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Timber Wolves rally but fall short in quarterfinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

LITCHFIELD — The Prospect Mountain girls' basketball team found itself down by 10 points early in the second quarter in Sunday's Division III quarterfinal tilt at Campbell.

And, the Timber Wolves also found themselves down by 11 early in the fourth quarter.

But both times, the Prospect girls rallied, cutting the gap to one possession both times, but they never quite got over the hump, dropping a 40-35 decision to the Cougars.

"We didn't take enough outside shots in the long run," said coach Rick Burley. "We told them we had to shoot more.

"We knew coming in that we're going to have to hit shots from outside," the Prospect coach continued. "We didn't really do that until the fourth quarter."

Michaela Vernazzaro got the Timber Wolves on the board first with a hoop, but the Cougars scored the next five points on a hoop and a three-point play for the 5-2 lead.

A Sophia Bean hoop cut the lead to just one,

but the hosts answered with a hoop and a three-pointer to take the 10-4 lead. Kassidy Kelley drained a free throw for the Timber Wolves and Campbell got the final hoop of the quarter, giving them a 12-5 lead after one quarter of play.

Ella Misiaszek got the Timber Wolves off to a quick start in the second quarter, converting a three-point play to cut the lead to four. However, the Cougars responded with a pair of three-pointers to take the 18-8 lead.

Prospect came back with the next five points on three free throws from Julia Leavitt and a hoop from Ella Smith cut the lead to 18-13 before the Cougars got back on the board to open the lead up to seven.

Misiaszek drained a pair of free throws to again cut the lead to five but the hosts answered with consecutive baskets for the 24-15 lead. Kelley hit a free throw to close out the first half, pulling Prospect within eight points at 24-16.

A Bean hoop got Prospect started in the third quarter and after a hoop from the Cougars, Prospect got the next seven points to cut the lead to just one. Hannah Capsalis started the run with a hoop and after Bean hit a hoop, Kelley drained a three-pointer with just less than three minutes to go in the quarter, cutting the Campbell lead to 26-25.

The Cougars, however, finished the quarter with a pair of baskets and took the 30-25 lead to the final eight minutes.

The hosts then came out and scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to open up the 36-25 lead. Ajia Thoroughgood drained a hoop for the Timber Wolves but Campbell responded with a hoop to keep the lead back at 11.

However, Capsalis found her range from beyond the arc, draining consecutive three-pointers to cut the lead to 38-33 with 2:15 to go.

With a minute to go, Leavitt finished off a steal by Capsalis to cut the Campbell lead to 38-35. However, Campbell hit a pair of foul shots with 21 seconds to go to secure the 40-35 win, bringing Prospect's season to a close.

"For me, if they give us 100 percent, I don't care about anything

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JULIA LEAVITT fires off a shot in action against Campbell on Sunday.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

trips the Light **Fantastic**

Rotary Club

ALTON — A term analogous to the plight of theatrical lighting designer Dan Hopper, where the definition means to "dance nimbly or lightly or to move in a pattern to musical accompaniment," and because of Covid-19, has all but closed down the world of live entertainment as he joins the ranks of musicians, actors and performers now "dancing around" to find work.

This was the subject of his presentation via Zoom to the Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary Club last Thursday.

"We were one of the first to feel the blow dealt us by Covid-19 where public events, film and video production all but came to a screeching halt and the requirements to wear a mask and maintain social distancing made it all but impossible for us to continue, and we'll most likely be one of the last fields to recover as well," he stated.

Hopper hails from New Hampshire and holds a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Plymouth State University and a M.F.A. in Theatrical Lighting Design from the University of Florida.

"Maybe there's hope for the world of entertainment now that some states like Texas and Mississippi are opening up, in spite of Covid-19, who'll allow for large gatherings without restrictions. It's something

for me to think about," he added.

Hopper has had a lot of successes prior to Covid-19, including receiving theatrical design credits for work with and on such hits as "Next to Normal," "Private Lives," "The Last Five Years," "Sweeny Todd," "Pippin," "The Seagull," "Little Shop of Horrors," plus many more. Also, for work with such musical artists as Russ, Lil Uzi Vert, Snoop Dogg, Megan Three Stallion, Janet Jackson, Post Malone to name only a few of the many he's helped succeed.

"It's really tough out there now, but it'll get better sooner rather than later, I'm sure," he concluded. Guest Speaker Dan Hopper was introduced by Rotarian Aimee Terravechia.

The Alton Rotary meets via Zoom every Thursday at 7:00 AM and invites anyone interested in Rotary to join a meeting. Call Membership Chair, Duane Hammond, 569-3745 to get the Zoom access number.

New Durham library helps teens find their path

NEW DURHAM Doctor. NFL quarterback. Movie star.

When they're small enough to fit in your arm, it's easy to imagine what they'll be when they grow up. But if you have a child in middle or high school, a rapidly changing world can make career decisions overwhelming.

The New Durham Public Library is holding a virtual event, "Pathfinders," on Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. to provide a little help.

"We're having a panel of local people covering a range of different jobs talk about what they do," Library Director Cathy Allyn said.

what it's like out in the world, and be able to ask questions, either directly of the presenters or by emailing their questions to the library."

The program is for young people whether they are unsure of their next step or confident about it.

