

Board focuses on progress of children

BY DAVID ALLEN
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — Disappointment about the results of the Barnstead School District Meeting was palpable at the Barnstead School Board meeting on Tuesday, March 27. But it was celebration of improvements in children’s school progress, and determination to find a viable contract agreement with the Barnstead Education Association that dominated the meeting.

The meeting be-

gan at 6 p.m. with the sounds of tired but happy children from the Barnstead Adventure Zone (BAZ) after school program still echoing in the hallways.

Superintendent Brian Cochrane began the meeting with the first order of the night: selection of officers for the new year. Eunice Landry was quickly nominated to continue as chair and unanimously approved. Lyla Adkins was chosen as vice-chair. Newly elected Eliza Drolet

was picked to serve as secretary. Landry noted that her primary responsibility would be to take minutes during non-public meetings.

As the board reviewed the agenda, Landry signaled her resolve to start immediately on the task of crafting a new teacher contract by moving the agenda item of contract status from the public to the non-public agenda.

Contract discussions are one of the items that New Hampshire’s Right to Know Law specifically allows for non-public meeting. Board members can hash out their ideas and approach without tipping their negotiating hand to the other

party. Since they had already agreed with the teachers on a contract, the issue in this situation is less one of how to come to terms with the teachers, and more of how to understand what sort of reductions in the contract cost might best ensure passage at a special School Meeting.

Vice-Principal Jeni Laliberte gave an extended report on the Readers Workshop writing and reading program for Kindergarten. Early last fall the teachers conducted “foundation assessments” of each of the children.

Each student was asked 10 questions in each of three categories of beginning reading and writing: identifying lower case letters and giving their sounds, matching a letter to a sound and writing lower case letters. Based on performance the students were placed in three different groups, each group working forward from their beginning level.

By February, students were working on combining sounds to form a word. The teacher would sound out “s,” “short a,” and “t” and ask the student to come up with the word “sat.” And conversely, students were asked to spell out simple words such as “nap” and “mud” using letter cards that help with a visual clue.

Along the way books

are introduced, and the same books re-read for increasing levels of understanding. Early on the children are introduced to the idea of taking on the characters in the books, first creating voices for a book character, then talking about how the characters may be thinking or feeling, then acting out the character’s actions. By this time of year, the children are acting out entire short stories and beginning to read poetry and find and express the feelings in the poems.

In first grade, students start with spelling simple single words. They are introduced to a few basic spelling rules like “qu”

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COURTESY PHOTO
TIMBER and officer Chris Johnson have been teamed up as Alton welcomes the new K-9 offer.

Alton welcomes new K-9 officer

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Just a few months after the community lost Syren the police dog, the APD is delighted to welcome the department’s new K-9.

Timber - so named in a nod to Prospect Mountain High School’s mascot - had his formal introduction on Monday at the Alton Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

“This will be his big unveiling,” said Alton Police Chief Ryan Heath in an interview a few hours before the meeting.

Heath said that it was just one of sever-

al opportunities in the near future for the public to meet the purebred German shepherd.

Chief Heath explained that Timber arrived at Logan Airport the previous Tuesday, having flown over from the Netherlands. He noted that the 13-month-old dog came from a Dutch facility that specializes in preparing canines to fulfill law enforcement duties.

Heath added that the dog comes with a three-year guarantee to ensure that Timber will be a good fit with his human colleagues. “It’s a little like a warranty for your car,” he said. “But I don’t think it will be necessary.

“We are very confident that he’ll be a great addition, but it’s good to know they will stand behind their K-9s,” the chief said.

While essentially still a puppy, Timber comes to Alton with considerable training. “He is already versed in suspect apprehension and tracking,” Heath noted. Additional duties will include searching for missing persons and sniffing

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COURTESY PHOTO
Victorious robot
Team 319 - Prospect Mountain High School’s robotics team won its District qualifying event this weekend. In addition, the team was recognized with the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors. The criteria for the award is described as follows: “The design is elegant and efficient (simple/executable) and practical. The entire machine reflects a system design approach, i.e., the overall machine design addresses the many functional systems that must operate together.” The team will next compete at the New England District Championship in Boston from April 11 to 14.

The famous (and infamous) people of Alton

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — We all like to reminisce – Alton’s Bob Witham more than most. In earlier articles, we’ve established he has a lot to reminisce about, due to his various occupations in his lifetime in town, and his basic interest in history and people.

“I’m not an expert or a historian,” he said. “My standing disclaimer is what I say is what I’ve seen or been told.”

But not everyone keeps his ears and eyes open as much as Witham. His interests in the town run the gamut.

Considering what is important to remember, Witham has expounded on past businesses. Most recently, he’s been giving thought to people who might be called

“successful and famous,” although the definition of famous gave him pause.

In the end, he has come up with a list of folks who have made a name for themselves, in one way or another. Some he has a lot of information about, others it’s just a nibble; but that’s the way Witham likes it.

“If it inspires people to do some more research, well, that’s great.”

He’s also glad to hear from others, if they have an anecdote to add to his storehouse. That’s the way he accumulates stories, which appears to be his second favorite thing to do.

His first favorite is to share them, so in no particular order, here is his list.

Joseph Peirce, born into a prominent Portsmouth family in 1748, had one of the earliest homes in Alton and was active in forming the town government.

A Revolutionary War veteran, he was an early member of the state House of Representatives and went on to become a United States Representative to the Seventh Congress, serving from March 4, 1801 until his resignation in 1802. After leaving Congress, he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in Alton in 1812.

Both his son and grandson were active in politics.

“He was quite a man,” Witham said.

Witham said Alton could lay claim to Harrison Thyng, a pioneer jet fighter pilot who grew up in Barnstead and retired to Pittsfield, because “his family lived in Alton prior to moving to Barnstead.”

Thyng became a brigadier general in the US Air Force by way of UNH and holding a reserve commission in the Army Air Corps. A pilot of British spitfires, he led the first American raid out of England over Europe during World War II. He also fought in Korea, and became one of only six men to become an ace in two wars, with both conventional and jet aircraft.

In 1965, Thyng founded the New England Aeronautical Institute, which later merged with Daniel Webster Junior College to become Daniel Webster College in Nashua, and served as its first president. A memorial to General Thyng was dedicated in Pittsfield in 2004.

W. Rockwell Clough, the manufacturer and

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Kingswood inducts 22 members into National Honor Society

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently inducted 22 new members. Family, friends, teachers, administrators and current members enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the Kingswood cafeteria staff.

Following dinner, the group moved to the lecture hall for the induction ceremony. Kingswood graduate and College of the Holy Cross senior, Rachael Lapar, was the guest speaker and shared her experiences of how the four pillars of the National Honor Society (scholarship, character, leadership, and service) have impacted the last four years of her life on the athletic field and in the realm of academics. Abby Coulter, Mariana Palladino, Eileen McKenna and Burke



THE KINGSWOOD Chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 22 new members. Left to right, front to back, Grace Abraham, Allison Bean, Sarah Bellefleur, Jill Blocher, Hannah Crane, Charlotte Hardy, Olivia Hart, Daniel Hartley, Alicia James-Aldus, Mary McCarthy, Caitlyn Murray, Charlotte Noble, Grace Saunders, Anna Smith, Aaron Stanard, Janis Walker, Madeline Ward, Ella Weiss, Brett Conley, Cameron Mann, Hunter Montgomery and Allesandra Moore.

Ruel followed the guest speaker with speeches elaborating upon each

of the four pillars. The celebration concluded with Principal Guy Donnelly leading the new inductees in the NHS pledge.

The Kingswood Chapter of NHS is particularly active. They perform a variety of community service ac-

tivities from running a Saturday morning mentorship program known as Kingswood and Kids to spending time at local nursing homes, reading to students at all the elementary schools, participating in roadside cleanups, and a vari-

ety of additional programs.

The new inductees include Grace Abraham, Allison Bean, Sarah Bellefleur, Jill Blocher, Hannah Crane, Charlotte Hardy, Olivia Hart, Daniel Hartley, Alicia James-Aldus, Mary

McCarthy, Caitlyn Murray, Charlotte Noble, Grace Saunders, Anna Smith, Aaron Stanard, Janis Walker, Madeline Ward, Ella Weiss, Brett Conley, Cameron Mann, Hunter Montgomery and Allesandra Moore.

Additions to annual Home, Garden and Recreation Show

ALTON — Richard Leonard, President, and Home Show Chairman Jeremy Dube of the Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary Club are pleased to announce that the club's 11th annual Home, Garden and Recreation Show, April 21, at Prospect Mountain High School, will include a number of new and interesting exhibitors that are sure to draw a lot of attention. Included is Dragonfly Antiques, who, for a small fee, will do an appraisal for anyone who brings in two (hand-held) antiques, much like the very popular PBS 'Antiques Road Show' does.

Another feature is a former artist for Walt Disney who'll do portrait character illustrations of both children and adults, also for a very small fee. The UNH Master Gardener Program, with a representative to answer questions, will be available and hand

out free information, too. In addition they'll be many new exhibitors, covering many subjects about the products and services they provide from solar energy, to specialty foods, farmers' markets, bake sales, WASR radio, entertainment, dog training demos, tick and mosquito control, well and pump installation, plus more than 75 other booths to visit, and a chance to win a 50" HDTV, and other prizes. The Alton Home, Garden and Recreation show is open to the public and admission is free. Doors open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is the only non-profit show its kind in New England and its major sponsor is TDS. Any net proceeds are donated by the Rotary club to local charities.

For information about the show or to sign-up as an exhibitor (few spaces still open), go to theacrc.org or call Rotarian Duane Hammond at 569-3745.

Boy Scout spaghetti dinner is Saturday

ALTON — Please join in for supper on Saturday, April 7, from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Community Church of Alton, 20 Church St. Boy Scout Troop 53 of Alton and New Durham will be serving homemade spaghetti sauce, homemade meatballs and homemade desserts along with Blue Bunny ice cream. There will also be bread, salad and beverages. Get your

tickets at the door. Funds raised will help to pay for summer camp and other exciting Scout activities. Summer camp is a valuable experience and the troop will have 15 scouts attending this year. For more information about this supper or joining Boy Scouts, please contact Sherri Brulotte at 817-4698 or thefourbz@tds.net.

Brewster team makes it to finals of robotics competition

WOLFEBORO — Team Torque, the Brewster Academy robotics team, was among the finalists in the New England District - Granite State event FIRST robotics competition last weekend – impressive for the young team that is only in its second year of existence.

"It was great seeing our team come together over the course of the weekend – in between matches we had to troubleshoot, make repairs, find parts, adjust programming, and strategize with other teams," faculty advisor Scott Domingos said.

"Our robot's effectiveness at delivering cubes at the exchanges was rec-



MEMBERS of Brewster's Team Torque at last weekend's FIRST robotics competition where they made it to the finals

ognized by other teams and led to our being selected by a top-seeded team for the playoff round. We made it all the way to the finals and are already looking forward to our next event at UNH at the end of the month."

This year's game

challenge involved two alliances of video game characters and their human operators who are trapped in an arcade game. Both alliances had to work to defeat the boss to escape.

The theme of the 2018 competition was FIRST

Power Up. FIRST Robotics released the theme and competition details on Jan. 6, at which time all teams had six weeks to design, build, program, and test their robots for competition. Due to a six-day February break, the Brewster team had five weeks to complete the assignment.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest in science and technology. Kamen was Brewster Academy's 2016 commencement speaker.

