

Resilience, humor, empathy define Prospect Mountain Class of 2021



GRADUATE JULIA LEAVITT is all smiles as she receives her diploma from her aunt, Linda Roy, at Prospect Mountain's graduation on Friday night.



WITH HIS TRADEMARK COKE in his hand, Class President Robert Cobern receives a high-five after his speech at graduation on Friday.

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ALTON — The Class of 2021 celebrated the completion of their four years at Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS) on Friday, June 11 in an outdoor commencement ceremony infused with humor, hope for a better future and discussion of resilience after a challenging and unique senior year.

The graduates entered the ceremony space by following the course of the running track, before settling in their seats facing the bleachers and the podium. Principal J Fitzpatrick started his welcome address by expressing gratitude to the parents of the graduates.

"You have amazing kids. They've been nothing but kind and polite and empathetic since they arrived here, and that is a credit to good parenting," Fitzpatrick said. "Secondly, this year has been trying in so many ways, and regardless of your personal views on face masks and social distancing, you've been nothing but supportive of Prospect's effort to do what was right and what we thought was in the best interest of your children, for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The ceremony was a return to semi-normalcy after over a year of the COVID-19 pandemic; the PMHS 2020 graduation ceremony was held in the parking lot in a "drive-in" style, and the class of 2021 was seated in rows in a traditional, unified format. In the field encircled by the track were groups of six chairs for each student's family, a reminder of the

social distancing that has been an aspect of life during the pandemic. The commencement ceremony was also live streamed on YouTube, where it is still available to view on the Prospect Mountain High School channel.

Fitzpatrick continued his address with the PMHS traditions of having the graduates who are enrolling in the military stand and be recognized, and having the graduates with family members who work for the school bring flowers to their family member in the crowd.

Fitzpatrick, to inject in some humor, followed up by telling some stories of his "nemeses" - graduate Kassidy Kelley. He told stories of times Kelley placed him in "humiliating" roles in class movies during Winter Carnival, tried tripping him, or bumped into him with her "overly large backpack" in the hallway. At the end of the list that had the crowd laughing, he offered Kelley a "peace offering" of a cookie from the school cafeteria. Kelley walked on stage and provided her rebuttal with all the times she was "wronged" by Fitzpatrick, including a time he walked into a class she was in, unplugged her laptop from its charger and walked out; a time when Fitzpatrick claimed on Kelley's 18th birthday over the morning announcements that she was actually turning 15; and a joke he made to Kassidy while she was in the background of a staff video call he was on with her mother, Hollie Kelley, a family and consumer sciences teacher at PMHS.

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MORTAR BOARDS soar in the air at the conclusion of Prospect's graduation on Friday night.



PROSPECT MOUNTAIN teacher Troy Corriveau presents a diploma to his daughter, Maya, at Friday night's graduation.



CONNOR MOORE has a wave for friends and family after receiving his diploma on Friday.



VALEDICTORIAN FIONA WILSON addresses her classmates during Friday night's Prospect Mountain graduation.



SALUTARIAN JUSTIN MAYNARD waves to the audience as he begins his speech Friday evening.



KASSIDY KELLEY reads from her "list of grievances" against Principal J Fitzpatrick during Friday's graduation ceremony.



JILLIAN NASON receives her diploma from Principal J Fitzpatrick on Friday night.



TEACHER KATE BARBER was the keynote speaker for the Class of 2021.



PRINCIPAL J FITZPATRICK addresses the crowd at Friday night's graduation.



WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY behind them on the soccer field, the Prospect Mountain class of 2021 sits on the track as graduation gets under way.

Prospect Mountain names top 10 graduates

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School proudly recognizes the top 10 students from the graduating Class of 2021.



Fiona Wilson
Fiona Wilson is the daughter of Carla and Michael Wilson of Barnstead. Over the past four years, Fiona has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities at Prospect Mountain. She has participated in Tri-M, National Honor Society, Student Council, History Club, World Cultures Club, and Project Search.

She has also dedicated much of her time to the Prospect Mountain Concert Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Marching Band, where she served as the Flute Section Leader for the last three years of her high school career. She also participated in many theater productions, such as Seussical, Willy Wonka, and the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Fiona is a dedicated leader, having attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference and the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy, and has earned awards such as a Scholastic Silver Key and the Wesleyan Book Award. This fall, Fiona will be pursuing her passion of learning and leadership at Bates College in Maine.



Justin Maynard
Justin Maynard is the son of Pamela and Gary Maynard of Alton. Over his four years at Prospect Mountain High School, he has become increasingly involved in his community and in leadership positions. Justin has also maintained high honors throughout his high school career while being an active leader in a number of clubs and activities, including President of Student Council, the Class of 2021 Treasurer, Acting

Club Treasurer, and the student representative at PMHS School Board meetings. He also discovered a love for acting through his participation in the school's yearly productions until they were halted due to the Coronavirus. Justin played Toby Jugge in "This Business of Murder" his Freshman year, and Mr. Bucket in "Willy Wonka" his Sophomore year. He has also been involved in numerous community service activities over the years, volunteering at his local library, regularly participating in community cleanups, caring for animals in need, and organizing events around his school. Justin received Clarkson University's High School Leadership Award for outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities, which is the uni-

versity's highest honor. Additionally, he has received 16 awards for academic achievement in a wide variety of classes between his Freshman and Junior years. Next year, Justin will be attending Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont where he will study Game Programming.



Julia Leavitt
Julia Leavitt is the daughter of Courtney and Peter Leavitt of Alton. During her four years at PMHS Julia made it a priority to keep her grades above average, as well

as maintain a spot on all three of her athletic teams. She has been a scholar athlete every season, as well as a continuous high honor roll student all four years of high school. She participated in basketball for four years, softball for three years, and volleyball for four years, where she was placed on the D3 Allstate First team, and given D2 Allstate recognition. She served as captain for all three teams her senior year. Julia is also a devoted member of the school band, participating all four years of high school as a flutist, and picking up piccolo her senior year. Julia was also a member of the National Honor Society her senior year. Next year Julia will be attending Husson University as part of the six-year Physical Therapy Doctorate program, as well as being a part of the school's volleyball team.



Kassidy Kelley
Kassidy Kelley is the daughter of Hollie Kelley and Michael Kelley, and the sister of Hailey, Tabitha, and Shannon. Over the past four years, Kassidy has taken every opportunity available to her to participate in extracurricular activities. She spent four years playing on the soccer team including two as a captain, and she earned the MVP award during her senior year. She also played basketball for four years, and was captain for two of those as well, earning an MVP award her sophomore year and a coach's award her senior year. She also dabbled in tennis her senior year. Kassidy earned the scholar athlete award during every sport season. Besides athletics, Kassidy also participated in band all four years at PMHS. For her last two years, she has been section leader of the clarinets, and she also participated in pit and marching band. Kassidy is an active member of Tri-M Music Honor Society as well as the National

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Honor Society and History club. She has received numerous academic awards over the last four years, as well as winning Student of the Month in October 2019. Next year, Cassidy will be attending Southern New Hampshire University majoring in Communications.



Audrey Jacques

Audrey Jacques is the daughter of her father, Rene Jacques, and mother, Jill Jacques. Audrey took advantage of many opportunities and has been a student leader during her time at PMHS. She was the head of the Tech Crew, president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Student Council, and secretary of the class of 2021 office. She participated in extracurriculars such as Project Search at UNH and the World Cultures Club, and played tenor saxophone and clarinet in the band. She played on the girl's tennis team her senior year. Audrey led three of her own community service projects at PMHS: a "Poems for Seniors" project that benefited residents of the Sugar Hill Retirement Community, a food drive that received nearly 200 food goods, and a school-wide tutoring program. She also helped with blood drives, carwashes, and other community events and boasts a cumulative 100 hours of community service. Throughout her high school career, Audrey maintained honors grades and received Academic Excellence in several classes. Most importantly, Audrey used her time at Prospect Mountain High School to learn how to make meaningful connections with others and become a better person. Audrey will be attending UNH next fall with a major in Environmental Re-

source Economics.



Connor Moore

Connor Moore is the son of Diana Moore of Alton and Christopher Moore Sr. of Franklin. He joined the Prospect family his Junior year having previously attended Belmont High School. In his short two years at Prospect, he became a valued member of both the Robotics team, BOB319, and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Outside of his responsibilities as a member of these two teams, he excelled academically ensuring he maintained only the highest marks while taking honors level classes. Due to his commitment to his education, he has been named a NH Scholar. Connor has also excelled at his job at Market Basket. Currently, he is an Assistant Manager and often maintains a schedule of more than 34 hours a week in addition to his academic responsibilities. He has been awarded the Trustee scholarship at the University of New Hampshire where he plans to attend in the fall majoring in Business Management.



Alexander Ludwig

Alexander Ludwig is the son of Kirsten and Dennis Ludwig of Alton. For the past four years he has been involved with the Alton and New Durham Boy Scout Troop 53. There he held the leadership position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for one year. He was then elected to the position of Se-

nior Patrol Leader. As a Boy Scout, Alexander joined the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts national honor society. His Boy Scout experience concluded with the completion of his Eagle Scout rank. At PMHS, Alexander was a member of the National Honor Society During his second year in NHS he was elected to the position of Vice President. He was a 4-year member of Prospect Mountain's Basketball team and made the varsity squad after his sophomore year. He was co-captain of the JV team his sophomore year and helped lead the team to a tournament victory. His senior year he was co-captain of the Varsity team. He has also participated in Track and Field since his sophomore year and attended the Divisional Championships as part of the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams both in 10th and 12th grades. Throughout high school he was an honor roll student and received a 2021 NHIAA & NHADA Scholar Athlete award maintaining scholar athlete status all four years of high school. Alexander has secured a nationally competitive and much coveted 4-year, full-tuition Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship to the College of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University. After four years of college he will be commissioned as a Naval Officer with the rank of Ensign with at least a 5-year commitment of service to the United State Navy.



Abagael Swenson

Abagael Swenson is the proud daughter of Andrew and Kara Swenson and the sister of Micah Swenson. Throughout high school, she participated in Volleyball for three years and on the Varsity Alpine Ski team for four years, where she received

several scholar athlete awards. Over the course of high school Abagael also participated in concert and marching band for three years. During her Freshman year, she went on a mission trip to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. Abagael was invited to and participated in the HOBY Leadership program during her sophomore year. As a junior, she was chosen to participate in a two year leadership program at Camp Brookwoods. She was awarded a Silver Key in the National Writing Project, and one of her written pieces was published in the book, Middle /High School Voices. She received multiple awards over the course of her years at PMHS including the NHIAA / NHADA scholar athlete award, several academic excellence awards across the curriculum, and the Junior Book Award from St Anselm's College. She is graduating with an Honors Diploma for academic excellence and with the distinction of being a New Hampshire Scholar. Abagael will be attending Gordon College in the fall with the plan to study Equine therapy and Biblical Studies. She has also been accepted into the Martha B. Frost Honors Program.