"If a kid is uncertain,

"Kids can get an idea of sometimes all it takes is to see what someone else has done," Allyn said. "It wouldn't necessarily be the same occupation as our panelist, but just the idea of how to take advantage of opportunities. Or that there is more out there and that they can make their own SEE LIBRARY, PAGE A9



Catch you later

COURTESY

Families and friends outside enjoying the day were a common sight at the Winter Carnival held Saturday in New Durham. The thick ice on the Farmington Fish and Game pond was perfect for fishing through and sliding on. Joe Boucher won the Adult derby, landing a 14-ounce crappie.

Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

Alton Rec Esports

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a new program called Esports. Age divisions are 8-12 years; 13-18 years and 18+ years. Participants will compete with other players from Alton, and local New Hampshire communities. Beginner and competitive options are available. The Spring League, lasting six weeks, includes your choice of the following games: Madden21 (Football); Super Smash Bros; Rocket League 1v1; Fortnite 1 v 1 and Fortnite 2 v 2. Registration closes on March 29: \$25 for the Spring season. Games begin the week of April 12. More information and registration is available at the Alton Rec

Esports page at https:// www.ggleagues.com/organization/alton-rec-esports. Players will need to provide their own hardware, programs and internet connection to participate. For more information, please visit info@ggleagues.com or contact parksrec@alton. nh.gov; 875-0109.

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an Egg Hunt Activity Kit free for Alton residents. Pre-registration is required in order to reserve your kit. Kits include eggs, candy, toys and activities, and will be available for pick up on March 26 from 3-5 p.m. at the B&M Park. located off of Depot Street. A surprise guest may be

there too to sav hi. If you are unable to attend the March 26 pickup time, pre-registered kits will be available at the Parks and Recreation office from March 29-April 2 at reserved pick up times. Please register in advance by contacting parksrec-asst@alton. nh.gov with your last name and age of partici-Egg Hunt Activity Kit pant(s); or call the office at 875-0109 to sign up for this free program.

Movie March-Review

Looking for an inside activity to do. Join in the Movie March- Review. Every Monday during the month of March, Alton Parks and Recreation is presenting a movie review topic. Find a movie that relates to the theme, watch it, and let us know your favorite quote by that Thursday. All participants will be entered into a Movie Kit raffle! At the end of each week on Friday, a winning name will be picked for a Movie Kit (Popcorn, Box Office Candy and Popcorn Bucket). To send your quote and be entered into the raffle or for more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 875-0109. Below is the schedule for the Movie Topic each week. Click the link next to the topic if you need help finding the perfect movie:

March 15 – Based on a True Story https:// www.townandcountrymag.com/society/ g15907978/best-movies-

based-on-true-stories/ March 22 – Musihttps://en.wikical pedia.org/wiki/ AFI%27s_Greatest_ Movie_Musicals

March 29 – Based on a Book https://www. bookbub.com/blog/bestmovies-based-on-booksall-time

Exercise Classes

The Alton Parks and **Recreation** Department is offering free Zoom exercise classes in March for local residents. Connect with us as we help motivate you to move, be active and have fun. Classes are held live through Zoom, computer and internet access is required. Participants must register in advance to receive the class session link. Contact 875-

0109 or parksrec@alton. nh.gov for more information.

Weight Training-Adults of All Ages- Mondays and Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 from p.m. Class runs now thru March 31. Pre-register before your first class at parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Yoga for Sports- Mondays, 3-3:45 p.m. Join in this class that will offer exercises designed to increase range of motion, build strength and balance, and improve mental resilience that will help on and off the sports scene. Class runs now thru March 29. Pre-register before your first class at parksrec@alton. nh.gov.

Enjoy beef stew to go at FCC Farmington

FARMINGTON

Enjoy the taste of homestyle cooking when you eat a delicious Hearty Beef and Vegetable Stew Meal To-Go prepared by the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church in downtown Farmington. Each meal consists of a 12 ounce serving of Beef Stew with slow simmered beef, in a

rich gravy and tender vegetables. Add a side of a homemade roll and cookies and you have a delightful meal to enjoy in the comfort of your home. The cost is only \$10 per meal. Pre-paid orders can be picked up on Saturday, March 13 between noon and 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church located at 400 Main St., Farming-

ton.

Pre-paid orders must be received by Wednesday, March 10. Each meal is only \$10. To place your order, call the church at 839-1007 and provide your name, phone number and the number of meals you would like. You can order on-line at www. farmingtonnhucc.org . Or mail your order with your name and phone, and the number of meals

you want and your check to: FCC Women's Fellowship, First Congregational Church, 400 Main St., Farmington, NH 03835. Please make checks payable to FCC Women's Fellowship. This event is a benefit for the ministries of the First Congregational Church. For more information see the church's Web site: www.farmingtonnhucc.org.

Blessed Bargains Thrift Shop to re-open on March 27

Spring is here and it's almost Easter! What a great time to re-open the doors of Blessed Bargains which is stocked full of all kinds of Easter and Spring items for you and your family. Easter Baskets and plastic eggs. Decorations and outfits. Whatever you are looking for we have it at Blessed Bargains. Stop in and say hello to

the dedicated ladies who volunteer their time to assist you.

The Interfaith Food Pantry

The Interfaith Food Pantry will be open on Saturday, March 27 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. This is located at The First Congregational Church, 400 Main St. in downtown Farmington. www.farmingtonnhucc.org

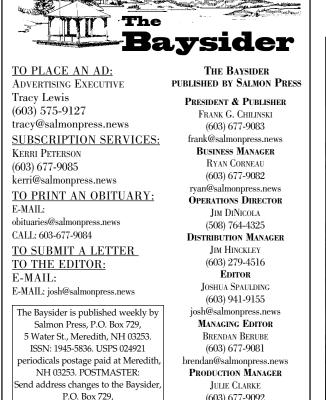


Bentley Warren named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER — Bentley Warren of Alton has been named to the Dean's List at Saint Anselm College for the fall semester of 2020.

