

# Lyla Adkins appointed to Barnstead School Board

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

**BARNSTEAD** — At its Tuesday, April 8, meeting, the Barnstead School Board selected Lyla Adkins to fill the vacancy on the board. Michelle Brown was elected to the board during March elections. At the March 28 meeting, Superintendent Brian Cochrane reported that the school board's lawyer had determined that Brown was ineligible to serve because her long term substitute teaching for the school made her ineligible to serve also as a board member.

At the March meeting the superintendent recommended filling the vacancy with a person who would step down at the end of the year, to avoid setting up a 2018 election with a person chosen by the board, not the voters, holding the incumbent advantage.

Kevin Genest and David Allen also submitted letters of interest to the board. The board went in to non-public session to discuss the candidates, and then voted after returning to public session.

A report from the safety committee indicated

it was time for a regular professional review of the playground safety. Principal Tim Rice told the board he does a personal inspection of all playground equipment at least weekly, and a professional inspection is needed at least once a year to detect potential dangers that might

be unnoticed by an untrained inspector.

There was considerable discussion among board members about the fact that the move of telephone companies to all internet-based phone systems might leave the school without communications during an emergency.

The concern was heightened by an experience a few months ago in which the Verizon tower on Mount Prospect was out of commission. This not only closed out Verizon cell phone service, it also meant the Metrocast internet service was out of service because their transmission equipment

is located on the Prospect Verizon tower. Principal Rice was able to contact town officials by using the phone at the Dollar General store.

Emergency Services Director Wayne Santos recently brought the school an unused fire department radio, which  
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## Merrymeeting watershed identified as a key focus

*Recent cyanobacteria blooms trigger discussion*

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

**NEW DURHAM** — A crowd of some 50 local residents, regional town leaders and other stakeholders recently gathered in the New Durham School gym to discuss the potential impacts of how contaminants are affecting water bodies such as Downings Pond, which is part of a larger system that connects Lake Winnepesaukee and Merrymeeting Lake.

Frequent travelers of Route 11 know that the two lakes are joined by a waterway consisting of a meandering river, marshland, and a series of small ponds. The April 13 meeting was a first step in a process that could lead to a "comprehensive solution" to address cyanobacteria outbreaks that have placed the region on the EPA's radar screen.

The session was led by Fred Quimby of the New Durham Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee. He said a key objective going forward will be the formulation of

an application to the EPA to provide guidance and support - and to develop a mission statement for an ad hoc group devoted to addressing cyanobacteria outbreaks. These events can create an increase in the amount of algae, pose threats to aquatic wildlife and cause skin irritation for people coming in contact with affected water.

NHDES issued water quality advisories in the summers of 2015 and 2016, singling out Downings Pond as being unfit for recreational use. While this is a matter of concern unto itself, some fear that contaminants could seep into adjacent waterways within the system.

Quimby said the area under consideration involves over 36 square  
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### Senior class supper

The Prospect Mountain High School senior class is having a spaghetti supper on May 4 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Gluten free options will also be available, as well as drinks and an assortment of food. Please join in to help support the senior class for their last event before they graduate.

## Randall talks cattle with New Durham Historical Society

BY CATHY ALLYN  
Contributing Writer

**NEW DURHAM** — Sometimes the most interesting stories are in your own backyard; or, at least, the field down the street that you drive by on a regular basis.

New Durham has such a field, on Old Bay Road, dotted with ruby red, horned cattle with a background story. Owner Clayton Ran-

dall, with a family heritage that is a story of its own, was the recent guest speaker at the New Durham Historical Society on a topic close to his heart - Devon cattle.

Randall began his talk with a sketch of his family tree. A direct descendant of Civil War veteran Moses Randall, a member of one of the earlier New Durham families and giant land-

owner, Randall said he was proud of his Randall heritage.

"The Randalls were simple and had their own way of life," he said, adding with a laugh that one of those ways included drinking. "Most of them had a raft of sons."

Audience members were familiar with the family members, and several old stories at their expense were swapped.

Randall, as a young man once out on his own, said he always wanted to return to New Durham. "When I got out of Vietnam, I met a city girl who loved the country," he said, referring to his wife Susan. "It was a good thing she did, because I wanted to be a farmer."

In 1976, he came back to the town and built a barn because he wanted cattle. It wasn't until 1984 that he was in a position to begin what was to become a passion.

"I wanted a unique breed of cattle," Randall said.

Luckily, he was familiar with Louis (Doc) and Alice Ziegra, who owned Devon cattle. "Doc was my inspiration."

Devons, an ancient

breed from the English county of Devon, are used for milk, meat, and work.

John Gilman, "an old farmer who did his hay with oxen," was a friend of the Ziegras. "John took me down to Strafford to look at a team," Randall recounted. "He told me, 'If you don't buy them, I will.' So they were my first team and I made all of my mistakes with them."

Slides Randall showed of Reuben and Red did not indicate any mistakes. Reuben eventually weighed a ton and was the biggest ox Randall has had.

When asked about training, Randall stated, "The first command you teach is 'whoa.'"

He said working calves starts when they are 12 weeks old, and listed a series of handy directives he teaches his teams, including get ready and side step. "Believe me, they know more than some people I know."

Both males and females have horns, which continue to grow throughout their lives. Randall provided pictures that demonstrated the different ways the horns form, such as straight out or curved.  
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### Baysider down under

Jean and Mike Labrecque recently journeyed to Rye, Australia in Victoria to visit daughter Josie, her husband Sam Sierakowski, and two sons Jackson and Levi. While there they were granted a private tour of Fort Nepean on the tip of the Mornington Peninsula. Even though parts are a National Park, the site is protected by the Australian government as it was the place of the first shot fired by the British government three hours and 45 minutes after the British declared war in London during World War I. They learned the history of this historic place, which also was a place of quarantine to arrive in the country and military training. After three weeks touring the State of Victoria they can't wait for their next visit to see more of the country that is so rich in culture, history with unique plants and animals. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

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# New urgent care facility opens in Alton

*ClearChoice MD strives to fill niche between primary care and the ER*

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Residents who can't get a timely visit to a primary care doc but not needing the emergency attention accompanying an ER visit now have a new option right at the traffic circle.

ClearChoice M.D., which opened at the circle on April 11, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week that was attended by local officials and representatives from the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce.

A festoon of balloons decorated the new facility's lobby greeting attendees and patients alike.

Salmon Press wasn't able to catch the actual cutting of the ribbon, but manager Randal Hines was kind enough to take this reporter for a walkthrough of the new facility, discussing along the way the site's several services.

Hines said ClearChoice MD "strives to provide a level of service of the highest quality," which fills a "niche that's more urgent than what a primary care physician might deliver without needing to go to an actual emergency room."

He said cuts, cases of strep, and minor bone breaks represent areas of the facility's specialty.

ClearChoice MD's website states, "Urgent Care is a walk-in center equipped



AMONG THE staffers on hand at last Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for Clear Choice MD's ribbon-cutting ceremony included (l to r), Randal Hines, Sue Linares, Cindy Wood and Dr. Tom Scott. Clear Choice MD describes itself as an alternative provider when a primary care physician is not available in an urgent, non-emergency situation. Clear Choice MD operates about a dozen locations throughout Northern New England, with its Alton Circle office being its newest.

MARK FOYNES

to treat all urgent, non-life-threatening medical needs. Located next to Hannaford off the traffic circle, our Alton, N.H. center is here when you need it, at your convenience. We provide high quality, efficient and affordable care to the community. With board-certified providers, a state-of-the-art facility and convenient hours, ClearChoice MD is your clear choice for urgent care."

Hines noted that the facility is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

and that a doctor is always on duty, and that qualified nurses and assistants can also assist clients. ClearChoice is also authorized to prescribe scripts.

"We're the convenient alternative when your primary care doctor can't fit you in and you don't need the full services of an ER," said Hines, who is also a certified RN.

He added that all facility staffers, with the exception of the M.D.s themselves, put in time intaking patients

to instill a sense of empathy about clients' conditions as they walk through the door.

"Our goal is to have people in and out within an hour from when they walk through the door," Hines said, stressing that prompt, professional service is a cornerstone of ClearChoice's business plan.

Hines, who also manages the company's Belmont facility and serves as an EMT in Franklin, said, "Even though we're on that side of the desk, we know we could be walk-ins ourselves."

"We're all in need of help at some point, so we want to know how we can best serve people in their moment of need," Hines added.

"We looked at what we thought people in this area need for services and overall wellness, so it made sense for us to open up here," Hines said of the Alton Circle location, which is situated in Homestead Place between the Rusty Moose Restaurant and Hannaford.

Hines said ClearChoice MD at the circle is "serving a new niche that's emerged in maybe the past 20 years."

"Often you need to be seen soon right away, but your need might not require the

care at a lower expense than what emergency rooms charge," but stressed that the facility is "definitely not a replacement for an ER."

He urged that local patients experiencing a potentially life-threatening episode should seek out a full-service hospital.

ClearChoice's Alton location includes seven exam rooms. Six of them are identical, with the seventh - the Procedure Room - devoted to more acute matters such as broken bones.

There is also an on-site X-ray capability to help clients determine if they can be treated on-site or should seek more intensive procedures,

Hines described the photo-imaging equipment as "state-of-the-art," noting that clients leave the office with a disc containing digital files of their scans for use with follow-up appointments.

He added that the facility also features EKG capabilities, and that staff can handle short-term procedures requiring splinting and some matters requiring an IV.

"We are another option - really the more choices people have, the more proactive they can be, or have options in urgent situations," Hines said.

"We're an urgent care option - but our guiding concern is the wellness of the people who live here," Hines said,

The company's website is available at <http://ccmdcenters.com/alton-nh.html>.

## Alton Community Services open house is Saturday

ALTON — Alton Community Services is celebrating the move to a new location with an open house and invites residents to visit Saturday, April 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 11C Village Centre in Alton (next to Subway).

Please stop by and check out the larger

and more accessible food pantry. Learn more about what ACS has to offer the community and enjoy some light refreshments.

Alton Community Services is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, volunteer organization committed to providing food items to

Alton residents in need regardless of religious affiliation. ACS provides emergency food resources to our residents in need as well as referrals to other agencies. For more information, please call 875-CARE or visit them on Facebook.

## Committee members sought to look into recreational facility

ALTON — The town of Alton is seeking volunteers to be part of a subcommittee of the board of selectmen to study the feasibility of a recreational type facility in the town of Alton. Various things to be looked into would be a location, structures, internal and external uses, cost and whether the project is feasible. The members of this subcommittee would be appointed by the board of selectmen and would report to the

board of selectmen as an ad hoc subcommittee, please drop off or mail a letter of interest to Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne, PO Box

659, Alton, NH 03809 or via e-mail to [administrator@alton.nh.gov](mailto:administrator@alton.nh.gov). General questions may be directed to the town administrator at 875-2113.

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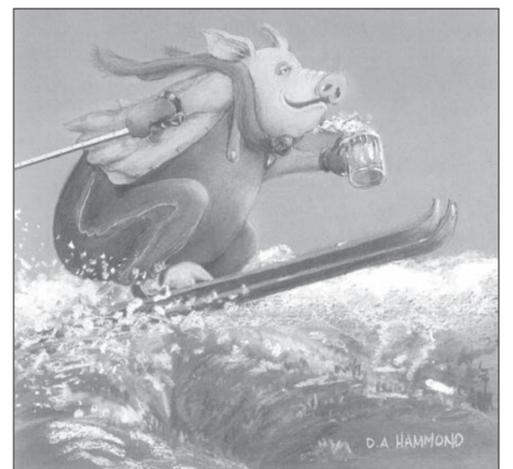
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# Opinion

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## Pit talk

Last week's paper had a lengthy front page story on the New Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment's public hearing on the proposed gravel pit to be located off of King's Highway in the corner of New Durham near the Wolfeboro town line.

Residents from New Durham and Wolfeboro, as well as Middleton, were among those who spoke at the hearing, with most people speaking out against the project.

We commend the zoning board for not caving immediately to the pressure of lots of people speaking out against the pit and simply denying the permit. This could lead to bigger problems for the town down the road if something got missed along the way.

The zoning board is certainly not a town board one would join and expect to be faced with lots of people speaking out at a meeting. Traditionally, a zoning meeting might have one or two members of the public plus the board and anyone there to do business. So the fact that the New Durham board is handling this situation so well is impressive to us.

Yes, the pit is a contentious issue and many abutters are dead set against it, but the decision has to be made from a legal standpoint, not from an emotional one. The board can't deny the permit because it feels bad for the neighbors, just like the board couldn't just approve the project because it likes the applicant.

These decisions are going to take time and we respect the fact that the New Durham board is taking the time necessary to study the issue, hear form all sides involved and make an informed decision. In fact, we feel if more people did that in all aspects of their lives, we'd all be better off. Rather than just running with the first thing you hear, take a few minutes, do your research and figure out what you want to say and how you want to say it.

We're also impressed by the resolve shown by the local residents who are against the project. They believe in what they are fighting for and aren't interested in seeing a gravel pit in their rural neighborhood. It's understandable, but at the same time, we also understand that the owner of the property has to make a living and this may be one way to do so.

There are many sides to this complex issue and we could never claim to know every bit of information there is. We've tried to capture as much of the meetings as we can with our limited staff and we believe we've presented a fair and accurate picture of what happens at those meetings and the views expressed there. We ask our reporters, though they may be residents of the community they are covering, to refrain from presenting their opinion in the news piece and simply report on what was said. In fact, again, we'd all be better off if national media reported news that way instead of presenting everything with an opinion.

Eventually, the New Durham gravel pit issue will be resolved and in the end, there will be one side that probably is not happy. We hope a suitable agreement could be reached to please both sides, but that seems a bit unlikely.

Nonetheless, kudos to all involved on their diligence.