Madeline Kriete

Madeline Kriete is the daughter of Sharon and Bill Kriete of Barnstead. Over her past four years at Prospect, Madeline has been involved in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities. Along with being a member of FBLA, history club, and Project Search, Madeline also held officer positions in both the National Honor Society and Student Council. She played soccer her first two years of

highschool and dabbled in color guard. A big part of her highschool career was dedicated to community service both in and out of the school setting and will most likely continue to be an influential part of her life. Madeline has received a variety of awards these past four years including numerous academic class awards, being the top scorer on the JV soccer team her freshman year, receiving 3rd place in the FBLA State Leadership Conference Impromptu Speaking Competition, being the first junior to receive the Timberwolf Award for recognition of excellence in the social studies department, and two Scholastic Silver Keys for her writing. Madeline will be taking the next year to travel and pursue creative interests.



Natalie Cates

Natalie Cates is the daughter of Ronnie and Tricia Cates. During her high school career she was a dedicated member of

the Seacoast Gymnastics Center in Rochester, both as an athlete and as a coach. Natalie served as the captain of the Varsity Cheerleading team at Prospect her sophomore and junior years. She also held multiple officer positions of the local Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. In addition to this, she has led the business side of the FIRST robotics team for four years and has been an active member of the History club. Natalie received Honorable Mention from Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and has earned Academic Excellence awards across many disciplines over her high school career. As a junior, she was awarded the UNH book award, recognizing her academic rigor and dedication to the community. Natalie was inducted into the National Honors Society during her Junior year and served as the Secretary during her Senior year. She has participated in numerous events to raise money for clubs and organizations. The most notable being Make-A-Wish. She will continue her education next year at Alfred University majoring in Biomaterials Engineering with a Master's in Business Administration.

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Some words of advice for new graduates

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassman counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amidst a global pandemic. This time in a teen's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following: 1. Don't smoke; 2. Drink plenty of water every day; and 3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you). 4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and 5. Watch the "Back to the Future" trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and that means you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2021!



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A history in trees

Recently, the NH Tree Farm Committee has been visiting with, and recognizing, the owners of the oldest known continuously certified tree farm in each of New Hampshire's 10 counties. On May 20, we met with cousins Dave and Bob Bickford of New Durham. The Bickford family originally enrolled the Tree Farm in the program on Oct. 1, 1953. They previously operated a sawmill on the property, allow snowmobiling on designated trails, and have a history of outstanding forest management. We toured the Tree Farm and presented them with a "50 Year" Tree Farm sign. Pictured, left to right: Bob Bickford, Landowner; Dave Bickford, Landowner; Jerry Langdon, NH Tree Farm Committee Member. Not pictured is Rebecca Digirolo, Belknap/Strafford County Forester, UNH Cooperative Extension.

Letters to the Editor

The founders left room for re-examination

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Scott,

In response to your column of June 3, regarding quotes of Americans about biblical principles, you might want to consider another quote. In his 1787 "Notes on the State of Virginia," Thomas Jefferson stated:

"Millions of innocent men, women and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burned, tortured, fined and imprisoned. What has been the effect of this coercion? To make one half the world fools and the other half hypocrites; to support roguery and error all over the earth. Our sister states of Pennsylvania and New York, however, have long subsisted without any establishment at all. The experiment was new and doubtful when they made it. It has answered beyond conception. They flourish infinitely. Religion is well supported; of various kinds, indeed, but all good enough; all sufficient to preserve peace and order: or if a sect arises, whose tenets would subvert morals, good sense has fair play, and reasons and laughs it out of doors, without suffering the state to be troubled with it. They do not hang more malefactors than we do. They are not more disturbed with religious dissensions. On the contrary, their harmony is unparalleled, and can be ascribed to nothing but their unbounded tolerance, because there is no other circumstance in which they differ from every nation on earth. They have made the happy discovery, that the way to silence religious disputes, is to take no notice of them. Let us too give this experiment fair play, and get rid, while we may, of those tyrannical laws."

The Bible and Christianity – in its multitude of variations – are inseparable from American history, but as well, so are they from histories of England, Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, etc. One might as well be saying that America was founded on the principle of being on the earth. Conflating religious belief with nationalism and government has always had pitfalls. The English had at least one civil war and many years of discord entwined with religious strife created over the Anglican Church. The Pu-

ritans who left England due to persecution, whipped and hung Quakers for their beliefs as late as 1661 (Mary Dyer, Marmaduke Stephenson, William Robinson). Before Robinson dropped the Puritan minister is quoted as saying to him "Hold thy tongue, thou art going to die with a lie in thy mouth." Stephenson's last quote was "This day shall we be at rest with the Lord."

I suspect the founding fathers of were aware of all this; they had been living in the period that has been called the "Age of Reason." Their beliefs were varied, and are the subject of academic discussion, but they were not to an influential degree biblical fundamentalists. Consequently, what they wrote up in the Constitution wasn't perfect, and it wasn't scripture; but it was unique. America was, and still is, a trial balloon of freedom and democracy. Unlike a balloon, it was, and still is, changing. Knowingly or unknowingly, they left the door open to dropping the biblical principles of patriarchy and giving women the right to vote, for Evangelicals to be leaders in the abolition of slavery, and for all types of people the right to live, without threat or fear, as full citizens.

Returning from two weeks away, I went to The Baysider backlog to see if my last letter had been posted. It wasn't unexpected, but I was still disappointed to find the ideological equivalent of an ongoing food fight. I hope we can do better than that.

On the coat tails of my wife's career and from my own, I have been many places around the world and have met a lot of different types of people. What I have found is that – atheist or Evangelical, Muslim or Jew, Hindu or Catholic, gay or straight – people generally all want the opportunity for the same things – food, family, friends, a roof, freedom from threats, and a productive life. For me, understanding that is the foundation of Christ's teaching. I can assure you that I, and the people I know who agree with me on issues of responsibility and justice, are not Communists or bent on destroying our country.

I look forward to your continued dialog.

Peter Farrell
Alton

The Constitution does not grant us rights, it protects them

To the Editor:

In his letter of June 3, "Flapping lips," Mr. John Q. Henderson wrote that Trump did not "believe in the document 'the Constitution' which gives us all our rights." He then went on to justify gun control, asking why would a civilian need to carry an assault rifle.

I question whether Mr. Henderson even read the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Constitution does not give us "all of our rights." Our rights are God given. The purpose of the U.S. Constitution is to protect those God given rights. I don't think he knows

what an assault rifle is, but formerly living in a riot zone in the Democrat run city of Boston, where its mayor and city council openly support Black Lives Matter and Antifa and denounce the police, a semi-automatic weapon comes in handy when the Communist mob is outside of your home or place of business ready to burn you out and murder you.

Readers who would like a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution may contact me at campconstitution1@gmail.com.

Hal Shurtleff
Alton

Privileges vs. rights

To the Editor:

The privilege to drive an automobile is not a right. So, we have all been told, the state can take away that privilege, or not even give it depending on a person's ability to perform the tasks required to operate said automobile. The same cannot be stated about becoming or acting as a politician. Somewhere in the scheme of things that have gone on in this country, most of those who serve have convinced the American public that to serve in any capacity in government is a right, their right, and not so much a privilege. Parties of every, shape, color and creed believe, it is the most important function to get re-elected once they hold an office. They put so much weight into that effort, often the words used to get to that office, go unanswered, when and after they arrived there.

Once in a while, a career politician arrives on the scene and does remember that it is the privilege of the voters will, to serve in whatever the office they hold.

As of this moment no one comes to mind. In the election of 2020, the words "this is a fight for the soul of America" were spread across the land and a majority of citizens came to the polls and voted for that purpose. The American people where truly tired of the lack of movement in the government for things to be done to help them in their day to day lives. Simply put they were tired of the same old thing, nothing done, no one getting ahead of the eight ball, no advancement, that

truly made a difference, for the public at large. So, when Joe Biden stated he wanted to change the way we look at that problem, he said as it is done in nature, he wanted to "grow from the bottom up and then from the sides out," instead of the failed, and always was a failed idea that a trickle-down economy works. Regan's big lie, thrust upon the minds of citizens as though he had a correct plan. He did not.

This weekend past, Joe Manchin wrote he was not on board with his party's path to grow the economy from the bottom up, [and] he did not support the voting rights legislation. It reminded me of the day Chamberlin came back from meeting with Hitler, paper in hand, claiming "peace in our time," or even more like on March 15, 44 B.C., when the tyrant, Caesar made the statement "Et tu, Brute?" For that is exactly what has happened. All the people who fought so hard to stop the tyranny that was afoot, have been stabbed in the back by one of their own. All the good intentions to keep the faith with the others, that they were playing fair ball, their better natures would shine through when the light of day would finally dawn on them. That reason would win the day. Well, Joe Manchin, you are a fool. Almost to a point It is treason. You have a principle, and that could forgive your behavior; however, you can't read the writing on the wall. The Republicans only want to keep all the power for them-

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What's that sound in the woods? And a bit on bears and cougars



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The sound is made by a male partridge (ruffed grouse) drumming. Campfire lore has the grouse beating its wings against a hollow log, and it does indeed sound like that, but that's not quite true. Using trickery known only to steely-eyed scientists (also untrue), the bird makes the sound by rapidly compressing air between body and wings.

Who can help but admire the partridge for steadfastness? There is almost a pathetic trust in this kind of courage. Females, after all, could well be avoiding this guy like a street-corner flasher. And the males, by drumming away in day-

light, are telegraphing every fox, fisher, and bobcat about exactly where they are. They might as well have a big neon sign, "Eat at Joe's."

All this gives females (human variety) yet another reason to roll their eyes and say, "Guys."

While the males risk becoming someone's lunch, the females display a courage beyond fierce in defense of nests and chicks. It's a notch above even the familiar broken-wing act.

I've had this happen to me only twice, and it is both rare and awesome. You need just the right set of circumstances.

It all has to be a total surprise—you, stumbling onto a mother and her fuzzy little chicks, she believing that you pose an imminent threat. She feels compelled to buy some time.

So she rushes at you, beak extended, hissing and spitting, wings wide, beak agape like a cobra ready to strike. What does this amount to, pound for pound?

In my book, absolute raw courage.

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Moving forward, we seem to glom onto new phrases as they pop up in



COURTESY OF ROGER IRWIN

Guildhall's Roger Irwin took this photo of a male ruffed grouse (partridge), puffing itself up and drumming away.

various media. The current favorite is, indeed, "moving forward," which is out there all over the place. Scarcely do I hear a catchy phrase on the radio or television than I see it in the New York Times or even (gasp!) Harper's magazine.

What you don't see much now is "gone missing," the popular quasi-British term for just plain missing. It's like saying someone is "gone lost."

This past winter, when everything "science" became such a drumbeat, it was almost surpassed by "metric," which automatically sounded soundly scientific. We heard "That doesn't fit in with the new metric." Ye gods, what did that mean?

I've hardly ever been lost, I tell people, I've just been temporarily

misplaced. And if I can't get my bearings, I can always pull out map and compass. GPS? Yup, have that, and cell phone too—just can't get comfortable depending on them.

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Thanks to Baker Bob, who helps out with tasks I'd be unwise to attempt, my bird feeders are empty and hanging from a rafter. Now, I do love to see not just the birds but also the other resultant wild creatures—squirrels, chipmunks, the occasional fox or hawk—but I don't want to get any bears into trouble.

Bears have incredible noses, and memories to match. They seem able to follow even a whiff of food for miles. And they seem never to forget a place where they've found food.