A graduate of Prospect Mountain High School, Warren is a senior at Saint Anselm majoring in Politics.





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Weight and see

A hopeful ice fishing derby competitor brings his latest catch to be weighed and measured. A 3.27-pound pickerel was the biggest fish of the day, hauled in by Lucas Watson and winning the Kids' Derby for him.



COURTESY

Knight girls fifth at Nordic championships





JACKSON BOUDMAN was the top skier for the Kingswood boys at Great Glen last Wednesday.



SARAH CARPENTER races for Kingswood in the Division I championships at Great Glen.



CAROLYN DAY skis during the Division I State Meet at Great Glen Trails.



ROBBIE HOTCHKISS heads out on the course at the start of the State Meet at Great Glen last Wednesday.

nover, Kennett, Concord and Bedford taking the top four spots.

The Knight girls were led by Marcella DeNitto in the morning classical race with a time of 13:47 for 14th place overall.

Sarah Carpenter raced to 25th place in a time of 15:10 and Carolyn Day skied to 30th place with a time of 16:00.

Rosemary Carpenter rounded out the scoring with a time of 16:24 for 34th place overall.

In the freestyle race, DeNitto was again the top Knight, finishing with a time of 17:29.

Sarah Carpenter was next, finishing in a time of 17:54 for 25th place and Day was 31st overall with her time of 18:14.

Rosemary Carpenter rounded things out for the Knights with a time of 19:54 for 37th place.

For the Kingswood boys in the classical Robbie Hotchkiss came home in 47th place with a time of 16:03 and Aiden Thompson was 52nd overall in a time of 17:25.

Samuel Frazier rounded out the Kingswood scoring with a time of 17:44 for 54th place overall.

In the freestyle race, Boudman was again tops for the Knights, finishing in a time of 17:17 for 35th place.

Hotchkiss finished in 40th place with a time of 17:56 and Frazier finished in a time of 20:38 for 49th place.

Thompson rounded out the field of Kingswood skiers with a time of 22:08 for 52nd place.

Overall, the Knight boys were ninth, with Hanover, Bow, Keene, Kennett and Concord taking the top five spots.

Sports Editor Josh-

Joshua Spaulding JACKSON BOUDMAN was MARCELLA DENITTO led the Kingswood girls at the Division I at Great Glen last Wedn Nordic championships last week.

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Sports Editor

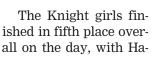
PINKHAM NOTCH— The Kingswood Nordic ski team had a truncated season, to say the least.

But the Knights skied hard at every opportunity and wrapped up the season at the Division I championships on Wednesday, March 3, at Great Glen Trails at the base of Mount Washington.

The format for the championships was a bit different this year, with the COVID-19 pandemic meaning each team's skiers would start as a group, 15 seconds apart, with the schools separated by 15 minutes to allow for spacing on the course. Additionally, the race used a skiathlon format, which consists

of a classical loop, after which the skiers come into the finish area, change their skis and head right out for the freestyle loop.

Coach Mick Arsenault noted that in the team's previous race, hosted by Lebanon, they had used the same format to help the kids prepare for the unusual race.



race, Jackson Boudman was the top skier, finishing in a time of 14:47 for 39th place. ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.



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Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

Here comes the sun, and we say it's all right

After a long (but, we think, mild) winter, warmer, longer days are finally here. As the official first day of spring nears on March 20, we're noticing people have more of a pep in their step. A refreshing sight given the year 2020 delivered.

While each season has its own perks, there is something about spring that seems to surprise us each year. We re-acquaint ourselves with our yards as they slowly reveal themselves as the snowbanks melt away. Muddy grass has never been a kinder sight.

Over the past few weeks, the common chatter has been about baseball, springtime fitness goals, gardening, hiking, you know the usual. This week we reminisced about old April Fool's Day pranks in the office. Tacks on seats, the soda bottle filled with water sitting on top of a door waiting to be opened in order to drench an unsuspecting individual, saran wrapped cars, fake lottery winnings, fake wedding proposals and lost wedding rings, to name a few. Stunts to make Larry, Moe and Curly proud.

With spring comes "spring fever." In modern times this is a semi-positive term, however back in colonial times, 'spring fever' referred to the poor quality of health everyone was in, after sustaining a winter without fresh vegetables and proper diet. Today's "spring fever" will have children restless, new romances transpire and people attacking their homes with dust cloths and Windex.

Experts say the changes that a person goes through during the springtime are due to hormonal changes in the body. During the winter months, the body secretes a large amount of melatonin, (the sleep hormone). The presence of more sunlight in spring sends the body a message to stop producing as much melatonin. This causes folks to be more awake. Add this to the uptick in your serotonin levels due to the sunlight and you will not only be awake but enthusiastic.

Interesting to note is that during the springtime the body becomes more susceptible to illnesses. Way back when, scurvy outbreaks always occurred during this time of year as did rubella and measles. Doctors note that in spring, gout, a condition that affects joints, peaks in individuals. Because there are more allergens in the air, you will see more cases of rosacea and other skin irritations on the rise.



Watchful eye

Courtesy

This bald eagle was a surprise guest at the New Durham Second Annual Winter Carnival on Saturday. Of all the activities offered, he seemed most interested in the ice fishing derby. When it came to eating, the humans favored the chili cook-off, won by Maddie Douglas.