Brewster team members included seniors Zaha Al-Zaabi, Hunter Chasens, Fred Liautaud, Namwan Pharino, Sam Wang, Yuwen Wang, Logan Young; sophomores Edward Burton, Kaede Kawata, John Liu, Jack Reasoner, Youssef Solimon, and freshman Tyler Balint and Davis Wood.

Brewster's robotics program is supported by a few generous donors.

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PICTURED (l to r), Paige Caruso, Barbara Proulx from Just Maple at Green Acres Farm in Tilton, Olivia Noyes and Robin Souliere.



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PICTURED (l to r), Sky Lynn Vorce, Keira Saalfrank, Jill Allen (Alton Hannaford manager), Parker O'Brien, Blake Pappaceno, Katelyn Jones, not pictured is Austin Therrien.



COURTESY PHOTO
PICTURED (l to r), Bradley Laurin, Randall Preston, Ava Tibbs, Logan Cliché, Analiese Hersey.



COURTESY PHOTO
PICTURED (l to r), Mr. Pappaceno, Natalia Kharitonov, Zoe-Jane Ransom, Jenna Sykes, Jennifer Gibbs and Big Bird from Wildlife Encounters, Caitlin Cliché, Cahlen Comfort.

Community in the classroom at Alton Central

BY OLIVIA NOYES

Fifth grader - Alton Central School

This year my perspective on the classroom has changed. This is because I had the opportunity to research professionals in the community and reach out to them. Having a professional from the field visit a school allows the students to meet new people, provide an interactive hands-on lesson, give back to the community and inform others of these important experiences.

"After doing research online, many of us never thought there'd be an opportunity to meet with a professional. After the presentation, I realized how lucky we were," said Zoe-Jane.

My classmates and I needed to find someone who worked in the field that we were studying,

tree tapping. We were interested in improving spiles or tree taps. With a 3D printer, we can create a more efficient tool for drawing sap from trees. After collecting a list of people, we needed to contact them and see if anyone was available to visit Alton Central School. My classmates and I prepared a script and started calling businesses. Barbara Proulx from Just Maple in Tilton was pleased to visit our class and share her knowledge. Through our conversations and demonstration of equipment, our learning was enhanced. Having a professional there with us created a better understanding of what we wanted to learn. My class was one of several that had the community in their classroom.

Third grade has been working on grocery bag holders. Their essential question was, "How can we improve a simple task, such as carrying a grocery bag?" With the help of Jill Allen, the Alton Hannaford manager, students designed, created and tested their bag holders. These products didn't only promote reusable bags, but made it easier to carry multiple bags in one hand. Mr. Pappaceno says that the students have accomplished their task.

Biomimicry is the imitation of nature to solve man's problems. Although they haven't reached their goal, the fourth graders are on their way to it. The group of girls are using biomimicry to improve the design of a kite, so it will soar better. Soaring is to

use air currents to rise, while gliding is moving downward. Jen Gibbs from Wildlife Encounters brought Big Bird, a macaw, to teach the girls about wings and flight. They are getting closer as they 3D print the kite connectors.

A group of fifth graders, calling themselves 5 Creators and One Guy, are working with the senior center as they 3D printing assistive technology to help the seniors. Tinkercad is the software they use to design crochet bowls, cookie dunkers, card holders and much more. They visited the senior center to share their designs and the seniors loved it. Roney Delgadillo, the Alton Senior Center manager, is pleased to see how the fifth graders care and want to help the

elderly.

To all of our profes-

sionals in the field in the community, thank you.

Members sought for Alton Milfoil Committee

ALTON — As the winter chill winds down and the region welcomes the delayed yet inevitable spring, the Alton Milfoil Committee prepares for another season monitoring and controlling invasive species that threaten Alton's water bodies. However, to continue successfully its work, the milfoil committee needs new volunteers to join the committee.

The Alton Selectmen

in 2008 established the committee with the primary goal to control variable milfoil, a non-native plant. The committee is grateful to Alton voters who in March approved a \$22,000 warrant article and along with state of New Hampshire grant funding, the committee will be gearing up for another season to control invasive species.

Variable milfoil is a monoculture plant that forms dense growths

that crowd out most other good native plants. It is fast growing, and likes sandy or silty lake bottoms in relatively shallow water with access to plenty of sunlight. Bits and pieces of milfoil can root and produce seeds that multiply very quickly.

Alton is in much better shape than many towns in that each year the committee is reducing variable milfoil, and the committee has a good understanding

on where to look for the weed and how to treat it.

The committee needs volunteer committee members. The committee meets monthly during the season and as needed, with some meetings also in the spring and fall. Won't you consider joining the effort? For information, please e-mail the Alton Milfoil Committee at parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Legion hosting pair of fundraising dinners

ALTON — Alton American Legion Post 72 is hosting a pair of events in the coming weeks.

April 7 will be a benefit for the Barnstead Elementary School's End 68 Hours of Hunger program. There will be

an Angus beef carving station or half a baked chicken with sides, served from 5 to 8 p.m.

The second is Saturday, April 14, and is a fundraiser dinner for one of the Legion members, Bill (Pappy) Fever,

who is struggling with cancer. The dinner will be roast turkey dinner with all the fixings. Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. and there will also be a penny sale and 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going to Pappy.

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Four-legged friends

Our front page this week includes a story on Alton's new K-9 officer, Timber, who was appropriately enough, named after the mascot at Prospect Mountain High School.

A few months back we had the story on the passing of Alton's previous K-9 officer, Syren, who was a key member of the department for a number of years. It was a tough situation for the Alton Police Department, and in particular, officer Chris Johnson, who was Syren's partner.

Chief Ryan Heath vowed after Syren's death that the K-9 program would go on, when the time was appropriate to bring another dog on board and the time has come.

Timber comes to the Alton Police Department from Netherlands, where he went through the intense training to become a police dog. Chief Heath said that thanks were due to the Loker family of Alton, who made a generous donation to help fund the addition of the K-9 officer to Alton's police force.

A few months back we also had a story on New Durham's new K-9 officer, Izzi, and her handler, Chief Shawn Bernier. Izzi replaced Fred, New Durham's previous K-9 officer who has now retired.

These police dogs are incredible assets to the community. They can do so many different things that human officers might not be able to do.

First and foremost, the tracking skills of K-9 officers is a great tool for the police department. This comes in handy when police are chasing a suspect into the woods or through a neighborhood. This also is important when the police are searching for a missing child. These canine officers are indispensable when it comes to tracking down missing persons.

K-9 officers are also fantastic ambassadors to the community. Both Izzi and Timber provide a unique face to their department, one that is quite friendly and can make a lasting impression on young kids.

We couldn't be more pleased that both the Alton and New Durham Police Departments have brought their K-9 programs back to the forefront. While New Durham's program went away for a little while only to be brought back, Alton's program was simply on the back burner after a tough situation for all involved. Getting K-9 officers back on the streets of Alton and New Durham is beneficial to the community and to the police department.

And we thank everyone, including the Loker family, who has donated to the causes of bringing these animals back to the police forces in their communities. There are expenses involved with the K-9 officers, but we believe the costs of the program are worth it through the benefits the animals provide to the community.

We have seen a lot of good work coming out of the police departments in all three of the communities we cover and this is just another positive step for the local departments.

As we move slowly toward the summer months, look for the K-9 officers out and about in their communities and be sure to thank them for their service.



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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Flying in Florida

Kingswood sophomore Matt Place of New Durham leaps to take a throw at third base during the Kingswood baseball team's trip to Florida last week. See the stories in the sports section, starting on page B1.

Letters to the Editor

Hear our children

To the Editor:

We do love our children. Wading pools warn about drowning, plastic sled stickers take eight sentences to alert one to all the potential dangers, and, my favorite, strollers caution that you should remove the baby before collapsing the stroller. Young kids now wear helmets to ride bikes, and after three children had been killed by lawn dart injuries, they were banned in 1988. Many vote solely based on which candidate is anti-abortion. So we definitely care.

Yet according to Brady Campaign statistics, "Every day, 46 children and teens are shot in murders, assaults, suicides and suicide attempts, unintentional shootings and police intervention" and of those, seven die daily. The New York Times just reported that since the Columbine tragedy in 1999, over 187,000 school children have experienced a shooting in their school. But what have we have done to address this problem? The NH State Senate recently voted down an amendment to SB 357 that would have enabled individual school boards to strengthen Gun Free School Zones, this was not going to be a requirement to ban guns, just an option, and still many senators voted against it. Unfortunately, my Senator, James

Gray, voted against this. How did yours vote?

Sensible gun restrictions do not equal getting rid of the Second Amendment, just as requiring drivers' licenses and policing of violations has not eliminated the ability of most of us to drive a car. This is a complex issue and may need several changes to save more lives, including the addition of more funding for mental health services as well, but just because it's difficult doesn't mean we should do nothing. For too many reasons to list here, arming teachers, an option which Governor Sununu suggests studying, is not the answer. If we really want to become an armed state like Italy, station two well armed guards outside each school entrance.

Hear our children: Enough is enough. They do not want to live in fear. Congratulations to all the area high school students who created and spoke at the March for Our Lives in Concord on the 24th. It was a true inspiration. All of you who have been solely "pro-life" issue voters, what are you doing to protect our children once born? Now we all have to search our consciences and press for change.

Anne H. Onion
Gilmanton

Dinner and show in Barnstead Friday night

BARNSTEAD — Come to Barnstead Elementary School on Friday, April 6, at 6 p.m. for a spaghetti dinner and a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" by the Hampstead Stage Company. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the

Barnstead Adventure Zone and the Oscar Foss Memorial Library.

Family Movie Night

Join in at the library on Friday, April 13, at 6 p.m. for a free night at the movies. They will be showing "Coco" (PG) and providing

popcorn. Pajamas and cuddling items are always welcome.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about the library's programs or events. There is always something happening at

the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed Sunday and Monday.

Grange hosting gardening seminar

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

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

Mason will be touching on developing a garden plan, choosing a location, creating

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

So, mark the date, Tuesday, April 17, at the Oscar Foss Memo-

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

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Crimes of the Heart opens this weekend

WOLFEBORO — The cast has spent the week fine-tuning, the stage crew has been assembled for action and the lights have been adjusted and positioned as the Village Players prepare for the spring production of Crimes of the Heart, which opens this weekend.

Crimes of the Heart is a Pulitzer Prize winning play, written by Beth Henley, which also was turned into a movie in the 1980s. The Village Players will be welcoming two new actors to the stage for this show, while a couple of longtime veterans and two newer veterans round out the cast of six.

Barbara Wilson, who has been on stage in numerous Village Players productions over the years, including in last fall's musical The Music Man, will be portraying the oldest Magrath sister, Lenny. The show takes place around Lenny's 30th birthday as she deals with the multitude of issues facing her family. Lenny has spent many years watching over Old Granddaddy, who has been sick and is now in the hospital, bringing the family back to their home in Hazelhurst, Miss.

Village Players newcomer Melanie Perkins, who has stage experience in numerous other theaters, will portray Meg Magrath, the middle sister. Meg left her family's hometown to head to Hollywood to pursue a singing career. Her career has not exactly worked out like she had hoped, though she can't bring herself to tell Old Granddaddy just what's going on in her life.

Gwen Collins, who had a star turn in last



COURTESY PHOTO

MEG MAGRATH (Melanie Perkins) and Barnette Lloyd (Barnstead's Ben Dudley) have a conversation during Crimes of the Heart, opening at the Village Players Theater this weekend.

summer's 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, will be portraying the youngest sister, Babe Botrelle. As the show opens, audiences learn that Babe is in trouble for evidently shooting her husband, Zachary Botrelle, one of the most powerful men in the town. The circumstances surrounding the shooting continue to play out as the show rolls along.