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### Yoga kids

Participants in New Durham Public Library's Babies' Breath Yoga enter child's pose to start a session. Led by Sheila Marston, the program's goal was to introduce yoga in a fun way, and to "get them to take a minute and breathe, so they can concentrate, calm themselves, and build confidence." The three and four-year-olds learned different breaths and acted out stories through poses.

## Letters to the Editor

### Alton School Board thanks Miller for his service

To the Editor:

Over the course of the last five years, Steve Miller has served the children of Alton as a school board member with his drive for creating and supporting an outstanding school. Under his leadership as a member and as chairman, the school saw a four-million dollar construction addition, lower local school taxes, full day kindergarten and a universal access pre-school, a three year teachers' contract, a one to one technology initiative for all students, school board goals that

focused on core content and communication and an upgrade to the STEM and gifted and talented curriculums.

At the April 5 school board meeting, Mr. Miller resigned his seat on the board. We will miss his passion for educational excellence, his attention to detail, and his tireless energy. We wish Steve all the best and thank him for his years of service.

Alton School Board

### Barnstead archery sign-ups May 5

To the Editor:

Make your plans, the Barnstead archers will be at the Barnstead Parks and Rec area behind the police station for sign ups for seven weeks (weather permitting) of archery instruction Friday, May 5, from 5 p.m. to dusk. These classes are for the eight to 12 year olds or any age beginner. Young or old, we have fun. Some of our older (14 to 18 year old) members) will

be headed to Nebraska in late June for the 4-H Nationals. If you have time this Saturday you can stop by the Chichester Tractor Supply to see the NH 4-H Shooting Sports trailer. Thank you to the community for their support. If you can not make Friday night sign up, please call 776-2934.

Bruce Grey  
Barnstead

### Cartoon in poor taste

To the Editor:

Although the Baysider and Salmon Press editorial staff may have no control over the content of D. A. Hammond's Pigs In A Poke cartoons, it does have control over which cartoons are printed in the weekly paper. The Bay of Pigs cartoon in the April 20 edition was in extremely poor taste.

Over 100 brave people died and more than 1,000 were taken political prisoner during the Bay of Pigs ill-fated invasion of Cuba in the attempt to overthrow the Castro regime. This cartoon's title does an

extreme disservice to their failed efforts to rid the world of a vicious dictator, a failure that soon led to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

History apparently is doomed to be forgotten by the current generation.

Jim Raschilla  
Alton

*Editor's note: Mr. Raschilla is right in that looking at this cartoon, we see how it could be perceived in bad taste and we apologize for including it.*

### Thanks to Alton Rotary

To the Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the Alton Centennial Rotary Club for hosting the annual Alton Home Show, April 22. Hosting this event provides an opportunity for individual groups and area businesses to network and promote their talents to the general public. During the club's weekly meetings guest speakers from area organizations and businesses are hosted, and encouraged to share their story. By provided a forum to share, it brings awareness

of the services provided by these individuals to our communities. The members are humble in character and truly live "Service above Self" motto. I have seen firsthand, the response, and their rise to help someone in need. Our communities, New Durham, Alton and Barnstead are better for their quiet efforts. Thank you for your selfless service.

Catherine Orlowicz  
New Durham

## Kids' fishing derby is May 21 in New Durham

NEW DURHAM — The Farmington Fish and Game Club will be hosting its kids' fishing day for ages four through 12 on Sunday, May 21, from 8 to 11 a.m. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Farmington Fish and Game is a non-profit organization and there will be games, prizes and raffles for

adults and kids. Free lunch will be provided to participating kids and lunch can be purchased for a minimal fee for all others.

The fishing derby will be held rain or shine and bait is not supplied. Farmington Fish and Game Club is located on Old Bay Road in New Durham.



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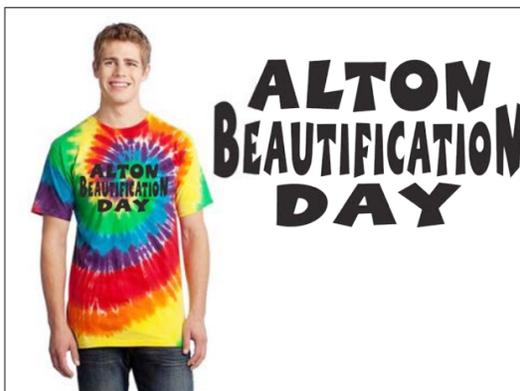


# Alton Beautification Day set for May 6

ALTON — Volunteers needed to clean up Alton and Alton Bay at the annual Beautification Day on Saturday, May 6.

For 11 years, volunteers and local businesses have gotten together to make Alton beautiful again. They have gone through every color in the rainbow on the T-shirts, and have chosen this year to go with every color in the rainbow.

The schedule starts at 8:30 a.m. arrival at the offices of Lakes Region Tax and Retirement Planning at 103 Main St. for coffee and donuts provided by Dunkin Donuts and at 9 a.m., volunteers are off to clean their designated



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**THIS YEAR'S Alton Beautification Day t-shirts will be tie-dyed.**

areas. The annual cook-out following the cleanup will include Tom Foster's award winning seafood chowder, chili from Alton Circle Grocery, burgers, dogs and many des-

serts.

To reserve your T-shirt, please call the office at 875-3355 and give your size and how many volunteers will be attending.

# Steve Marchand to address local Democrats May 1

BARNSTEAD — The Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton are excited to present special guest Steve Marchand at their monthly meeting on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barnstead Town Hall, 108 S Barnstead Road.

Marchand is the former mayor of Portsmouth and has recently announced his candidacy for Governor of New Hampshire in the 2018 election. Marchand says he stands for strengthening both New Hampshire families and New Hampshire's economy

with a focus on education, small business support, infrastructure and health care.

After the speaker portion of the night, the group will resume its regular meeting to discuss state legislators, action items, outreach, and community organizing.

This meeting is open to any and all residents of Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton who consider themselves liberal, progressive, or like-minded independents. Refreshments to share are welcome but not necessary. For more information,

please contact Heather Carter at [starryheather@hotmail.com](mailto:starryheather@hotmail.com) or visit the "Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton Democrats" Facebook page.

# Clearlakes Chorale plans spring shows for May 6 and 7

WOLFEBORO — At this time of year, as it has for more than 35 years, the Wolfeboro-based vocal ensemble, Clearlakes Chorale, is in final stages of rehearsal for their upcoming concert, Dance On! Sing Praise! There will be two performances – Saturday, May 6, at 7:30

p.m. and Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m.

In keeping with the theme of this concert, the program will comprise both dance-like songs and works that are more sacred in nature. Among others in the former category will be Tanzen und Springen, a short, spirited work written in the galliard form (a rather athletic dance, and a favorite of Queen Elizabeth I of England), and The Boatmen's Dance, by Aaron Copland. In the latter category will be

The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23) in a setting by Howard Goodall, it will be familiar to fans of the TV comedy, The Vicar of Dibley, for which it was composed. Choral settings of two additional Psalms will also be on the program – Psalm 148, in a setting by Gustav Holst, and Psalm 150, a brand new composition by the chorale's music director, Andy Campbell.

The major work on the program will be a cantata by Benjamin Britten, Rejoice in the Lamb. The

text was excerpted from a poem entitled "Jubilate Agno" by Christopher Smart (1722 – 1771). This 18th century poet was in an insane asylum when he wrote it, and although there is a delightful sense of madness in the poem, the religious character of the work is most striking.

Both concerts will take place at First Congregational Church Wolfeboro, UCC. Tickets are available in Wolfeboro at Black's, online at [clearlakeschorale.org/tickets.html](http://clearlakeschorale.org/tickets.html), and at the door.

# Village Players summer show auditions Sunday and Tuesday

WOLFEBORO — After a little rescheduling, auditions for the Village Players summer show are now on the calendar.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee will be the summer show, directed by veteran director Kathleen Hill.

Auditions for the show will be held on Sunday, April 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Village Players Theater and Tuesday, May 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kingswood Arts Center. If you are unable to attend, please contact Hill at [kathleen.hill@interlakes.org](mailto:kathleen.hill@interlakes.org).

Hill is asking anyone who wants to audition to prepare one of two songs

from the musical, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee or Pandemonium. Karaoke videos for the songs can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMTXpAYYhTk> (25th Annual) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4emXy19-t8k> (Pandemonium).

This very funny musical comedy won the Tony Award as well as the Drama Desk Award for its Book. It ran on Broadway for almost three years and is a favorite of audiences.

The show focuses on a group of spellers and the organizers present the annual Putnam Coun-

ty Spelling Bee. As each speller is introduced, the audience is provided with flashbacks to illuminate his or her background. Approximately five to nine men and four to five women are needed for the show depending on doubling. All the spellers are played by adults filling the roles of young people.

The show will be taking place on July 14, 15, 21, 22 and 23 at the Village Players Theater.

If you wish to participate in any way on this production, please come to one of the auditions. If you cannot make auditions, please contact Hill at [kathleen.hill@interlakes.org](mailto:kathleen.hill@interlakes.org) well in advance.



MATTHEW FASSETT – COURTESY PHOTO

# Eating champion

Think you could eat 70+ hotdogs in 15 minutes? That's what the son of Dorian Stonie, Matt "Megatoad" Stonie has accomplished more than a few times as a contestant in competition eating contests and is now ranked second in the nation. Stonie gave a "full" accounting of his son's feats to members of the Alton Rotary at its weekly breakfast meeting. "Not only is this now his full-time profession, it's also a daily social media (You Tube) venture attracting over 2.4 million people," adds his father. Additionally, not only has Matt won first place for hotdog eating, he also continues to win trophies and cash awards for cheeseburgers, marshmallow peeps and in other food eating contests while never gaining a pound over his 130-lb. weight. Rotarian and Program Director Mark Tilton (right), thanks Stonie, who is also Sr. Manager Global Travel for Salesforce, the fourth largest software company in the world, and a graduate of UNH, for his "fulfilling" talk.



# ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 152 calls for service during the week of April 16-22, including six arrests.

One female subject was arrested for suspending registration and driving after revocation or suspension.

One male subject was arrested for theft by deception.

There were four motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were five motor vehicle accidents.

There was one theft

reported on Roberts Cove Road.

There were three suspicious person/activity reports on School Street, Muchado Hill Road and Main Street.

Police made 50 motor vehicle stops and handled four motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 89 other calls for services that consisted of the following: Three assist fire department, two fraudulent actions, four assist other agencies, seven animal complaints, one

juvenile incident, four general assistance, one miscellaneous, one wanted person/fugitive, one missing adult, two alarm activations, one lost/found property, three general information, three vehicle ID checks, one harassment, two sex offender registrations, one civil matter, six wellness checks, one dispute, 28 directed patrols, three motor vehicle lockouts, two medical assists, nine property checks and three paperwork services.

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# Selectmen discuss Belknap County budget

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

ALTON—The March 22 meeting of the Alton Board of Selectmen featured much discussion of the Belknap County budget. Why the county budget?

When residents vote for a state representative to serve you in the State House in Concord they are also voting for a member of the Belknap (or Strafford in New Durham) County delegation to serve in Laconia/Dover.

Most people don't know this and for most of the state's history it didn't really matter if you knew it or not. After all, residents also elect a county commissioner and historically the county commissioners have established the budget for the county, and the state representatives in the county delegation have more or less rubber stamped the county commissioners' plans.

A few years ago that situation began to change in Belknap County. The legislators in the county delegation decided that since they had the legal responsibility to give final approval to the county budget, they should play a more active role in the budgeting process.

Not surprisingly the county commissioners were not thrilled to have state legislators "interfering" in what had been their domain. And not surprisingly when the state legislators in the county delegation began looking at the budget more closely they began to think that maybe the county commissioners had gotten a little too chummy with the county staff and were not being tough enough on the staff requests for a little more money here and there.

So what does all this have to do with the Alton Board of Selectmen's meeting on April 17? Who is at the bottom of the money ladder when it comes to serving the needs of a

town? When the county delegation decides the county is spending too much money on the emergency dispatch system it cuts the budget. Then Michael Moyer, the County Sherriff who manages the emergency dispatch system says "I'm running a tight ship and there is no where I can cut the budget without cutting service."

So if the county isn't going to give the sherriff the money he feels he needs to run the system up to spec, what choices does he have?

1. He can go back to the county delegation and say this won't work, can you please give me a little more money.

2. He can cut the service and tell the towns sorry but its back in your lap. "I'll give you 24/6 service, or I'll give you 18/7 service and you can figure out what to do with those uncovered hours."

3. He can tell the towns the county has left me \$100,000 short and it will be a lot cheaper for you towns to kick in a few thousand dollars each and we can keep the service going as it has been.

Sherriff Moyer was at the Alton Board of Selectmen to ask them to add a few thousand dollars to their budget and put their finger in the dyke to hold the current system in place. And Fire Chief Ryan Ridley was there to tell the board that it would be a whole lot cheaper for the town to pony up their share than to ask him to cover whatever time periods the county might be going dark. He estimated \$220-\$250,000.

But before they had a chance to make their pitch to the BOS, the public input session provided a forum for State Rep. Ray Howard and a well-organized group of similarly minded residents and property owners to argue the merits of the county delegation (state representatives) position.

There was considerable discussion among board members about the entire issue. One aspect of the dialogue was trying to understand the mechanics of how the entire system works. Do 911 calls go directly to the county emergency dispatch office, or do they go to a separate 911 office? How many steps are there in the process, and is it as efficient as it could be? The board took the question under advisement and will consider it more fully in future meetings.

In other business Josh Monaco, Alton's Technology Director, recommended that the town switch its telephone service to a VOIP (internet based) service from Verizon, replacing the existing TDS service.

