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Celebrating community spirit in New Durham

Annual celebration features plethora of family fund

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — Community pride was on display in force last weekend at Celebrate New Durham Day, which has become a staple of the town's recreation program over the past several years.

The coordinated effort, led by the town rec department, culled together a wide variety of activities at multiple venues across town. Things kicked off at the Fish and Game Club with Saturday's traditional 5k road race, which involved efforts provided by multiple departments including recreation, the DPW, the police and the fire department.

"This was really a group effort with everyone coming together," said Recreation Director



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THE NEW DURHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT held a barbecue fundraiser at the station as festivities concurrently unfolded over at the ballfield. Among the personnel on hand were (l to r), Deb Beaupre, Steve Burrows, Neal Burns, celebrity guest Smokey the Bear, and Michael Varney. At back is Josh Olszewski.

Nichole Hunter. "It's a huge undertaking, but everyone comes together to make it happen," she enthused.

Other venues in-

cluded the 1772 Meetinghouse, the library, the fire station, and the future site of the reconstructed Zechariah Boodey Farmstead. At this last site, activities included fiber art demonstrations, folktale storytelling, uniformed Civil War reenactors, and a stonewall building demonstration by renowned mason Kevin Fife.

The focal point for much of Saturday's activities was the town

ballfield. Supplementing planned activities were displays set up by vendors, whose table rent helped underwrite the event's expense.

Vendors included representatives from established brands like Tupperware and Tastefully Simple, as well as local crafters selling items such as goat milk soap, homemade candles, and knitwear.

One of the most popular attractions at the ballfield was the Trav-

eling Barnyard, which featured dozens of critters including 15 sheep, 16 goats, a flock of ducks, a miniature donkey and several alpaca.

Managing the barnyard was proprietor Ruth Scruton, who's taken her critters to similar area events for nearly two decades. She said most of the children entering the animal's fenced enclosure were respectful - but that a few needed to be reminded not chase the animals.

Children were able to hand-feed Scruton's Shetland sheep and Nigerian dwarf goats with little cups of grain. She said the critters associate human hands with food. For kids who had run out of grain, Scruton suggested that they keep their hands low so the animals could see they had nothing left to offer, aside from a gentle pat on the head.

Although New Durham is a rural community, most households here don't manage their own livestock - so this was a novel experience for many of the children. As a group of a half-dozen kids meandered amongst the herd, one exclaimed, "Look, SEE NEW DURHAM, PAGE A11

Meet Alton Central School's new principal

John MacArthur ready for the new school year

ALTON — After a detailed, careful search process, SAU 72 has chosen its new principal, John MacArthur, Jr. He was formerly the assistant principal at Weare Middle School, and most recently, the principal of Boynton Middle School in New Ipswich.

MacArthur is married and has an eight-year old son. He was a music teacher when administration at a school he used to teach at recommended that he take an administration course through Rivier University, and he was "hooked." Still a musician at heart, in his free time he likes to play the drums.

MacArthur is the latest of several admin-

istrative changes that have occurred at Alton Central School throughout the last couple of years, from the introduction of Pamela Stiles as superintendent, to the election of math teacher James LaFreniere to vice-principal earlier this summer, and now a new principal. "We've already had a few opportunities to meet this summer," MacArthur said from behind his organized desk, music playing softly from the computer. "We've been working together on hiring, talking about different things going on with the school, and things moving forward and what we want to see to make improvements with these kids."

In his time spent with LaFreniere so far, he has seen similarities in a love for being in the classrooms with the kids and getting involved in the activities in the school on a day-to-day basis. The administrations of Alton Central School, Prospect Mountain High School and Barnstead Elementary School have a meeting soon to discuss the coming school year.

MacArthur has been in the school for about four weeks, and therefore has not had much contact with the students

yet, but he has seen what kids have been doing in SEE PRINCIPAL, PAGE A10

PMHS partnership with regional non-profit serves needy homeowners

WorkcampNE marshals youth volunteers from across the region to fulfill a mission of service

BY MARK FOYNES

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ALTON — A phalanx of more than 200 volunteers from all six New England states and beyond used Prospect Mountain High School as their home base recently to help needy families and the elderly with home improvement proj-

ects.