Ben Dudley, who made his Village Players debut as Tommy Djilas in last fall's production of The Music Man, stars as Barnette Lloyd, Babe's young lawyer. Barnette has an ax to grind with Zachary Botrelle and takes Babe's case in an effort to see that through but begins to realize that there may be feelings developing between he and his cli-

ent.

Christian Boudman, a veteran of many Village Players shows, returns to the Village Players stage after a year away, portraying Doc Porter. Doc was a love interest of Meg many years ago but found himself on the outs when she moved west. He has remained a friend of the family over the years but Meg's return sends him for a loop.

The final member of the cast is newcomer Amanda Dickinson, who also comes to the Village Players with stage experience with other groups. She portrays Chick Boyle, the nosy cousin and neighbor of the Magrath sisters, who seems to have an opinion on just about everything.

Crimes of the Heart is directed by Carol Bense with assistance

from Bob Tuttle. Joshua Spaulding is the producer, while Paul Stewart is the stage manager and Matt Johnson is handling the lights and sound. Bobbi Boudman and Maida Kreis handled costumes and set decoration, Russ Ellis designed and led the

construction of the set and Michaela Andruzzi will be the makeup and hair guru.

The show opens on Friday, April 6, and continues on Saturday, April 7, both at 8 p.m. The show continues next weekend, with 8 p.m. shows on Friday, April 13, and Satur-

day, April 14, and a 2 p.m. show on Sunday, April 15. Tickets are available online at village-players.com or at Black's Paper and Gifts in downtown Wolfeboro.

Crimes of the Heart is sponsored by Bruce and Kris Gurall.

Alton Rec gearing up for busy summer

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

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

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

Camp Winnepesaukee - ages 7-11 - Alton Bay

Two weeks of summer camp at the Alton Bay Community Center and Railroad Square Park, ages 7-11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation. July 9-13 - American Summer Bash Week featuring Camp Olympics, carnival activities, snow cones, face painting, photo booth, popcorn, swimming, games, cookout, s'mores, crafts and more. July 30-Aug. 3 - Adventure Week featuring an Egyptian escape room, mini golf, ice cream, pizza, mad science fun with slime, snorkeling, swimming and more. Register early for discounts. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov (town government/parks and recreation).

Wicked Cool Camps

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

Wicked Cool Vet School is 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Become a veterinarian in training this week and learn about

furry, flying and fishy friends. Make amazing animal models, build big bones, visit with a live animal and more.

Wicked Cool Science is 1-4 p.m. Grow giant glowing cubes, create crazy chemical reactions, make glow sticks glow brighter, make a DNA necklace, harness the power of the sun and more.

See wickedcoolforkids.com for additional information. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov (town government/parks and recreation).

British Soccer Camp

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

Correction

The article regarding the Barnstead School District Meeting in last week's Baysider had an error. It referred to a motion by Genevieve Michaud to reduce the budget by one percent. No such motion was made. The Baysider apologizes for any confusion but may have resulted from this error.

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 ½ 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 9, 2018 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).

Storyteller at New Durham Public Library April 16

NEW DURHAM — Once again it's party time for the younger set at the New Durham Public Library.

As part of the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Rural Libraries Grant, a second guest storyteller will present a fun morning of stories and a book giveaway to all participants on Monday, April 16, at 9 a.m.

All pre-school children from newborns up are welcome.

"Who doesn't want two free books to bring home?" Library Director Cathy Allyn asked. "We love to watch the kids go through the books and choose what they want."

Following the story-telling and book give-away, the library will host a party with climbing equipment, building materials, food, music, and toys.

"Our first event was so popular, we wanted to offer the same this time," Allyn said.

The event is free and no registration is required. "Just come and

have a wonderful time with your child," Allyn said. "Bring your friends."

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

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Blood Donor of the Game program returns

REGION — The American Red Cross will join the Boston Red Sox and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to honor lucky presenting donors with an incredible experience - the chance to become the Blood Donor of the Game. Red Sox fans are invited to enter to win simply by stepping up to the plate and donating blood to help patients in need.

New Durham Historical Society presentation is April 12

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Historical Society is pleased to be hosting a special presentation titled “Humble Beginnings – Zechariah Boodey comes to New Durham.” This presentation will offer glimpses into early pioneer life during the early settlement of the town and about events that help put New Durham

ter to win simply by stepping up to the plate and donating blood to help patients in need. All presenting donors at American Red Cross blood drives or donation centers in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont will have the

in the history books. Guests will learn the connection between the Boodey and Randall(l) families. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday April 12, at the New Durham Public Library. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, please call Cathy Orlowicz at 859-4643.

opportunity to enter for the chance to become Blood Donor of the Game from now through the end of the 2018 Boston Red Sox regular baseball season. In addition to winning two tickets to a game at historic Fenway Park, the Blood Donor of the Game will be presented with a commemorative souvenir and will have the chance to take part in a special on-field experience prior to the start of the game.

The Blood Donor of the Game program is a unique way for the Red Cross to thank volunteer blood donors during the spring and the upcoming summer months, often a challenging time for the Red Cross to collect blood donations.

“Our patients and our clinicians who care for them thank the blood donors for their commitment to improving the quality of care and life of many,” said Lynne Uhl, M.D., Vice Chair for Laboratory and Transfusion Medicine at Beth Israel

Deaconess Medical Center. “Blood donation does save lives.”

“The Boston Red Sox are proud to support the Red Cross through the Blood Donor of the Game and our other programs,” said Sheri Rosenberg, Manager of Alumni and Player Relations for the Boston Red Sox. “The Red Sox believe in giving back to our community and supporting our fans throughout New England. We encourage our fans to present to donate blood with the Red Cross and have a chance to step foot on the Fenway Park grass and become the Blood Donor of the Game.”

In addition to game tickets and the chance for a special on-field honor, winners will also be presented with a commemorative souvenir.

“The Red Cross is thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity to our dedicated blood donors in New England,” said Donna M. Morrissey, Director of National Partnerships for the Red

Cross. “This is a great way to say thank you for helping to save lives, as the Red Cross works to keep important blood products on the shelves during the summer season. We are grateful to our partners, the Boston Red Sox and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, for continuing their support of blood collections in New England through this program.”

The Blood Donor of the Game program runs through the 2018 regular baseball season. Donors who wish to participate must enter by Sept. 18.

For additional information about the program and information regarding donor eligibility please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for

more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor app.

Belknap County Republicans meet Wednesday in Gilford

GILFORD — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) has announced that its next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Patrick’s Pub & Eatery, 18 Weirs Road, Gilford.

This month’s guest speaker is Donna Green, President of the School District Governance Association of New Hampshire. According to their web-

site, the SDGA NH was created “to establish a forum for past and present school district elected officials and others with elected fiduciary responsibility over a school budget”.

Green will share details of the organization’s mission, which is to “educate and empower elected school district officials so they can effectively assert their lawful authority and be responsive to

their electorate.” She will also share information about past activities, accomplishments, and future plans for the association.

With a focus on the upcoming November elections, the committee invites any Republican residents of Belknap County who may be interested in running for office at the state and county levels to attend the April 11 meeting. The committee will also be announcing the details of this year’s June 1 annual Lincoln Day fundraising cruise on the M/S Mount Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee, which has attracted more than 500 people in

the past.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. Per their usual meeting format, if you’re interested in having dinner (at your option) and/or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 pm.

The committee again encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries.

For more information, please check the committee’s web site at www.BelknapCountyGOP.org or send an e-mail to alan.glassman@gmail.com.



Lakes Region Community Services is seeking a part-time Family Managed Employee to support a young man in Alton for 26 hours per week. The schedule would be Tues-Fri for 6-7 hours per day, but can be flexible. Duties include support out in the community and help with seeking employment/volunteer opportunities. A minimum of a HS diploma/GED, valid driver’s license, reliable vehicle, auto insurance, and the ability to pass background checks are all required. Please visit www.lrcs.org to apply or call 524-8811.

Legal Notice
NOTIFICATION OF PERMIT APPLICATION
Locke Lake – Center Barnstead, NH

The Locke Lake Colony Association has contracted SÖLitude Lake Management, 590 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Telephone 508-865-1000, to treat portions of Locke Lake in Center Barnstead with the USEPA/State registered herbicide Tribune (Diquat), EPA Registration Number 100-1390, to control the exotic variable milfoil weed.

A permit application has been filed with the state requesting approval for this treatment program. The treatment will likely be performed in late June 2018. If a permit is issued, there will be additional notification of the actual treatment date and specific information on certain activities and water uses that will be temporarily restricted as a condition of the permit. Any questions concerning the proposed treatment should be directed to SÖLitude Lake Management at the above address.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed application may contact the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Division of Pesticide Control to request a public hearing. Comments must be received in writing within 15 days of receipt of this notice.

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Division of Pesticide Control
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**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

Camp Maranatha, Inc.
Conditional Use Permit

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall. The meeting is regarding an application and plan submitted by Varney Engineering LLC on behalf of Camp Maranatha Inc. for a Stormwater Conditional Use Permit. The property in question is located at 86 South Shore Road, Map 240, Lot 006.

The public hearing may be convened if the application is accepted as complete.

**ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kindergarten Registration
for 2018-2019**

Registration for the 2018-2019 Alton Central School kindergarten class will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 8:00 to 2:00pm for SAU #72, please call for an appointment.

Students must be 5 years old by September 30, 2018. The child’s birth certificate and immunization records should be brought to Kindergarten registration. If your child has had her/his physical recently, please bring it to the registration. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call Brandy Sanger, Administrative Assistant to the Special Education Director, at 875-9302.

**NOTICE
TOWN OF BARNSTEAD**

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THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Alton School Board will hold a Public Hearing Pursuant to 198:20-b

Date: Monday, April 9, 2018

Time: 6:15 pm (approximately)

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	122 Muchado Hill Rd.	Multi-Family Residence	\$196,533	Tiede Rental Inc.	Ernst E. and Kristan Tiede
Alton	Old Wolfeboro Road	N/A	\$57,000	Sandra R. Hammond	Robert V. and Kathy A. Secinaro
Alton	907 Stockbridge Corner Rd.	Acc. Land Imp.	\$336,933	Peter and Constance Holmes	Ryan A. and Catherine I. Stainbrook
Barnstead	15 Nutter Circle	Single-Family Residence	\$104,000	James Doucette and Metropolitan Life Insurance	Metropolitan Life Insurance
New Durham	413 Birch Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$62,500	Bank of America NA	James G. Compagna

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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

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

Alton resident named executive director for Wentworth Watershed Association

WOLFEBORO — The Wentworth Watershed Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Brown as its new executive director. She will begin work on April 16.

Brown has an extensive background in conservation biology, marine and freshwater ecology, community engagement and non-profit management. For six years, she served as science education project manager for the National Geographic Society, where she wrote grants, managed donor relations, and created educational outreach programs for teachers, professors, and the public.

She describes herself as a mission-driven environmental steward who is excited to listen, learn, and share her love of the Lakes Region with the community. She is a hiker, kayaker, SCUBA diver and a self-proclaimed bird nerd.

Brown's parents, Dick and Sally Fleming, retired and became year-round residents of Alton Bay in 2008. Brown, her husband and children relocated to the area from Washington, D.C. "Our children are the

sixth generation in my family to spend time at the lakes," said Brown. "And I'm thrilled that we can officially live in the Lakes Region for all four seasons of the year."