COURTESY OF GERRY ALLEN

"He's a jail-bird," said Gerry Allen about this raccoon he trapped near his home along Bishop Brook Road in Stewartstown.

Fish and Game is right on when it repeats the mantra "A fed bear is a dead bear." If a bear associates food with people, it might get a break from reform school—culvert-trapping and releasing into a supposedly "remote region"—but the story often has a sad ending.

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On a recent morning I had just headed up South Hill Road from the Hollow when a bear cub tumbled down out of the bushes and into the road, so I slowed to a crawl.

In a flash it turned and darted back into the shrubbery. Looking all

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LETTER

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selves. They are playing you for the fool, you are. When it is too late, it will be too late; you and your family's name will go down in history as the man who ended the American democracy experiment, for all time. Because once it fails, and it will, if you keep playing footsies with "them," the Republicans who don't care about the American public. While the rest of the American public, who did not vote for that tyrant. Joe shame to you, I would love to believe there was a hope you could pull off a bipartisan coup d'état. I believe a snowball has a better chance of spending a day on the sun and returning to earth whole than what you claim to be holding out for. The Republicans under Mitch McConnell will run out your clock. You'll be holding the bag that 'trick or treaters' light on fire and drop on the stoop of those who do not sweeten their bag of goodies.

It is like your position

is full of manure. Why don't you get a bipartisan time for a coffee break, you just might get it to work? They will laugh at you all the way to the gallows built to hang those whom you have betrayed. Seems to me as though, you have no shame, as they have no shame. What a fine thing to want everybody to vote together, on your own pay raises, because God knows you all do. But when 'we the people' vote to put your party in power and you sow our hopes to the wind. They will hang you as they hang others at least the Nazis did, remember the 'night of the brown shirts.' No, you probably do not.

What has made you to hate this country so, that you would willing give to those who wish to destroy it a victory. They love Trump and that's it; nothing else. Wake the (you know what) up. I don't speak all the fancy words. But I can see a rat when one comes along, Lofty ideals are great but don't do much good

when you're in the fight for your life, and I trust we are fighting for our freedoms, against an evil not seen since the British stormed the capital in 1812.

In closing, there are quite a few who defend Joe Manchin's right to disagree with his President and his party. I could also defend that right, but Joe has forgotten his privilege, not only does he serve the good people of West Virginia, but he also serves the rest of the people in the country who voted for the change, that Joe Biden promised to bring to this land. Does Joe Manchin just get the dark money promised by the Koch

bothers and not believe in growth for the people who voted for a change. I believe in that change, and not returning to a policy, of lies, corruption all to benefit one man and his family who are so desperate to hold onto power they are willing to destroy America, all the while claiming to be saving it. Please do not sweep January 6th under a bed of lies about that day.

With real a fear for our freedoms!

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Barnstead Farmers’ Market returns for sixth season

BY KATHERINE LESNYK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BARNSTEAD — With more vendors than ever before, live music and new programs, the Barnstead Farmers Market’s sixth season had an exciting and busy grand opening on Saturday, June 12.

There are 26 total vendors signed up for the market for the 2021 season, with some new and others returning from past years. Farmers market founder and president Lori Mahar said that business at the market had already been great by 10:30 a.m., only an hour and a half into the event. Mahar said that a highlight is the four vendors providing breakfast and baked goods for the guests this year, including Pretty Baked and Journey’s End Maple Farm.

With pandemic-related restrictions loosening, Mahar said that there are still masks, gloves and

hand sanitizer available at the market manager tent for anyone who would like them, but otherwise people are only discouraged from attending the market if they are feeling sick.

The market has multiple features to encourage and enable more people to buy local. The farmers market is sponsoring a farm stand at Black Dog Farm at 614 Province Rd. in Barnstead. The farm stand is open on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. During the farm stand “pop-up” hours on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. there are activities, music, and spotlighted farmers market vendors, Mahar said. The market also participates in a state program that offers an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) match for up to \$25 for families to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. Additionally, on every Saturday during

the month of September, military veterans will be able to receive \$20 food vouchers to use at the market for fresh, locally-sourced produce, meat and baked goods through the Vouchers for Veterans program. Vouchers for Veterans is available at six New Hampshire and Maine farmers markets, according to the program’s website.

Business was booming on Saturday for the vendors, who had products ranging from fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, and baked goods, to crafts and plants. One of the vendors, Shamrock Hill Home Gardens, reported that they had brought 49 loaves of bread to sell, and only about a dozen remained by that point in the morning.

Half a Penny Farm is participating in the farmers market for the third year, and will be attending every other week. Jenn Forest of Half a Pen-

ny Farm had eggs and a variety of seasonings on display, along with a selection of black angus beef.

Another returning vendor is Snow Family Farm, run by Mary and Bob Snow. The Snows are continuing to bring hanging planters and vegetables as they have in past years, but they have a new focus, with a selection of garlic scapes and garlic powder under the title “The Garlic Shed.”

Mary Snow explained that they use a process called soil remineralization to increase the quality of the soil that their garlic and other seasonal vegetables and flowers are growing in. The process also ultimately increases the output and growth from each individual plant. Snow said that they have been able to plant fewer plants, while already producing a higher yield of vegetables than before they

implemented soil remineralization. Remineralization consists of adding back minerals and trace elements that can become depleted over time, according to Remineralize the Earth, an organization that promotes the use of land and sea-based minerals to “restore soils and forests, produce more nutritious food, and remove excess CO2 from the atmosphere.”

One of the newest vendors is Wyatt’s Wicked Goods, owned by Wyatt Sinclair of Chichester. Sinclair has always liked baking, but his business started in September when a friend asked him if he could make cookies that fit into the Whole30 diet program. He now sells between 15 and 20 types of cookies, including a root beer float cookie.

“When it comes to baking, don’t be afraid to take whisks,” said a sign on Sinclair’s table.

Wyatt’s Wicked Goods is also participating in the Franklin Farmers Market this summer, and orders can be made

online at wyattswickedgoods.com.

Two vendors on the crafty side are Colby Cottage and Custom Engraving NH. Tammy Colby of Colby Cottage is a retired art teacher from Northwood who refinishes furniture and creates wood signs, and a variety of cloth and wood crafts. Colby will be at the market every Saturday. Tonia Cardinal of Custom Engravings NH, based in New Durham, had a large selection of laser-engraved wood decor. Some of Cardinal’s most popular and favorite items that she makes are signs with the names of New Hampshire towns and 4,000-foot mountains throughout the state.

The Barnstead Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 96 Maple St. in Barnstead from June through September. Some vendors will be at the market every Saturday, while others attend for half the season. More information is available at barnsteadfarmersmarket.club.

Tri-County Republicans learn about Camp Constitution

REGION — Tri-County Republicans welcomed Hal Shurtleff to its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 19. Hal gave an interesting and informative presentation about Camp Constitution and the good work it is doing here in New Hampshire, the U.S., and around the globe.

“Camp Constitution is an unincorporated association of Constitutionalists serving as volunteers to see that knowledge and blessings of liberty are passed on from generation to generation. Camp Constitution runs a week-long family summer camp program that is true to its motto ‘Honoring the Past...Teaching the Present...Preparing the Future...’ The camp program includes classes on the U.S. Constitution, current events, and how to be a freedom activist.”

Camp Constitution’s instructors include “authors, elected officials and experts in their fields. Camp attendees participate in field trips



COURTESY

Camp Constitution Director, Hal Shurtleff, as seen by a camper. to historic sites like Lexington Battle Green and Concord Bridge and recreation activities which include swimming, hiking, volleyball, basketball, and rock climbing.”

“In addition to the summer camp program, Camp Constitution reprints pamphlets and

Archive, which is the premier source on homeschooling. More can be learned about Camp Constitution at: www.camp-constitution.net

Tri-County Republicans is a conservative political group that believes in limited government and the interpretation of the US and NH Constitutions as written. All freedom-loving Republicans, Libertarians, independents and undeclareds from surrounding towns in Belknap, Carroll and Strafford Counties are welcome to participate in our group meetings and events. Though normally we meet on the third Wednesday of each month, the next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at 129 Main St., Alton. Due to limited parking please plan to arrive at least a few minutes early.

For inquiries or more information, please contact Beth Varney or Priscilla Terry at: tricontyrep-publicans@gmail.com.

Barnstead Historical Society to meet

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Historical Society welcomes back existing members and new members to its first meeting since the COVID-19 Pandemic began!

An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m. at the Barnstead

Town Hall. Mask use is not being mandated. Those attending are simply asked to be respectful of everyone’s right of choice. Social distancing, however, will be in place. Those with questions or concerns can call Denise Adjutant, Society President, at 269-5871.

NOTEBOOK

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around, I eased on up the hill, watching the rear-view mirrors for more bears.

My guess is that Mom was right there behind the wall of green, and had sent one cub across while she waited with a couple of others. That’s the way it often happens. I’m just glad it all happened in daylight.

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Occasionally, I hear about cougars. Reports come from all around the state, but mostly from Concord north. Someone camping near Lake Francis in Pittsburg, the southernmost of the Connecticut Lakes, reported one last month.

These reports often end up the same way. “We called Fish and Game,” I hear when it reaches me, often second- or third-hand.

But what is Fish and Game supposed to do with such a call? Send a CO rushing to check it out? Conservation officers are already hard-pressed to cover huge territories, and this time of year deal

with everything from deer-accidents to camps and camping to searches and rescues in woods and high country. On top of that are growing responsibilities with ATVs.

My big question is, where are the trail-camera photos? If mountain lions (cougars) are here, and there are denning mothers (which aficionados believe has been the case all along), this would explain why there are so many reports in spring and early summer. The mother, normally nocturnal and secretive, is forced to take daylight risks to feed her young.

I’ve long believed that there are in fact good, verifiable trail-camera photos out there, but that people are reluctant to share them because of privacy and the cats’ safety.

These do not have to be issues with me. If readers ask me to keep identity and location to myself, I will.

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PMHS seniors presented with scholarships and awards

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School handed out a number of scholarships and awards to members of the Class of 2021 prior to Friday’s graduation.

The Alton Centennial Rotary Club Scholarship was presented to Audrey Jacques and Julia Leavitt. Jacques also received the Alton Garden Club – Doris Barnes Scholarship while Leavitt also received the Alton Police Association Scholarship.

Jiana Kenerson, Allie Stockman and Leavitt each received the American Legion Post 72 Scholarship, while Hannah Linsky, Fiona Wilson, Jacques and Stockman were presented with the American Legion Auxil-

iary Scholarships.

The American Legion Riders Association Scholarship was presented to Ryan Treadwell while Izabella Sorrentino was presented with the Barton M. Griffin Memorial Scholarship. Madeleine Cats and Linsky were awarded the Bonnie Simpson Scholarships and Kenerson received the Chamberlain Scholarship – LRSF.

Autumn Sheets was presented with the Earl B. Clark Scholarship from the Barnstead American Legion Post 42 while the East Alton Fire Association Scholarships were presented to Leavitt and Linsky. Katherine Archambault was presented the Father George Ham Memorial Scholarship.

The John Laurence

Bucher Scholarship was presented to Maya Corriveau, The Joseph R. and Winona V. Houle Scholarship was presented to Samantha Johnson and Corriveau received the Karla A Merfeld Memorial Scholarship.