He told the board that in January TDS notified the town that it would need to upgrade all its telephones at a cost of more than \$100 per phone for 40+ phones. This came with a May deadline, and the

information that much of the system would become unusable if the upgrades were not made.

He researched alternatives and recommended the change to Verizon. There would be an upfront cost to the change, but the future operating cost would be less than the amount budgeted for TDS current service. He estimated that if the board approved the change at this meeting it could save \$6,500 for the year.

Town buildings are already wired with ethernet line for the computer internet access and networking. The new phone system would tap into those same lines. All town buildings except the Gilman Library and the water department would be included. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

The board granted permits to the American Legion for a meat raffle and for the Memorial Day parade.

The board reviewed the town's work pro-

gram policy, which requires some recipients of town welfare assistance to participate in a town managed work program. Town Administrator Liz Dionne reported that the Municipal Association's research showed that generally the benefits to the town outweigh the costs of supervision and liability protection. She recommended continuation of workmen's compensation insurance for such workers. The requirement has always been flexible to exempt recipients for whom work would be problematic for health or family issues. She recommended the board continue its policy of the welfare officer and town administrator making the decision to invoke the work requirement on a case by case basis.

Dionne reported on a meeting she and Board of Selectmen Chair Cydney Johnson attended regarding the problem with cyanobacteria in sections of the Merry-meeting River.

Steve Parker and Bob

Bergan have offered to chair this year's Old Home Week celebration. Another resident has asked to conduct a fundraising event during the week to help cover medical costs for her son who suffered significant injuries in a recent accident. Organizers are hoping members of Prospect Mountain High School's award winning Future Business Leaders of America will help out with the event.

Dionne reported she had consulted with the town's attorney in regard to a challenge raised by Loring Carr. Carr believed that town policy and state law required all voting to take place in a public setting. He raised the issue after voting in a recent election was held at the Senior Center, which is a private building.

The Town Attorney referred the Board to RSA 39:2 which unequivocally gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to set the location of all voting.

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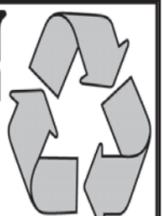
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# OBITUARIES

## Frederick Tapper III Avid Red Sox fan

ALTON — Frederick H. Tapper III died on March 17 following an accident at his home in Alton.

Born Oct. 16, 1959, in Rochester, Fred was raised in Wolfeboro. Fred was employed as a journeyman electrician, most recently for Florence Electric of Canton, Mass., where he was valued both for his exemplary work ethic and his sharp wit.

Freddie was an avid Red Sox fan, enjoyed playing and following hockey, and loved rock and roll. He had an encyclopedic mind, was a master of trivia in all



subjects and had a passion for politics.

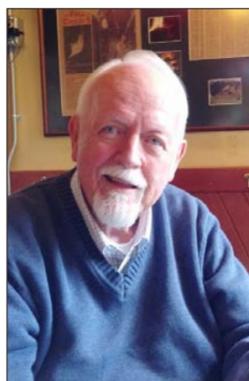
Freddie will be greatly missed by his coworkers, friends and family. Fred was predeceased by his mother, Joyce Rouleau and father, Frederick H Tapper Jr. He left behind

his sister, Linda Christensen and her husband Roger, brothers and their spouses Mark and Dawn Tapper, Andrew and Jennifer Tapper, and brother Luke.

Friends, family and coworkers are invited to a gathering in memory of Fred at Andy and Jenny Tapper's home at 366 Stoneham Road, Brookfield, on Saturday, May 27, at 1 p.m. Food, beverages and music will be provided.

Donations in Fred's honor may be made to Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 1275 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

## Patrick William Cullinan Vietnam veteran



WAKEFIELD — Patrick William Cullinan, 77 of Wakefield died April 18 at his home with his loving wife Mary at his side after a brief illness.

Born in Lowell, Mass. Oct. 22, 1939 son of the late Charles J. and Katherine P. (Tucker) Cullinan, he grew up in Chelmsford, Mass., graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1958 and went on to attend UMAss Lowell Campus.

He served his country during the Vietnam Conflict with the United States Air Force and was stationed in Italy.

In 1965 he married his wife of 52 years, Mary L. Crowley. They lived in Lowell for 10 years followed by 10 years in Hyannis, Mass. before moving to Wolfeboro in 1987.

Patrick owned and operated Parsons Furniture in Wolfeboro from 1987 until 2015. In Lowell he was a salesman for Household Furniture Company and in Hyannis he was the General Manager of Meyers Furniture.

He served as the President of Lowell Kiwanis Club from

1976 to 1977 and he served as President of the Hyannis Kiwanis Club from 1980 to 1981. In Wolfeboro he was a member of the Wolfeboro Rotary Club. He enjoyed his family, boating, fishing and growing his business.

He was pre-deceased by his sister Kathleen Avila and his brother Robert J. Cullinan, he is survived by his wife, Mary L. (Crowley) Cullinan; four sons, Patrick Michael and his wife Barbara Cullinan of Cottage Grove, Minn., Charles Daniel and his wife Melissa Cullinan of Merrimack, Sean Christopher Cullinan of Brownfield, Maine and Timothy Robert Cullinan of North Conway, as well as nine grandchildren, John

and Andrew Cullinan, Autumn Lea Bickford and her sister Amelia Bickford, Megan Taylor Cullinan-Newton, Timothy R. Cullinan Jr. and Aubrey Page Cullinan, Thomas L. and Hailey E. Cullinan.

Calling hours will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service 85 Mill St., Wolfeboro.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Church of St. John The Baptist, 118 High St., Sanbornville.

Burial will be in the NH State Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to thank Wentworth Home Care and Hospice of Dover.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Doctors without Borders or a hospice facility of your choice.

Please share your messages and stories, leave a short note and sign an online guest book at [www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com](http://www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com).

## Ned Bullock Had a passion for photography

WOLFEBORO — Ned Bullock (Charles E. Bullock II) was born on Sept. 26, 1924 in Haverhill, Mass. His soul left this earth on an adventure with the Divine on April 22.

At age 18, he went into the Army during World War II, and traveled to England, France and Germany.

When he returned home he did the usual things such as receiving his Business Associates degree and getting a job.

He married Gloria Spaulding on Dec. 27, 1955, and adopted her 4-year old daughter, Jane. They were married for 60 wonderful years.

He worked for a time at Goodhue and Hawkins Boat Yard, and later on found his creative passion in photography. He had a gift for revealing the true spirit of the people he photographed; he also had a gift for creating the right indoor and outdoor scenery. To this day many people have his family portraits, pictures of their children from babies all the way up to their weddings and then their own children.

Ned also took over his father's camp patrol business, which entailed checking the summer camps around the lake for ice damage, break-ins, and so on. Both photography and camp patrol gave him great joy, and allowed him to enjoy the woods and lakes from Moultonborough to Al-



ton.

Ned and Glo were a team in both businesses; he doing the photography and patrol while Glo managed the appointments and did all the bookkeeping. When they were not working together, they were out dancing as often as they could. While their main style was ballroom dancing, they also loved disco and swing. Everyone who ever watched them dance could see the great love they had for each other and how that love burnished their dancing to a fine gold.

Early in their lives together, Ned and Glo made a deal: "you do the things you do well, and I'll do the things I do well." The result of that agreement was sheer creativity of contentment.

Ned's life was spent in simplicity, humility, sincerity and contentment. He credits it to the love from his wife, Glo, and the love she had for him.

Ned was so pleased and blessed to have his daughter, Jane, and his son-in-law, Doug Fraser, as his loving caregivers

at his end of life and adventure.

A graveside service was April 26 at Lakeview Cemetery, Wolfeboro.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Please share your messages, stories, or leave a short note and sign an online guestbook at [www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com](http://www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com).

# Planting for Pollinators offered at New Durham library

NEW DURHAM — Just in time for the bees and butterflies, the New Durham Public Library will offer Planting for Pollinators presented by the UNH Extension Master Gardeners on Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

"Now is the time to be thinking of what to do to help your gardens succeed," Library Director Cathy Allyn said. "And not only your garden, but the environment as a whole."

Insects are helpful, and in some cases, essential, in pollinating many food crops such as apples, berries and vegetables. In recent years, there has been a decline in the populations of these wild pollinators.

"People want to help with this situation. We distributed lavender poppy seeds from Merymeeting Daylilies last fall to patrons," Allyn said, "because they are an early source of food for bees. But

there are more things you can do; even if you don't have a garden of your own."

Planting patches of flowers, wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and flowering trees can encourage and support natural pollinators as well as enhance back-

yard landscapes. Master Gardener Ruth Droscher will present and offer recommendations on plants beneficial to pollinators.

The program, sponsored in part by the Rockingham County Master Gardener Program and the UNH Ex-

tension Service, is free and open to the public. "Bring all of your friends," Allyn urged. "It's an important message that benefits everyone."

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information, or check out its Facebook page.

## Spring tea at St. Katharine Drexel April 30

ALTON — The Ladies of St. Katharine Drexel Parish invite the public to join them for a Ladies Spring Tea. The theme for this event is "A Victorian Tea." The tea service will take place April 30 at St. Katharine Drexel Church Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

The menu will include specialty French pastries and sweets and savories provided by Portable Pantry of Dover, as well as a complete tea service. Kim Moore of Moore Farms in Alton will provide a presentation on the history of tea in

the Victorian era.

This event is sponsored by the Ladies of St. Katharine Drexel, the ladies' organization of the parish that serves Alton, Wolfeboro and surrounding towns. They provide spiritual and social programs open to all women of the parish. The tea is one of the

special social events they have planned.

Tickets will be available at the church or reservation by calling Lori Pankowski at 364-0025 or Joanne Wyszynski at 364-5325. Advance purchase is required as there will be no tickets sold at the door.

# Seniors plan trip to see Mamma Mia

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Senior Citizens Club is sponsoring a

trip to the Ogunquit Play House to see "Mamma Mia" on May 24. The trip is also open to non-members from Alton, New Durham, Barnstead, etc. The fee includes the show ticket, lunch, and bus. Deadline is May 5. Contact [jeandolannh@gmail.com](mailto:jeandolannh@gmail.com). Bus will pick up in Wolfeboro at 9:45 a.m. at the municipal parking lot, in Alton at 10:15 a.m. at the Alton Senior Center.

### Church Service SCHEDULE

Sundays: July 3, 2016 – September 4, 2016

**Sam Outdoor Summer Worship Service- Alton Bay Bandstand**  
10am Worship Service Community Church of Alton-101 Main Street, Alton

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Sunday School for children up to age 12  
service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union, Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit [abundant-harvestnh.org](http://abundant-harvestnh.org) or e-mail [ahf@faith.com](mailto:ahf@faith.com).

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**BEEFEE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON**  
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**CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Morning Service 10:00 am.  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am. Rte. 120 next to Youth Hall. Pastor Brian Gower. 269-8831.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON**  
Prayer Meeting 8:30 am; Christian Education for all ages, nursery-adults, 9:00 am; Worship Service 10:00 a.m. – 20 Church Street  
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Alton	53 Riverside Dr	1-Fam Res	\$108,533	Stephen W. Barsanti	Gregory Barnsanti
Alton	503 Suncook Valley Rd	Mxu Res+Com	\$202,000	Nina Walker	Scott Shilleto
Alton	99 Alton Mountain Rd	1-Fam Res	\$297,000	Theresa R. and Mark Tavares	Aaron W. and Heather M. Silberdick
Alton	27 Marsha Dr	1-Fam Res	\$173,000	Christopher M. Stambaugh	Jacob Grassi
Alton	27 Perkins Rd	1-Fam Res	\$287,000	Eric C. and Kim W. Johnson	Thomas E. and Kerri L. Coffey
Alton	117 Range Rd	1-Fam Res	\$90,200	Eric A. Kleeberg and US Bank NA	3 Wishes LLC
Alton	91 Reed Rd	1-Fam Res	\$212,000	Neil A. and Christine E. Newman	Zachery D. and Emily A. Linkel
Barnstead	24 John Tasker Rd	1-Fam Res	\$320,000	Timothy T. Clark	David A. and Andrea L. Turpin
Barnstead	333 Province Rd	1-Fam Res	\$575,000	Raindance Investments LLC	Tristan and Kristina A. Whibey
Barnstead	7 Windsor Way	Res Open Lnd	\$193,000	RF Downing Homes LLC	Kipp G. and Justine A. Franklin
Barnstead	Deering Dr Lot	Res Open Lnd	\$15,000	Aaron Morton	Peter H. and Karen A. Bemis
Barnstead	25 Emerson Dr Lot	Res Open Lnd	\$179,933	James Griffin	Tammy S. Deleo-Roy
Barnstead	89 Muchado Hill Rd	1-Fam Res	\$161,895	George J. Lacasse and FNMA	FNMA
Barnstead	1 Red Oak Rd	1-Fam Res	\$90,000	Benjamin F. and Joan Glancy	Shanelle Chagnon
Barnstead	53 Varney Rd	1-Fam Res	\$143,000	Francis P. Pahe and Heather Pache	Lawrence R. and Kristine C. Deane
Barnstead	15 Waterville Ln	1-Fam Res	\$144,000	Timothy Jancosko	Timothy McMahan
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$37,000	John S. and Marion J. Muese	Joseph F. Pothier
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$15,000	Pitbull Realty Group Inc	ECW Inveestments LLC
New Durham	98 Mountain Dr	1-Fam Res	\$152,000	Eric J. Hyland	Chris K. Irish

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BY RANDY HILMAN  
Contributing Writer

Two weeks ago I showed a home to a downsizing, empty nest couple.

It was a return showing of a lovely dwelling in a rural setting, a beautifully maintained structure with a bright atmosphere and upscale finishes.

But it also had an issue confirmed by my buyers on their second visit. One area of the house smelled of animal decomposition, as they put it. They could not suffer it and would not, apparently: Please keep

looking, they instructed.