The volunteers were recruited by workcampNE, a youth-centered non-profit organization that recruits teen volunteers and adult mentors who effect community improvement projects, mostly in the Northeast. As a faith-based organization, the

group's web site says it brings "students closer to Jesus [by] serving families through free home repairs."

The non-profit says the workcampNE experience offers a "time to serve those in need and show the love of Christ in a very tangible way, such as painting, re-roof-

ing or building, providing valuable home maintenance for the residents that they cannot do themselves." The organization promises youth volunteers an "opportunity to deepen your faith by tying in the day's service with a meaningful time of worship."

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On the water

Jade Caines Lee poses with the Baysider along the famous Seawall in Vancouver. She reports Vancouver is her second favorite city, next to New York City. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

Preston tells her story to her hometown

BY KATHERINE LESNYK

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BARNSTEAD — Kathy Preston took the evening on Friday, July 28, to speak in her hometown at the Barnstead Town Hall. Hosted by the Barnstead Historical Society and given a warm welcome from all who attended, she told the story of her life as a young half-Jewish child living in eastern Europe during the horrific events of the holocaust brought about by Nazi Germany during World War II. In addition to this, she was selling copies of her new book, which tells in greater detail her life as she grew to come to terms with what happened to her and her family.

Preston's daughter-in-law, Kelly Fan, spoke for a few minutes before the speech began. Fan explained that Preston recently returned from the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College, where she listened to and participated in summer lectures with other survivors of war, including ref-

ugees and more survivors of the holocaust of World War II.

Preston's book, Holocaust to Healing: Closing the Circle, was completed in 2016, and she is in the process of writing a middle school-level book, much like a graphic novel.

Readers of Holocaust to Healing will notice that it says that it was authored by Kati Preston rather than Kathy. After the event, she explained that "Kati" is her Hungarian name, which she Anglicized once she moved to the United States.

At the Friday evening event, this book was on sale for \$14.95, along with other books from the Barnstead Historical Society. Before starting her story, Preston spent time speaking one-on-one with friends and neighbors and signing their copies of her book.

Preston was born in a small, wealthy town in Transylvania. The area often swapped between being part of Romania and Hungary. At the time, it was Hungary, although

Romanians and Hungarians lived peacefully together. Her mother was a popular dressmaker with dozens of girls working for her business, and her father was a wholesale fish seller (the family ate a lot of carp as a result). Her father was Jewish and her mother was Catholic, and they did their best to incorporate both religions into their one child's life. She told a short side-story about a time when she was about four and a half years old when she stole baby Jesus out of a church, eliciting laughter from the attentive crowd in the meeting room. She also mentioned her 52-child Jewish kindergarten class, of which only two survived the atrocities of World War II, Preston being one of them.

A self-proclaimed daddy's girl, Preston said that she had an "absolutely golden childhood." She discussed the close bond she had with her father for the short time she knew him. She was treated "like a princess," and emphasized how lucky she was taught by her parents that she was. Her father instructed her to always give to beggars, because "you're just luckier than the beggars, but no better."

Preston was only five years old when authorities began placing restric-

tions on Jews in her community. First Jews could not go to college, and then high school and then they were restricted to only Jewish elementary schools. They were placed in ghettos, which were small segregated areas of the city meant only for Jews. She told the story of the day her mother gave her a gold star to wear on her jacket. Young Kati, not realizing yet what it meant, felt proud of it, and therefore was surprised and shocked when a man spat on her in the street. That was the day her mother told her about hatred and prejudice.

Because her mother wasn't Jewish, she did not have to move to the ghetto. Kati technically did because she was half Jewish, but her mother hid her at home. Not long after, a friend of her mother visited and said that she could take Kati to her home in the country where she could be safe from the authorities in town.

Young Kati thought that she would be free, running around and playing with animals in the country, but her mother's friend actually put her in the hay loft of the barn. "You have to hide," the woman said. She told Kati that if authorities came, "make yourself very, very small" and hide in the hay. Eventually, she did have to put that to use, because police came and nearly found her when they began stabbing into the hay with their bayonets, right where Preston hid.

The woman smuggled Kati's father out of

the ghetto to see her, but while he was in the country, he was found and taken by authorities and brought to Auschwitz concentration camp.