Justin Maynard received the Lakes Region Board of Realtors Scholarship, while Treadwell and Douglas Croix received the Lakes Region Technology Center Awards. Corriveau was presented with the Maureen Fitzpatrick School Board Scholarship and Connor Moore was given the Maxfield Real Estate Scholarship.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank James B. Sutherland Scholarship was presented to Natalie Cates, Jonathan

Frenzel and Dominic Soucy. Moore was given the PMHS Teachers’ Association Scholarship and the Prospect United Scholarships were presented to Madeline Kriete and Wilson.

Wilson was also presented with the Ruth S. and Willard D. Rollins Scholarship and Maynard received the Summer People’s Scholar-

ship. The Tessa Carter Memorial Scholarship was presented to Cassidy Kelley and Kelley, Leavitt and Stockman all received the Timber Wolves Booster Club Scholarships.

Archambault, Kelley and Leavitt each received the Tri-M Music Awards from PMHS

and the American Legion Auxiliary. Jacques received the Tri-Town Democrats Scholarship and Moore received the William B. Messer Scholarship.

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

LRHHPF to host monthly collection Saturday

WOLFEBORO – Saturday, June 19, the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) will have its monthly collection from 8:30 a.m.-noon at 404 Beach Pond Rd. June is also one of the special pharmaceutical collection days. Medications for people, pets, and farm animals are accepted. Pills, liquids, and ointments can be disposed of safely.

Bring controlled pain killers, prescriptions, over-the-counter items, vitamins, herbals, and personal care products for disposal. With the assistance of a pharmacist

and the Police Department these products are appropriately identified and segregated for incineration.

A limited number of free needle clips are available for those using syringes and seeking puncture proof disposal.

-Obtain Wolfeboro passes on collection day at the event site (currently unavailable at solid waste). Alton residents should get a pass at the Alton Transfer Station prior to arrival at LRHHPF. All other communities may attend by cash or check: \$45 for each increment up to five gallons count-

ing the cans (not the ounces within).

-Please continue to wear a mask or face covering for your own safety and the safety of others.

-As always, no one may leave their vehicle for any reason.

Call 651-7530 for the most accurate information. No latex paint as it is not a hazardous waste. Oil base paints, stains, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, cleaning products, and pesticides are common items collected. Placing original containers in a cardboard box will speed up removal and keep your vehicle tidy.

Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

Adult Pickleball

Join in the fun with free organized play for experienced adults (18 years and older). Experienced players meet Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at the Liberty Tree Park Courts from 8-11 a.m. Program is ongoing through the fall. Register in advance with the link on the Town of Alton Web site or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4dae-a82ba0fd0-byinvitation>. Please park across the street from the Fire Station.

Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race

Alton Parks and Recreation and Meredith Village Savings Bank are co-sponsoring the Around the World "Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race" from Aug. 1-15. Run/walk a 3.1 miles course from any location, and enter your running place on our interactive global map. Run with friends and family from around the world. Let’s see how much of the globe we can fill.

Official time tracking will begin on Aug. 1 at midnight and stay open until 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 15. The virtual 5K Race will allow people to run/walk during the race period, using a mobile device and the app (RaceJoy). Included in the app will be real-time tracking, progress alerts at mile points for current pace and estimated finish, and other interactive features for participants and spectators. The leader board will be updated daily with all participant’s times.

\$15 registration cost includes eligibility for raffles, prizes and a long sleeve race shirt. To be guaranteed a shirt, pre-register by 8/1, otherwise limited availability. This is a great program to challenge yourself, and connect with other people. Represent your race location on the global map.

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Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand

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July 3- “Thursday Afternoon” Band- Classic Rock; July 10- The Visitors- Oldies, Classic Rock, Country Rock; July 17- EZ Band-Classics and those destined to be; July 24- Saxx Roxx- Classic Rock with Brass; July 31- East Bay Jazz Ensemble- Elegant Swing, Jazz and Blues; Aug. 7- John Irish Duo- Guitar and Vocals; Aug. 14- Chippy and the Ya Ya’s- Cover Rock Band, ‘60’s to Now; Aug. 15- Blacklite Band- Classic Rock- Sunday performance- 4-6 p.m.; Aug. 21- Bittersweet- Classic Rock; August 28- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues.

Alton Bay Water Bandstand Summer Concerts

Enjoy the beautiful lake at this unique event sponsored by the Alton Bay Water Bandstand Committee. Watch from land or by boat as bands perform on the Alton Bay Water Bandstand surrounded by Lake Winnepesaukee. Concerts are held 6-8 p.m. July 9- Key Elements and August 20- “Thursday Afternoon” Band.

Yoga with Sheila

Join in the All Levels Yoga class with Sheila Marston at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30p .m. \$10 drop in. Creative Flow Yoga with a focus on hip openers, arm strengtheners, chest openers and balance poses. Classes are ongoing. Register on site.

Line Dancing Lessons

Line Dancing with Joan Lightfoot is held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. until Aug. 26. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$3/season. Register on site.



COURTESY

Super Knights

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the May Super Knights Award for Citizenship. In the first row across is: 1) Allison Doherty; 2) Kiari Taschereau; 3) Isabella Bush. In the second row across is 1) Ryker Booth; 2) Marina Roy; 3) Peter Morin. In the third row across is 1) Sebastian Roberts; 2) Lily Belisle. In the fourth row across is 1) Felix Roberts; 2) Graham Burke.

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Alton	403 Main St.	Commercial Use	\$1,960,000	Tip Of The Bay Inc.	Back Home LLC
Alton	O'Neill Road	N/A	\$195,000	W&G O'Neil RET and John M. O'Neil	John McAteer and Miranda Ouellette
Alton	215 Route 11-D	Single-Family Residence	\$850,000	Roger F. and Marcia A. Nelson	Joseph Darrah
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$280,000	Katherine H. Jenks and Jennifer A. Fields	Dennis and Dede Labelle
Alton	N/A (Lot 63)	N/A	\$25,000	Amra Popovac	Scott Wye
Barnstead	9 Bradford Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$450,000	Laurie L. Thibeault	Jonathan A. and Stephanie R. Pavnick
Barnstead	4 Carpenter Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$610,533	Lisa A. and R. Scott Alessi	Calogero and Ronald Pirrelli
Barnstead	14 Forest Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$385,000	Jeffrey R. Wells and Jayne Russell-Wells	Brett A. Dorr
Barnstead	15 Pine Hill Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$800,000	James J. and Amanda L. Butler	Jessica P. and Karl T. Kemp
Barnstead	13 Rangeway Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$250,000	Randall S. Elliott	Jeremy Caldwell
Barnstead	Varney Road	N/A	\$115,000	MVWSF Fiscal Trust and William P. Valway	Virginia M. Eramo
Barnstead	99 Varney Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$248,933	David S. and Debra J. Finethy	Eric S. and Jennifer Mitchell
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	\$30,000	Beck Fiscal Trust and William H. Beck	Norman and Linda Bellerive
New Durham	Ham Road, Lot 14	N/A	\$60,000	Pauline and Steven Harvey	Russell and Tracy Ham
New Durham	79 S. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$510,000	Francine C. Dion	Ronald and Mary Hulfachor

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

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Northeastern Ballet Theatre offers Summer Intensive

WOLFEBORO — Northeastern Ballet Theatre (NBT), New Hampshire's premier ballet company and training school, invites you to spend your summer with their professional Summer Intensive.

Flexible and affordable, NBT's Summer Intensive offers full days and half days for intermediate and advanced ballet dancers in their Dover studio, located in the McConnell Center, and half days for intermediate dancers in their Wolfboro studio.

NBT's summer schedule runs from July 5 – Aug. 23, and registration is open now to students



from all dance schools. Come for one week or the whole summer, it's up to you! If you are visiting from out of town, you are welcome to take drop in classes as well. Spend

your summer with professional instructors including NBT director and former Boston Ballet prima ballerina, Edra Toth, as well as University of New Hampshire ballet instructors Assaf Benchetrit and Susan Endrizzi.

As one parent said, "The improvements my daughters have seen in their technique over this past summer rivals a year's worth of instruction from other studios/intensives they've been a

part of." Take your ballet technique over the top this summer at NBT! Regular classes for all ages, 3 through adult, and all abilities, are also offered in both the Dover and the Wolfboro studios. For more information, please call 834-8834 or email info@northeasternballet.org. Visit www.northeasternballet.org to learn about Northeastern Ballet Theatre.

Masks optional at Gilman Library

ALTON — Masks are now optional at the Gilman Library!

We are open for our regular business hours. You do not need to make an appointment. We are currently limited to a capacity of thirty on the main floor, including staff, at any given time. Safety is our highest concern. The Library Board is continually assessing and adjusting procedures with respect to the current situation.

Curbside service is still available. The Af-

ter-Hours Book drop is available for books only, after-hours. Please do not place DVDs or CDs in the Book Drop. Please do not place donated materials in the book drop. Please be advised that we are not currently accepting any material donations, new or used, until further notice. Donations of magazine subscriptions sent from the publisher, or donation of monies to purchase materials, are gladly accepted, anytime. Thank you for understanding.

ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — Alton Police Department responded to 178 calls for service during the week of June 6-12, including three arrests.

-1 Male Subject was arrested for Driving After Revocation or Suspension & a Bench Warrant.
-1 Male Subject was arrested for Possession



COURTESY

Goal posts

Volunteers installed posts for the new pergola in front of the New Durham Public Library over the weekend. When finished, the structure will provide shade for the picnic table and a comfortable place for patrons to use electronic devices outside. The library is also busy preparing for "Tails and Tales," the summer reading program that features four free performances at the New Durham School on Wednesdays in July at 1 p.m. Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Controlled Drug with Intent to Distribute, Controlled Drug Act & a Warrant.

-1 Male Subject was arrested for Theft by Deception.

- There were 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents.
- There were 3 Suspicious Person/Activity Reports on Alton Mountain Road, Timber Ridge Road & Meadow Drive.
- Police made 42 Motor Vehicle Stops and handled 3 Motor Vehicle Complaints-Incidents.
- There were 125 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 2 Town Ordinance, 1 Assist Fire Department, 1 Fraudulent Action, 3

Employment Fingerprinting, 2 Assist Other Agency, 1 Pistol Permit Application, 7 Animal complaints, 2 Juvenile Incidents, 1 Domestic Complaint, 9 General Assistance, 2 Miscellaneous, 1 Wanted Person/Fugitive, 1 Alarm Activation, 5 Lost/Found Properties, 3 Highway/Roadway Hazard Reports, 2 Simple Assaults, 12 General Information, 3 Vehicle ID Checks, 1 Trespass, 1 Sex Offender Registration, 3 Destruction of Property, 1 Civil Matter, 1 Wellness Check, 1 Criminal Mischief, 1 Dispute, 1 Disabled Motor Vehicle, 46 Directed Patrols, (1) 911 Hang-Up, 5 Medical Assists, 4 Property Checks & 1 Paperwork Service.

Do you need to renew your library card?

ALTON — Library cards expire. If you need to renew, simply call the library and answer a few security questions, and we will be happy to renew over the phone!

Sign-up for a library card

You are welcome to apply for a library card in person or online. Both methods require you to come into the library with your photo identification and proof of residence in order to obtain a valid library card.