Now, I've been doing this real estate thing for a while and, of course, I know that strong odors (even perfumed smells) are dreadful turnoffs that will kill home sales in a New York minute, but my recent episode reminded me that the odors we live with daily and no longer recognize as potentially unpleasant to others can and ultimately will result in slow sales that fetch less than top dollar.

So, if you're planning to sell your home, don't forget to ask your realtor® agent for a blunt odor assessment, because, if you cook, have pets, smoke, burn

incense, live with dampness, dirty laundry and stale bedding and think your home doesn't stink, think again: You may suffer from a condition my realtor® friends at [houselogic.com](http://houselogic.com) call "nose blindness."

According to Dr. Richard Doty of the University of Pennsylvania's Smell and Taste Center, people do adapt to smells that continuously surround them, either by learning subconsciously to ignore them or by having one's own sensory processes literally dull or both.

But you don't have to sell stink, suggests [houselogic.com](http://houselogic.com), just because you no longer smell what others will

when they walk through your house. Here are a few common sources of household odor that you may not smell but can easily mitigate.

Pet odor – Do you have pets? Then, "duh", you probably have pet odor, says HouseLogic. Dander, slobber, litter, urine. Bathe and groom your pets. Vacuum constantly, paying attention to corners, crevices and cushions and spaces between appliances and cabinetry. Always cover furniture on which pets rest and launder cushions, coverings, and bedding regularly. Got urine issues? Speak with a cleaning professional.

Dampness – Musty

odors are often obvious in cool basements with moisture and low light, suggesting the presence of mildew and or mold. The good news here is that your nose won't have to verify what your eyes observe, writes HouseLogic. Exercise caution, however. Dehumidifiers can help considerably and powdery mildew can often be cleaned up with a simple bleach and water solution but get the advice of a mold mitigation contractor, if you notice dark spots on insulation, wood or cement surfaces.

Stale bedding – Have you ever encountered a bedroom that smells like a used clothing store? Yuk! Little by little, our dead skin cells, sweat and body oils stink up our beds. Besides laundering the bedding, try sprinkling baking soda on your mattress, letting it sit for an hour or more, then vacuuming it up. For kicks, add a couple of drops of lavender oil into the box and shake it up before dusting the mattress.

Fridge and freezer funk – They're supposed to keep foods fresh, but refrigerators and freezers need freshening, too, according to HouseLogic. You may not smell funky fridge odors, but if the ice cubes acquire an odd taste or you see tidbits accumulating on shelves, odors might follow and be noticed by

others. Discard, clean, sanitize with bleach and water followed by a solution of vinegar and water.

For the complete article, copy the following link into your web browser: [https://www.houselogic.com/organize-maintain/cleaning-decluttering/noseblind/?site\\_ref=spotlight](https://www.houselogic.com/organize-maintain/cleaning-decluttering/noseblind/?site_ref=spotlight).

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Meanwhile, thank you for reading "The Winnepesaukee Talkie."

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## Venturing program beginning in Alton

ALTON — How does white water rafting down a class four rapid sound? What about weekend camping and day hikes? What about learning life-skills and leadership without even knowing you are doing it? That's the

secret hidden within Venturing; adventure, leadership and personal growth while having fun.

If any of these sound fun and exciting then Venturing is the program for you. Venturing is a coed Scouting

program for youth 14-20 years old. If interested in learning more about Venturing, please join Crew 53 at its open house on Tuesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Church of Alton. They will

be going into more details about the program, followed by pizza, refreshments and a movie. If you have any questions, please contact Crew President Alyssa at [miniry-dlewski@yahoo.com](mailto:miniry-dlewski@yahoo.com).

## Sugar detox program available in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Do you constantly crave sugar? Do you have unstable energy or have a hard time focusing? Do you have a hard time losing weight or have excess belly fat? If you said "yes" to any of these then sugar could be at fault. And Patty Walker, a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator has a solution.

"I have been offering a five-week sugar detox program to the local community over the past two years. It is a program that I developed myself and I am thrilled with the results that participants have had," says Walker.

Here are what some people have said: Bill stated, "I never felt deprived or hungry. It was easier focusing on just one thing (sugar).

I feel satisfied, healthy and accomplished." Leslie added, "This sugar detox was a life changing program for me. I weigh less and feel better and see this as a sustainable program for life."

Jeff said "It is a very practical and easy to do program with fast results. You will get many positive long lasting effects if you make a commitment to stay with it, which is easy." Kristi had this to say about the program, "I highly recommend this sugar detox course to anyone. Whether you are looking to learn about healthy eating, want to kick your sugar addiction, want to lose weight (a bonus) or want to feel better, take this course." Other participants of the five-week sugar detox

program noted less bloating, improved sleep patterns, steady energy levels, better blood sugars and reduction in medications.

The program involves three primary phases where participants will gradually reduce consumption of carbohydrates while removing sugars, refined grains and flours, and replacing them with healthy, low glycemic choices. Each participant will receive a program handbook, shopping lists, meal suggestions, recipes and food samples. There is also a private Facebook page set up for ongoing support.

The program meets weekly at Still Waters Health and Wellness Center at 6 Grove St. in Wolfeboro. There are two course offerings

this spring, Wednesday nights starting May 3 and ending May 31 and Thursday nights starting June 8 and ending July 6. Class time is 5-6:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Walker has also successfully offered this sugar detox course as a corporate wellness program for local businesses. Interested employers are invited to contact her for more details on how they can improve the health of your employees on-site.

Participants can save \$10 with the early bird rate if registered at least one week before course begins. Additional information can be found at [www.ccdnwc.com](http://www.ccdnwc.com). Please call Walker at 520-3176 to register.

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# New Durham School announces third quarter awards

NEW DURHAM — New Durham School is pleased to announce the following awards for the third quarter:

Pride Awards for Exemplary Work Habits and Citizenship - grade four: Tyler Bamford, Matilda Bel-

lington, Maya Colson, Cole Garland, Savannah Hughes, Juliah Loring, Matthew Oliveira, Kylie Rapoza,

Marina Roy, Christian Sluss, Quintin Turner and Gracie Williams. Grade five: Emily Dahl, Dakota Dubois, Lucy Edwards, Mackenzie Gray, Abigail Hicks, Kallen Malone, Sophia Moulton, Jacob Peck, Ayden Peluso, Jocelynn Stys and Jayden Watson. Grade six: Nikolaos Bellington, Aislyn Brown, Lori Burns, Camren Cardinal, Isabella Corbezzolo, Jacob Corbezzolo, Sadie Erwin, Eric

Foynes, Collin Helms, Cameron Kean, Kelli Porter, Brayden Rapoza, Langston Bellington, Lirael Craycraft, Kamdyn Hobbs, Kailey Kelly, Julia Tremblay and Caleb Tucker.

Perfect Attendance Awards - Brayden Barbarisi, Natalee Bedard, Charles Belanger, Liam Brown, Austin Brulotte, Hunter Chase, Garrett Christiansen, Chandler Cole, Jacob Corbezzolo, Annalise Dahl,

Noah Demeritt, Beau Douglas, Sadie Erwin, Isabel Fontaine, Nicolas Gerade, Andrew Hamilton, MaryAnne Haun, Kamdyn Hobbs, Kylee King, Leah King, Kallen Malone, Asher Maranda, Jack Marks, Kaden Meatey, Gabrielle Oliveira, Sophia Oliveira, Collin Pelletier, Jamison Pelletier, Graham Phillips, Colby Proctor, Kylie Rapoza, Braden Ross, Christian Sluss, Jalen Smith and Quintin Turner.

## Deadly Image on stage in Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — It's "Miss Congeniality" meets "Hart to Hart" when the cast of characters of *Deadly Image* hits the stage. Joey Reynolds is a private investigator hired by Wentworth Jefferson to find out who and why someone is trying to kill him. After a series of unfortunate events, Jefferson suspects pretty much everyone he knows. Is it ex-wife Julia, played by Doreen Sheppard who's mad at Ol' Wenty for dumping her for an older woman? Maybe it's society columnist Felicia Philips because his fortune had slipped through her grasp. Maybe it's his Techtronics staff Paul Carter, or his personal assistant Debra Mason, who want to get their hands on his multi-million dollar company. Suppose it might be his new bride, Mamie because she's tired of this skirt-chasing louse. Or perhaps we

need to take a look at Mr. J's new step-children, Sam and Selena because they're distrustful of Wentworth and want the family fortune all to themselves. Then there's the household staff, Bonnie the maid, or the cook Mrs. Fields, after all most "accidents" occur at home or did the butler really do it? Chenoweth the butler might be trying to do Mamie a favor.

At least we know who didn't do it, Lt. Al Reynolds, a detective on the police force as well as Joey's ex-husband, is just there to solve this whodunnit and maybe reconcile some old feelings.

Get ready for some good old fashioned detecting, some real corny jokes, a few snorts and the most mischievous cast of characters this side of CSI when *Deadly Image* by Billy St. John, directed by Carole Neveux and produced

by Jon Martin hits the Scenic stage one weekend only, May 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and May 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets available by calling 435-8852. The Scenic Theater is located on Depot Street in Pittsfield.

## CATTLE

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or curved. They are generally white with a black tip.

A team is made up of males. Randall told the audience that a castrated male is called a steer until the animal turns four years old, when it is then referred to as an ox. "Ox is a title," Randall declared, "not a breed."

The size and weight of yokes change as the oxen grow. They are usually full grown by the age of six. They are able to pull or drag half of their combined weight.

"They love to work," Randall said. "And they like each other. Usually they stand together in the field."

The teamster drives them from the back with a long pole called a goad. "You have to decide which is on which side of the yoke," Randall said. "I like to be closest to the one who doesn't mind as well."

The American Milking Devon Cattle Association was formed to conserve the breed. When Randall first started, there were less than 200 in the United States.

"At one time my herd of 16 was the largest herd in New Hampshire," Randall said. Now there are well over 1,000 in the country.

Randall had a hand in that growing population. One of the Ziegler's cows was sent to Williamsburg, Va. and Randall took her sister. "Nellie had a calf every year until she was 20," he said. Many of those were shipped around the country by airplane.

The cattle became a true family venture. Because the cream "is like a Jersey's," Sue made cheese. Son Ben showed cattle every year at the Hopkinton Fair from the time he was five until he was 19.

"Ben joined 4-H when he was seven,"

## New Durham resident to present homebrewing workshop at Farm Museum

MILTON — Have you ever considered learning how to homebrew your own beer, but found that you just didn't know where to begin?

On Saturday, May 6, the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton will mark National Homebrew Day by presenting an entry-level workshop that will set attendees on the path to brew that perfect batch of homemade craft beer.

The two-hour session, which begins at 10:30 a.m., will be led by Jim Hicks of New Durham, a self-described "beer snob," who has been brewing his own suds for the better part of two de-

cad.

"I began brewing beer in a small apartment while attending Plymouth State University," he recalls.

"My friends happily drank Natural Light or Milwaukee's Best," he joked. "But when I learned I could brew quality beer for less than what my friends paid for their cheap swill, I saw a solution for my ongoing dilemma: Very little money, expensive taste in beer."

Workshop admission is discounted for N.H. Farm Museum members. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 652-7840.

## 4-H Spring Fling is Saturday

CHICHESTER — The Willing Workers 4-H Club will be holding its spring fling on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tractor Supply on Route 4 in Chichester.

There will be some fun hands-on activ-

ities, some healthy living activities, a bake sale, food booth, animals, crafts and demonstrations, as well as shooting sports, face painting, scavenger hunt, action exhibits and STEM activities.

### Alton Central School, SAU #72 Child Find

SAU #72 serves the Alton School District. As mandated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), public schools must provide Special Education for all children between the ages of 2 1/2 to age 21 who are determined to be educationally disabled. Additionally, school districts are required to have formal "Child Find" procedures to locate, evaluate and count children who may have disabilities to ensure that eligible children are found, classified and provided needed services. This law applies to all children including those in nonpublic schools, preschools and hospital settings as well as children who are wards of the state and transient children.

If you suspect that a child living in Alton may have an educational disabling condition you are encouraged to contact SAU 72 to discuss your concerns. School personnel will provide you with information on the procedure for making a referral. In addition, the School District will provide a screening for those families on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 8:00am - 2pm. To schedule an appointment or for additional information please contact Brandy Sanger, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Special Education SAU #72 (875-9302).



CATHY ALLYN

**NEW DURHAM resident Clayton Randall demonstrates the use of a goad when driving a team of oxen. The yoke at his feet weighs approximately 100 pounds and indicates the size and strength of the cattle that wear it. Randall spoke on the Devon cattle he has raised and worked, at a recent meeting of the New Durham Historical Society.**

Randall said. "We started the Yankee Teamsters and that group is still going." He had several newspaper articles on display that chronicled the family's adventures with Devons and driving oxen. Their teams have been sold to several New England museums.

The cattle are a familiar sight in New Durham, and not just in Randall's field. "I walk them down Old Bay Road every Sunday," Randall said.

He recalled one incident when he had 500 pounds in an ox cart

with a young team. "They got spooked," he said, "and went up the road, heading for the transfer station."

A team of oxen on the highway is fairly noticeable, and Police Chief Shawn Bernier noticed them right away. Randall, laughing, said, "Shawn said, 'That's Clayton's team, but where's Clayton?'"

Randall had been knocked unconscious by the side of the road. He came to shortly afterward and flagged down a truck to go in search of his team. They came upon Bernier,

who had turned the cattle around and was driving them home.

"Animals do have the right of way," Randall pointed out.

With a more somber tone, he said that driving oxen is "a dying art," although he is passing on his knowledge to another New Durham resident.

Currently he has four animals: a cow, a four-year-old team, and "half of a team."