As for Preston herself, she was brought back to the city to live with her mother again, because the tides of the war appeared to be changing. They expected that Kati's father would be returning soon, but when he didn't they amassed a makeshift family out of people they met in the train station while waiting for her father. Her mother tricked a Russian commander and got the family a guard.

Preston's mother later told her about what exactly happened to her father in Auschwitz, when she was a bit older. After learning of her father's traumatic death, Preston said that she "became psychotic" and "was dreaming of revenge." She has been asked by students that she speaks to why she stopped feeling such hatred. When she was in school, she was bullied for many reasons. One day, some kids cut off one of her braids, which visibly upset her. A man approached her and said "Your hair will grow back. If you cry, they win, because they want you to cry...don't let them win. You have to be happy."

She soon had a realization about the anger and hatred she was feeling. "When your heart is full of hatred, there's no room for anything else." Now all she feels is appreciation for life.

As for the only other person from her kindergarten class who survived

the holocaust, Preston was at an event in London and by pure chance, met her. When they realized who the other was, they fell on each other sobbing and reminiscing.

The final portions of the talk focused on modern racial tensions. Preston encouraged everyone to be accepting toward all people. "Don't put people in boxes...I'm not in a box, I'm me."

She puts a lot of faith in today's youth, noting the acceptance and lack of prejudice she sees in the kids she tells her story to in schools. She said that she tells them to "mend the world" as she truly believes they can.

Audience members were noticeably moved and shocked at the bravery of Preston and her family during the war, and her continued optimism. She said that her children joke about her constant appreciation for life, and she said with a smile that her "terminal optimism" is better than "terminal pessimism."

Preston is a fellow of the Keene State College Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. She was recently confronted by a woman who wanted to take a copy of her book to Poland to publish in Polish.

When asked if she had returned to the Transylvanian region to visit, she said that she hasn't because she "wants to remember it like when [she] was young." She has made a lifelong home in Barnstead with her extended, multicultural and loving family.

School board announces new principal

ALTON — The Alton School Board announces the election of John MacArthur, Jr. to the position of principal at the Alton Central School. For the past two years, MacArthur served as principal at the Boynton Middle School in New Ipswich and before that was assistant principal at Weare Middle School for four years. He has experience with the Response to Instruction model, and has an excellence working knowledge of school-wide schedules, facility security, building a positive school climate and working with families to increase student engagement. Those who have worked with him in the past describe him as having a very positive impact on students, staff and families, is very collaborative, has high expectations that are supported, brings lead-

ership to a building, and has good follow through. See the related story on page A1.

Museum educator to speak to New Durham Historical Society

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Historical Society is proud to host special guest speaker museum educator Mary Morris from the New Hampshire Historical Society, on Thursday, Aug. 10, at the New Durham Public Library. Morris will present a program titled "New Hampshire Hands at Work" beginning at 7 pm.

This New Hampshire Historical Society artifact-based program will deliver a memorable experience for all audiences. Learn about the history of the Industrial Revolution in New

Hampshire and explore five key industries, such as textile manufacturing, shoe making, granite quarrying, glass making and the timber trades. The presentation includes an illustrated lecture, historic artifacts that support the lecture, and a brief discussion period at the end of the presentation that gives participants a chance to share their thoughts and experiences with the group. All Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call President Catherine Orlowicz at 859-4643, e-mail cathyo@tds.net or check the society's web site at newdurham-history.org.

Democrats will meet at Barnstead Town Hall Monday

BARNSTEAD — Have you thought about becoming more active in politics lately? Have you been wondering what you can do and if there's a place for you? Come to the Barnstead Town Hall on Monday, Aug. 7, to hear two great speakers at this month's meeting of the Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton.

Kayla Montgomery is the New Hampshire Young Democrats' VP of Political Affairs. A New Hampshire native and UNH graduate, she's been

working in New Hampshire policy, politics, and advocacy for about eight years. She will be discussing the role that the Young Dems play in the state, progress in recruiting and electing young Democrats for public office, and upcoming activities for young Democrats that engage youth in political action.

Mo Baxley is best known in New Hampshire for leading the efforts to pass New Hampshire's gay rights and marriage equality laws and has been a powerful progressive voice in New Hampshire politics. She was a member of Bernie Sanders' NH Steering Committee and she is now the second vice-chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. She will be discussing the importance of advancing progressive values in the Democratic Party and how progres-

sive activism is enacting change in today's political climate.