To initiate the process online, simply click [VIRTUAL SERVICES] on the menu bar above and choose [CATALOG] from

the drop-down menu. Once in our catalog, click the [SIGN-UP] tab in the upper-right corner by the [LOG-IN] tab. Please read the instructions carefully, as you complete the simple form. We will print it out after reviewing your documentation at the circulation desk.

Alton and Alton Bay property owners and residents have a free, renewable five-year membership and Summer residents have a free, renewable two-year-membership. Non-residents are charged \$20 per year for a yearly membership. We hope to hear from you soon.



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PETS OF THE WEEK



Sasha

Sasha is a wonderful girl who loves to play! She is perfect if you are looking for lots of personality in a medium sized package! Sasha loves to play with her toys, and already has excellent house training habits. Sasha is working on her leash skills, impulse control skills, and sharing her things. She is looking for a quiet home, where she can continue building her skills with positive reinforcement, and get lots of play time and walks! Sasha would do well in a home with adult humans, no cats, and no dogs- she wants to be your one and only four legged friend!



Zephyr

My face says it all! I am a man of mystery and adorableness, and yes that is a word. The world is a big, loud place my friend and I am not sure I am a fan of those words. Small and quiet win me any day. I think that my future home understands that. Perfect cats like myself need to have the most perfect home. I want a hideaway that consists of a warm bed and the time that I need to come out of my shell. I want attention, I just don't know how to ask for it. I may hiss at first, but don't let that fool you I like the pets! In the spirit of honesty, I do have a medical history that should not impli-CAT me at all, if you are interested in learning more fill out an application or inquire with the lovely adoptions team, they know exactly what I am looking for!



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GRADUATION

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“Despite all this, I’m willing to look past it and make a truce, since I’ll probably never see you again,” she said to Fitzpatrick.

They shook hands, and she taped a sign reading “Team Kassidy” on his back as she left the stage.

Returning to a more serious tone, Fitzpatrick said that four years ago, he was called into the superintendent’s office for a meeting, where he was told that the class of 2021 was going to be tough. He ended up being pleasantly surprised when he met them on the first day of their freshman year.

“They were great on day one,” he said.

He checked in with teachers throughout their freshmen year to see how they were doing, and the responses were resoundingly positive.

“They always said the same thing — ‘These kids are awesome,’” he recalled.

Fitzpatrick thanked the class for how they led the other students in the school by example with how they handled the difficulties and changes that they faced during the last year.

“Prospect could not have asked for a better class to lead them through this past year than you,” he said.

He expressed how much the class will be missed at the school.

“The school will not be the same without you. Your legacy of authentic kindness, empathy, intelligence, musical and athletic talent will live on in these hallways for years to come,” Fitzpatrick said.

Salutatorian Justin Maynard took to the stage next, speaking about mental health.

“It’s safe to say that these experiences have taken a toll on each and every one of us,” he said of the many challenges the class has faced.

Maynard emphasized that mental illness is not something to be ashamed of, and that they are a part of life that many people will experience, “like a broken bone or a cold.”

“We live in a society that breeds mental health problems, while simultaneously invalidating them,” Maynard said. “Our society has led us to believe that if you don’t get good grades in school, you’re a failure. If you don’t have a job that society deems valuable, then you’re somehow less of a person. If

you’re different than the people around you, then you don’t deserve to be here. If you have a mental health problem that interferes with your ability to work or go to school, then you just need to ‘get over it’ and become a productive member of society again. But none of this is true. You can’t just ‘get over’ a broken bone or disease, and neither can you get over a mental illness.”

Maynard offered encouragement to the graduates and other attendees.

“Your value as a human being is not determined by your success, your grades, income, mental health, or scars. No matter what you may think, you are not worthless. You have value, and you have people who care about you,” Maynard said.

Following Maynard was valedictorian Fiona Wilson. After saying thank you to Fitzpatrick, class advisors Norm Gilbert and Troy Corriveau and others, Wilson emphasized that she had a difficult time trying to think of how to “encapsulate the entirety of our high school experience, and all the highs, lows, joys and grief that encompassed it.”

“I’m most definitely far from the first person to say that this was an unprecedented high school experience. When we first bounced into Prospect as bright-eyed freshmen, I’m sure an international, global pandemic was the actual last thing we expected to experience,” she said.

Wilson recounted some lessons the class has learned from the challenges they have gone through.

“No plans, no future, nothing is guaranteed,” she said. “And when we have to face these challenges and trials and tribulations and immense, painful, devastating losses, it is absolutely, completely, 100 percent okay to step back and take time for yourself and your own needs... Everyone works and succeeds and moves on at their own pace... But what matters is that you keep going, even if it’s the loss of a friend or a global pandemic. All that matters is that you are still here, and you are trying your hardest.”

Wilson continued by saying that even though many parts of life were “thrown off track” over the last couple of years, and even if high school

didn’t meet the expectations that they had, they can make the most of what they have coming for them.

“From this moment forward, we look to our future. We take what we learned through the past four years and we leave knowing we have the power to make the most of our next steps. Always remember to stay empathetic and attuned to the state of the world, as we truly are the future and have the power to make lasting, positive change,” she concluded.

Four-year class president Robert Cobern took to the stage next, cracking open a can of Coke and placing it on the podium before expressing his gratitude to teachers, leadership at the school, and his fellow classmates.

“Over the past four years, I have watched from the front of the auditorium, Coke in hand, as we have grown to be the great class we are. You’ll have to excuse a little bit of sapiness, but I really love you all. Each of you. You are my people,” he said.

Class advisors Norm Gilbert and Troy Corriveau congratulated the class next.

“The kindness you show to each other and others in the building and your community has not gone unnoticed. We often have said we have never seen a group of students quite like you here at Prospect Mountain who have consistently displayed sincere caring for each other while modelling the leadership, charisma, maturity, and positive behavior both before and during the pandemic,” Gilbert said.

Corriveau and Gilbert told stories about the class, ranging from the time Corriveau’s daughter Maya, a 2021 graduate, pulled the fire alarm at the school when she was three years old, to a group of students trying to convince the class to adopt the slogan “Get ‘er done, ‘21” for Winter Carnival.

“...I know that I, Mr. Gilbert and many adults here tonight, on some level or another, feel that you are all our kids,” Corriveau said. “We are very proud of you.”

Each year, the graduating class selects a keynote speaker, and the class of 2021 chose English teacher Kate Barber. Barber began her speech by describing her experience being 23 years old and moving to Los Angeles

from New Hampshire with her husband. While on the road trip to the West Coast, their car broke down, and they had to decide whether to turn back to New Hampshire, or find a way to press on with the journey to California. Ultimately, they chose to keep going.

“It wasn’t easy. Those five years tested my strength of character, and from that experience I gained a greater appreciation for something. It’s something we could not teach you within the walls of Prospect Mountain High School: resilience,” she said.

The class of 2021 has shown resilience when faced with adversity, Barber said.

“What could have been a mounting pile of disappointments became an endless landscape for opportunities. An opportunity to challenge yourselves in multi-format classrooms. An opportunity to make positive changes to the health and well-being of our school and community. An opportunity to learn more about each other because we suddenly had the time and space to speak and to listen,” Barber said. “It is my genuine hope for you that your path ahead does not have so many barriers, but I take comfort in knowing that you all have no problem climbing or bulldozing those barriers if needed. You are a resilient group. You adapt. You transform. You unite in the face of adversity. This is a quality you decided to

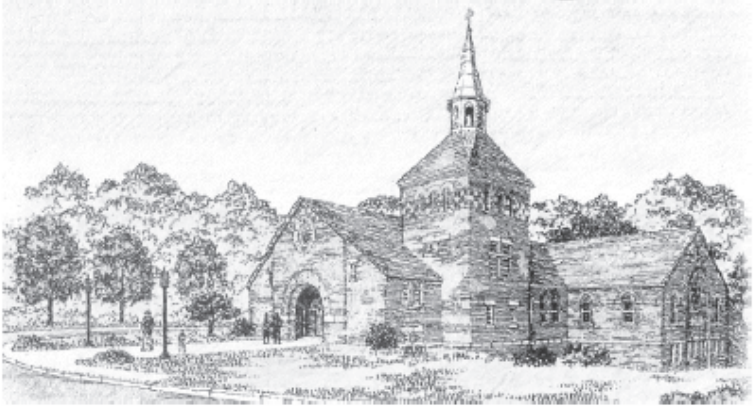
foster... You made the most of a challenging year.”

The graduates were presented their diplomas at the conclusion of the ceremony, moving from seats facing the podium up to the bleachers, facing the crowd on the field. In a recall to one of Corriveau and Gilbert’s stories, many of them recited their Winter Carnival chant in near-perfect unison: “Get ‘er done, ‘21!” The class was then led in moving their tassels from one side to the other and tossing them enthusiastically into the crisp air, punctuating the end of a remarkable high school experience.

- PMHS 2021 Graduates:**
Kathryn Archambault
Evelyn Argue
Samuel Bangs
Kearra Bellerose
Connor Benninghove
Madison Bera
Lucas Bilodeau
Dartagnan Bernie
Samuel Bonner
Joseph Boudreau
Jenna Brophy
Theodore Broska
Mason Brown
Justin Burgos
Aiden Burke
Madeleine Cates
Natalie Cates
Elizabeth Carr
Owen Chase
Nicholas Clark
Robert Cobern
Jodi-Mae Collett
Maya Corriveau
Jordan Creamer
Brianna Cullen
Isabella DeMille
Skylar Dennis
Abigail DeRoche
Luke DeRoche
Carter Dore
Croix Douglas
Francis Dowd
Madelyn English

- Hannah Errington**
Payton Everett
James Foley
Scott Fontaine
David Fossett
Jonathan Frenzel
Brandon Gray
Jonathan Gray
Anthony Hayes
Lillianne Hillsgrove
Nathan Holiday
Kylie Ingham
Hannah Irving
Audrey Jacques
Katherine Jalbert
Samantha Johnson
Brandon Kean
Kassidy Kelley
Timothy Kendall
Jiana Kenerson
Madeline Kriete
Matthew LaCroix
Julia Leavitt
Noah Liedtke
Hannah Linsky
Alexander Ludwig
Emily Magliocca
Michael Mahoney
Justin Maynard
Lindsey McCullough
Carissa Messina
Jarrett Moline
Connor Moore
Autumn Mussey
Jillian Nason
Dylan Nelson
Julia Nicholson
David Parker
Michael Perry
Emily Piper
Cadence Provost
Trey Ranaldi
Kaleb Reagan
Adam Ross
Samantha Sexton
Autumn Sheets
Madison Sinclair
Alexa Smith
Trevor Smith
Millicent Snow
Izabella Sorrentino
Dominic Soucy
Allie Stockman
Abagael Swenson
Hannah Thomas
Caleb Towle
Ryan Treadwell
Emma Vignola
Kage Vonderahe
Aryana Warner
Tristan Whittier
Fiona Wilson

God took a day off
after creating us.



But you can find Him
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Genesis 2 tells us, “On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.”

COVID couldn’t stop our community of faith. Thanks to God’s loving care, we have been able to bring the Word of God and Holy Communion to you throughout the pandemic, usually in person (indoors and outdoors) as well as on line, on television, and on the radio.