"At a time when we're poised to expand the reach of the association's many initiatives, Julie brings the right mix of experience and enthusiasm to our organization," said Anne Blodget, Association president.

Association members and the community are encouraged to stop by the association's offices at 591 Center St., next to All About Kitchens, to meet Brown. A good cup of coffee and stories of a bird sighting are surefire ways to grab her attention.

The Wentworth Watershed Association's mission is to protect and preserve the community, natural resources, water quality and scenic beauty of the Lake Wentworth-Crescent Lake watershed, as well as to promote knowledge of the enduring character of its woodlands, waterways and wildlife, its people and its history.

The association offers a number of programs and activities for the community

each year, and partners with the town of Wolfeboro and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services on stormwater mitigation efforts in the watershed.

On May 12, the association will sponsor another Wolfeboro Water Summit, building on last year's inaugural event that offered information about the importance of water to Wolfeboro's economic vitality and quality of life. This session will offer concrete suggestions on how residents can improve the quality of water resources. The session is free and

open to the public.

July brings an association meeting and reception and the annual fishing derby, along with a canoe and kayak paddle excursion and a family picnic at Albee Beach. In August, watch for the sailboat regatta, the annual meeting, and the annual camp dinner. The association and the Nature Conservancy will also be offering another Stamp Act Island Nature Walk during the summer. For more information on the Wentworth Watershed Association and these events, visit wentworthwatershed.org.

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Contributing Writer

Financial literacy would have been another title getting to the point of what I wanted to address this week, but because of discussions with potential clients looking for help with investments, but not having an accurate accounting of what they have, I have a

Rabies and microchip clinic at NH Humane Society Saturday

LACONIA — New Hampshire Humane Society will host the second of three community rabies and microchip clinics at the Meredith Center Road shelter on Saturday, April 7.

Attending New Hampshire Humane Society Veterinarian Dr. Siobhan Bach will be administering the vaccine from 9 a.m. to noon.

The rabies clinic is open to anyone with a kitten or puppy older than 12 weeks of age, or adult cat or dog needing the vaccine.

Cats must be in a carrier, and dogs on a leash

simple question. Do you know what you have? Can you explain it? On several occasions in the recent months, I have been asked for help regarding a retirement income plan. When asked how their money was invested, they replied that they were in mutual funds. As a part of my assessment of the portfolio I ask to see their statement with a listing of the funds in it. If you have

been reading my column you would know that I would probably extract the top holdings from these funds, put them on a spreadsheet and look for overlap in companies or lack of diversification of asset class. But there it is again. An insurance product with mutual funds in it called a “variable annuity.” Not one of these people that I was attempting to help knew that they were in a product that traditionally has high fees, market risks and a monetary penalty for early withdrawals or surrender. When I asked them why they were in the VA, not one person knew why they were in this product or any potential benefits, risk or features that should have been explained by the salesperson that sold it to them. Most variable annuity owners were also not clear on the “guarantees” that the salesperson mentioned.

I am not opposed to a product if it is what is best for the client, it just happened to be a poor choice for these particular people that that I was attempting to help. Anything with the word “variable” likely has market risk associated with it. While market risk is fine for some, it

disease can jump that natural barrier via the family dog, or cat, and from wildlife, raccoons, bats and other warm blooded animals.

New Hampshire state law stipulates all cats and dogs require rabies vaccination and periodic boosters to ensure protection against this terrible disease.

New Hampshire Humane Society currently provides services to 17 surrounding towns for stray animals. For more information about the clinic, call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org.

Mark on the Markets

Can you explain it?

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I am not opposed to a product if it is what is best for the client, it just happened to be a poor choice for these particular people that that I was attempting to help. Anything with the word “variable” likely has market risk associated with it. While market risk is fine for some, it

is not for others. If you wanted to take on market risk for higher potential gains, then you could go with mutual funds, stocks or exchange traded funds. The annuity just defers taxes and may have some income features, but an IRA is tax deferred already, or as we discussed last week you may want to pay taxes now and take it tax free later. To be fair and open minded I have asked a few registered reps or advisors, those licensed to sell VAs, the advantages to investing in a VA vs mutual funds or ETFs in an IRA. The consensus answer, although not admitting it right away, is that the compensation they make is higher in a VA than the other “investments” and that they are “product placement” advisors

as opposed to investment advisors.

An easy way to determine if an investment is right for you would be to have a basic understanding of the investment and the fees, risks, benefits and how it fits into your overall plan. Not that you have to understand every nuance of this investment, but can you explain it to your spouse, friend or parents? If you are aware of all the fees, risks and early surrender charges, if they apply, then able to articulate why this fits into your financial or retirement income plan, then go for it.

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Village Players holding auditions for summer farce

WOLFEBORO — With the spring show on the stage the next two weekends, attention is slowly turning to the summer show at the Village Players Theater.

This summer will offer a chance to participate in one of the hilarious farces by Ken Lud-

wig. You may remember some of his other shows, including Leading Ladies, Lend Me a Tenor and Moon Over Buffalo, all full of fun.

Bob Tuttle will be directing The Fox on the Fairway and is holding auditions at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, and Monday, April 16, at the Village Players Theater, located on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro. Performances are scheduled for July 27 through Aug 5. The Village Players encourage anyone interested in performing in the show or working on the crew to come to auditions. All parts are available and all crew members are needed.

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

Justin Hicks (25), Bingham’s new eager-to-please assistant, who volunteers his services as a golfer to help Quail Valley win the golf tournament.

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

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

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

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

MMRG event gives kids chance to get outdoors

MILTON — Kids love to learn about animals and they love to have fun in the snow. They got to do both at the recent ‘Little Trackers’ outing sponsored by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) and Branch Hill Farm/Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust. This event was the second in MMRG’s new ‘MOOSE-ies for Families’ program of activities that creates opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors together while learning about nature, in order to foster future generations of conservationists.

Coverts volunteers Emily Lord of UNH Cooperative Extension and Middleton pastor Tom Gardner planned a variety of activities to keep kids interested and having fun as they explored the snowy field and woods at Branch Hill Farm in Milton

Mills. Kids went sled-ding, tried out walking in snowshoes and crowded around the leaders as they pointed out signs of wildlife on a trail leading down to the river.

Turkey tracks, coyote tracks and possible skunk and fox tracks were all discovered. Kids learned to compare the tracks in the snow to the footprints pictured on tracking ID cards that were handed out. They also learned that wildlife scat, better known as ‘poop,’ could be examined (poked at with a stick) to find out what the animal had been eating and identify the creature that left it. Coyotes, for example, often eat small rodents and leave scat filled with bones and fur on top of a rock or in the middle of a trail to mark their territory.

At the edge of the woods, kids stood still and listened intently af-

ter Lord whispered for quiet. Upon the approach from field to forest, she had started to hear sounds of birds and wanted the children to notice them. Among the bird songs, the ‘dee-dee-dee’ call of Chickadees was familiar and successfully identified by one young participant.

Gardner delighted kids with his ‘discovery’ of a pile of pretend deer poop (planted in advance) consisting of raisinets that looked uncannily like the real thing. After clear instructions that they should never eat real deer scat, kids followed Gardner’s lead and happily popped some into their mouths.

At the end of the outing, almost-four-year-old Caleb, son of Tom and Amy Gardner, proclaimed “I like coming here.” When asked what he saw, he remembered the turkey tracks and pointed them out on his tracking card.

and the program of six ‘MOOSE-ies for Families’ activities per year is free for MMRG members. Other 2018 upcoming events are: ‘Ponding with Sally Cornwell’ on May 19, ‘Rail Trail Scavenger Hunt’ on June 23, the 16th annual Woods, Water & Wildlife Festival on Aug. 11, and ‘Family Moonlight Walk’ on Sept. 22. Scholarships are available; call Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns at 473-2020 to inquire.

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wig. You may remember some of his other shows, including Leading Ladies, Lend Me a Tenor and Moon Over Buffalo, all full of fun.

Bob Tuttle will be directing The Fox on the Fairway and is holding auditions at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, and Monday, April 16, at the Village Players Theater, located on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro. Performances are scheduled for July 27 through Aug 5. The Village Players encourage anyone interested in performing in the show or working on the crew to come to auditions. All parts are available and all crew members are needed.

Fox on the Fairway is a fast-paced, extremely funny farce spoofing the stuffy members of a private country club. This madcap adventure about love, life and of course, golf is filled with slamming doors, mistaken identities and all the shenanigans you have come to expect from Ken Ludwig. The roles they are expecting to fill include Henry Bingham (mid 40s), director of the Quail Valley Country Club. He is witty and cynical at times, much like Basil Fawlty from Fawlty Towers;

Pamela Peabody (39),

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ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 156 calls for service during the week of March 25-31, including six arrests.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

One female subject was arrested for criminal liability for conduct of another.

One male subject was arrested for sale of controlled/narcotic drugs and default or breach of bail conditions.

One male subject was arrested for violation of protective order.

One male subject was arrested for driving/operating under influence of alcohol.

One male subject was arrested for driving after revocation or suspension.

There were three motor vehicle accidents.

There were two break-ins on Roger Street and Mount Major Highway.

There were six suspicious person/activity reports on Suncook Valley Road (two), Heron Point Road, Wolfeboro Highway (two) and Alton Mountain Road.

Police made 51 motor vehicle stops and handled seven motor vehicle complaint incidents.

There were 87 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One neighborhood dispute, one assist fire department, two fraudulent actions, five animal complaints, four juvenile incidents, one missing/runaway juvenile, one domestic complaint, two general assistance, three wanted person/fugitives, four alarm activations, four lost/found properties, two general information, one harassment, one relay/delivery, one business property check, two wellness checks, one criminal mischief, eight community programs, one disabled motor vehicle, 27 directed patrols, two property checks, two paperwork services and one unwanted person.

ALTON

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largest producer of corkscrews, was one of Alton's most famous residents, and was covered in a previous article on town industries.

Women are represented on Witham's list in Christie Dore. "We had one famous lady," he said. Valetorian of her class, Dore went on to secretarial school, after which she served as secretary and confidante of two New Hampshire governors, Rolland and Huntley Spaulding.

James Woodman, Witham said, was known as "Big Jim." He ran a large dairy farm, but made his fortune in timber.

"He had the first radio in the town of Alton," Witham noted. "His grandson told me once, 'If you want to see it, stop by the house because I still have it.' Big Jim also was the first to own an automobile."

Perhaps more interestingly, he offered the town a better interest rate on loans than its earlier sources. "The town borrowed money each year," Witham said, "and he loaned the money."



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BENNETT'S BARN was the source of entertainment in Alton for 10 years.

Although a New Durham boy, Frank Ayer made his mark in Alton as a merchant of autos and dry goods. "He was active in local politics and went on to become secretary of the state senate for many years. Word had it, if you wanted to get anything done in New Hampshire, you had to go through Frank."

In Howard Long, Witham had his grapple with the word "famous." Notorious or infamous would fit Long more aptly, as he was the last man executed in NH.

"He was the last man hanged," Witham said, "for murdering a boy from Laconia."

He had a history

of perverted tastes, and the people of Alton, where he ran his corner grocery store, were well aware of it. After beating the child to death with a car jack in the Gilford woods near the Gunstock River, he returned to Alton where the police quickly identified him and he confessed.

Without a single protest regarding his death sentence, he was hanged in 1939 and buried without any mourners.

Next up is a fishy claim to fame. William Messer, known as Burt, caught the largest land locked salmon in the state. Witham knows how much it weighed, because he

was there at the time.