The guest speakers will be followed by action items and community organizing.

The meeting will be held at the Barnstead Town Hall at 108 South Barnstead Road in Barnstead. Come for socializing and potluck any time between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. The meeting runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The meeting is open to any and all residents of Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton who consider themselves moderate, liberal, or progressive Democrats or like-minded Independents. Refreshments to share are encouraged but not required. For more information, e-mail starryheather@hotmail.com or visit the "Barnstead, Alton, and Gilmanton Democrats" Facebook page.



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Artifactual intelligence

Alton history buffs explore rural life of yore by examining curiosities from the past

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — One thing about writing for a small-town paper is that you occasionally get a chance to be at the center of a community event.

Such was the case last Tuesday when I was the featured speaker at the July session of the Alton Historical Society, which holds regular meetings on the lower level of the Gilman Library.

When I'm not writing for the Baysider, I'm the administrator of a historic site - the N.H. Farm Museum in Milton. It's a National Register property with thousands of artifacts that illustrate rural life in N.H. over three centuries. The museum also manages a veritable menagerie of heritage breeds including chickens, sheep, cows, pigs and goats. For last week's program, I decided to leave the livestock back at the farm, opting instead to take along a small selection of artifacts.

My addition to the program schedule came about a couple weeks ago when my friend Marty Cornelissen dropped me an e-mail. He's the president of the Alton Historical Society, and his scheduled speaker, Dave McKenney, had unexpectedly passed away. Might I be able to pinch hit on short notice?

I immediately wrote back saying that I could, noting that I'd developed an artifact-based presentation, which I'd recently shared with the Rochester Rotary, the Tuftonboro Historical Society, and the North Berwick (Me.) Historical Society. "Count me in," I told him.

Even had I not known Marty and Mary Cornelissen for years, I'd have still jumped at the chance to engage with local folks interested in history. The proposition that I could help a friend made signing on that much more rewarding.

The night of the presentation, as I packed up a small collection of artifacts, I recalled my own training as a historian. (Yup, that's an actual thing).

Back when I was in graduate school, I endured painful seminars where students tried to impress the professors with lofty-sounding phrases like "history is determined by structures of perception." I could follow most of the discussions okay, but left most seminars thinking, "Whelp, this is why people hated studying history back in grade school - the smart people make history so pointy-headed that no one can relate."

To me, decades ago and to this day, it seems that the way history is taught alienates us from the past - and does little to merge the worlds of yesterday and today.

Twenty years ago, I told myself that there must be a better way. I spend a lot of time professionally trying to make the past meaningful.

I'm not too reflective of a person, but I occasionally contemplate

L.P. Hartley's famous quote, "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." While true, we're still bound to our forebears by the rugged sinews of a shared humanity. Examining the tools, artifacts, and living spaces of those who came before can offer windows onto that foreign country we call 'the past.'

The historical society meeting itself felt a little like Old Home Day. I'd spoken before the Alton Historical Society several times in the past. Old friends like the Cornelissens, Nancy Merrill, and Nelson Kennedy were there. I recognized several others, too. Were I not an experienced public speaker, the warmth of the room would have melted away any jitters I might have otherwise felt.

Marty Cornelissen commenced the meeting with a brief update on the completion of the new history gazebo on the Bay. (See related story elsewhere in this issue). He said the construction took just two days thanks to the dedicated devotion of several volunteers. Cornelissen said the storyboard-like graphic panels are all that need to still be installed. He added that the completion of this phase will be undertaken when fundraising is complete.

I began with a brief overview of the Farm Museum - a 275-foot set of connected buildings that includes two barns, a ca. 1780 Cape, an 1804 tavern, and an extended ell collecting all of the structures.

The farmstead had been the home of Milton's Jones family for multiple generations until 1975, when Libby Jones, a maiden lady with no heirs, passed away. She left the 1,000 acres of field and woodlands to the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests. The conservation organization had little interest, however, in the upkeep of the massive farmstead. Concurrently, a group in the 1970s established the Farm Museum to collect artifacts, but they did so without a place to store and display their collection. The availability of the Jones Farm was a logical fit, and it became the organization's home in 1980.