Here are a few of the regular events at our church—*your* church—this summer. You are welcome to join us for all of them:

- Saturday:** Confession at church at 3:00. Mass at church at 4:00.
Sunday: Mass at church at 7, 8:30, and 10:30; online at 10:30 at stkdrexel.org, on the radio at 10:30 at WASR AM 1420/FM 97.1.
Monday: “Discovery Group” discussion at 7:00. Call for details.
Tuesday: “Lectio Divina” prayer and discussion. Call for details.
Wednesday: Night Prayers any time after 7:00 at stkdrexel.org.
Thursday: Rosary at 6:30, Prayer Group at 7:00 at stkdrexel.org.
Friday: Eucharistic Adoration in church from 9:00 to noon.
Weekdays (except Thursday): Mass at 8:00.

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Wright Museum offers Admission-Free Day on July 4

WOLFEBORO — In celebration of Independence Day 2021 on Sunday, July 4, the Wright Museum will offer an admission-free day, made possible by Edward Jones, Kevin Lawlor; Doran Independent Insurance; Wolfeboro Trolley Company, and Knight Security.

“Independence Day is one of the best times of the year in the Lakes Region,” said Executive Director Michael Culver. “With continual support from our sponsors, we’re able to celebrate this spe-

cial holiday with a collaborative July 4 gift to the community.”

Taking place from noon to 4 p.m., Admission-Free Day replaces the museum’s annual Family Day, which was canceled due to the pandemic.

“Our sponsors are just wonderful and agreed that an admission-free day would be a much more effective way to bring families together this year at the museum,” said Culver. “With more than 20,000 square feet, we have plenty of

space for visitors to have fun and still practice social distancing.”

Highlights on this day include the exhibit, WWI America, which “explores vitally important stories of a transformational and divisive era.”

“The exhibit is visually dynamic with large-scale photographs, moving images, multimedia environments, and re-created settings, including a movie theater,” said museum Curator Justin Gamache. “The exhibit also features a socially interac-

tive forum with stories and period artifacts enhanced by authentic voices expressing competing views.”

In addition to free admission, Admission-Free Day includes gifts for young people and an Independence

Day-themed scavenger hunt. Patriotic films will be shown in the museum’s new DuQuoin Education Center.

The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the

Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the homefront and battlefield.

For more information about the museum or special events, visit wrightmuseum.org.

Author Judith Sumner to present “A Botanical History of World War II”

WOLFEBORO — Part of Wright Museum’s 2021 Lecture Series, author Judith Sumner will present Plants Go To War: A Botanical History of World War II on Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m.

In the lecture, Sumner will examine military history from the perspective of plant science, which is the subject of her book, Plants Go To War: A Botanical History of World War II.

“From victory gardens to drugs, timber, rubber, and fibers, plants supplied materials that played key roles in winning the war,” she said. “Vegetables provided the wartime diet both in North America and Europe where vitamin-rich carrots, cabbages, and potatoes nourished millions.”

In England and Germany, herbs replaced pharmaceutical drugs, as feverbark was in demand to treat malaria and penicillin culture used a growth medium made from corn.

“Rubber was needed for gas masks and barrage balloons, while cotton and hemp provided clothing, canvas, and rope,” said Sumner, who cited a lifelong interest in botany.

“I grew up just eight miles from downtown Boston, but we still had farms in town, and I visited them often,” she recounted. “We also had an elderly Italian man next door who was an avid gardener, and he encouraged the entire neighborhood to sow heirloom seeds and cultivate vegetable gardens.”

From there, she moved on to field guides and plant identification. Year later, her graduate work centered on a family of flowering plants in the Pacific region, which eventually led to an interest in ethnobotany and the history of the Pacific region in World War II.

In addition to providing perspective on military history through the lens of plant science, Sumner said she hopes her lecture may spark an interest in botany itself.

“Botany is really the basis of life on earth,” she said. “Without plants and photosynthesis, animals could not survive.”

She expressed concern that many universities, however, no longer teach botany as a separate science.

“I would encourage anyone with an interest in plants to learn

and observe the natural world on your own, do some hands-on gardening, hike around New England, visit greenhouses, and take whatever courses you can find,” she said. “If graduate work seems like a good option, look for botany programs wherever you can find them, but it will involve moving out of New England.”

Plants Go To War: A Botanical History of World War II begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29 at the Wright Museum, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro on the first floor of the new DuQuoin Education Center. Admission is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Seating is limited due to CDC guidelines on social distancing. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 569-1212.

The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the homefront and battlefield. For more information about the 2021 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

New Hampshire Boat Museum kicks off 2021 Lecture & Arts Series

WOLFEBORO — In partnership with NH Humanities, the New Hampshire Boat Museum kicks off its 2021 Lecture & Arts Series on Thursday, June 24 with Daniella Garran.

A coxswain on the men’s varsity crew team at Connecticut College for four years, Garran competed in several prestigious regattas, including Head of the Charles, New England Rowing Championships and the Dad Vail Regatta. In addition to discussing her experiences in competition during which time she won four gold medals at various national championships, she will highlight events from her book, A History of Collegiate Rowing in America.

All lectures in the Series are virtual, while the featured art is locally produced and will be available for viewing at the museum. Accord-

ing to Executive Director Martha Cummings, NHBM’s 2021 Lecture & Arts Series is unique from past iterations in its focus on inclusivity and diversity.

“Most of our guest speakers will touch upon their personal experiences with diversity, as a woman or as a person of color in rowing, an historically privileged, white-male dominated sport,” she said. “It’s important that we peel back the many layers of lake culture, some of which are quite complex.”

All lectures in the Series intersect with NHBM’s rowing exhibit, “Who’s In The Boat?” which explores the sport of rowing and crew from many perspectives.

“We have a great season this year, exploring boating on our lakes from new perspectives in our museum’s exhibitions,” said Cummings.

She cited programs, such as Community Sailing and Boat Building, as “terrific opportunities for people to get out on the water themselves.”

“We also offer boat rides on the Millie B ride on Lake Winnepesaukee,” she added.

Founded in 1992 by vintage boating enthusiasts, NHBM is sponsored this year in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane & Oil, Meredith Village Savings Bank, FL Putnam, Stark Creative, Bank of New Hampshire, and NH Humanities.

To learn more about NHBM’s 2021 Lecture & Arts Series, or other programs, visit nhbm.org.

This project was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

“Peaches and Politics” returns July 31

NEW DURHAM — Peachy keen.

Following the success of its inaugural “Peaches and Politics” event in 2019, the New Durham Democratic Committee is once again holding an outdoor affair featuring entertainment, special guests, and delicious fare based on peaches.

Committee members recommend noting July 31 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Miller Farm at 51 Miller Rd. on calendars.

“The menu will once again be delicious,” Committee Chairperson Judith Wessel said.

Two years ago, speak-

ers were right on up there with the food as the highlight of the afternoon. They included presidential candidates Andrew Wang, Michael Bennett, and Bill de Blasio, along with a host of other state and national candidates or their representatives.

“People really enjoyed being able to hear them speak and ask them questions,” Wessel said.

The event was a big success and there were hopes of repeating something along those same lines in 2020, before Covid-19 concerns canceled those thoughts.

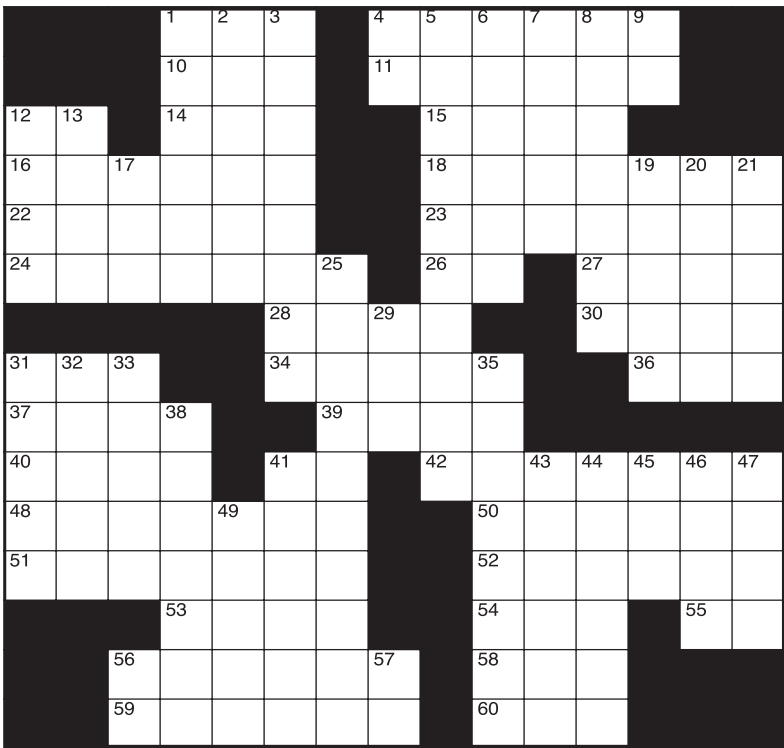
This year, the outdoor

fundraiser will be back in force, though. The New Durham Democratic Committee has made substantial donations to the New Durham Food Pantry, the Town’s Parks and Recreation Department, and federal, state, and local Democratic candidates.

Chaz Proulx will provide music at Peaches and Politics on July 31; speakers are to be announced. Tickets are \$10 each, and children 12 and under are free.

The Miller Farm is handicapped accessible, and more details will be forthcoming.

TAKE A BREAK



- ACROSS**
1. “Sleepless In Seattle” actress Ryan
 4. One of Santa’s reindeer
 10. Before the present
 11. Type of butter
 12. Location of White House
 14. Motion
 15. Tree part
 16. Regions around the North Pole
 18. Fits on a boat’s gunwale
 22. Discuss after it’s happened
 23. Milk substitute for coffee
 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being
 26. Equally
 27. Famed director Forman
 28. Popular apartment style
 30. British School
 31. Advanced degree
 34. Order of architecture
 36. Investment account (abbr.)
 37. Snake-like fishes
 39. Children’s tale bear
 40. Norse personification of old age
 41. Atomic #58
 42. Moving your head
 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner
 50. Frankfurter
 51. Small, seedless raisin
 52. Device in papermaking

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53. Go
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 5. Portion
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 7. Formal system for computer programs
 8. To make angry
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 13. Large First Nations group
 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy
 19. Excludes
 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
 21. Swedish monetary unit
 25. Works with
 29. Partner to “to”
 31. Rewards (archaic)
 32. One of Caroline Islands
 33. Type of alcohol
 35. Eat a lot
 38. Nuns
 41. Dog
 43. Become more serious
 44. Choose
 45. Newspapers use it
 46. World’s longest river
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Bounces go Saints’ way in Division II semifinal tilt

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — Sometimes baseball can be a game of inches, and that certainly was the case in Wednesday’s Division II semifinal contest.

It was a clean, evenly played contest between Kingswood Regional and St. Thomas Aquinas. The Saints backed a strong performance from pitcher Michael Cavanaugh with some solid plays behind him and some timely hits in ending Kingswood’s 14-game winning streak with a 5-1 decision. “It wasn’t an error filled game today,” Kingswood head coach Chip Shelley said after his Knights fell one game shy of reaching the state championship game.

“We had our chances. They just made the plays,” added the veteran coach.