"Back then, people got trophies for four pounds. We had a scale at the store and a man had a four-pounder. Burt stood back and said, 'Well, that's nothing. We use that for bait.'"

"He went out and came back with a big salmon. The scale went right down to the bottom. We had to go to the meat market to weigh it."

Burt's salmon was a hefty 11 pounds and three ounces. It was displayed for years in the dining room of the hotel where Burt rented a room.

"Then it moved to the diner by the skating rink," Witham

said. "It was on display for many years."

He's unsure of where it is now.

"He wouldn't say where in the bay he caught it." Witham suspects he landed the prize in a brook that leads to the bay.

Maurice Bennett, hailing from an old Alton family, "must have been famous because the sign out front called it the famous Bennett's Barn."

The rest of the sign read "where you meet your friends and have fun each and every Saturday night."

People came from as far away as Portland, Maine and Witham said on a good night there would be more than 500 people there. "You couldn't miss it, with colored lights lighting up the sky and lights all around the eaves."

The place ran for 10 years from 1953 to 1963.

"The unique thing was that the orchestra, Paul's Melody-aires from Concord, played the same song at the same time every Saturday night. You could set your watch by it."

People loved it, though, despite some saying it was a rough place. "They had two police officers inside and four outside," Witham said. "Draw your own conclusions."

Local law enforcement dropped in purely for the entertainment value.

"I spent many a Saturday night of my misguided youth there."

Join us in a later issue to finish up with part two of Witham's list of Altonites who made a name for themselves.





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Five reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices.

Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year

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

1. Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.
2. Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around



physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health

benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence. Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of

success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

4. Try new things. Camp gives children

the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

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



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Get prepared for summer camp season

Summer camp season is just around the corner. Each summer, millions of children depart for campsites around the country to swim, hike, craft, and enjoy the companionship of friends.

Summer camps in North America were first established in the 1880s and were attended by children without their parents for overnight stays. By the 20th century, summer camps had become an international phenomenon, and various organizations hosted traditional summer camps or camps geared toward religion, sports, music and other subjects and activities. According to the American Camp Association, each year more than 14 million children and adults in the United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps). Nonprofit groups are



• Establish payment schedules. Summer camps vary in price. The ACA says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for children from families with limited financial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.

• Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present. Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

• Shop for supplies. Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts, socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries, and other camp necessities before they leave.

• Keep children in the loop. Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears and get them excited about summer camp.

Summer camp can foster lifelong memories. Parents can help kids prepare in advance for the fun that's soon to arrive.




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Many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late. Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cut-off dates for enrollment. Parents

who want to beat the crowds this year can use this guide to help plan a summer camp agenda.

• Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

• Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears, physical or mental disabilities, or even preferences in camp courses.



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POLICE

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out evidence.

Having arrived stateside following his cross-Atlantic trek, Timber had a chance to meet his handler, officer Chris Johnson.

Heath said that Timber and Johnson will be “joined at the hip” for the duration of the K-9’s service. In addition to serving alongside Johnson while on duty, Timber will also go home and live with his handler as a way to strengthen the relationship.

While Timber comes with considerable training and a world-class pedigree, he will continue his orientation to the duties of law enforcement under Johnson’s tutelage.

“He has the patience and drive necessary,” Heath commended, adding that Johnson has some 15 years of experience as a handler. While he’d already earned the needed credentials when he was recruited to the APD, Heath added that Johnson, has a “certain ability that is needed to form the bond that’s necessary between a K9 and his handler.”

Officer Johnson is also vice-chairman of the Working Dog Foundation, a N.H.-based organization whose mission is to serve as a “trusted resource for communities and law enforcement agencies who want to maintain high-quality K-9 programs.” In this capacity, he helps to locate and place qualified dogs and provide facilities for training, testing, and certifying police dogs and their handlers.

Chief Heath expressed tremendous gratitude toward the Loker family of Alton for “an incredibly generous” donation they made recently. He noted that a K-9 unit is a “valuable asset” on many fronts - and therefore a great value; however, the Loker contribution allowed the department to obviate a majority of the expense.

Like his predecessors, Timber will become a key part of the department’s community policing endeavors. To be sure, his top priority will be appre-



TIMBER, Alton’s new K-9, arrived at Logan Airport in Boston last week.

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hending bad guys and helping those in need. But there are also some duties that involve less gravitas.

While not a mascot, per se, Heath said the pup will become a staple at many of Alton’s signature events such as the Memorial Day parade, Old Home Week and the Winter Carnival. Heath also said that the 13-month-old canine will perform demonstrations with his officer.

“I think he will win over a lot of hearts,” he predicted.

Timber’s arrival represents the continuation of a lasting canine legacy in the department. His predecessor, Syren, died unexpectedly on Dec. 22. In a statement shortly thereafter, the APD issued a statement that read, she “will be remembered for her five years of dedicated ser-

vice to the town of Alton. During her time with the department, she was instrumental in countless investigations and searches.” It continued, “Her kind and gentle demeanor with community members and children is just one of her many wonderful traits that will be greatly missed. Syren’s passing is felt by the whole community, but she will never be forgotten as a valued member of our agency.”

Heath acknowledged that Syren will always be missed but said that the “quick turnaround time” to onboard a successor is a testament to her legacy.

“Having a K-9 unit is a key asset, and I am confident she will become an important part of this department and our community,” Heath summarized.

SCHOOL

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always going together, and they continue with “families” of words like “an”, “fan”, “man.” They move on to short phrases or sentences such as “they ran” and “have the pan.” The concept of questions is introduced to their spelling with “Where are you?” and “Who said the kids had chips and dip?”

Board member Kathy Grillo thought Laliberte’s report indicated a lot of work for the teachers testing and working individually with each student, then recording progress on yellow sticky notes, attaching them to a large flannel board and checking the board and notes regularly to understand each child’s needs and progress.

Laliberte responded that it was only possible because of the incredible amount of groundwork and preparation by Cathleen White, the school’s reading specialist and her team. They prepared many of the tools the teachers needed to do their work with the students. Principal Tim Rice added that Laliberte and others were regularly checking in with the teachers to ensure they had

what they needed and to help them out with questions and challenges.

Superintendent Cochrane added that the measure of success of the program could be seen in the progress made by the children. Most of those who began the year a bit below expectations were meeting expectations by now, and those who began further below expectations had closed much of the gap and were closer to expected levels of performance.

He added that the kindergarten staff had been instructed and trained to keep their primary focus on two things: social emotional growth, and reading and writing and he felt the focus had paid off.

Drolet echoed Cochrane’s perspective from her own experience as the mother of both a kindergartner and a first grader. “I have seen the improvement from using pictures to read to sounding out words.”

Last week’s Baysider featured an article on the school safety training organized for Barnstead Elementary and other nearby schools by Police Chief Paul Poirier. Principal Rice reported on the value of that exercise to the board.

He also read several excerpts from a recent powerpoint/webinar that was offered to school district administrators updating schools on a review of current NH law around guns in schools (a summary of Gun Free School Zones Act; changes in RSA 159:6 re concealed carry license; the application of RSA 159:26 re limitation on regulation of guns by NH by

political subdivisions; for school boards to update their policies, specifically JICI Weapons and Dangerous Implements on School Property; arming educators and liability; and current bills in NH).

The webinar stated that the school board had the authority to establish gun policies for staff and students only. They have limited authority to limit the carrying of guns on to school property by any other person because of the changes made to state law this past year around conceal carry and licensing. The attorneys strongly advised against a policy that would allow teachers or other school personnel to have guns at school, as both the teacher and the school district could be open to legal action and suit for financial damages in case of any accidental firing of such a weapon, and the school district’s insurance might not cover any costs incurred.

Only police or other law enforcement officers have the authority to question a person about any issue of firearm possession and the attorneys recommended strongly that schools call on the police to respond to any concerns about an armed person other than a policeman or other law enforcement officer on school grounds. Board member Jason Henry by day serves as superintendent of the Carroll County Jail. He expressed total agreement with the attorney’s message.

During the second public input period, Wayne Whitney suggested the school could take the approach of asking any person

who might want to enter the school to leave any firearm they might have in their car while they are in the school building. He said he knew many gun owners and advocates of gun rights who would happily comply with such a simple request. Rice responded that based on the legal advice, the school did not have the legal right to do that. Henry reiterated that it is better to call the police (which is a recommendation for school boards to have in their policy and procedure).

Adkins and Landry both voiced the opinion that given the legal situation it would be wise for the school to review carefully their general policies about who can enter the school building, or parts of the building, and at what times of day any entrance by people other than students and staff should be allowed. As long as the policies apply to everyone, the questions about firearms do not come into play.

Grillo regretted that it seemed to be getting harder to make school a safe place for children, teachers and staff. The question of what impact an atmosphere near constant lockdown might have on the culture of the school and the endeavor of education was left unasked and unstated.

There was more disappointment when Cochrane announced that Emily Reese, Director of Special Education, has submitted her resignation effective at the end of the year. Reese has been a key leader in the curriculum changes made in the last couple of years, changes the board feels

are bringing positive results.

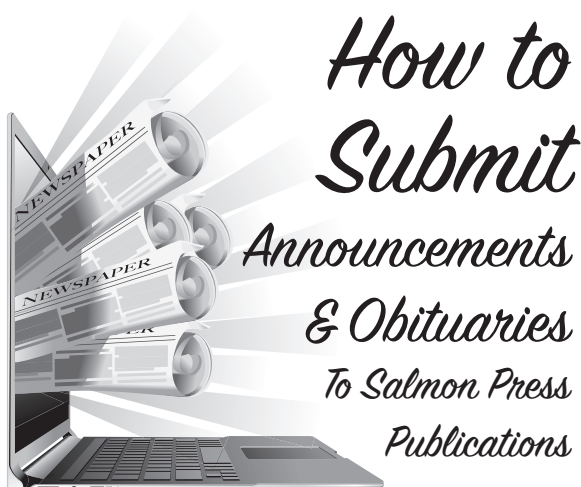
In her report to the board, Reese noted that with a general increase in the number of students there is likely to be some increase in the number of students needing special education services. One of the newest students came to BES with an Individual Education Plan (IEP in Special Education language) from their previous school. According to state and federal guidelines the new school, BES, must honor the IEP for period of time. After the student has been there for a few weeks, Barnstead can make own assessment and adjust or change the IEP as needed.

Cochrane reported two other resignations: Susan Drescher, one of the longest serving members of the para-professional team, and Michael Gott, the seventh grade Social Studies and English teacher for 11 years, will resign at the end of the school year. Rice said, “We are going to miss them a lot.”

The board approved hiring Jean Shedd as a long term substitute.

Rice said in his enrollment report that numbers fluctuate up and down weekly as families move in and out of town, and that Barnstead continues to stand out as one of the few towns in the state where total enrollment is not dropping. Cochrane added that this is the third year in a row where enrollment is up by six or seven students from the beginning to the end of the school year.

The Board set June 20 as last day of school for students and June 22 as the last day for teachers. June 21 and 22 will be teacher professional days, devoted to both training and cleanup.



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TV show inspires thoughts of the (not so) lowly beaver

My siblings and I were fortunate to grow up within reconnoitering distance of a swamp. My mother, a non-helicopter Mom before her time, saw swamps as safer than streets and sidewalks. Hence her frequent suggestion, “Go play in the swamp.”

I only had to hear this suggestion once, and the further I explored the swamp the more of it I wanted. And it wasn’t long before I came smack up against the works of the beaver.

