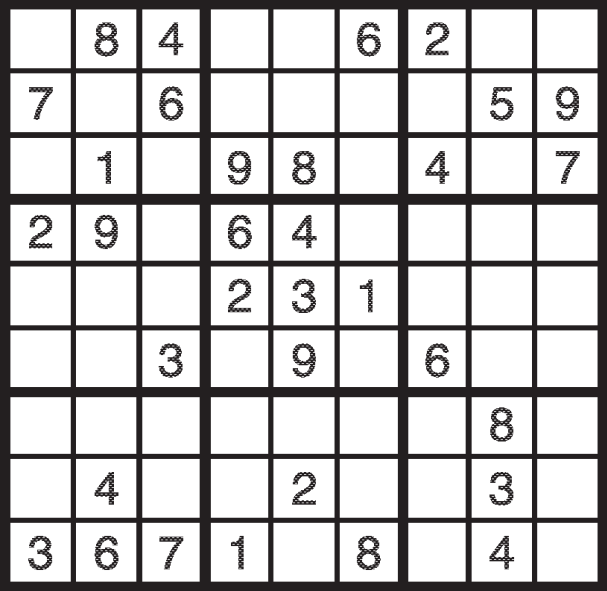
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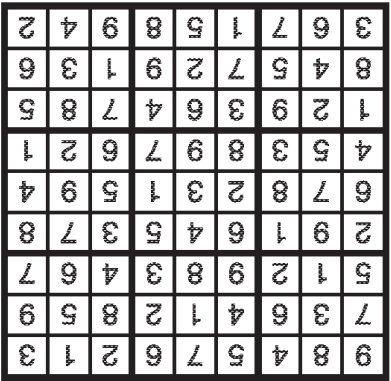
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LACONIA — For the 2020-21 season, the New England Wolves will be expanding and upgrading their "Den of Development" model to include a full-service Wolves Academy model.

"For the last five years, we have offered academic advisement coupled with state-ap-

proved online schooling. It has allowed us the opportunity to take in players from all over the world and provide for them the academic guidance and assistance that they need," said Wolves GM Andrew Trimble. "For 2020-21, we will be increasing the amount of dedicated classroom

time for our athletes, renovating our on-site classroom, and bringing in new tutors, as we move our youth teams to the Tier 1 level."

Wolves Academy includes:

"Den of Development" Program model that provides 10+ hours a week of practice time to athletes

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For more information on the Wolves or to try out for their teams, contact Trimble at scoringconcepts@gmail.com.

Well, that was one heck of a week

Last week didn't exactly go the way I would've liked.

First and foremost, as this comes to press I was scheduled to be in Ireland as part of the UNH Marching Band's 100th anniversary celebration. Last Monday, we received word that the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Dublin had been cancelled, but after discussions with the university, the band director noted we were still going to be able to make the trip, just without the parade. We met last Monday night to fill out all the requisite paperwork that the university needed us to complete and went over the precautions ahead of the trip.

The fact that the parade was cancelled may have been a blessing for me, as memorizing the music was giving me a bit of a hard time. The band director was hopeful that everything would go off as planned, but also admitted change was possible.



for the pandemic, it would be a lot of trouble when we tried to come back into the country.

Also while I was in California, Joe Souza kept me updated on the Kennett hockey team's semifinal win, earning them a chance to play in the finals.

Later that night, things were bad on my television screen, as my favorite Survivor player of all-time, Boston Rob, was voted off of the island, following the removal of my pre-season winner pick, Tyson Apostol a week earlier and sentimental pick Ethan Zohn the week before that.

The RHAP event was a good time and I got on the plane and headed home and as I was driving home, I got notification that the NHIAA was postponing games that evening.

By the time I got home, word came across that the weekend's tournament games, which included the Kennett boys' hoop team and hockey team playing in tournament games, would be played without large audiences. The NHIAA announced that each player would receive four tickets and the facilities would be open only to the media, coaches, players and those given tickets.

That all changed on Friday morning, when word came down that all weekend games were suspended indefinitely.

While it was a surprise, the NHIAA has to keep the safety of all students, coaches and spectators in mind and taking the week-

end to determine their next step was the right move. I am incredibly hopeful that the winter athletes will get a chance to play their tournament games but I am not terribly optimistic at this point.

Also on Friday, Kennett AD Neal Weaver let me know that the Kennett baseball team's trip to Florida was off, since the school district cancelled all out-of-state trips. So, I now have a good amount of Southwest credits if I want to fly somewhere, but I had to eat the hotel cancellation fee.

And later on Friday, Rob Has A Podcast cancelled the scheduled April 1 live event in New York City, meaning my month of travel resulted in just one trip out of the planned four different trips.

It's definitely a tough situation and I understand the reasoning for caution in the sports world, but I have to admit, it's going to be weird not having sports on the television most nights. And it might be tough filling sports pages without much sports.

However, we will push on. If there are any stories out there, feel free to give me a call.

Finally, have a great day, Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler.

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Plymouth State suspends activities through April 6

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University Director of Athletics Kim Bownes announced Friday that the department has expanded its suspension of team activities to include all athletics programs and, in conjunction with the university's statement, has been extended through April 6.

Student-athletes are encouraged to stay home until April 6 and access their academic work online beginning Wednesday (March 18). Any student-athletes who must return to campus may do so beginning Sunday (March 15) and will have access to food service.

All teams and student-athletes are banned from any athletic related activities, including but not limited to practices, competitions, weight training, team workouts, captain's practices and team meetings.

The Physical Education Center (PE Center) will remain closed through April 6 and, as such, there will be no access to the Vailas Performance Center (weight room) or PSU Natatorium until that date. Likewise, ALLWell North will also be closed and all public walking sessions have been canceled for the foreseeable future.

Due to logistical reasons, PSU's baseball and women's lacrosse teams, currently playing in Florida and Colorado, will complete their trips as originally planned.

Plymouth State athletics is continuing to monitor the situation and will reevaluate its policy as new information becomes available in the coming days and weeks.

For information regarding the university's response please refer to the PSU web site, www.plymouth.edu.



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