Letters to the Editor

If you voted for Biden, you asked for this

To the Editor:

Congress fiddled in 2020 while parts of America burned. Now they fiddle as students and education systems suffer. Books are banned and monuments to our history are removed, some destroyed. History is being rewritten to fit the new adminisphilosophy. tration's Schools and social media promote the admin-

istrations propaganda. Without debate. Counter arguments aren't permitted. Goggle. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and others restrict free speech – and thought and spy on individuals. Spying into our personnel lives has increased including by the U.S. government. Banks refuse service to non-conforming businesses.

Fences are being constructed and U.S. troops surround the U.S. Capital. Totalitarianism and authoritarianism are becoming the norm. As they are in China, North Korea, and Venezuela. And as under Russian dictators and in 1933-1945 Germany. The new administration wants to strip the powers of their party's choice for president.

The soul of money

Transfer of discussions with international leaders to the VP is already underway. Who is reallyrunningthis country?

If you voted for Biden, you asked for more of this. Now we all must live with it. Until 2022 and 2024 elections.

But that might be too late.

Respectfully, Jim Raschilla Alton Bay

We encourage everyone to spend as much time outdoors this spring, including the days leading up to its official start. Get back to basics, back to nature, keep things simple and pick up an old hobby you have abandoned but have been meaning to reconnect with, life is meant to be fun.

Demand a fair and transparent redistricting process

To the Editor:

Later this year, the results of the 2020 census will be delivered to the states. After that, the New Hampshire legislature will begin the process of redistricting, which means that our political maps will be redrawn based on population changes.

Too often, political maps are not drawn in a fair and transparent way. Towns are packed in such a way to give as much advantage as possible to the political party in power. This is called gerrymandering. Many states in the country have been gerrymandered.

New Hampshire is no exception. After the last census in 2010, our Executive Council, Senate and House districts were all gerrymandered. Sixty-two towns and wards were deprived of having their own representative, in violation of our State Constitution. Maps were drawn by only a few legislators using an unidentified software. Although public hearings were held, no maps were made available at those hearings. Instead, maps were only available for public view 24 hours before the full House voted on the redistricting.

Both political parties gerrymander, and people here and throughout the country want it to stop. They want their votes to count. This year Barnstead has the opportunity to join over 100 other towns and cities in New Hampshire to send a strong message to the legislature. By voting yes on March 13 on Warrant Article #24, we can demand that the redistricting process be fair, nonpartisan, and in full view of the public.

Jane Westlake Barnstead To the Editor:

Imagine if truth were known, of the heart of a Governor, who states it is time to stop the cautions with COVID-19. Open everything up, stop wearing masks, get together with whomever you wish, as close as you wish, the economy is most important for you to think about. If you get sick with this virus, oh well too bad for vou. That kind of heart, of such a leader, leads me to think, they are hoping that the people who are most likely to get sick are the people he does not deem to be of value. He/she is saying money is the most important thing in all the world. This sort of fits into the mind set of one of political parties in our form of government. Has this become the conservative value?

The party who in 2017 worked on and passed a tax reform bill

that was in its scope 400 billion dollars more than the 2021 COVID-19 relief bill struggling to be passed as I write this letter. Let's express this as plainly as can be done a tax bill for the wealthiest 1 and 2 percent at a cost of 2.3 trillion dollars verses a \$1.9 trillion bill for relief of the other 85% of the country. The Party who passed this tax bill did not have a problem helping their buddies & big business, but now have, no interest in helping the 85 percent who were not the benefactors of the \$2.3 trillion already spent. They are making any and all excuses as to why it is not needed. Well, I would ask any of you who sees this the way I do, to not keep in power people who are not working for you, Now of course, if you got a big boost from the \$2.3

trillion, you should keep

those people in power at

all levels of power, local, county, state and federal. But if you did not get anything but a bump from the 2017 tax bill, then you might want to consider making those in power, at all levels, the party who is fighting to help the 85 percent, it is as simple as that. This country has put up with the crap coming out of Washington for far too long. One party gets into power and trashes the country and the other party when they get into power has to fix the mess left by the ones who trashed it. Like what we are going though now, with Covid-19, like what Obama had to do when Bush tanked the economy.

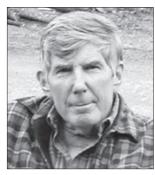
If you, who vote, really don't want to keep the constitution, then by all means do your damnable best to get into power, so to install a dictator, be it a cRUZ, gRAHAM, hAW- LEY, rUBIO or even a tRUMP. But remember when you are stopped at an armed check point while on your way to the store, and asked who you are? Were you are going? Why? Or any other question the regime may wish to question you about maybe then you'll say why did I vote for this, because you will not be able to vote it out. Look at Hong Kong and their freedoms being lost right in front of your eyes. You think I'm crazy and I want to take your guns away, not me, it will be the party who passed a \$2.3 trillion tax break who will see your guns as a threat once they have destroyed the constitution. Do you think they want you to attack their capital? Remember they have the big Lie.

> John Q. Henderson Barnstead



North Country Notebook

Thinking about loons, already, and the ice is still pretty thick



By John Harrigan Columnist

Back in the early '90s, I was on the Northern Forest Lands Council, charged with envisioning the future of 26 million acres across northern New England and upstate New York. We were expected to make recommendations and then disappear, which we did.