His first team lived to be 21. "You get attached," he said. "It's like losing kids."

But overall, Randall said his family has had a good time with the cattle. "It's a fun, family project. It's my hope that this young team will take me to the cemetery."

He did emphasize the amount of work that went into it all. "You have to be dedicated," he said, citing a battle with the leukemia-like leucosis that forced the family to bottle-feed calves until they got a leucosis-free herd.

"It's rewarding. It's lots of work, but in the barn, you forget everything in the world."

### Town of New Durham, N.H. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Town of New Durham is accepting proposals from qualified contractors for the following:  
Mowing and Landscape Maintenance of Municipal Grounds in the Town of New Durham.

All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the proposal submittal requirements and all requested information must be supplied. Failure to comply will be reflected in the evaluation of the proposals.

The proposal specifications for the "Mowing and Landscape Maintenance of Municipal Grounds in the Town of New Durham" are available on the Town Website, Town Hall 4 Main Street and at the Department of Public Works, 56 Tash Road, New Durham, NH.

Proposals must be clearly marked "Mowing and Landscape Maintenance of the Municipal Grounds in the Town of New Durham."

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 PM, May 3, 2017 at the Town Administrators office, New Durham Town Hall, P.O. Box 207, New Durham, NH 03855.

The Town of New Durham acting through the Town Administrator reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award any proposals, to waive any informality on proposals received, and to omit any item or items as it may deem to be in the best interest of the Town. The decision of the Town Administrator shall be final. If further information is necessary, please contact Scott Kinnmond, Town Administrator at (603) 859-2091 skinnmond@newdurhamnh.us Ext# 106 or Karen Kehoe, DPW Office Clerk at 859-0000 nddpw@newdurhamnh.us.

# ALTON CENTRAL'S SCOOP

## Spring has sprung at Alton Central School

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE  
Alton Central School Principal

May brings us the opportunity to appreciate spring, especially now that the ACS fields are drying up from snow melting, and athletes can use them as well as all students during recess times. Our buildings and grounds crew has been busy during the vacation week working on field conditioning. With the field conditioning also comes garden bed preparation. We are looking forward to students and families enjoying the gardens throughout the summer and in to the 2017-2018 academic year. You may read in newspapers or on social media, or see ads on TV or hear messages on the radio about May 20 being "Plant Something NH Day." You will be learning more



COURTESY PHOTO

**ROB BOOTH, on the equipment, and Chuck Norwood, Buildings and Grounds Director, standing, are finishing the Spring Clean Up of the ACS grounds. Their work includes the preparations for May 20, "Plant Something NH Day" sponsored by garden centers and NH Landscape Association members across NH to encourage people to enjoy gardening as well as the benefits connections to nature can bring. Watch as the gardens grow.**

about ACS participating in this statewide effort as the date gets closer. Teachers will be able to use the raised beds in many ways, from measuring, comparing/con-

trasting, writing prompts and visual arts. Accurately drawing plants, as well as creative interpretation of plants, are important aspects of hand/eye coordination and also

connecting with nature. Plant Something NH Day helps us launch the fresh outlook and connections to our curriculum.

Plants blossom and flourish just as great

### BARNSTEAD

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now gives the school direct contact with emergency services at any time.

The Barnstead Adventure Zone (BAZ) program continues to be extremely popular with both students and parents. Rice reported that there is now a waiting list of parents wanting their children enrolled in the program. The BAZ program is funded with a time limited federal grant under a program called 21st Century Schools that originated during President Barack Obama's administration.

President Donald Trump has eliminated the program from his budget request to Congress adding to the uncertainty about the program's future. Parents who can afford to pay a fee for use of the service, but the fee covers only a part of the program cost.

The Artist in Residence program will feature a musical production this year, curiously titled the "Principal and the Pea." No word was given on what role Rice might have in the production. Rice did say that the BES drama club was actively involved, and he was pleased to have a school wide drama project after many years without one.

The Student Council has reached out to the Alton Central School Student Council and is hoping to develop some joint activities. This parallels other initiatives at various levels for in-

crease connection between the two elementary schools, laying more foundations for students to connect before the first day of freshman year at Prospect Mountain High School.

Assistant Principal Jeni Laliberte informed the board that she continues to work on implementing new components of the new reading program known as "Foundations" from the Wilson Language Training Institute. One section being introduced now focuses on helping children become aware of the "phonics" or sounds made by different letters or combinations of letters. The helps children learn common English language spelling patterns.

Special Education Coordinator Emily Reese is implementing the Gillingham approach for reading and writing learning. This method is specifically focused on children with special needs, and particularly those who have dyslexia. It, too, has a strong emphasis on phonics so that students with special needs are working in parallel with other students.

The board discussed the recent results of a federal audit of the school lunch program. Lunch fees paid by many families are supplemented with federal funds that help pay for nutritious lunches for children from low or moderate income families. The federal government audits each school to ensure the funds are not being

diverted to some other purpose, that free and reduced lunch benefits are being properly assigned, and to ensure the meals served are meeting proper nutritional standards.

BES has been through many audits in previous years, and its experience has been generally quite positive. While auditors have looked carefully at the necessary records, they have generally seen their role as primarily a job of supporting the school in doing the best job it can do.

This year's experience was totally different. Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator for the SAU 86, had provided advance copies of the audit to board members. She approached the discussion with some trepidation, because the audit report listed an unusual number of "deficiencies" in the BES program, and she was concerned it might reflect negatively on her work.

The board members' reaction was totally supportive. Several expressed outrage at the "pickiness" of many of the audit comments. In looking back at the previous year's menus, the auditors had found one week in which all the vegetables on the menu were green. They marked this as a deficiency needing correction and pointed out that if the vegetables on one day were green, the next day they should be orange or red.

There was much discussion and the board

sentiment was clear. The school had the bad luck of running into the wrong cadre of auditors. The staff needed to do its job and respond fully to all points in the audit, but no one on the board was going to send instructions to Santa to put the business administrator or the cafeteria staff on his "naughty" list.

At the last meeting, Chair Eunice Landry had asked board members to send her a note with their committee preferences. She announced the committee memberships as follows:

- Personnel/Policy: Kathy Grillo;
- Building and Grounds: Diane Beijer and Jason Henry;
- Finance: Eunice Landry and Diane Beijer;
- Strategic Planning: Lyla Adkins;
- Space Needs: Eunice Landry and Lyla Adkins;
- Sick Bank: Kathy Grillo;
- Negotiations: Eunice Landry and Diane Beijer;
- CIP Master Plan: Jason Henry.

Landry identified four items for the agenda of the May 23 board meeting, including landscaping bids, preschool bathrooms, copier replacement and revisiting the substitute policy. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the school library.

The board went into non-public session regarding a personnel matter.

ideas and events do. We have many events in May which can show the readership what we're proud of. Starting with May 5's teacher appreciation luncheon celebration provided by the PTSA, to a dance that night sponsored by our VOICE student group. This is the final dance of the year for grades 6-8. The sixth graders will be welcoming fifth graders to a dance in the fall, which welcomes them to middle school just as they were welcomed last fall to this important social outlet and aspect of middle school life.

A social event for the whole community - you are invited - will be May 18, 6:30 p.m. at PMHS. That's the annual spring band and chorus concert. The high school tech crew is integral to the success of ACS concerts in this very comfortable venue. We hope to pack the house with supporters of the arts. If you know a member of the band or chorus, do offer congratulations for the focus and diligent practice it takes to perform for the community like this.

We are proud of the

ways we are creating opportunities for convening as a whole school for assemblies, celebrating school events or community events. There are two assemblies this month that will be featured in ACS Scoop columns this month. We see excitement mounting as we prepare events for our Champions for Children, as well as the yearbook dedication surprises.

While you may see students enjoying the afternoon off school Wednesday, May 24, the teachers will be involved in professional discussions with our guidance counselors, social worker, administrators, pouring over student data and discussing learning styles, in another phase of planning 2017-2018 class rosters. Just as we'll be planting seeds and bulbs that blossom and grow in the coming seasons, we are working with the same enthusiasm to ensure our students blossom and grow in the coming seasons.

May is busy, from all angles, with action packed events for our students and community at large. From performances to garden work, there's something for everyone.

## Alton Central releases second trimester Honor Roll

ALTON — Alton Central School has announced its second trimester Honor Roll

Emerson, Makenzy Holden, Seth Huggard, Magen LaChance, Charlize Locke, Aislinn MacStravic, Perrin McLeod, Annabelle Noyes, Millicent Snow, Brooke Stellon.

**Grade eight High Honors**  
Justin Maynard, Jillian Nason.

**Honors**  
Robert Cobern, Maya Corriveau, Jonathan Gray, Austin Hanscom, Kylie Ingham, Julia Leavitt, Michael Mahoney, Juliahnna Marcello, Mateo Monziona, Cadence Provost, Dominic Soucy, Aryana Warner.

**Grade seven High Honors**  
Benjamin Breuer, Asa Gulbrandsen, Kendall Santy, Olivia Tibbs.

**Honors**  
Noelle Azzara, Aidan Conrad, Christopher Cox, Jasmine

**Grade six High Honors**  
Marin Creteau, Joseph DeJager, Alyssa Irving, Evan McCracken, Hayden Mellon, Finn Quindley, Grace Simensen.

**Honors**  
Nathan Archambault, Abigail Argue, Matthew Bonner, Abigail Breuer, Kayla Carpenter, Olivia Casale, Marco Del Greco, Kolby Dubisz, Alexander Gagne, Lauren Gilbert, Nelson Hikel, Ayden LaChance, Mya Linsky, Chloe, Marcello, Sydney McDonald, Gabrielle Newman, Hayley Snell, Thera Woods.

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**MERRYMEETING**

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miles of critical watershed.

He added that the waterway represents a "huge tax base for each of our two communities," acknowledging the presence of Alton State Reps Peter Varney and Raymond Howard, as well as selectmen and other concerned citizens from the neighboring town. He said the matter represents a "regional impact" for both Alton and New Durham.

The meeting notice stated, "In 2015 and 2016 New Durham experienced cyanobacteria blooms in the Merrymeeting River which caused...NHDES to post beach closures."

Initially confined to the Downings Pond area near the junction of Main Street and Merrymeeting Road, the statement continued, "In 2016, the cyanobacteria bloom extended into the Merrymeeting Marsh Wildlife Management Area on the New Durham/Alton border. As a result, New Durham residents, together with members of the Lay Lake Monitoring program, and with assistance from the Fresh Water Biology Laboratory at UNH, conducted water quality surveys of the New Durham section of the Merrymeeting River."

The statement continued, "The purpose of these surveys was to try to identify point sources for the introduction of phosphorus into the river. You and other members of your group are invited to listen to the results of this survey and the subsequent actions taken by New Durham" and the EPA.

While not a sexy substance in and of itself, phosphorus would find itself as a central player in the evening's discussion. A peer-reviewed white paper issued by the NIH recently noted, "Anthropogenic [that's to say 'man-made' for us non-scientists] loading of nitrogen and phospho-

rus to freshwaters and coastal marine systems is a global environmental problem that generates social and financial costs for human populations. One of the more unpleasant consequences of eutrophication is an increase in the occurrence of unsightly, odorous, and sometimes toxic cyanobacterial blooms. Control of cyanobacteria is thus a major concern in freshwater management."

While a matter of global concern, local leaders are looking to get a handle on how to control its impacts close to home in the Merrymeeting system.

Quimby said, "Cyanobacteria is a toxin-producing bacteria," which normally rests dormant in the sediments of New Hampshire's fresh water bodies. When a certain mix of warm water temperatures, sunlight, and elevated phosphorus levels are present, the bacteria will be triggered to rapidly reproduce - resulting in a toxic bloom. The production of toxins can result. At a BOS meeting last summer, a Downings Pond resident complained of a skin rash she attributed to contacting the water.

The introduction of phosphorus into the waterbody is critical for a cyanobacteria bloom to occur, Quimby said during a slide presentation.

Once under way, cyanobacteria blooms prevent most recreational activities in the affected waterbody. Resulting toxins also put aquatic wildlife at risk.

Quimby said that the Downings Pond section of the Merrymeeting waterway was "completely green in color." To illustrate key points, Quimby walked participants through his slide deck that included a photo of Downings Pond, whose surface waters were marred by a layer of green sludge he attributed to cyanobacteria.

Quimby said that cyanobacteria thrive on

phosphorus and deplete aquatic oxygen levels. Algae species requiring less oxygen can thrive in a phosphorus-rich and oxygen-poor ecosystem while other life forms die off.

Adding to the problem, Quimby noted, is that when the bacteria die, their remnants settle to a waterway's sediment, adding to elevated phosphorus levels - ensuring that the cycle continues. He said that fish die-offs often result.

Quimby said there's the potential that water quality in sections of the Merrymeeting system are at risk of being "degraded to the point" where they "won't support life anymore."

In such a scenario, they would "kind of go to pot," he added

While degraded or "eutrophic" conditions are currently confined to a small area of the watershed, Quimby said there's a potential that the toxins could go "further and further down river" and "continue to pose problems" for more and more people living and recreating on the waterway.

Quimby said cyanobacteria require water temperatures of 77F and an ability for the sun to reach sedimentary material. A level of 10 parts per billion of phosphorus is also necessary, according to the data he cited.

Quimby noted that runoff from agricultural sites and residential lawn fertilizers can trigger blooms - but that farming operations and residential activities in the area are not the likely cause of the phenomena.

Faulty septic systems can also contribute to contamination, but testing conducted by volunteers, according to Quimby, don't appear to be a major cause.

At one point during the presentation, an elderly male resident uttered an expletive and was escorted out by a family member. He expressed frustration that water near his home was

a "chocolate brown." He seemed to want action items to be adopted right then and there.

Quimby respectfully noted the gentleman's concern, saying, "This has been a pretty charged issue for a lot of us."