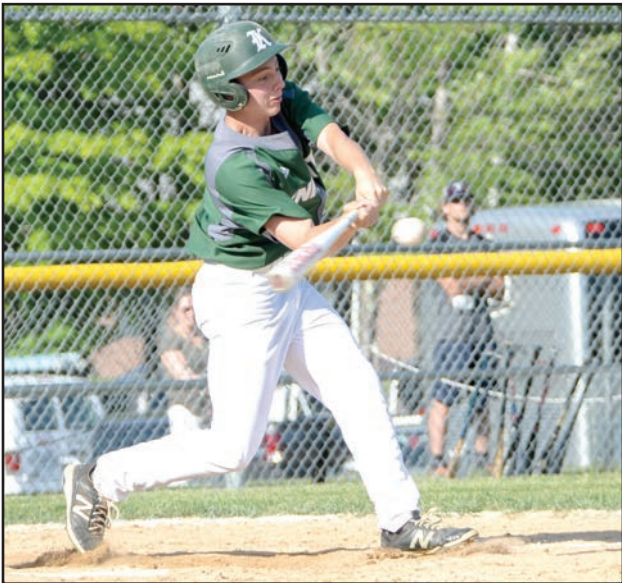
It was a tight game that could’ve easily gone either way. Both teams finished with eight hits.

Cavanaugh kept the Knights off balances for much of the contest, scattering those eight hits over seven innings while striking out four and walking just one. Kingswood ace Tyler Sprince did his best to match Cavanaugh, allowing just eight hits as well. The junior right-hander fanned three and allowed five walks.

St. Thomas jumped on top with two runs in the first inning and never relinquished the lead. In a lengthy battle, STA leadoff hitter Adam Stewart worked a walk to start the game. Tim Avery followed with a single to right, moving Stewart to third. Avery took second on the throw to third base.



DREW SWINERTON reaches up to make a catch in right field in action last Wednesday.



WILL DANAIS connects with the ball in action against St. Thomas in the Division II semifinals last week.

Derek Grimes grounded out to short, with Stewart racing home to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. Tim Bonagura followed with a double, driving in Avery for a quick 2-0 lead.

“It was unfortunate we gave up those two runs in the first,” Skelley said.

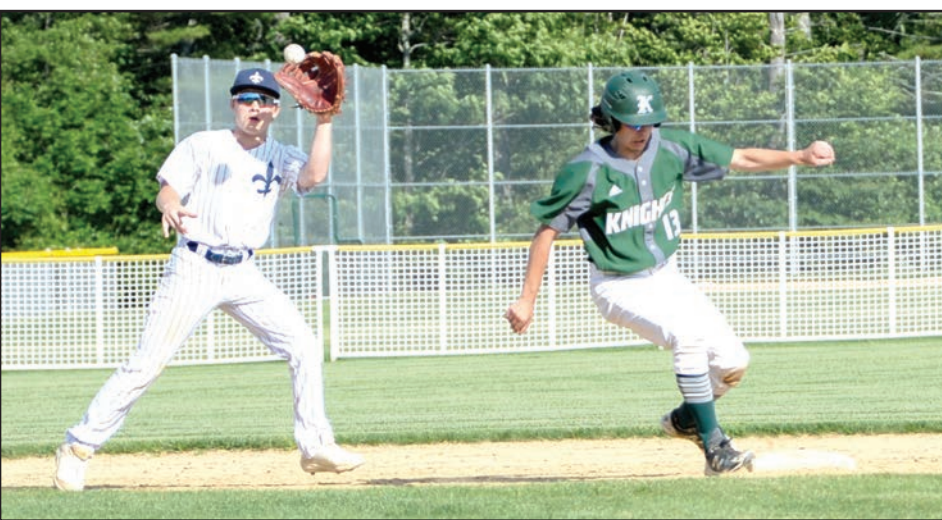
The Knights looked to respond in the home half of the first and got one run back. After Cavanaugh struck out the first two hitters, Kingswood senior Drew Swinerton belted a pitch over the

right-center field fence for a solo home run.

Christos Zavas and Cole Paro followed with singles, but were stranded on base as Cavanaugh got Jonathan Hossack to ground into a fielder’s choice to end the rally.

Sprince settled into a groove after that, retiring seven straight after walking two in the second inning. He got out of that jam by picking off a runner at second.

Kingswood had a runner on base in each of the



COLE PARO ducks back into second base as the St. Thomas shortstop takes a throw in semifinal action.



DREW SWINERTON is congratulated by teammate **CHRISTOS ZAVAS** after his homer in the Division II semifinals.

next three innings, but could not push across the tying run. Swinerton ripped a one-out double in the third, but never advanced as Cavanaugh got out of the jam with a strikeout and a ground-out to third.

The Knights had another chance to pull even in the fourth. Sprince worked a two-out walk. Will Danaïs followed with a single to right and courtesy runner Ryder Whitworth scooted to third when it was misplayed in the outfield.

Oleg Sheahan than hit a grounder that appeared to be heading through

the hole between first and second. STA second baseman Avery dove and knocked it down, and got up to throw out Sheahan at first by a step.

“It really is a game of inches,” Skelley said. “A couple inches the other way and that goes through, and Oleg was a half a step away from beating that throw. We had our chances today. They just made the plays.”

Fired up by the defensive play, the Saints went out and pushed across an insurance run in the fifth. Cavanaugh opened the inning with a single. He stole second and took third when the throw went through the infielders. With one out, Stewart put down a perfectly placed squeeze bunt to score Cavanaugh for a 3-1 lead.

Kingswood could not mount a rally in the final two frames. Paro opened the sixth with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Hossack. Cavanaugh though settled down and retired the next two hitters.

St. Thomas would add two more runs in the seventh. Stewart reached on an error. Following a

strikeout, Grimes worked a walk to put two runners on. Bonagura and Jack Lacouture followed with RBI singles to make it 5-1 Saints and knock Sprince out of the game. Junior Andrew Keniston came on to retire the next two hitters.

Kingswood got a two-out single from James Yarling in the seventh, but Cavanaugh got Swinerton to fly out to end the game.

“We weren’t totally out of it,” Skelley said. “I think we approached the game the right way. The kids were in it and we felt we could win the game. The boys fought back and they had their opportunities. You just have to give them credit. They made the plays when they had to.”

Seniors Swinerton and Paro both recorded two hits to pace the Kingswood attack at the plate. Calvin Kinville, Zavas, Danaïs, and Yarling had the other hits for the hosts.

Bonagura led the Saints with two hits and two RBIs. Avery and Cavanaugh also recorded two hits on the day.

The loss ended a promising season for the Knights, who ran off 14 wins after dropping the season opener to Plymouth.

“We lost our first game of the year and then won 14 straight. That wasn’t really on the radar for us,” Skelley said. “We have a good mixture of seniors and underclassmen. The younger guys picked up a lot from the seniors.”

Seniors who suited up for the Knights for the last time were Whitworth, Sheahan, Jack Thompson, Swinerton, Justin Stirt, Kinville, Paro, and Cam Hasty.

Madi Cotreau named to Curry College Dean's List

MILTON, Mass. — Curry College is proud to announce that Madi Cotreau of New Durham has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. Cotreau majoring in Nursing, is among the roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achievement.

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade point average (GPA) or higher.

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Summer plans: Here’s mine, let’s hear about yours

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

For loyal readers of the Granite State News, Baysider and Carroll County Independent, this column was a weekly feature for many, many years (close to 900 weeks in a row). For readers of the Record-Enterprise and Newfound Landing, it became a regular feature a number of years ago. For readers of other papers, this column sporadically appeared in your pages over the last few years.

This was a spot where I discussed lots of different things, including professional sports, non-sports events and lots of personal notes from my life.

Without a sports section the last nine months or so, the column went away, but as we head into summer, it was time to bring it out for an appearance.

The purpose of the column’s return is to check

on your summer plans and give an update on my summer plans.

First and foremost, the sports department at the time is just one person (that’s me), which obviously makes it tough to get to everything, as was evidenced by the past three high school seasons. However, with high school sports on hiatus for the summer, we are always interested in finding out some sports events that are going on in your local communities. We can’t cover things if we don’t know they are happening.

So, are their youth sports tournaments in your town? A road race? A canoe race? If there’s something going on, let us know and there’s a chance we can get there and get some photos and more. All you need to do is e-mail josh@salmonpress.news or call 279-4516, ext. 155 and let us know when and where.

The other news heading into the summer is that for the first time ever, I will be heading to

the Summer Olympics, which are taking place in late July and early August in Tokyo, Japan. As some readers may know, I have been to the previous two Winter Olympics, but this will be my first foray into the Summer Games.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still a big thing in Japan, media attending the games are required to submit an activity plan that details when and where we will be, in order to help with contact tracing if needed.

At previous Olympics, I was able to change my schedule on a whim to go see one thing or another when I found out about local athletes who might be competing. This time around, that might not be as much as an option.

With that in mind, I am also looking for anyone who might be competing, working or coaching in Tokyo for the Olympics who has some local connections. Obviously, I don’t know everyone in the large area that we cover, so any hints

about people who may be competing would be greatly appreciated as we inch closer to the Summer Games.

I am excited for the opportunity and am looking forward to sharing my Olympic experiences with readers. For those that want to follow along, I post photos on Twitter and Instagram at [salmonsportsguy](https://www.instagram.com/salmonsportsguy). I also have a blog that I updated daily at the previous two Olympics and continue to update semi-regularly between Olympic experiences. That can be found at salmonsportsguy.blogspot.com.

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Cameron R. Place named to Husson University's President's List

BANGOR, Maine — New Durham resident, Cameron R. Place, has been named to Husson University’s President’s List for the Spring 2021 semester.

During the spring semester, Place was enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Sport Management/Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

Students who make the President’s List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.80 to 4.0 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

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Knights put up a fight, but come up short in semis

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — Despite a valiant effort, the Kingswood Regional boys' lacrosse team saw its season come to an end. The Knights hung tough with a deep and talented Timberlane team, enjoying an early lead and battling right to the final buzzer before dropping a 14-10 decision in the Division II semifinal round contest here on the Alumni Field turf. Kingswood led 4-2 at the end of a back-and-forth opening quarter and took the lead back early in the third before the deep Owls took over.

"That was a tough one, but we hung with a very, very good team," Kingswood Regional head coach Mike Manning said minutes after the setback. "They have some very good players on attack and on defense. You know we scored 10 goals against a very good team with one of the top defensive players in the division, and I think that speaks a lot of these guys and how hard they worked out there."

The Knights certainly did leave it all on the turf against Timberlane, who was led by Eric George. The junior attack appeared to be all around the Kingswood crease, scoring eight goals to power the Owls. Senior middle Liam Davey paced the Knight attack with four goals.

Davey got the Knights going early on, scoring three of his goals in the first quarter. He opened the scoring with an assist from Davis Ekstrom at 9:22 of the opening quarter. George responded a little over a minute later for the Owls, and the two exchanged goals again to leave the teams knotted at two with 5:45 on the opening quarter clock.

Myles Mayhew would finish an Ekstrom pass to put Kingswood up a goal at 4:32 and Davey punched in another just before the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter, giving the hosts a 4-2 lead.



JOE SOUZA

JACKSON MCCULLOUGH moves the ball past a Timberlane defender in action last Wednesday.