I mentioned that the museum gets a lot of third graders who visit. To be sure, anyone at the Milton museum can appreciate the sheer size of the building. But there is also value in making tangible associations on the same scale.

"So the Farm Museum is nearly 300 feet long - that's about the distance Tom Brady needs to go to score six points for the Patriots," I quipped.



MARK FOYNES

A SAMPLING of the N.H. Farm Museum's artifacts examined by the Alton Historical Society at last week's meeting. (Left to right), an antique spit jack that was used to rotate a rotisserie on the open hearth; a "niddy-noddy" used to wind and measure skeins of yarn; a coachman's horn that alerted tavern keepers to the imminent arrival of guests; and a portable foot warmer that was heated by embers from the fireplace.

"When we get the third graders in, we try to make the past come alive by crawling through a 100-foot barn, visiting with the heritage-breed animals, and doing old-time chores," I observed, adding, "We also ask kids to study artifacts to glean insights about what it was like to live in rural N.H. in the 1700s and 1800s."

Standing behind a table laden with over a dozen artifactual curiosities, I added, "Tonight, I'm going to turn you all into a group of third-graders and ask you to use the same kinds of critical thinking skills we ask of visiting students."

There were about three dozen attendees, who were split into small working groups; each was assigned an artifact to analyze and determine its purpose. At the end of a study period, the small groups reported out and, if stumped, could elicit insights from the whole group of attendees.

"We call them 'what's its' at the museum," I joked, noting that several items that were once common are now obscure as to how they were actually used.

The first item was a coachman's horn (pictured) that was used by stage drivers to alert tavern-keepers of their imminent arrival. It's tin and funnel-shaped with a reed that helps emit a loud toot.

The group of ladies examining the object

gave it a good look over. At one point, one of the ladies with grey hair pulled out an iPhone and began to execute an online search. "No smartphones," I chided, adding, "Well I suppose if you turn a group of adults into third-graders, they're going to act like third graders."

I added, "This isn't an open-book test."

"We give up," they conceded, thinking that the object might have been used as a funnel.

I retrieved the horn and blared a call that produced a surprising number of decibels. "Oops, that was like really loud, and I forgot we're in a library," I grinningly apologized.

The coachman's horn was used to summon a tavern keeper's attention as a driver neared a "public house." Knowing that a stagecoach was nigh gave the tavern keeper a chance to get prepared to receive guests. The Jones Farm was a tavern for the first half of the 1800s on the primary road linking the Seacoast and the White Mountains. The arrival of the railroad by mid-century, however, made it uneconomical to continue the stagecoach tavern.

Having presented an item the society couldn't identify, I injected a spirit of competition, joking, "I stumped you - so that puts the Farm Museum up 1-0 over Alton Histor-

ical."

The next group correctly identified a boot-jack, which allows shoe removal without bending over or touching soles fresh out of the barnyard. "Having freshly trod through the chicken coop or the cow pasture or the pig pen, you can appreciate not having to wrestle with poopy soles to remove your boots," I added.

The competition was tied 1-1.

At one point, however, it looked like the Farm Museum had mounted an insurmountable lead of 3-1. Among the items that attendees couldn't ID was a cherry pitter that resembles a medieval torture device. Another was a disk-shaped object with hooks on its underside; dipped tallow candles were hung from the hooks to harden - an important artifact illuminating a world devoid of electrical light.

I thought that I had this one in the bag, but clearly I underestimated the group's historical prowess. The society's membership surged with three consecutive correct guesses as we neared the presentation's conclusion.

A group of three in the back correctly identified a tin box with a hardwood frame as a footwarmer (pictured). The front of the object has a door that opens to allow its user to place hot embers, which heated up the tin. Such an artifact allowed tavern keepers to provide guests with a modicum of comfort. The item also has a handle to facilitate portability. Such items were commonplace in drafty 19th century churches and even aboard stagecoaches.

The next item was a niddy-noddy, which was used to wind skeins of yarn. In addition to preventing the yarn from getting tangled, the fact that it is exactly 12 inch-

es long allowed the person doing the winding to measure the number of feet in a given skein.