Getting back to some of the volunteer testing, Quimby said septic systems in the area are "not impaired," which was "not totally surprising."

He said there was "not a single point of source" at Downings Pond itself.

However, upstream near the N.H. Fish and Game hatchery, he said that phosphorus levels, if taken to scale, were enough to fertilize 100 acres of corn. He said that the facility discharges between one to seven million gallons of water per day. While F&G uses vacuuming mechanisms to remove fish fecal matter, it is likely that some particulate matter evades these devices.

While not calling out the facility, Quimby seemed to indicate that further examination of the hatchery's impact would be a logical place to focus further investigations.

Quimby was also careful to note that in executing their operation, it doesn't appear F&G is in any obvious violation of current regulations. He praised F&G for its compliance with accepted best practices. He added that the local facility has been eager to work with town officials to investigate whether there is a cause-effect relationship - and that the state is committed to work toward a solution should one be necessary.

That said, Quimby's

slide deck included the following observation, "There is no point trying to identify other point or non-point sources of phosphorus introduction (farms, run off, industry, lawn fertilizers) until the high levels at the hatchery are brought under control."

The statement continued, "However, it is time for all parties invested in maintaining [Merrymeeting River] water quality to become organized. While we can discuss the best way forward, it seems working with the N.H. F&G, N.H. DES, and U.S.EPA now would be beneficial for all parties."

It concluded, "Together with N.H. F&G personnel, we should re-evaluate and fully implement Best Management Practices of the Hatchery with the aim of reducing total suspended solids, nitrogen, and phosphorus discharges into Merrymeeting River. ...We should assist EPA and N.H. F&G in any way possible to establish daily and annual maximum thresholds of the discharge of total suspended solids, nitrogen, and phosphorus [and] [f]orm a collaborative initiative to provide coordinated oversight and strategy development/implementation to achieve [this] goal."

Quimby said he envisions a "collaborative effort" to achieve these ends.

Attending was Inland Fisheries Division Chief Jason Smith, who said he and his department are committed to the health of all N.H. waterways. He did manage expectations somewhat by noting that the types of "significant capital investments" that might be needed "don't

happen overnight." Leaning forward in his chair, he seemed engaged and genuinely concerned about the ongoing health of the waterway, noting his strong connection to the area.

A member of the public, although pleased by Fish and Game's willingness to work with local stakeholders, did note that some locals have considered filing a cease and desist order on the facility.

New Durham Selectman David Swenson, speaking as a Merrymeeting-area resident, said he is hoping that the town can successfully navigate a "collaborative approach" to mitigate any excessive contaminants that might originate at the hatchery.

Going forward, the EPA will be conducting weekly tests this summer at key sites. These findings will be presented at public hearings to inform stakeholders of their findings.

Funding sources will be need to be identified to strategize and remediate existing pollution levels and address ways to prevent new toxins from entering the waterway. Quimby said that the "concept of a framework" will be done "in a collaborative fashion" involving officials from New Durham, Alton, F&G, UNH, and other interested parties.

A three-year action plan will be a goal of an ad hoc working group to identify the source of the problem, execute a strategy and verify results.

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# So, snow fleas are a hoodwink? There's more to it than you think

This column may seem outdated to some readers as it probably is. It was written for a rainy day when I might not be able to write a column that week, but seems particularly apt at a time when snow still lingers in some parts of the state --- JDH

I think I first became aware of the reality of snow fleas when I was in my mid-20s, after two decades of snowshoeing and skiing and otherwise enjoying life in oblivion, out there atop the snow.

Like many others, no doubt, I'd noticed dark outlines around my snowshoe tracks

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



on sunny February days, but I dismissed it as some kind of tree particles in the snow, bits of bark blown off by the wind, maybe. Little did I know.

Until one day when I was somewhere with Fish and Game, doing a story on winter deer yard mortality, Kilkenny, I think, and I had to bend over to tighten a snowshoe binding.

And then, before my amazed eyes, those black outlines around my tracks came alive. The snow, inches from

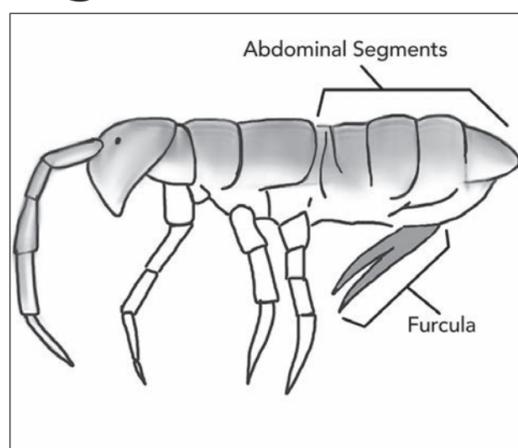


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**IF YOU had the greatest eyesight in the world, and could bend over far enough to get really close to the snow, this is what you'd see.**

my face, was an incredible commotion of tiny black creatures,

not much bigger than grains of pepper, creatures moving about,



MOONSHINE INK - COURTESY PHOTO

**THIS rendition of a snow flea shows what you normally cannot see, the flip-enabling appendage hidden beneath its body.**

flipping about, springing about, like performers in a circus.

Being the budding outdoor writer I was at the time, I dashed home and tried to look up this phenomenon in my meager reference books, to no avail (this was, of course, long before Google). Stymied, I called a learned person, the kind of people I was so lucky to hang out with and befriend during those early years, wildlife biologists, researchers, grad students, conservation officers, loggers, foresters and farmers. "They're snow fleas, you moron," he said, or similar kindly words.

Of course, I've always been a fan of looking down, ever since I was a toddler, and have had a happy lifetime of noticing things and finding things that other people just walk over and pass on by. I find lots of coins, for instance, and four-leaf clovers, or anything else amiss in that world below our feet. But who thinks to look at snow?

That would be me, ever since discovering snow fleas. After that, whenever on snow, on foot, on snowshoes, on skis, even on snowmobiles (I never liked going very fast), I got into the habit of look-

ing down.

There is a whole world unto its own down there under the snow pack. Many people before me have studied this world, of course, and had long before paid attention to snow fleas. There is abundant literature.

Abundant enough, in fact, to be boring. Suffice to say that snow fleas are members of the springtail family, do not bite, and emerge by the billions (no exaggeration) to feed on algae blooms in the snow, which I have seen in red, blue-green and orange.

So the next time someone casually mentions snow fleas, don't tighten up as if you're about to become the butt of an inside joke. They're real, as real as a hoorah's nest in a spruce tree, or a will-o-the-wisp on a distant ridge.

(Next, coming to a theater near you: Snow spiders, and the sequel, ice worms.)

*This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.*

## Bank photo contest entries being accepted

MEREDITH — Sister banks Merrimack County Savings Bank and Meredith Village Savings Bank are launching their second annual photo contest on Monday, April 3. Winning full color photographs will be featured on four web sites: the two banks, New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) and MillRiver Wealth Management; as well as in desktop and wall versions of printed calendars for both banks. Winning photos may also be included in desk calendars, holiday cards and note cards.

Many winning photos will focus on people enjoying local events, such as the Merrimack County Savings Bank Rock N' Race, the Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic, the Nashua Rotary Rock n' Ribfest or the Sandwich Fair. Other popular choices include people enjoying local New Hampshire venues, attractions and businesses such as the Sculpture Walk in Meredith, Canterbury Shaker Village or Granite State Candy in Concord.

Different formats are needed for use on the web site versus the print calendars, so there are two separate contests. Participants may enter one or both contests, but will need to complete a separate

entry form for both contests, with a maximum of five full-color entries each.

All photos and entry forms must be submitted before close of business on Saturday, May 27. A \$50 cash prize is awarded for each winning photo selected. Winners are responsible for the payment of any federal, state and local taxes on their prizes.

Photos must be submitted as colored prints with a corresponding disc containing high resolution full-color images in .tiff, .eps or .jpg formats. For the calendar contest, the prints should be 10 inches wide by 8 inches high and the associated digital files should be a minimum of 300 DPI. For the web site contest, the prints should be 10 inches wide by 4.25 inches high and the associated digital files should be a minimum of 72 dpi (though higher is preferred) at a size of at least 1920 pixels wide x 5300 pixels high.

The names of the photographers will be unknown to the panel evaluating the work and selections will be based solely on the suitability of the subject; quality of the photograph; and adherence to the purpose of the contest, which is a celebration of New Hampshire year round. New Hampshire Mu-

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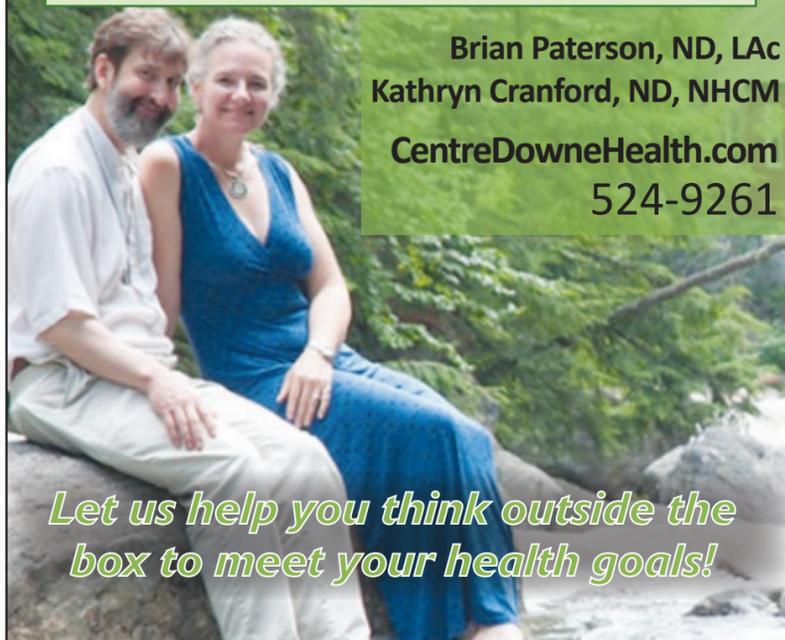



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# SPORTS

## WHAT'S ON TAP

The changing of the calendar brings a full slate of games for the local high school teams.

The Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team returns to action after vacation by hosting Profile at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 1, and then hosts Gilford on Wednesday, May 3, at 4 p.m.

The Timber Wolf tennis boys will be on the road at Profile on Monday, May 1, and at Gilford on Wednesday, May 3, both at 4 p.m.

The Prospect Mountain track team will be at Gilford for a 4 p.m. meet on Tuesday, May 2.

The baseball and softball Timber Wolves will be hosting Winnisquam in 4 p.m. games on Wednesday, May 3.

At Kingswood, the tennis boys will be hosting Plymouth today, April 27, at 4 p.m. and will visit Kennett for a 4 p.m. match on Wednesday, May 3.

The Knight girls' tennis team will be at Goffstown on Monday, May 1, at 4 p.m.

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# Burley (8 Ks) leads Timber Wolves past Vikings

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — Against a good team, the Prospect Mountain softball team brought its best.

Senior pitcher Brianna Burley struck out eight and the Timber Wolf bats came to life in a 7-3 win over Mascenic in the team's home opener on Wednesday, April 19.

"That win right there is a big one," said coach Rick Burley. "That's a very good team."

"We played well," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "We hit the ball well."

In the pitcher's circle in the first inning, Burley struck out the side, working around a two-out base hit and the Prospect bats came up with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Leah Dunne led off with a base hit and Bekah Wheeler followed with her own hit. One out later, an Ali Brown double plated the game's first run. Mackenzie Burke reached on an error to drive in another run and Prospect's lead was 2-0. BettyJane Weir worked a walk to keep



BEKAH WHEELER comes up throwing for an out in action against Mascenic last week.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

the rally going but the Timber Wolves were unable to get another run.

Burley struck out one in the top of the second inning but Prospect went in order in the bottom of the inning as well. Mas-

cenic got a leadoff double in the top of the third inning and eventually pushed across their first run.

The Timber Wolves bounced right back in the bottom of the inning

with two more runs. Burley started the rally with a double and she scored on a base hit by Brown for a 3-1 lead. Burke worked a walk and then Kasey LaCroix had a base hit to drive in

another run and the Timber Wolves were up 4-1.

Prospect Mountain continued to press in the bottom of the fourth inning and added three more runs. Dunne start-

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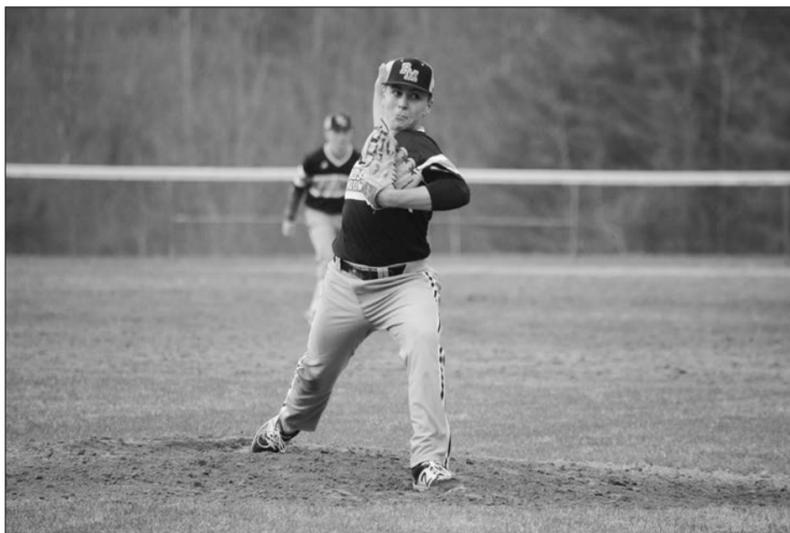
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JOSHUA SPAULDING

CALEB PIWNICKI was strong on the hill for the Prospect baseball team against Mascenic.