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Beaver Brook, which begins in Stewartstown and Colebrook as springs and trickles amongst the ridges of South Hill, in those years pretty much ended in a huge alder swamp behind our house on Park Street, one of the main routes into town. It was here, in the vestiges of an 1880s water-powered manufacturing complex, that I stumbled onto an amazing waterworks complex of the beaver’s very own.

There were major dams and minor dams, wing dams and canals, and in the midst of it all, quite a far cry apart, two very big and very active beaver lodges.

Soon I was absorbing all that I could get to know about beavers, adding to in-the-field observations by looking stuff up. The beaver, resources said, is among Earth’s oldest warm-blooded species. And the beaver has done more to reshape major landscapes and to create or alter habitat than any other creature on the planet, including man.

What dredged all this up was a Nature series special I bumped into on late-night TV on, of course, the beaver.

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The swamp inspired

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



a big part of my early life. It was the source of my first public drawing, in Mrs., Drew’s fourth grade class (I think).

It was a rendition of a red-winged blackbird perched on a cattail. I remember that I first sketched it out in black and white, because it was for a class in water-color painting. When I had the soft lines of pencil just where I wanted them, I painted in the colors.

I had chosen the red-winged blackbird because it was among the first birds of spring, right along with the crows, which back then were migratory. The crows, hungry upon arriving back home, made a lot of noise, being a garrulous bunch by nature. When the crew at Polard’s slaughterhouse up on Cooper Hill threw out bones and offal, they became downright raucous.

It was the caws of crows that somehow became the signal for my brother Peter and I to throw our bedroom window open for the first breath of spring air. And right along behind the crows came the song of the male red-winged blackbird, announcing his territory and seeking someone to share it.

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Beavers young and old were building and digging and channeling and cruising all over the swamp, and eventually some of them became less wary as Pete and I built rafts and poled them all over the place. They became less prone to frantic tail-splashing and swimming away, and sometimes just followed along, perhaps

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I’ve often looked through old town histories, as Helenette Silver did in researching her classic History of New Hampshire Game and Furbearers, and the reader encounters some great stories about beavers and beaver dams.

These accounts often mention loggers in the 1800s finding beaver dams of 20 and even 30 feet in height, hard to imagine. Even harder to imagine is how these dams survived spring freshets. But of course, sooner or later a particularly hard winter and abrupt spring came along, and the oldest and weakest dams went out. What the loggers found were the survivors.

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A BEAVER about to make a big splash. I’ve long thought that this startling tail-slap is an inherited trait to gain a second or two on the beaver’s would-be predator (a bear, a coyote) rather than to warn the rest of the colony, as is so often told.



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THERE’S plenty going on in this 18th Century fantasized illustration of a beaver colony - beavers building a dam, another felling a tree, and others here and there if one looks, some actual beavers, some not.

During my years of statewide feature writing for the New Hampshire Sunday News, my search for the state’s longest trap-line led me to Elias Hopps of Groveton, who had a seemingly never-ending trap-line up in the Phillips Brook country. We

arranged to meet one day at four in the morning, and off we went, first by snowmobiles, then on snowshoes.

The day will always stand out for me in many ways, not the least because I got to help Elias pull two traps that had what the old-timers

called “plenty big beaver” in them.

I will remember the day best for using our snowshoes to dig a big hole in the snow, wherein to kindle a fire for lunch. There we were, in the middle of this vast, silent wild place, alone.

Well, not quite. With hardly a movement of an alder branch, out stepped game warden Arthur Muise. We had not had a clue that he was there.

“Hello, boys,” said Arthur, digging for his pipe. “Hello, Arthur,” said Elias, looking surprised. “Join us for lunch?”

He did, and there was none of what Elias later referred to as “that official talk stuff,” just visiting as if encountering each other in that vastness was the most natural thing in the world.

I’ll always savor that day, and that part of it in particular. As for Elias, he was happy to call it, as he happily did on the way home, a two-beaver day.

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For about 30 years now, Lakes Region music teachers have been coming together every year in March to put together a festival that would allow chorus and band students to come together for the day to rehearse in preparation for a concert in the evening that would stretch everyone's musical abilities. Band and chorus directors nominate students who are then selected to build a large and well balanced concert band and chorus. The results of the hard work put in by these students is always astounding. Alton Central School for many years has taken part in this festival and this year had six students in the Lakes Region Junior High Music Festival. These students are Eli Dodge, Isaak Dodge, Amber Fernald, Seth Huggard, Emily Mott and Mackenzie Renner.



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WHAT'S ON TAP

Conditions permitting, the local high school teams are scheduled to kick off the spring sports season in the coming weeks.

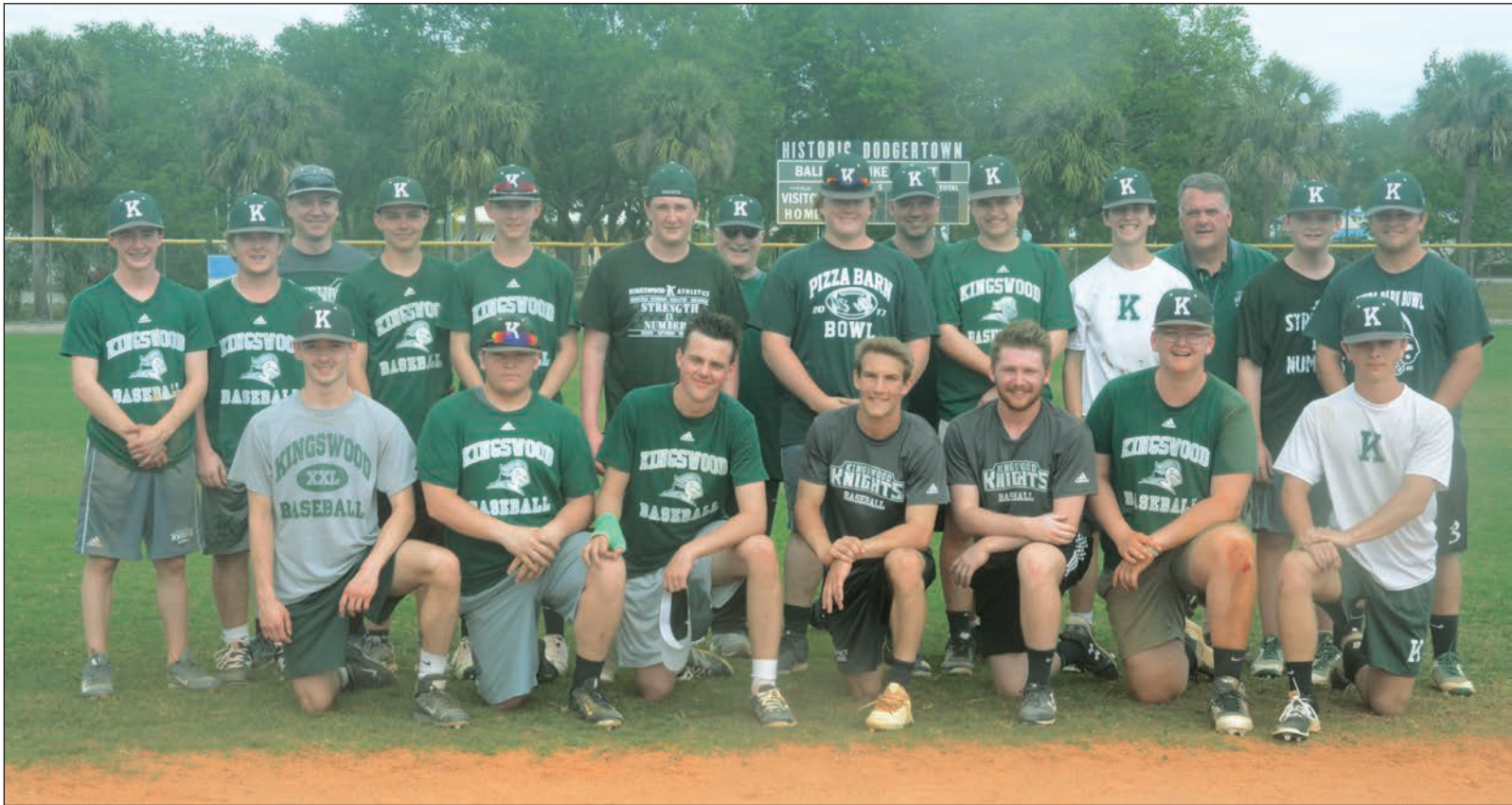
The Prospect Mountain tennis boys will be hosting Inter-Lakes today, April 5, at 4:30 p.m., will host Profile at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 6 and will visit Berlin on Monday, April 9, at 4 p.m.

The Timber Wolf girls' tennis team will be at Inter-Lakes at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 6, will be at Profile for a 4 p.m. game on Monday, April 9, and will be hosting Moultonborough at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11.

The Prospect baseball and softball teams are scheduled to host Winnisquam at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 9, and will be at Somersworth on Wednesday, April 11, at 4 p.m.

The unified volleyball Timber Wolves will kick off the season on Monday, April 9.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

THE KINGSWOOD baseball team poses for a photo after its last practice in Florida. Front row (l to r), Chad Leigh, Kody Lambert, Sam Danaïs, Brian Lindsay, Bryton Clifford, Jacob Jensen and Dylan McCann. Back row (l to r), Oleg Sheahan, Jack Thompson, trainer Alex Dria, Cole Paro, Drew Swinerton, Jagger Bernier, coach Bill Rollins, Korbin Tinker, coach Jason Walsh, Matt Place, Brian Winn, coach Chip Skelley, Justin Stirt and Matt Drew.

Knights strong in final Florida game

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

VERO BEACH, Fla. — If the goal of the trip to Florida was to see improvement in his Kingswood baseball team, coach Chip Skelley easily walked away from the team's final game on Saturday,

March 31, pleased with the steps his team had taken since arriving just two days earlier. The Knights went toe-to-toe with Freeport (N.Y.), a Long Island school with more than 2,000 kids, and despite a 3-2 loss, played a strong game in all aspects.

The Knights took advantage of Freeport's wildness in the first inning, scoring two runs with two outs. Bryton Clifford worked a walk to start the rally and then stole second. After Kody Lambert walked, Matt Drew worked another walk to load the bases. A

wild pitch plated Clifford with the first run and then Matt Place walked to load the bases. Another wild pitch pushed Lambert across with the second run before Cole Paro worked a walk to load the bases again. However, the Knights left the bases loaded and settled for the 2-0 lead.

Freeport came right back in the bottom of the inning against senior captain Brian Lindsay, who was making his first pitching appearance of his high school career. After he hit the first batter, a double and a wild pitch plated one run and then a base hit brought in the tying run, but

he settled down and struck out the next two batters to end the inning. Lindsay was hit by a pitch with one out in the top of the second inning and he stole second but he was stranded there by a pair of groundouts. Paro was able to gun down a runner stealing second in the bottom of the second inning and Lindsay finished off the inning with a strikeout. Lambert walked to start the top of the third but he was erased in a double play and the Knights were still off the board. Lindsay worked around a one-out walk in the bottom

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Newcomers, veterans form good mix for Kingswood tennis girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Coach Tom Merrell is excited about what his Kingswood girls’ tennis team is capable of this season.

“I am very excited for this season,” the veteran Knight coach said. “Very good athletes have come out for the team.”

Merrell pointed out that most of the top six worked in the offseason to make themselves better heading into the new season.

Leading the charge at the top of the lineup will be seniors Kara Phu and Marina Eneeva, with Merrell noting that the duo will be competing for the top spot in the lineup.

Competing for the number three spot in the ladder are senior Rebecca Coache and junior Danielle Schillereff, also both back from last year’s team.