KATHY SUTHERLAND

ROB DOHERTY works his way around a Timberlane defender last week in the Division II semifinals.

George and the Owls took over in the second. The quick attackman scored two goals in the first four minutes of the frame to pull the visitors even. After the teams exchanged goals, George found the twine two more times in the final four minutes to give Timberlane 7-5 edge at the half-time break.

"We knew about (George). We saw him on film. We knew he was sneaky around the crease," pointed out Manning. "We didn't see the speed that he moved around the crease with on film. It doesn't show how fast he was. He put himself in good positions quickly, caught and finished."

The Knights though kept battling.

A three-goal eruption to open the third quarter put Kingswood back in front. Senior Nick Potenza scored the first two of the three goals in a 36-second span, starting with 10:59 on the clock. Ekstrom's goal at 10:23 gave the Knights an 8-7 edge and what appeared to be some momentum.

Timberlane though would answer with four goals of its own, with

three coming midway through the quarter to regain the lead for good. With George receiving a little more attention, the Owls showed they had other players capable of finding the back of the goal. Braiden Bowman tied the game at 8-8 before Nate Vibber connected to give Timberlane the lead. Ethan Gerry scored to put the Owls up 10-8 with 6:06 on the clock.

ALTON — The Alton Garden Club plant sale of June 5th was a huge success. Money was raised for the scholarship fund as well as for the continuing work of the club.

So many helped with this project. Many members dug and potted perennials from their own gardens. Others donated items for the yard sale.

Some members, with the help of their husbands, put up tents.

Sorting, pricing and naming plants was done by others.



KATHY SUTHERLAND

NICK POTENZA looks for an open teammate in semifinal action last week.



KATHY SUTHERLAND

MYLES MAYHEW wards off a Timberlane defender last Wednesday in semifinal action.

"There was a little shift at the start of the third quarter and it started tilting our way," Manning said. "But we couldn't match up defensively with some of their faster players and they made a couple more plays than we did."

George put the Owls in control, finishing a pass from Jack Noyes to give the visitors a three-goal edge late in the third.

Rob Doherty, with an assist from Potenza, connected for the Knights 38 seconds later.

Timberlane though would close the frame with two goals in the final minute. George finished a pass from Kyle Shaw before Noyes recorded an unassisted goal to send the Owls into the fourth quarter in control, up 13-9.

The two teams ex-

Alton Garden Club grateful for support of plant sale

One member drove around town putting up signs. Another took them down.

Members took shifts manning the tables, carrying plants, and collecting money.

A few drove to Sunflower Gardens the morning of the sale to pick up some donated annuals.

And at the end of it all, the tents, tables and leftovers were boxed up and either stored or, in the case of a few plants, offered to Garden Club members.

All of this would have been total chaos had it not been for the careful direction

of Betty Jane Meulenbroek who orchestrated it all. She commented, "It's always a fun effort for a worthy cause. A big thank you to both our members and the public for buying the plants. The sale wouldn't have been a success without either of you."

A special thanks goes to Bruce Holmes owner of Sunflower Gardens on Route 28, who donated many annuals that gave such color to the display. He not only helped out at the plant sale, but he is responsible for all the lovely wave petunias that the Garden Club plants and maintains

changed goals in the final 12-minute quarter as Timberlane controlled the ball and tempo to advance.

"The leadership of our seniors, our upperclassmen, kept us in the fight," Manning said. "I'm incredibly proud of every single player in our program and every member of the coaching staff."

While Davey led the Knights with four goals, Potenza also recorded four points with two goals and two assists. Doherty (two goals, one assist) and Ekstrom (one goal, one assist) finished with three points in the semifinal.

Garrison Hendrickson kept Kingswood in striking distance, stopping 19 shots. Carter Morrissey, Bailey Savage and Brody DeMasi played well defensively for the Knights.

Despite the disappointing finish, Manning was proud of his team.

"At the start of the season I wouldn't have put us this deep in the playoffs," he pointed out. "Recently we have reached the second round and haven't been competitive. My goal personally was to get us to be at least competitive in the second round. So, we surpassed my goal. And that's a credit to the kids and the work they put in."

Where are the bugs?

ALTON — That question was posed last Thursday to members of the Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary Club by its guest speaker, Quinn Golden, from the Alton Conservation Commission.

Himself an ardent beekeeper, Quinn pointed out that the environment is constantly changing and it's affecting the basic food supply found in our wetlands where insects are the main food for a wide variety of wildlife like birds and amphibians. He stressed how water is so essential to all living things and wetlands, the source of the beginning of the food chain is being affected by man, causing a lower number of birds that were once seen in abundance here in the lake's region.

"When was the last time you heard a whippoorwill or saw lots of night hawks at dusk?" he asked.

His comments were a pre-cursor to his presentation on why the Alton

Conservation Commission is so important to water, terrain and forest in Alton.

"We basically find and review state statutes and the laws regarding environmental issues. The law requires all towns in New Hampshire to have a conservation commission to protect water sheds, natural resources, vernal pools, wetlands, rivers, brooks, ponds and lakes. In our case, all revolves around protecting and preserving our natural beauty, the lakes, and minimizing removal of land. We don't have the power of enforcement, but oversight only and to recommend, based on law, what someone is planning to build or reshape the land can do, and if it's in compliance with established code," he said.

The Commission also reviews all permits and determines if setbacks from water's edge meet the 50-foot requirement, the non-removal of trees 250 feet from water, and where septic systems are

to be placed.

"It's important to know and realize that all water drainage, from all sources eventually flows into our greatest natural and economic asset, Lake Winnepesaukee. We generally have very good cooperation when people plan on doing something that could or would change the nature of our area. When we recommend they make a change in their plans because what they plan to do is harmful or damaging to the environment and those who refuse, or go ahead without seeking the proper permits, fail to meet codes, etc., those cases we turn over to the Department of Environmental Services (DES)," Quinn concluded.

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Author Linda Matchett to present “Women of Espionage” at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, June 22, author Linda Matchett will discuss her book, *Women of Espionage*, as part of Wright Museum's 2021 Lecture Series, presented by Ron Goodgame and Donna Canney.

The lecture, according to Matchett, will provide attendees with a unique glimpse into the role women played as spies in World War II, a subject she covers in detail in her book.

"Until World War II, those activities [as a spy] were relegated primarily to men, the thought being that women weren't 'suited' for conventional spycraft," she noted.

"Wild Bill" Donovan, director at the time of America's Office of Strategic Services, disagreed and hired hundreds of women as undercover agents.

"He realized that women were more in-

conspicuous as spies, especially in occupied areas where men of combat age would stand out," added Matchett. "In the field, women could go unnoticed as couriers."

One dispatch in 1944 indicated women were rarely stopped and searched at checkpoints.

"Women spies labored side by side with their male counterparts gathering intelligence, performing sabotage, stealing codes and other important information," she said. "They worked with resistance organizations, ran underground railroads for downed fliers, recruited double agents, and more."

In addition to providing an overview of women's role as spies in the war, Matchett will highlight specific stories, including Barbara Lauwers Podoski, one of the architects of

Operation Sauerkraut, and many others.

The lecture, *Women of Espionage* begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22 at the Wright Museum, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro on the first floor of the new DuQuoin Education Center. Admission is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Seating is limited due to CDC guidelines on social distancing. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 569-1212.

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Knight lacrosse girls remember Bill Lander



JOSHUA SPAULDING
KINGSWOOD girls' lacrosse coach Meghan Anderson remembers former assistant coach Bill Lander at halftime of the team's playoff game with Kennett. Behind her are current assistant coaches (l to r) Shaun Reilly, Bob Hughes and Peter Kelly, former assistant coach Kaitlin Reilly, alum Mackenzie Doran and former coach Ali Cushing.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — In the opening round of the Division II tournament, the Kingswood girls' lacrosse team took care of business against Carroll County rival Kennett. However, the Knights also took the time at halftime to honor longtime assistant coach Bill Lander.

Coach Meg Anderson expressed her thanks to Lander's family for al-

lowing the coaching staff to coach alongside their husband and father.

"When he spoke, you listened," Anderson said. "I am grateful for not only for his coaching of this team, but for the enthusiasm for the sport of lacrosse that lives on through his family."

Former coach Ali Cushing and former assistant coach Kaitlin Reilly also spoke.

"He loved being part of the team, his love for the

sport of lacrosse flowed into his family," Cushing noted. "He was there for Kaitlin and I on the field and off the field"

"He always encouraged Ali and I to be loud voices, but his few words resonated beyond anything we could say," Reilly stated. "And by the end of the season, every player felt like he was their dad."

Both coaches noted that they have followed in Lander's footsteps,

coaching their young daughters in the Abenaki Lacrosse program.

Kingswood alum Mackenzie Doran also noted Lander was one of a kind.

"You always felt better leaving a conversation with Blander than when you went into it," Doran stated. "He will live on in all of our hearts."

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



COURTESY PHOTOS

Operation Hat Trick

The Kingswood baseball and softball teams had their Operation Hat Trick games during the final games of the regular season in the final week in May. The teams wore special hats, with all proceeds going to support veterans.

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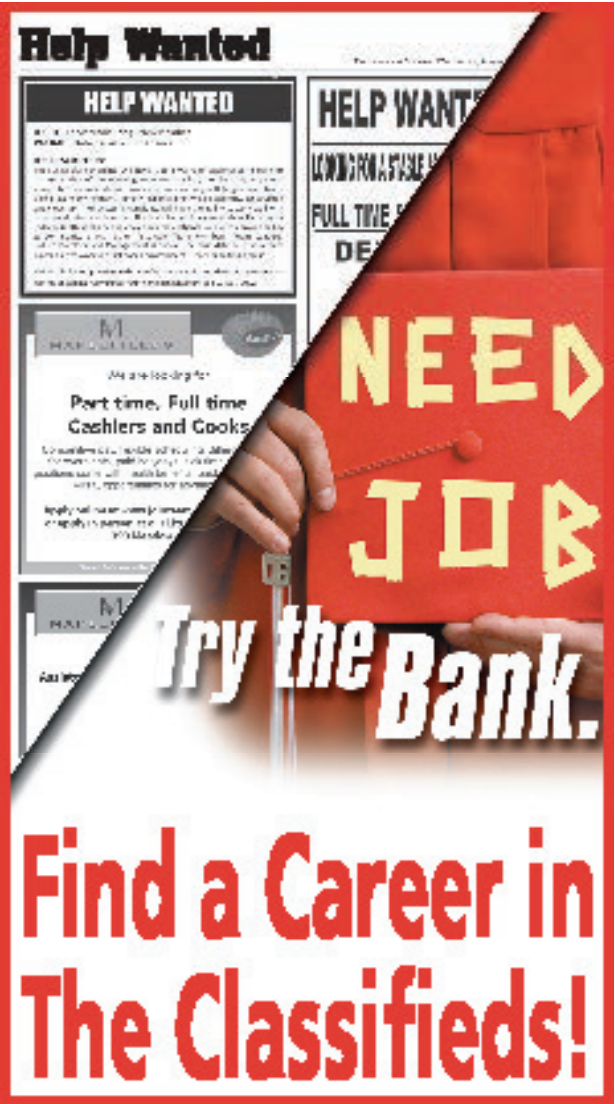
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