One of my meager suggestions addressed uniform trucking regulations. For years, I'd been hearing complaints from friends in the trucking business about having to deal with four different sets of weight regulations.

Wonder of wonders, there it was back there 30 years ago, in our final report: "Recommendation 32, to establish consistent truck weight regulations. State transportation agencies should coordinate with one another to establish consistent truck weight regulations across the region."

Back to the here and now. The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association sends members a legislative watch-list, which keeps us informed on where bills are in committee and floor-votes, and offers advice on proposals. The TOA gave a thumbsup on this one:

"House Bill 279---This bill increases the weight allowance for tandem axles (on truck/trailer combinations where there are more than four axles hauling forest products) to 40,000 pounds for forest products being hauled from log landings. This will make New Hampshire consistent with our neighboring states and will address a perennial problem with weight distribution in chip vans and log trucks."

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Last month's loss of Jefferson's original built-for-purpose town hall (ca. 1872) was a hard blow for a town that could be forgiven for being warier of fires than most. This is the town, after all, that went through the infamous arsons of 1988 and '89, in which more than 20 local or nearby fires were set or unusual.

I had to choose my words carefully in that first line, because so many of northern New England's towns held their first town meetings in a school, church, or someone's house. In many cases, the town didn't have a town hall until well after it was incorporated. And in many cases, towns were not incorporated until long after being settled.

But wait---what about that word "settled," and by whom? Many of the state's meadowlands had already been farmed, for millennia, by people who had no concept of carving land up for individual ownership.

In Jefferson's case,



This is a scene that the Loon Preservation Committee hopes will play out all over New Hampshire in a few (it says here) short months. Meanwhile, we're still measuring the ice in feet.

Paleo-Indian artifacts 7,000 years old have been found in nearby archaeological digs. More recently, offshoot tribes of the Abenaki used what later were known as the Upper Cohasse Intervales as seasonal planting grounds.

The town was incorporated in 1796, but it's anyone's guess on how many hunters, trappers, speculators, surveyors, and yes, settlers were there before.

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This from the Loon Preservation Committee:

"The first week of February brought with it the first loon rescue and release of 2021. During the February 2nd Nor'easter, a juvenile loon crash landed and became stranded at Mc-Daniels Marsh in the Sunapee region. Thankfully, a team of concerned onlookers, including Ann and John Donnery and Cynthia Bruss, were able to relay the loon to Maria Colby at Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation.

"After an exam at Weare Animal Hospital and a consultation with veterinarians who are experts on loons, it was decided that the best course of action was to release the loon back into the wild as soon as possible. The loon was banded by LPC Senior Biologist, John Cooley, and released directly onto the ocean at Odiorne Point."

The LPC relies on biologists and volunteers to employ a wide range of management strategies, ranging from building floating nesting sites to roping off or flagging sensitive habitat and nesting areas.

In 2020, the LPC said, almost one-third of the

chicks hatched in the state came from its rafts, "and 59% of the chicks hatched came from nests that were protected by signs and/or rope lines."

Boaters, like any other sector of the outdoor community, have a certain learning-curve. It has taken some time, with some, for the leavethe-loons-alone message to get through. Diplomatic frequenters of the aquatic scene tell me that behavior is improving.

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A few weeks ago, I wrote about the heartache felt by communities with the loss of customary visiting hours and funerals. I called it the kind of "societal glue" often overlooked by mainstream media, the kind vital to a certain way of life, and death.

That last is an aspect I did not convey very well,

but which the original correspondent later did much better than I could have:

"When people grieve together at calling hours, a funeral, and all the other events surrounding a death, (it) is a special type of binding that only happens in that situation and can't simply be deferred. Human emotions do not stagnate and wait for a more opportune time to be displayed."

It bears noting that funeral directors have adapted to meet people's needs, abide by the laws, and adjust to the times. Even so, social bonds are strained.

(Please address mail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@ gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Front Yard

I grew up in a city. In a section where all the houses were on a lot and a half. What that means is that every house had some kind of a yard to take care of, and to use. This was an asset when it came time to making money before I could qualify for a "real" job. As if mowing lawns and shoveling snow weren't real jobs.

My house was on a hill. There was one flight of stairs up just to get to the cellar, then three more flights to get up to the attic where my bedroom was located. Needless to say, I was well acquainted with stairs. Most of which didn't have any hand railings. I'm sure that the building codes wouldn't allow those small twisty turney stairs these days either. I could make a flight down in three steps. A talent that I would put to great use descending Lowell Tech's Student Union building where my room was on the fifteenth floor. I could easily outrun the elevators.

The yard was a terraced hill totally spotted with fruit trees, except for a scotch pine my godfather planted out front. The one open area had a couple of flower gardens so the only time that there was much useful play space was in the winter when it was all snow covered. That's where I taught myself to ski. There was only space to take a right

turn to keep from crashing to the street. I got good at right turns. Oh, we'd play ball games and bad-mitten there, but always needing to avoid the gardens.

Living in the city, having parking spaces for your car was always a concern. This wasn't bad as long as every household only had one car. Mine was a two family so we had two cars. Then my sister got her own car and eventually I got one. It made you very proficient at parallel parking. Soon there wasn't enough room for all the cars to park.

My father decided that he'd excavate the front yard and make us our own parking spaces and not have to worry about street parking anymore. I came home from school one week and it was all done. All except the junipers and the fence. Minor details.

It's amazing how much confidence landscapers have in their plants abilities to hold up a steep embankment. Enough said.