Senior Mickayla Grasse-Stockman and freshman Emily Carpenter are competing for the fifth spot in the lineup, both returning to the team, as Carpenter was part of the group as an eighth grader last year.

Merrell also has a large contingent of newcomers who will be looking to make an impact right out of the gate for the Knights.

Sophomores Maddie Ward, Grace Saunders and Anna Mansfield and freshman Paige Moore will be leading the charge amongst the newcomers, while juniors Kasey Keliher and Kristy Meyer and sophomores Hannah Crane and Abby Bonenfant will also be competing for playing time.

The Knights will also have five more players who will see time at the junior varsity level, attending most of the practices and matches. The JV list includes freshmen Shayleigh Gadbois, Kylie Gould, Julianna Caudle and Sam Wainwright along with seventh grader Peyton Hadfield.

Merrell extended his thank you to Brewster Academy, which has allowed the Knights to use the indoor turf tennis courts in the Smith Center for the first two weeks of practice and he noted that the third week of the preseason the team was slated to be shoveling the Foss Field courts to help with the melting process,



THE KINGSWOOD girls’ tennis team includes seniors (l to r) Kara Phu, Marina Eneeva, Mickayla Grasse-Stockman and Rebecca Coache.

which was moving along nicely thanks to some warmer weather the last week. “We are hoping the Academy will be clear courts at Pembroke for our opening match

there on April 6,” Merrell said.

The Knights will be playing two matches each with rivals Kennett and Plymouth, along with the aforementioned Pembroke Spartans and will play one match each with Manchester West, St. Thomas, Oyster River, Coe-Brown, Goffstown, Portsmouth, Trinity and Windham.

The Knights are scheduled to open the season on Friday, April 6, at Pembroke and will play at Manchester West on Monday, April 9, before playing the first home game of the season against Kennett on Wednesday, April 11, with all matches set for 4 p.m. start.

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Newcomers will be key for Kingswood tennis boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys’ tennis team suffered significant graduation losses from last year’s squad and coach Steve Langevin will be looking for a number of young players to step up and fill some holes in the lineup as the season gets under way.

“We graduated six of the top seven from last year,” Langevin stated.

The lone returning players with significant varsity experience is senior captain Russell Lucia, who has been a top-three player for the Knights since his sophomore year. Langevin expects that he will be the number one player in the lineup and will be counted on to lead the team both on and off the court in the new season.

Senior Arhus Babcock and sophomore Noah Shatzer are both returning to the team this season and Langevin expects that they will be among the players battling to play in the two through five positions. He also notes that senior newcomers Andrew Bacon and Chase Bailey will also be in that mix to fill those spots at the start of the season.

Sophomore Preston Bechard and freshman Joseph Eischen will be battling it out for the sixth spot in the lineup



SENIORS (l to r) Andrew Bacon, Russell Lucia, Chase Bailey and Arhus Babcock are set to lead the Kingswood tennis boys in the new season.

to start the season.

After finishing 5-8 last season, Langevin’s second at the helm, the Knights will face a schedule that includes some of the top teams in the division. The Knight coach expects that Portsmouth, Oyster River, Coe-Brown, Windham and Lebanon will likely be the top teams in the division and the Knights will face three of those four during the course of the season.

“We want to get as many matches to doubles as we can and take it from there,” Langevin stated.

The Knights will play two matches each with traditional rivals Kennett and Plymouth, as well as a pair with Pembroke Academy and one match

each with St. Thomas, Oyster River, Coe-Brown, Portsmouth, Trinity, Windham and Con-Val.

“This is a great group to work with and I’m looking forward to

see how they improve throughout the season,” the Knight coach pointed out.

The season was set to begin after deadline Wednesday with a home

game against Pembroke. On Wednesday, April 11, the team will be at Kennett for a 4 p.m. match.

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The Timber Wolf track

team is slated to be at Gilford for a 4 p.m. meet on Tuesday, April 10.

At Kingswood, the tennis boys will be host-

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SENIORS Bryton Clifford, Brian Lindsay and Jake Jensen pose for the camera during action in Florida over the weekend.



KODY LAMBERT was strong on the mound against Susan Wagner High School on Friday afternoon.

Knights put up good fight against solid N.Y. team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

VERO BEACH, Fla. — After a tough opening game of the Florida trip, the Kingswood baseball team bounced back with a solid effort against a very strong Susan Wagner High School team from Staten Island, N.Y. on Friday afternoon, March 30, at Dodgertown’s Holman Stadium.

Kingswood got on the board first, scoring a run in the top of the first inning. With one out, Drew Swinerton had a base hit and Bryton Clifford’s rocket double plated Swinerton. Matt Drew was hit by a pitch and Dylan McCann had a base hit to keep the inning going. However, all three runners were stranded, leaving the score at 1-0.

The Falcons came through with four runs of their own against Kingswood starter Kody Lambert in the bottom of the inning. The Knights hurt themselves with an error that allowed one of the runs to cross the plate.

After Kingswood went in order in the top of the second, the Falcons appeared to be close to adding another run with two outs. After



DREW SWINERTON rounds third on his way to scoring a run in action on Friday in Florida.

an infield hit, a long triple sent the runner from first all the way around third, but Swinerton fired a relay to Brian Lindsay, who delivered a laser beam from the outfield grass to catcher Cole Paro to gun the runner down at the plate to end the inning.

Kingswood got a two-out infield hit from Drew in the top of the third but he was stranded. Lambert struck out the first two batters of the bottom of the inning but hit the next batter. However, he then proceeded to pick the runner off first, 1-3-6-1 to end the inning.

The Knights rallied in the top of the fourth inning to tie the game. Lambert led off with a triple and then Paro worked a walk. One out later, a double steal plated Kingswood’s second run of the game. Lindsay then came through with a base hit to plate pinchrunner Brian Winn to make it 5-3. After a Swinerton base hit, Clifford roped a double to drive in two more runs, tying the game at five.

Susan Wagner came through with the go ahead runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

With two outs, a couple of base hit led to one run and then an error, a double, a walk and a base hit made it 8-5 before the inning was over.

Bernier led off with a base hit in the top of the fifth inning and Winn took over on the bases but a double play eventually brought the inning to a close. Korbin Tinker took over on the mound in the bottom of the inning and the Falcons were able to push across another run for a 9-5 lead.

The Knights went in order in the top of the sixth inning and the Fal-



COLE PARO heads back to first base in the shadow of the iconic Historic Dodgertown scoreboard at Holman Stadium on Friday.

cons were able to plate two more runs in the bottom of the inning to make it 11-5 heading to the seventh inning.

Lindsay led off with a base hit in the top of the seventh inning and Drew and Clifford worked back-to-back walks to load the bases. One out later, Chad

Leigh laced a double to drive in two runners and then Tinker’s groundout added another to make it 11-8, but that was as close as it would get.

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Nordic Knights wrap up the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood Nordic ski team wrapped up the season on Monday, March 26, holding an awards banquet in the Abenaki Ski Area lodge.

Coach Tom Merrell thanked Christine Collins and Justin Chaffee from the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department for their help at the ski area during the season.

Merrell went over a few highlights from the season, with the Nordic girls placing third in Division II and the boys finishing in fifth place.

Sarah Bean regained her title as Division II Skimeister after missing out last year. Allison Bean finished third in the competition.

Sarah Bellefleur qualified for the New Hampshire U16 team for the second year in a row and her top 10 in the Division II meet qualified her for the Meet of Champions.

Robbie Hotchkiss won the middle school Skimeister award for the second year in a row.

Overall, the high school girls’ team grew to 10 racers and the boys’ team grew to six racers, while the middle

school boys had five racers and the girls had three. The teams raced in three classical races and five freestyle races plus the State Meets.

The team was able to host its sprint race at Abenaki and was made possible because of the snowmaking base at Abenaki and Merrell thanked the Friends of Abenaki for making it possible.

The Knight coach also thanked his team members, led by captains Sarah Bean, Sarah Hotchkiss and Adam Richardson. Merrell also noted that the team benefited from the hard work and enthusiasm of new assistant coach Si Heckel, while former assistant coach Steve Flagg was also thanked for his support, as he set up waxing stations at Nordic Skier and organized and tracked the loaner equipment.

“We also owe our success to the support of the parents,” Merrell noted. “We never had a shortage of volunteers at our races.”

The Knight coach also thanked the administration at the high school for its support throughout the season.

Varsity letters were presented to Robert Bourdeau, Emily

Carpenter, Rosemary Carpenter, Sarah Carpenter, Carolyn Day, Ashley Diamond, David Sandoval, Elizabeth Morrison and Devin Holt. Bars for those who have previously lettered in Nordic were presented to Allison Bean, Sarah Bellefleur, Axel Plache, Jim Huckman, Sarah Huckman, Sarah Bean, Sarah Hotchkiss and Adam Richardson. Manager insignias were presented to Sarah Huckman and Emily Carpenter and captain insignias were given to Sarah Bean, Sarah Hotchkiss and Richardson.

The Most Improved Skier Award for the girls’ team was presented to Carolyn Day and Rosemary Carpenter, while Axel Plache was named Most Improved Skier for the boys’ team.

Sarah Bellefleur was named Most Valuable Skier for the girls’ team.

Sarah Bean was presented her award as the Division II Skimeister.

The Coaches Award was presented to Sarah Hotchkiss, Adam Richardson and Devin Holt.

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Date	Time	Opponent	H/A
4/9/18	4:00pm	Winnisquam Regional	H
4/11/18	4:00pm	Somersworth HS	A
4/13/18	4:00pm	Franklin HS	H
4/16/18	4:00pm	Berlin HS	A
4/18/18	4:00pm	Mascenic Regional HS	A
4/23/18	4:00pm	Campbell HS	H
4/27/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	H
5/2/18	4:00pm	Winnisquam Regional HS	A
5/4/18	4:00pm	Raymond Schools	H
5/7/18	4:00pm	Mascenic Regional HS	H
5/9/18	4:00pm	Campbell HS	A
5/14/18	4:00pm	Franklin HS	A
5/18/18	4:00pm	Somersworth HS	H
5/21/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	A
5/23/18	4:00pm	Raymond Schools	A
5/25/18	4:00pm	Belmont HS	H

Boys Varsity Tennis

Date	Time	Opponent	H/A
4/3/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	A
4/5/18	4:30pm	Interlakes HS	H
4/6/18	4:00pm	Profile School	H
4/9/18	4:00pm	Berlin HS	A
4/13/18	4:00pm	Littleton HS	A
4/16/18	4:00pm	White Mountain Regional HS	H
4/18/18	4:00pm	Portsmouth Christian Academy	A
4/30/18	4:00pm	Conant HS	A
5/2/18	4:00pm	Monadnock Regional HS	H
5/4/18	4:00pm	Interlakes HS	A
5/9/18	4:00pm	Moultonborough Academy	H
5/11/18	4:00pm	Littleton HS	H
5/14/18	4:00pm	Sanborn Regional HS	H
5/15/18	4:00pm	White Mountains Regional HS	A

Coed Varsity Outdoor Track

Date	Time	Opponent	H/A
4/3/18	4:00pm	Interlakes HS	A
4/10/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	A
4/19/18	4:00pm	Open Date	H
4/21/18	TBA	Open Date	A
5/01/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	A
5/05/18	10:00am	Open Date	H
5/10/18	4:00pm	Laconia HS	A
5/12/18	10:00am	Winnisquam Regional HS	H
5/15/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	A
5/19/18	TBA	Gilford HS	A
5/26/18	TBA	Open Date	A