So there we were - tied three to three. I was pretty confident that I'd edge out the competition since I was concluding with perhaps the presentation's most challenging artifact (pictured). It's casing is iron, but it contains an intricate set of brass clock-like gears. There is a wind up key similar to a clock's on its backside.

Is it a clock?

Nope.

How about a timer.

Nope.

Just when I thought the group was stumped, perhaps the youngest member of the audience suggested that maybe it could turn a rotisserie chicken on a spit, noting that there was a protrusion that could attach to something intended to revolve.

Bingo.

So there it was, Alton's keenest historical minds prevailed. As is custom, members of the refreshment committee had laid out a fine spread of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, allowing for folks to enjoy good grub and good company.

According to its website, the Alton Historical Society hosts free regular meetings from April through September, at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room on the lower level of the Gilman Library.

The August session will feature shipbuilder Keith King and filmmaker Chris Owen for a first-hand exploration of the building of the Peter M. Atwood. The legendary schooner was known on Lake Winnepesaukee as "the black pirate ship." The session will include a screening of Atwood: Vessel of Life, a documentary chronicling the ship's construction.



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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017

Technical issues

As many people may have noticed, our front page last week included a new e-mail address for the paper.

We had been experiencing some issues with our servers for a while and the decision was made company-wide to do away with the .com e-mail addresses and move to a new server, one that was completely dedicated to our e-mail.

So, now, we can be reached at baysider@salmonpress.news. This e-mail address goes directly to the editor, as does the address josh@salmonpress.news.

Additionally, our sales department also has new e-mail addresses, so anyone looking to place an ad with the paper should have their addresses. Advertising manager Cathy Grondin can be reached at cathy@salmonpress.news and her assistant, Beth To- byne, can be reached at beth@salmonpress.news.

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If you have distribution questions, our distribution manager, Jim Hinckley can be reached at distribution@salmonpress.news.

The hope is that these new addresses will cut down on the amount of junk mail we were receiving, which will make it easier to discern when we're getting e-mails from actual contributors to the newspaper.

Our deadlines remain the same for our editorial content, with all letters, photos, obituaries and press releases for the A section of the paper due by noon on Tuesday at the absolute latest. Obviously, as always, the earlier things are submitted the better for planning and formatting purposes, but any items submitted by noon on Tuesday will be included in the paper, as space permits of course.

The deadline for the sports section remains the same at 9 a.m. on Mondays. Any sports related item needs to be in by that time to insure its inclusion in the paper that week. Our B section prints a day before our A section, which is the reason why the deadline falls a day earlier.

Advertising deadlines are all on Monday. Anyone looking to place a classified ad needs to have the ad in by 10:30 a.m. on Monday. Display advertising is due by 4 p.m. on Monday.

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Also, please remember that if you send us a press release, we will respond with a quick note to let you know that we received it. If you haven't received a response e-mail from us (in less than an hour during regular business hours, within a day any other time), it is likely we did not receive your e-mail and you should send it again.

If you've sent something to us in the last month or so that we did not get or was not printed, please accept our apologies. Hopefully the new e-mail system will get everything straightened out moving forward.



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Champion

Caleb Tucker claimed the top prize in New Durham Public Library's Build A Better World summer program by reading a total of 69.75 hours. The youngster reported that it was "easy" to win, because "reading is my favorite thing to do." The program had more than 50 registered participants and created a variety of community art projects.

Letters to the Editor

The invasion of Alton

To the Editor:

Few people in this area are probably aware of a very large invasion which took over PMHS and 28 other locations from July 15 - 21. Over 100 well-armed teenagers with trained professional leaders, quietly entered our area. It seems they were not alone however, some local personal helped them target the 28 locations. Some of the local help included the Rotary International and one of our local businesses (not to mention names... Alton H & L, aka: Ruben Wentworth). It appears Mr. Wentworth went so far as to drop off their needed supplies in advance of the invasion at the 28 locations and supplied even more as the week went on. It seems the group calls themselves WCNE (Work Camp New England), and has a strange goal. They took willing teens (who pay their own way to spend weeks of their summer helping others). Yes,

these well-armed teens (hammers, saws, rakes, paint brushes, garden tools, building tools, you name it, they were well equipped) had something on their minds. It was to share a little love and to help others. Make no mistake, these teens were not here for a fun-filled summer in the Lakes Region, it was hard work, and yet they seemed to always have smiles on their faces and an encouraging word to those they helped. What was the one thing they wanted? A free meal? No, not a free meal for them. They wanted the 28 homes to come to a free meal, which they provided. As one of those 28 locations, I'd put up the white flag anytime for this group of well behaved, mature, young people. Thanks so much for a great week of sharing your time and personalities with each of us.