Our parking lot was large enough to fit four cars. Two by two. Everyone's car had its place. I was usually first out and last in so I had a nice outside space and didn't have to deal with switching spots.

One winter night I was out with my friends and came home late as usual. It had been raining. Freezing rain. Out on the main roads this fact wasn't so apparent. I came zipping into my parking space as usual, turned off the key and

exited the car. I quickly realized how slippery it was. Not by my slipping feet, but by the fact that as soon as I slammed the door, the car started sliding out of the driveway. It's a good thing I didn't lock it because I jumped right back in and with the assistance of steering and brakes, I navigated the car back out onto the street without hitting any of the cars parked there.

I learned that night that the parking lot was quite inclined and made sure that that would never happened again.

So, while I'm on the subject, another instance of possible enlightenment comes to mind. This event took place in the warmer months. Like shirt sleeve time. I was similarly coming home late after being out with my friends and parked my car as I usually did. I walked around the corner and headed up the first flight of stairs. As I started to ascend, I heard this scratching sound coming from above. Strange. Filing back through my memory banks I remembered someone telling me that a skunk always scratches before it sprays, as a warning. I looked up and found myself staring right into the eyes of a skunk with its tail twitching behind. I immediately froze my progress and slowly retraced my path. The skunk seeing I wasn't a threat, walked down the banking and off down the street. Thanks for the memory.

E.Twaste

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ALTON — Alton Police Department responded to 98 calls for service during the week of Feb. 21-27, including one arrest.

-There was one Motor Vehicle Summons arrest.

There were 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

There were 4 Suspicious Person/Activity Reports on Echo Point Road, (2) Main Street & Mt. Major Highway.

Police made 4 Motor Vehicle Stops and handled 1 Motor Vehicle Complaint/Incident.

There were 82 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 3 Assist Fire Department, 2 Fraudulent Actions, 1 Stolen Property, 3 Assist Other Agencies, 1 Animal Complaint, 1 Domestic Complaint, 4 General Assistance, 1 Drug Offense, 6 Alarm Activations, 2 Highway/Roadway Hazard Reports, 5 General Information, 1 Untimely, 1 Trespass, 1 Sex Offender Registration, 1 Civil Matter, 3 Wellness Checks, 1 Dispute, 1 Drug Destruction, 2 Disabled Motor Vehicles, 24 Directed Patrols, 2 Motor Vehicle Lockouts, 2 Medical Assists & 14 Property Checks.



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OBITUARY

Patricia Kelly Watt, 93

Patricia Kelly Watt, 93, a resident of Wolfeboro, NH passed away peacefully on January 8th, 2021. She was born at the "Stork's Nest" in Tucson, Arizona in April 1927, to Paul William and Esther Kelly. Soon afterwards her family moved back to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to be closer to family. She lived in Pittsburgh until her marriage to George Watt and then raised her own family in Birmingham, Michigan.

Patricia was a strong advocate of civic activism. She worked tirelessly, contributing to her community through the many committees and boards she served on. In the 1970s Patricia served as a city commissioner for several years before becoming maypro-tem. Through or the years she served as a chairperson and alternate delegate for the Women's League of Voters, delegate to the National and Michigan Municipal League of Cities, president of the SE Michigan Beautification Council, president of BASCC, and volunteered on committees for the Board of Education and CECAC. She was also a deacon and an elder of



the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. On Nov. 11th, 1999 the State of Michigan presented Patricia with the First Citizen Award and US Congress gave her a special tribute in recognition of her leadership in the community.

In 1999 she decided to "retire." Having spent summers at the family lake cottage in Moultonborough, NH since the 1950s, and missing her grandchildren, she finally made the move to Wolfeboro, NH. Not one to sit idle she joined the Village Players' play reading group and the Historical Society.

Patricia had a love of antiques, skiing and attending plays and musicals. She was a loving and well-respected individual with a delightful sense of humor. She was always extremely conscientious, striving to

fairly balance the needs of the community.

Patricia is pre-deceased by her husband, George J. Watt. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Aitken of Wolfeboro; her son and his wife, William and Diana Watt of Rochester Hills, Michigan; her granddaughter, Jennifer Dow and her husband, Cris Dow of Wolfeboro; her grandson, Raymond Miller of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren of Wolfeboro, Fox and Mira Dow.

Funeral arrangements were provided by Baker-Gagne in Wolfeboro and Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Michigan. A private graveside service was held at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Memorial tributes can be addressed to the Village Players or the Libby Museum in Wolfeboro.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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COURTESY

Long haul for the big haul

Little Caleb is just a step away from finishing the seven tenths of a mile snowshoe race to claim second place in the Kids' category, held at Meetinghouse Park as part of New Durham's Winter Carnival. A few minutes later, he proudly walked off with a prize as big as he is. He comes by his snowy prowess naturally, as his dad took first place in the Adult race.

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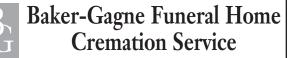
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March 22, 2021 3:00 PM In-Person Site Walk and 7:00 PM Zoom, Remote Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the New Durham Select Board on Monday March 22, 2021 will be holding an in-person Site Walk at 3 PM and a Zoom, remote Public Hearing at 7 PM at the location described below to consider the layout petition filed by Peter C. Rhoades to lay out a portion of Bennett Road in accordance with RSA 231:8, seeking to convert Bennett Road from Class VI to Class V.

Attendees log into: Join Zoom Meeting

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For information on how to provide written testimony or to participate at the hearing, please visit the Town's website: https://www.newdurhamnh.us.