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NOAH SANVILLE takes a lead off first base in action last week against Mascenic.

# Timber Wolves suffer first loss of season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — A day after picking up their second win of the season, the Prospect Mountain baseball boys found themselves on the wrong side of the scoreboard for the first time this season.

The Timber Wolves hosted Mascenic on Wednesday, April 19, and dropped a 7-1 decision to the Vikings.

"They're a good club," said Prospect coach Bubba Noyes of the Vikings. "They hit the ball."

The Vikings got to Prospect Mountain starter Sam Borelli in the top of the second inning, pushing across two runs.

Borelli led off the bottom of the second inning with a base hit and moved up on a sacrifice groundout by Ryker Burke. Borelli then took third on a wild pitch, but he was stranded there.

Zach McLaughlin took over on the mound in the third inning and after getting the first out, an error, a base hit, a wild pitch and a passed ball allowed the Vikings to get another run for a 3-0 lead. The visitors attempted a suicide squeeze but missed the ball and catcher Drew Nickerson was able to gun down the runner at third base. Mascenic followed with a base hit but Caleb Piwnicki made a great stab of a ground ball to third base and forced the runner at second to get the Timber Wolves out of the inning.

Noah Sanville led off the bottom of the third inning with a base hit and Hunter Sanborn followed with a base hit as well. Nickerson reached on an error to load the

bases but Prospect managed just one run out of it. McLaughlin grounded into a 6-4-3 double play, allowing Sanville to score Prospect's first run of the game, cutting the lead to 3-1.

The Timber Wolves got through the fourth inning without any trouble but the Vikings were able to score four runs in the top of the fifth inning to increase the lead to 7-1.

Piwnicki took over on the hill for the Timber Wolves and closed out the game nicely, with two strong innings. He worked around a base hit in the top of the seventh inning, getting a strikeout of the final batter.

Burke led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a base hit but the Timber Wolves could not move him along and the Vikings took the 7-1 win.

Noyes noted that the Mascenic pitcher was able to keep his team from getting in a groove.

"We had too many pop outs," the Timber Wolf coach said. "He had enough different pitchers that kept us off balance all day."

He was also quick to point out that Piwnicki's stint on the mound was a positive note to take from the loss.

"He pitched well at the end," Noyes said. "That's a plus."

The Timber Wolves hosted Berlin a day earlier and got a 7-3 win.

Nickerson got the start on the hill and pitched six innings and struck out four. Berlin scored one run each in the second, third and fifth inning. McLaughlin

closed out the game on the hill.

Prospect scored one in the first, two in the third, three in the fourth and one in the sixth. Nickerson also had three hits, while Luke Mostoller chipped in with two hits and two runs batted in,

while McLaughlin also drove in a pair of runs.

The Timber Wolf boys bounced back with an 8-6 win over Gilford on Saturday.

Nickerson went six innings and Borelli finished up on the mound. Nickerson struck out six

Golden Eagles.

The game was tied heading to the seventh inning when Prospect scored two and held off the hosts for the win. McLaughlin had a pair of hits for the Timber Wolves, while Lucas Mostoller, Sanborn and

Burke all drove in runs.

Prospect will be back in action on Wednesday, May 3, hosting Winnisquam at 4 p.m.

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COLBY BISSON picked up a doubles win with Josh Keslar last week.

## Prospect net boys come up short in three matches

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain tennis boys were unable to come up with their first win, dropping a trio of matches, two of those matches on the road.

Prospect opened the week with a long trip to Whitefield to take on White Mountains on Monday, April 17.

Max Tuttle picked up his first win of the season in singles and Jake Blair picked up his second win in as many matches on the team but White Mountains led 4-2 after singles.

In doubles play, the team of Tim Clifford and Josh Keslar won their match in a close contest but the Spartans won the other two doubles matches and took the 6-3 win over the Timber Wolves.

On Wednesday, April 19, the Timber Wolves traveled to Meredith to take on Inter-Lakes and dropped a 7-2 decision to the Lakers.

Both wins for the Timber Wolves came in doubles, where Tuttle and Clifford won at number one and Jack Kelley and Colby Bisson won at number two.

The final match of the week was against the defending Division III champions from Gilford, who proved to be too much for the Timber Wolves on Thursday, April 21. Gilford came through with a 9-0 win.

Next up for the Timber Wolves will be a

trip to Profile on Monday, May 1, and they will then visit Gilford for a match on Wednesday, May 3, with both matches set for 4 p.m. starts.

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# Timber Wolves solid in home meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — While the sun wasn't shining, the rain stayed away and Prospect Mountain's track team hosted its first meet of the season on Thursday, April 20.

Coach John Tuttle reported that everything went well, despite the fact that many of the Timber Wolf athletes had to leave midway through to attend a music department concert that evening.

Hudson Ingoldsby led the way for the boys' team, winning three different events on the afternoon.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Ingoldsby ran to a time of 16.93 seconds for the win.

Ingoldsby then bested the field in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.2 seconds.

Ingoldsby also won the high jump, clearing five feet, eight inches.

Tommy Howlett also ran to the win in the 800 meters, finishing in 2:13, with teammate Alex Amann in 2:16 for third place and Troy Meyer in 2:17 for fourth place overall.

For the second meet in a row, Jeremy Woodbury won the 400 meters in a time of 55:03 with teammate Riley McCartney in second place in 56.24 seconds and Dan Drury in fourth place in 1:00.1.

Chris Normandin finished in fifth place in the 200 meters with a time of 26.4, with Ryan Nolin finishing in seventh place in 26.9 seconds and James Williams in 12th place in a time of 30.2 seconds.

Caleb Parelius leaped to sixth place in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, 3.75 inches, with Chase Corliss finishing in eighth place at 13 feet,

9.5 inches and Williams finishing in 10th place at 12 feet, 11.25 inches.

The Timber Wolf team of Howlett, Woodbury, Ingoldsby and Zack Chouinard finished in first place in 3:47, while the 4X100-meter team of Nolin, Parelius, Williams and Normandin finished in third place in 57.31 seconds.

In the 1,600 meters, Nick Cormier ran to seventh place in 5:39, Chouinard finished in ninth place in 5:50 and Ethan Crossman was 12th in 6:37.

Parelius finished in ninth place in the 100 meters in 12.91 seconds, with Normandin in 10th in 13.02, Nolin in 11th in 13.18, Corliss in 13th place in 13.78 and Williams in 14th in 13.91.

In the shot put, Normandin placed ninth overall at 26 feet, 11.75 inches.

Naomi Murzin picked up a win in the shot put for the girls, finishing with a toss of 29 feet, 4.25 inches.

Gracie Hardie also picked up the win in the triple jump, leaping 29 feet, seven inches for her second win in as many meets in the event.

Murzin also picked up a second place in the javelin with a toss of 83 feet, 11 inches.

In the high jump, Gabby Clark finished in third place at four feet, four inches and teammate Kayley Hoyt finished fifth at three feet, eight inches.

Clark also finished third in the long jump with a leap of 12 feet, 4.5 inches.

In the 200 meters, Ashlyn Dalrymple ran to third place overall in 29.6 seconds.

Hardie ran to fourth place overall in the



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
NAOMI MURZIN releases the shot put in action on April 20.



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
ALEX AMANN (left) and Troy Meyer run during the 1,600 meters on April 20.



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
CALEB PARELIUS takes the baton from Ryan Nolin in the 4X100-meter relay on April 20.

100 meters with a time of 14.24 seconds, with Clark finishing in seventh in 14.5 seconds, Taren Brownell was 14th in 15.15 and Tovah

Stonner finished in 18th place in 16.31 seconds.

Anna DeRoche finished in fifth place in the 800 meters in a time of 3:07 and Lily Michaud was right behind in sixth place with a time of 3:12.

The Prospect girls

were third in both relays. In the 4X400-meter event, the team of Wyleigh Chase, Dalrymple, Murzin and Sadie DeJager finished in 5:17 and in the 4X100-meter relay, the team of Brownell, Dalrymple, DeJager and Hardie fin-

ished in 57.31 seconds.

The Timber Wolves will return to action on Tuesday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Gilford.

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## Junior Legion baseball tryouts are May 7 and 14

ALTON — Alton Post 72 Junior American Legion baseball tryouts will be held on May 7 and May 14 at Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Highway, Alton. Regis-

tration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. Players ages 13 - 17 who attend Prospect Mountain, Kingwood, Farmington, Pittsfield, Inter-Lakes, Moultonborough, Bel-

mont, Gilford, Laconia and Newfound are eligible to tryout.

For more information, contact coach Gary L. Noyes, Sr. at [coachnoyes@metrocast.net](mailto:coachnoyes@metrocast.net) or at 393-8349.

## Stacey Burns 5K scheduled for May 13

WOLFEBORO — The Stacey Burns Memorial Scholarship 5K will take place on Saturday, May 13.

The race is open to runners and walkers and the course will run from the Carpenter School along South Main Street to Crescent Lake School and back.

Those interested in registering early can visit [www.fundraise.com/staceyburnsmemorial5k](http://www.fundraise.com/staceyburnsmemorial5k) and there will be a discount for anyone who registers by April 30.

Registration will also be taking place on the day of the race starting at 8:30 a.m. Walkers will begin the race at 9 a.m.

and runners will start at 9:15 a.m.

Registration can be mailed to SBMS, PO Box 2251, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

More information can be found by calling Peggy Hart at 557-6321, Sonya Lapar at 832-3331 or Jackie Grasso at 986-1254.

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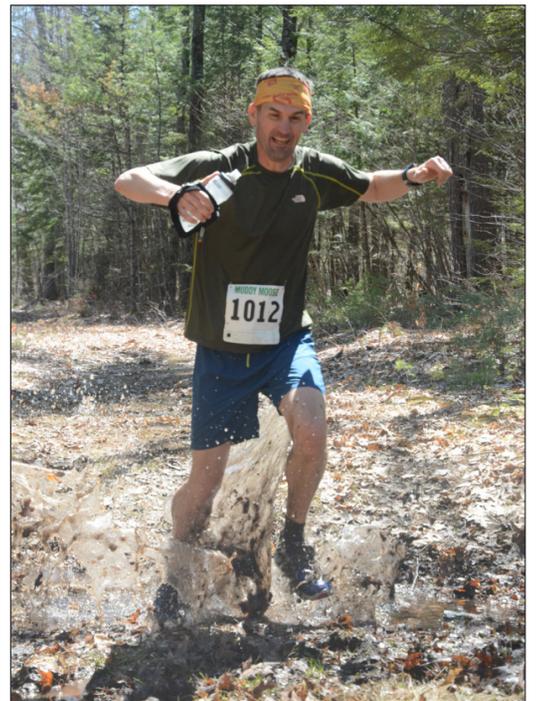
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JOEY HOWLETT of Barnstead plows through the mud during Sunday's Muddy Moose.



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KRIS HOWLETT of Barnstead runs during Sunday's Muddy Moose in Wolfeboro.



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TOBEY REYNOLDS of Alton runs to the final mile of the 14-mile Muddy Moose.

# The muddiest Muddy Moose?

*Rainy weather makes for fantastic conditions for annual race*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Race Director Fergus Cullen warned racers at the Muddy Moose Trail Races start line that they might want to bring along a kayak.

While he was kidding, there was more than enough deep mud puddles along the course where a kayak could've helped out as rain the previous few days left the course filled with mud, making for a challenge for all the racers who toed the starting line at Kingswood on Sunday morning.

Cullen rated the mud at an eight or a nine out of 10 and noted there were portions of the 14-mile course that were in

incredibly rough shape.

For the four-mile course, the winner was Grant Fortier of Concord, who finished in a time of 27:35.

The top female finisher was Kristina Folcik of Tamworth, who finished second overall in a time of 27:55.

Mark Richardson of Wolfeboro finished third overall in 31:08, Max Thomas of Wolfeboro was fourth at 32:48 and Colyn Pineo of Wolfeboro rounded out the top five, also in a time of 32:48.

Tora Olafsen of Sandwich and Tracey Olafsen of Sandwich rounded out the top three women, finishing in eighth and ninth respectively in 34:23 and 35:06. Mar-

guerite Lacroix of Athol, Mass. was the fourth woman and 10th overall in 35:10 and Linda Adams of Chichester was fifth for women in 36:54 for 16th overall.

Locals made their way through the Muddy Moose with solid times.

James Harrigan of Wolfeboro was sixth overall in 33:21, followed closely by Keith Thomas of Wolfeboro in 33:48 for seventh place. Tim Huckman of Ossipee finished in 13th place in 36:15.

Barnstead's Joey Howlett ran to 17th place in 37:05, with Kris Howlett of Barnstead in 19th place in 37:32 and Melissa Rogers of New Durham in 23rd place in 39:28. Sasha Blanchard of

Wolfeboro was 25th overall in 40:11.

Wakefield's Loralee Helgeson finished in 28th place in 41:31, with Tom Zotti of Wolfeboro in 30th place in 42:26 and Jaimie Ham of Ossipee in 42nd place in 45:23. Debbie Miller of Wakefield placed 49th overall in 48:07, with Jennifer Christian of Ossipee right behind in 50th place in 48:08. Wolfeboro's Mara Michno ran to 80th place overall in a time of 1:01:26 to round out the local competitors in the race.

## 14-mile race

In the longer version of the race, Daniel Button of Acton, Mass. took the overall win with a time of 1:29:11.

Jonathan Miller of

Wakefield was second overall in 1:40:24, with Keith Schmitt of Durham in third in 1:40:34, Andrew Baird of Amherst, Mass. in fourth in 1:41 and Eric Wyzga of Rhode Island in fifth in 1:43:27.