Girls Varsity Softball

Date	Time	Opponent	H/A
4/9/18	4:00pm	Winnisquam Regional HS	H
4/11/18	4:00pm	Somersworth HS	A
4/13/18	4:00pm	Franklin HS	H
4/16/18	4:00pm	Berlin HS	A
4/18/18	4:00pm	Mascenic Regional HS	A
4/23/18	4:00pm	Campbell HS	H
4/27/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	H
5/2/18	4:00pm	Winnisquam Regional HS	A
5/4/18	4:00pm	Raymond Schools	H
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Girls Varsity Tennis

Date	Time	Opponent	H/A
4/2/18	4:00pm	Berlin HS	H
4/4/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	H
4/6/18	4:00pm	Interlakes HS	A
4/9/18	4:00pm	Profile School	A
4/11/18	4:00pm	Moultonborough Academy	H
4/13/18	4:00pm	Littleton HS	H
4/16/18	4:00pm	White Mountain Regional HS	A
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5/7/18	4:00pm	Profile School	H
5/9/18	4:00pm	Moultonborough Academy	A
5/11/18	4:00pm	Littleton HS	A
5/14/18	4:00pm	Sanborn Regional HS	A
5/15/18	4:00pm	White Mountain Regional HS	H

Coed Varsity Volleyball

Date	Time	Opponent	H/A
4/9/18	4:00pm	Laconia HS	A
4/16/18	4:00pm	Belmont HS	H
5/7/18	4:00pm	Gilford HS	H
5/14/18	4:00pm	Interlakes HS	A
5/16/18	4:00pm	Dover HS	H
5/22/18	4:00pm	Winnisquam Regional HS	H

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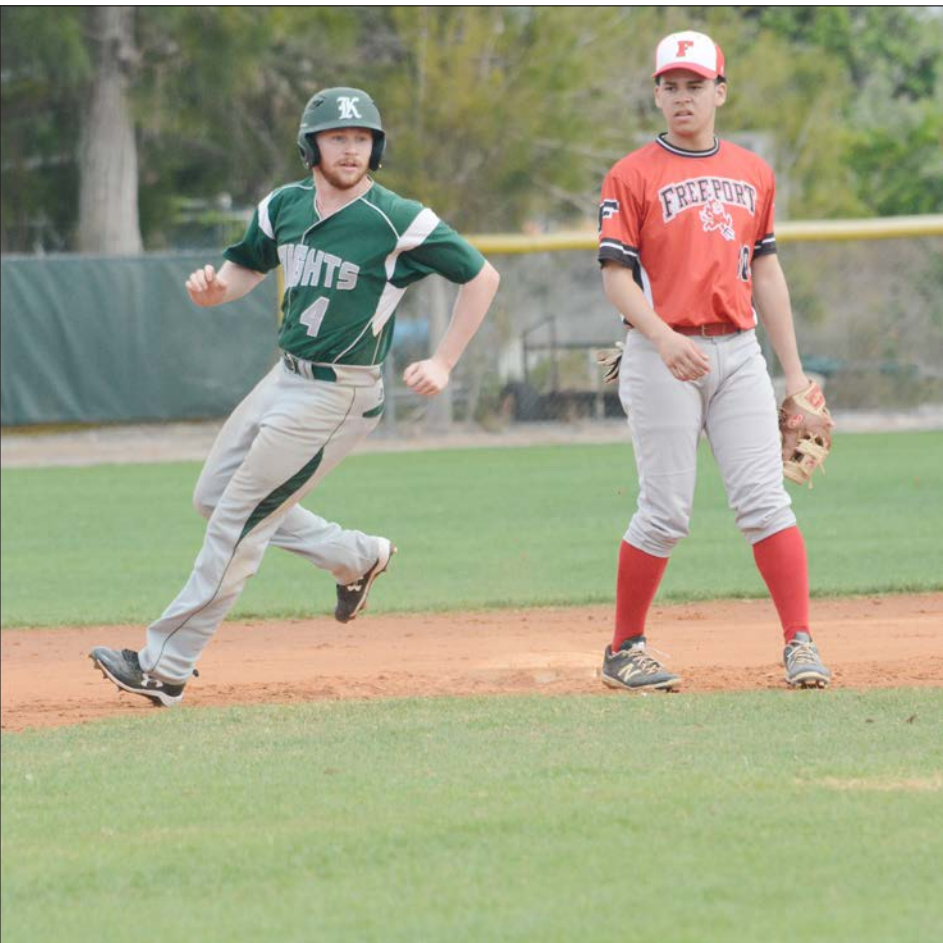
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BRYTON CLIFFORD rounds second base during action on Saturday in Florida.



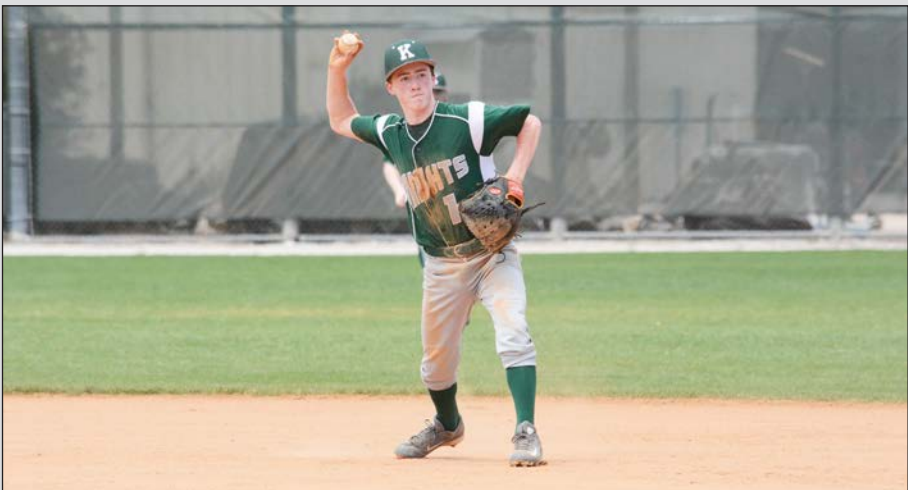
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MATT PLACE breaks for second during action against Freeport on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
BRIAN LINDSAY made his first high school start on the mound during the team's trip to Florida.

of the third inning and the teams went to the fourth still tied at two. Kingswood went in order in the top of the fourth and Freeport used a little small ball to take the lead. A walk, sacrifice bunt and sacrifice fly pushed across the third run of the game. The Knights went in order in the top of the fifth inning and Place took the hill in the bottom of the inning and struck out two batters to get out of the frame. Oleg Sheahan had a one-out base hit in the top of the sixth inning but he was stranded and strong defense from Dylan McCann in right field helped Place get through the sixth inning unscathed. Brian Winn opened the top of the seventh with a base hit and McCann worked a walk but a double play and a strikeout ended the game and the Knights took the 3-2 loss.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
OLEG SHEAHAN fires a throw from second in action on Friday against Breck School.

Mistakes cost Knights in first game in Florida

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
VERO BEACH, Fla. — The first game of the trip to Florida for the Kingswood baseball team didn't go quite as well as the coaching staff would've liked, as the Breck School from Minneapolis, Minn. took advantage of numerous Kingswood mistakes to claim a 15-3 win in five innings on Friday, March 30. The Mustangs got to Kingswood starter Matt Drew in the first inning, taking advantage of the Knight pitcher's wildness. A hit batter, two walks and a pair of base hits pushed three runs across. Drew did get two strikeouts and the final out came when centerfielder Bryton Clifford gunned a throw to Matt Place at third to cut down a Mustang runner. Brian Lindsay worked a two-out walk in the bottom of the first inning but he was caught stealing to close out the inning. Breck got three more runs in the top of the second inning, with a pair of errors helping the cause. Drew did strike out the side, including the final two batters of the inning with a runner on third base. After the Knights went in order in the bottom of the second, Dylan McCann took over on the mound for Kingswood and after an error put the leadoff batter on base, McCann got a line drive to Oleg Sheahan at second and then Chad Leigh turned a 6-3 double play to close out the inning. Kingswood got on the board in the bottom of the third inning. Drew Swinerton led off with a walk and a Leigh groundout forced him at second. Brian Winn reached on an error and when Sheahan reached on an error, the Knights plated their first run. Clifford worked a walk and then a Lindsay sacrifice fly brought home Kingswood's second run of the game. The Mustangs plated four more runs in the top of the fourth inning. Two hits, a walk and a groundout brought in their first run of the inning and then a base hit drove in another and a double steal plated their ninth run. After a walk, a sacrifice fly to right made it 10-2 before the inning came to a close. Korbin Tinker had a one-out double for Kingswood's first hit in the bottom of the inning and Drew had a walk, putting two runners on base, but the Knights were unable to get either runner home. Breck pushed across five more runs in the top of the fifth, with a dropped third strike, an error and three walks playing a part. Kingswood added another run in the bottom of the fifth inning. With two outs, Cole Paro worked a walk and Jagger Bernier had a base hit to put runners on first and third and a wild pitch made it 15-3. Jake Jensen worked a walk but the Knights couldn't get another run and the game ended with the 15-3 final. Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

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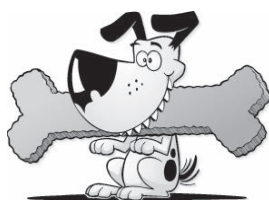
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Gearing up for busy spring with a little time in the sun

Sometimes a break is needed and that's just what came about last week when I traveled with the Kingswood baseball team to Vero Beach, Fla. for a little spring training action.

The Knights have made the trek to Florida five times in the last

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

six years and I've gone with them each time. I use this as an opportunity to get away from the winter weather



and break up the time between the winter and spring sports season with a little sun.

First and foremost, I am not a huge fan of the heat, but if you're going to go to Florida, spring is not a horrible time to do it. Temperatures were in the low 80s for most of the

trip and despite threatening to rain a bit on the last day, it never rained during the time the players were on the fields.

At Vero Beach, the team trained and stayed at Historic Dodgertown, which is where the Brooklyn and then Los Angeles Dodgers trained for many years. The location features tons of baseball fields (as well as a few softball fields), plus batting cages and dorms for the players to stay in. There is also a dining hall and a pool among the other facilities. Thanks to assistant coach Jason Walsh going to dinner with his father one night, the Knights had an extra dining ticket and I had dinner in the dining hall on Friday, which reminded me a lot of my college days.

I just happened to book the same flights that the team did, leav-

ing at 6 a.m. out of Manchester on Thursday morning. Because I had to work at Brewster on Wednesday night, I left Wolfeboro at about 2 a.m. when I finished cleaning and went straight to the airport. Because it was so early, there was no security line, which was an added bonus of being there at that time. We arrived in Orlando around 10 a.m. and I got my rental car and headed south to Vero Beach. Before getting to Dodgertown, I headed to the beach for a few minutes (just enough to say I was there and get my feet a little wet).

The Knights had cage time the first night and then the next day had practice, two games and more cage time. They had another game on Saturday morning and one more practice before they headed out to the

airport. So, all told, I saw three games and a couple of practices, got some good pictures and got myself ready for the spring sports season, which was slated to start not long after I returned to New Hampshire, weather permitting. I also got in a few cuts in the batting cage and made a detour to Daytona International Speedway on the way back to the airport.

The Florida trip was once again a nice break from the regular roll of the season and it was nice to take a bit of time to head south to the sunshine. But by the time this comes out, the spring sports season was already under way and the routine was back on.

Finally, have a great day Jason Walsh.

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