> David Swenson, Chair New Durham Select Board



Town of New Durham Temporary Weight Limit Restrictions

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The need for restriction will depend on variables such as amount of snowfall, spring rain, actual day- and night-time temperatures, and drainage. There is no fixed date when the weight limit will be lifted.

Late free throws lead Knights over Eagles



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KINGSWOOD senior Patrick Runnals goes to the hoop strong against Kennett's Alex Clark (20) and captain Matt Nordwick during Division II quarterfinal action Thursday.

KINGSWOOD senior Josh Finneron looks to make a pass inside around Kennett sophomore forward Evan Koroski during the Knights 44-42 win in the Division II quarterfinal round.

BY JOE SOUZA

Contributing Writer WOLFEBORO — Playoff success is all about finding a way to move on.

Despite having little tournament experience on the court, the Kingswood Regional boys' basketball team did just that. The Knights knocked down 11 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter, including two huge shots from senior point guard Brogan Shannon with 8.8 seconds on the clock, to pull out a heart stopping 44-42 victory over Carroll County rival Kennett in the quarterfinal round of the Division II tournament Thursday.

"Survive and advance.... That's what you have to do," Kingswood Regional head coach Joe Faragher said moments after the thrilling win.

"We don't have much tournament experience here, but we were able to hold strong at the end there," added Faragher. "We did just enough to get the win."

The Knights did do just enough to hold off a late shooting barrage by Kennett's Grady Livingston, who knocked down five three-pointers and finished with a game-high 17 points. All 17 came in the final three

minutes and 41 seconds for the junior guard.

Kingswood appeared in control after senior forward Josh Finneron knocked down a three-pointer in the final seconds of the third quarter, giving the host Knights a 31-23 edge heading into the final eight minute quarter. It was the largest lead for either team.

It was far from over though.

The intensity turned up as the Eagles pressed to get back into the contest.

Both teams struggled to get going in the midst of that playoff pressure, exchanging buckets in the first four minutes. Then Livingston got hot, hitting a bucket with 3:41 on the clock before knocking down his first trey to trim Kingswood's lead to three (33-30) with 2:51 left.

Kingswood answered with four key freethrows, two from junior center Carter Morrissev and two from Shannon. pushing the hosts lead back to seven 37-30. Livingston drained another three only to have the Knights respond with two free throws from senior guard Patrick Runnals and one from Finneron and Shannon for a 41-33 lead in the final minute.

drained two key shots from the charity stripe with 8.8 seconds on the clock. Livingston banked in another three to make it a two-point game, but the Eagles couldn't stop the final two-plus seconds from ticking off the clock.

"We did enough to get the win," Faragher said. "Number 30 (Livingston) made a couple of big shots there, but we were able to make enough free throws to get the win. We didn't shoot well from the freethrow line all year. We missed a couple there, but we hit enough to get the win.

Kingswood shot 74 percent at the line against the Eagles, knocking down 14 of 19 for the game. Kennett went just 3 for 7 for the game.

Shannon went 6 for 8 at the line, all in the final quarter, and led a balanced Kingswood attack with 12 points. Finneron knocked down three three-pointers and finished with 10 points. Ethan Arnold had a three-pointer and also scored 10 points, while Runnals chipped in with eight.



KINGSWOOD senior point guard Brogan Shannon lays in two after coming up with a steal during the fourth quarter of the Knights 44-42 win over rival Kennett in the Division II quarterfinal round Thursday.

the first three quarters, not allowing more than eight points in each of the first three frames. Kennett did its best to match the Knights' defensive effort, especially in the first half.

The lead exchanged hands early on, but two Shannon buckets and a Finneron three sandwiched around a bucket by Kennett's Evan Koroski in a 7-2 Kingswood spurt gave the Knights a 9-7 edge after one quarter.

Houghton-LaClair knocked down two threes 44 seconds apart just past the midway point of the second quarter, allowing the Eagles to grab their largest lead of the game at 13-11. Finneron answered with a three of his own to put Kingswood back on top only to have Kennett captain Matt Nordwick put back an offensive rebound to give Kennett its last lead of the night at 15-14. A Carter Morrissey inside bucket and a three from Arnold in the final 1:38 of the second quarter allowed the host Knights take a 19-15 lead into the halftime break.

"We came out with

ing the Eagles to go off on any offensive spurts in the third frame while extending its lead from four points to eight and setting the stage for the wild fourth quarter finish.

"It was our first home playoff game and first playoff win in quite some time for the program," pointed out Faragher. "We did enough at the end to win, but it's about going out and playing hungry for 32 minutes,

"It's nice to get the win, but we can't be satisfied," he added. "We've got room for improvement."

The Knights dropped a 52-43 win to Laconia in the quarterfinals on Saturday. Shannon had 18 points and Arnold chipped in with 10.

Kingswood, 44-42

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Kennett: Matt Nordwick 2-0-4, Nick Houghton-LaClair 3-1-9, Evan Dascoulias 1-2-4, Ben Dougherty 2-0-4, Evan Koroski 2-0-4, Grady Livingston 6-0-17. Total: 16-3-42.

Kingswood: Patrick

Alton's Brianna Duggan named to St. Lawrence Dean's List

CANTON, N.Y. — Brianna Duggan from Alton has been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2020 semester.

Duggan is a member of the Class of 2023. Duggan attended Prospect Mountain High School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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But it still wasn't quite over.