For women, Kate Venne of Londonderry, Vt. was the top competitor in 1:44. Nicole Gibeault of Manchester was second for women in 2:13:24, Abby Cirina of Dover was third in 2:13:49, Parrish Berquist of Cambridge, Mass. was fourth in 2:16:24 and Amanda McCaughey of Plymouth, Mass. finished in fifth in 2:19:28.

Among local finishers, Michael Arsenault of Middleton finished in eighth place overall in a time of 1:47:28, with Ryan Wells of Tamworth in

13th place in 1:53:17.

Austen Bernier of Albany finished in 20th place in 2:13:04, with Jeffrey Stevens of Middleton in 24th place in 2:13:50. Frank Holmes of Eaton finished 39th overall in 2:34:54 and New Durham's Dan Place finished in 42nd place in 2:38:14.

Alton's Tobey Reynolds finished 43rd in 2:38:15, with Matthew Christian of Ossipee in 52nd place in 2:46:54 and Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler of Tuftonboro placed 62nd in a time of 2:56:03 to round out the official finishers from the local communities.

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# Winni Derby returns May 19-21

LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE — After a one-year hiatus, the Winni Derby, Lake Winnepesaukee's spring salmon and lake trout tournament, will be held for the 34th time the weekend of May 19-21.

The Daniel Webster Council of the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Laconia Rotary Club to promote and produce this year's tournament. The Laconia Rotary Club took over management of the Winni Derby from the Lakes Region Inland Fishing Association and tournament founder Rick Davis in 2011. Davis intended to support the Rotary Club and the tournament in an advisory capacity at the time, so his death in November 2011 was a blow to tournament organizers. After producing the Winni Derby for four more years on their own, the Laconia Rotary Club canceled the 2016 derby and announced that they were looking for a partner to help bring back the tournament for 2017. The Daniel Webster Council responded and has committed to keeping the Winni Derby going on an annual basis. "We are pleased that the Scouts stepped up to help us bring back the Winni Derby and look forward

to seeing it grow under their leadership," said Jon Nivus, Treasurer of the Laconia Rotary Club. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the character-building youth programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

The 34th annual Winni Derby will introduce new elements to the tournament, including a women's division and a Friday evening social and expo at the Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia on May 19. Admission to the expo is included in the price of a derby ticket and will feature food, entertainment, and exhibitors as well as door prizes and announcement of Friday's daily awards.

This year's tournament will also include a return to material prizes. First place in the salmon division wins a 16-foot 2017 Tracker® Pro Guide™ fishing boat with a Mercury 75 hp motor and custom trailer. First place in the lake trout division wins a 2017 Polaris Sportsman® 450 ATV. First place in the junior division wins a \$1,000 fishing package from A.J.'s Bait and Tackle in Meredith. First place in the women's division wins a \$1,000 gift card package from various retailers, including Bass Pro Shops. Runner up prizes

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New Hampshire Fish and Game officials are looking forward to the Winni Derby as part of their ongoing effort to monitor the health of the fishery and educate fisherman about ways to be good stewards of Lake Winnepesaukee's limited population of landlocked salmon. "The Winni Derby has been an important part of our management of the salmon fishery for over 30 years and we look forward to partnering with the Boy Scouts to continue our efforts," said John Viar, Biologist with the Inland Fisheries Division of New Hampshire's Fish and Game Department.

Alan "A.J." Nute, owner of A.J.'s Bait and Tackle in Meredith, says there is a lot of excitement among fishermen and Lakes Region business owners about the Winni Derby's return. "The Derby's going to be a busy weekend for all of us on the lake. We're thrilled that it's back," said Nute.

Tickets to participate in the derby are available at select retailers around the state or online. Sales locations and online registration can be found at www.winniderby.com.

# Tennis girls grab a pair of wins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — It was a good week for the Prospect Mountain tennis girls, as the Timber Wolves picked up a pair of wins in three matches.

On Monday, April 17, the Timber Wolves hosted White Mountains and came away with an 8-1 win over the Spartans.

Prospect Mountain swept the singles matches and won two out of three doubles to clinch the win.

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**GABRIELA D'EMPAIRE-POIRIER** and her Prospect tennis teammates picked up a pair of wins last week.



The second win of the season came on Wednesday, April 18, when the Timber Wolves picked up a 9-0 win over Inter-Lakes, also on their home court.

The final match of the week came on Thursday, April 21, where Prospect traveled to Gilford and

dropped a 5-4 decision. Ava Blair won her match at number three by an 8-6 score, while Sydney DeJager won her match at number six by an 8-0 score.

In doubles, Meagan Minaya and Serena Avery teamed up at number two and got the 8-2 win and the third doubles team of

Anna Francis and Emily Brosnahan finished with an 8-3 win.

Prospect will be in action again on Monday, May 1, as they host Profile and will be hosting Gilford for a match on Wednesday, May 3, with both matches scheduled for 4 p.m. starts.

## Abenaki Lacrosse receives scholarship support from The Nick

WOLFEBORO — In recent years, Abenaki Lacrosse has grown increasingly committed to providing scholarship funding in order to promote athletic participation for families who may not otherwise be able to afford the experience or benefit from participating in organized sports.

However, Abenaki Lacrosse could not do it alone. For the second year in a row, The Nick has made it possible for the program to grant all of the scholarship requests they received. Their 2017 contribution supported registrations

for six of the youth players in need of support.

The Youth Assistance Program (YAP) was established in 2012 by The Nick to provide scholarship funding for local athletes. YAP is a direct fulfillment of The Nick's mission to provide opportunities to all youth with a desire to play organized team sports. Need-based athletic scholarships are awarded by The Nick based on input from administrators of leagues that have contracts with The Nick. For more information about The Nick, finan-

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Abenaki Lacrosse has called The Nick home since they began using the fields in 2007. The program and its board of directors are committed to providing children in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, and surrounding towns, with a quality lacrosse program. For more information about Abenaki Lacrosse, visit [www.abenakilacrosse.com](http://www.abenakilacrosse.com).



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ORIOLE PARK at Camden Yards is a beautiful baseball park, even in the rain.

## On the road to see the Red Sox (even with the rain)

The Muddy Moose Trail Race is one of my favorite events of the year for getting pictures. Runners in this annual Wolfeboro race are not afraid of jumping in the mud and I'm not afraid of getting pictures of them doing that.

However, this year, I was a bit concerned I would not make it to Sunday's race, mainly because of my luck with airplanes in the last year.

Of course, I was not flying from my apartment in Ossipee to Wolfeboro to cover the race, I was flying from Baltimore.

When the Kingswood baseball team decided not to go to Florida this year, I decided I still needed a break or two somewhere along the line and I decided I would try to see the Red Sox in a couple of different stadiums this season. I had never been to Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore so I decided that would be one of the stadiums I was going to see this year (the other is coming in June).

I found a pretty good deal on a flight, bought a game ticket before the season even started and almost forgot about the trip until the Muddy Moose was announced for this past Sunday.

But Saturday morning dawned well before dawn, as I had a flight set for 5:50 a.m. from Logan Airport. Usually when I fly out of Logan, I take the bus from Dover to avoid parking fees at the airport. However, I real-

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ized that if I took the bus, there was no way I was making it back for the 10 a.m. Muddy Moose start. I figured the only way I could get back in time was to drive myself.

So, I pulled into Logan just before 4 a.m. on Saturday, got on the shuttle, through security and onto my Jet Blue flight to Baltimore. We landed on time and I caught the train to Camden Yards. My goal was to see a lot of the inner harbor during the day, though it would've been nice if the rain had stayed away.

I started by walking around the stadium. Eutaw Street, which runs between right field and the warehouse, is open during the day and you can walk right up to the gates and around the outfield area, which was cool. I got a bunch of photos and then decided to check out the Babe Ruth Museum, which is located nearby. As a big baseball fan, that was impressive. They had tons of great memorabilia.

I left the museum and headed toward the harbor, where I caught the water taxi and made my way out in the harbor, eventually landing at Fort McHenry, which is best-known as the spot that in the War of 1812 where Francis Scott Key saw the American flag flying after a long battle and wrote the Star

Spangled Banner. As someone who grew up enjoying history, it was great to read and see the history the fort held.

After eating some lunch, I headed back up to the stadium for the game, which of course, ended up being delayed by rain. The delay ended up being only a half-hour and when Jackie Bradley Jr. launched a homer onto Eutaw Street, all was good. But that didn't last too long, as Steven Wright choked the lead away the very next inning. I stayed to the very end nonetheless.

I caught a late train back to the airport and my 6 a.m. flight landed on time in Boston. Despite the fact that I had lost my parking ticket, I was still able to get back on the road before 8 a.m. and at 9:30 a.m., pulled into Kingswood in time for the Muddy Moose.

Though I should note, the office couch called my name after the Muddy Moose. A nap was certainly needed.

Finally, have a great day Fergus Cullen.

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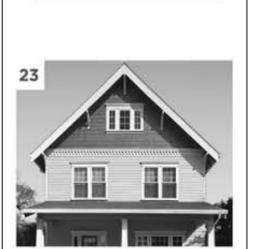
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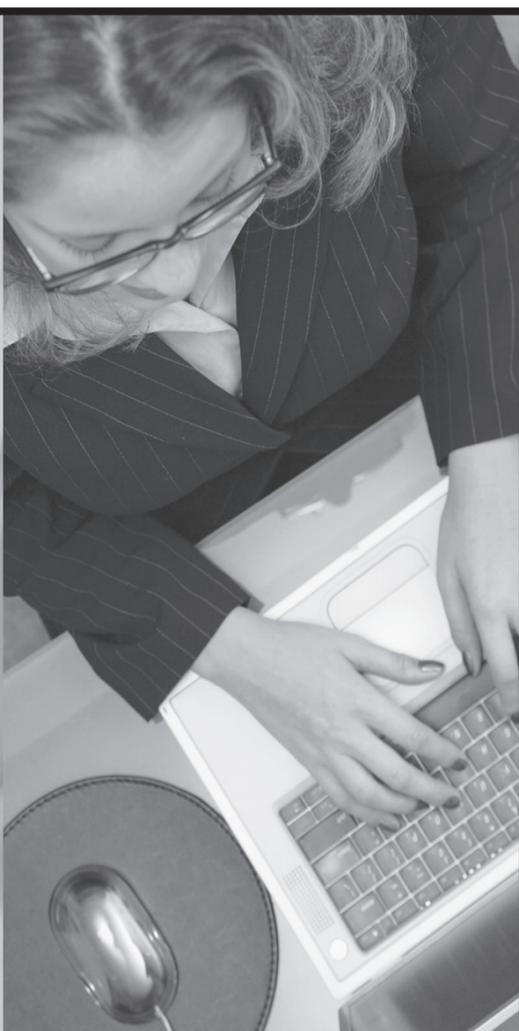
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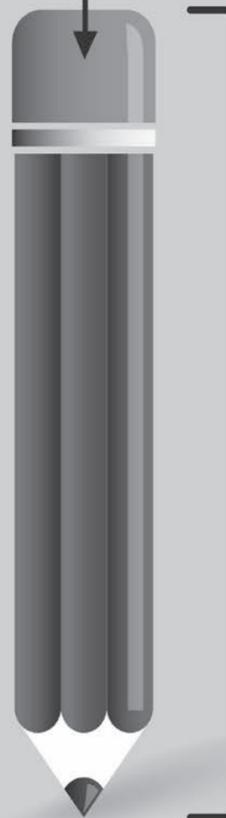
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**SOFTBALL**

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ed things with a walk and then base hits from Wheeler, Burley and Burke combined to drive in three runs for the 7-1 lead.

The Vikings were able to get the bats going a lit-

tle bit in the top of the sixth inning.

A base hit and a fielder's choice put two runners on base and a grounder in front of the plate moved both runners up, though Burke made a nice play coming out from behind the dish to throw the batter

**ON TAP**

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and will host Kennett on Wednesday, May 3, at 4 p.m.

The Kingswood track team will be at Coe-Brown for a 9 a.m. meet on Saturday, April 29, and will be at Portsmouth at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The Knight lacrosse girls will be hosting Timberlane today, April 27, at 5:30 p.m., will visit Portsmouth at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, May 1, and

will be at Windham on Wednesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m.

The Kingswood boys' lacrosse team will be hosting Dover at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28, will be at Kennett at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 1, will host Pembroke at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, and will be at John Stark at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 4.

The baseball and softball Knights will be at Sanborn on Monday, May 1, and will host John Stark on Wednesday, May 3, both at 4 p.m.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

**BRIANNA BURLEY** struck out eight Mascenic Vikings to lead the Timber Wolves to a 7-3 win last week.

out. However, a wild pitch and an error combined to allow two runs to score and the Vikings cut the lead to 7-3. Burley was able to get a ground-

er to Emma Hardie at first and another back to the circle to close out the inning.

The Timber Wolves went in order in the bot-

tom of the sixth inning and Burley set down the side in order in the top of the seventh, getting a grounder to first, a strikeout and a fly ball to Brown in center.

"That was a great team effort," Burley said. "This is one of those games where everybody made something happen during the game."

"That's what we needed," the Timber Wolf coach said. "No one person is bigger than the team."

"We play for each other and that showed tonight," Burley continued.

He was quick to point out that it's always nice to get a few runs early to help keep things relaxed.

"It's always good to get out of the first inning with a couple of runs," Burley said. "That's key in any game."

He also noted that pitching was also a key part of the win.

"Brianna pitched a hell of a game against a good hitting team," the Timber Wolf coach said. "She placed the ball well tonight."

The Timber Wolf girls picked up their first win of the season the previous day against Berlin, earning a 6-5 win.

The Timber Wolves will be in action on Wednesday May 3, at 4 p.m. at home against Winnisquam.

*Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 569-3126 or sportsgsn@salmonpress.com.*

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