Livingston sandwiched two more threes around a Shannon freethrow, trimming Kingswood's lead to three (42-39) with 9.9 seconds remaining. Shannon Livingston was the lone Kennett player to hit double figures. Junior guard Nick Houghton-LaClair tossed in nine points.

Up until the dramatic finish, the story of the game was Kingswood's defensive intensity. The Knights were aggressive and didn't allow many clean looks at the hoop for Kennett's shooters in man-to-man pressure and we switched it up," Faragher pointed out. "We knew what we were going to see. It goes back to our preparation. I told them at halftime that we held them to 15 points and we need to keep that up. But we let them hang around."

Kingswood did maintain the intensity on the defensive end, not allowRunnals 2-4–8, Brogan Shannon 3-6–12, Josh Finneron 3-1–10, Ethan Arnold 4-1–10, Carter Morrissey 1-2–4. Total: 13-14–44.

3-pointers: Kennett 7 (Livingston 5, Houghton-LaClair 2); Kingswood 4 (Finneron 3, Arnold 1)

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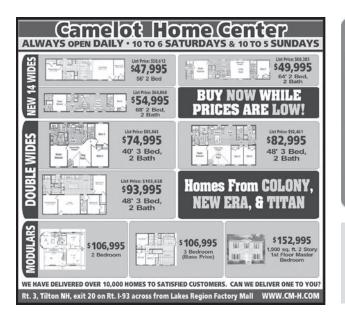
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WOLVES

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else," Burley said. "And they gave that today. There was no lack of effort on the court today.

"I thought it was a pretty good matchup," the Timber Wolf coach

continued. "It's tough they kept battling and noted. playing on the road, just a luck of the draw. With no fans, it's not easy."

That being said, the veteran coach was pleased with everything his girls did.

"I was proud of them,

battling," Burley said.

He also praised his three seniors, Leavitt, Kelley and Jiana Kenerson.

"They work hard and gave it everything they have every day," Burley



KASSIDY KELLEY races the ball up the court in action Sunday afternoon in Litchfield.

Capsalis led the Timber Wolves with eight points on the night, despite getting absolutely leveled on one second-half play.

> PMHS 5-11-9-10-35 CHS 12-12-6-10-40

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Campbell 40 Ashe 1-0-2, Gamache 4-2-11, Schultz 7-1-15, Page 2-0-4, Davis 2-0-6, Allen 1-0-2, Totals 17-3-40

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HANNAH CAPSALIS hit two big three-pointers in the fourth quarter of Sunday's quarterfinal matchup.

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KATHY SUTHERLAND

Playoff tilt

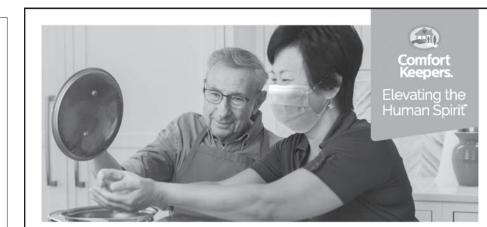
Ethan Howe (23) and Deuce Smith (5) fire off shots during Prospect Mountain's opening round playoff game against St. Thomas last week. The Timber Wolves dropped a 54-37 decision to the Saints to close out the season.





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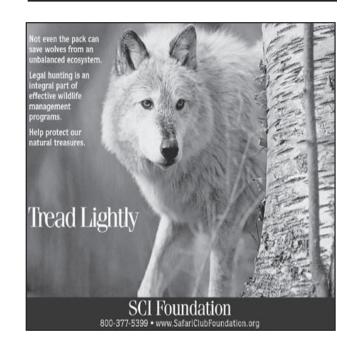
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Revolution United gearing up for spring soccer season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor REGION — As March moves along, thoughts comes thoughts of getwill certainly turn to ting outside. spring and with that, For local kids, the

get- Revolution United program is gearing up for the spring soccer with hopes



of returning a sense of normalcy to the communities of Alton and Barnstead and the surrounding area.

"We are back in the swing of things," said Revolution United Director Cory Halvorsen. "We're working hard to put these players back on the field."

The Revolution spring soccer program will feature teams for U10 through U19 that will travel and play soccer against teams from around the Lakes Region and the Seacoast. That program will run from mid-April to mid-June while the Mini Revs program for ages three to six will run from May to June. The U8 program is also back for the spring program.

The competitive soccer programs feature an eight-game season against solid competition around the region.

"We're open to Alton and Barnstead residents, but we're open up to surrounding communities as well."

All practices for the Revolution United program are held locally in Barnstead and Alton and games take place on the weekends.

As of right now, the program has more than 130 kids signed up for spring soccer and Halvorsen notes that the deadline for registration is March 15.

"Our real goal with the club is a feeder program for the schools we serve," Halvorsen said. "Obviously with Prospect Mountain and we have a good partnership with Kingswood and other schools.

"To us, it's important that players are out there playing," Halvorsen continued. "And we want to make sure it's open up and affordable to all players."

Looking even further ahead, the Revolution Summer Soccer Camp is also back for another year, scheduled for July 12-15, with the basketball camp coming the following weekend.

"We're bringing the sports back and trying to get things back to normal," Halvorsen said.

The Revolution United is now wrapping up a very successful recreation basketball program, which saw more than 150 kids participating in basketball in Alton and Barnstead. The numbers have continued to improve over the last three years that the Revolution have been handling the local hoop programs.

"It shows what the next generation of basketball might be looking like," Halvorsen said.

Anyone who is interested in more information on the Revolution United spring soccer program or who is interested in registering for spring soccer can visit the club's website at revsunited.com.

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