*The Bothwicks
Alton*

Thanks to the New Durham community

To the Editor:

We would like to extend our gratitude to our community for helping to make this past weekend's Celebrate New Durham programming a success. We had a wonderful time and we know that is due to the support we received from volunteers, residents, departments and businesses.

Much appreciation to: New Durham Charitable Fund, New Durham Town Hall staff, New Durham Police, New Durham Public Works, New Durham Public Library, New Durham Fire and Rescue, Meetinghouse Committee, Boodey House Committee, Farmington Fish and Game Club, New Durham Elementary, New Durham Food Pantry, New Durham General Store, The Barn Doggie Daycare, Merrymeeting Marina, The Baysider, The Garden Bar, Ruth and her Traveling Barnyard, Mic the Ox, New Durham End 68 Hours, Cub Scouts Pack 859, The Mychael David Project, Taylor Rental, Smokey Bear (David Stuart), Barrington K-9 Unit, Robert Hall, Leon Smith, David Swenson, Darlene Demeritt, Sue

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We look forward to planning the 2018 events.

New Durham Parks and Recreation

Come get a daylily

To the Editor:

Perhaps I have joked so many times about my aging body that I have established an expectation that I will soon retire again. And following the massive planting of 224 clumps of daylilies as reported in last week's Baysider, a rumor has started that I have thrown in the shovel. Gave all my plants to "the town." Not so fast. To reduce maintenance, I did empty three gardens from the top of the septic mound and one row from the main garden, but I still

have 15 forms of yellow daylilies, 18 named varieties of red, 14 purples, 25 cultivars of eyed daylilies, 15 whites/near-whites, 20 forms of orange, etc. Even a row of one-offs and a batch of new seedlings.

With Clancy's help and daughter Amanda's occasional fill-in, my daylily patch will likely continue to grow daylilies faster than we can find new homes for them. Come see the show. Pick up a free bee plant.

*Les Turner
New Durham*

Water quality update



BY MIKE GELINAS
New Durham

The water flows are now in the summer low flow for the last few weeks. I tested 6.14 million gallons (7-21-17) and 7.1 million gallons (7-28-17) a day leaving town and the hatchery is using six million gallons a day. So there is very little dilution to offset the hatchery.

Friday (7-28-17) testing with the UNH crew. If anyone wonders how much they give to improve our water think about this: Two weeks ago they started testing at 7 a.m. Tested all day, leaving at 5 p.m. for the

lab in Durham and left the lab at 3 a.m. Then did it again Friday (7-28-17).

Starting at Shaws Pond, I almost forgot how beautiful it is and how clear the water looks. Below three meters was a different story. Low to no devolved oxygen and very low numbers of cyanobacteria (the probe read 27 but I still do not know what it means). All in all the only problem is below 10 feet so it looks good where people use the water. The Secchi Disk reading was clear to three meters. Then on to March and Chalk

Ponds and all looks good and with dissolved oxygen top to bottom and no cyanobacteria. The Secchi Disk reading was clear to over three meters, the last two reading where clear to bottom. Then back to Marshes Pond (the poster child for cyanobacteria for UNH) at this time is the highest numbers (900) of all the water bodies UNH is now testing. Marshes Pond deep site has not changed much in the past two weeks. Below 10 feet is low to no devolved oxygen and very high numbers of cyanobacteria (the probe read 900 but I still do not know

what it means) reads numbers totally different from NHDES. We found clumps of cyanobacteria flowing in the upper layer and blown up to the windward shoreline. Pictures were taken with a waterproof camera. The Secchi Disk reading of the May was clear to bottom, the June reading was clear to three meters and on Friday (7-28-17) was 2.8 meters. Some say over three meters little change of a bloom and less the 2.5 meters blooms are more likely. The UNH team also stated the Merrymeeting River system is very dif-

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"Protect our investment"

Alton and New Durham continue examining Merrymeeting River health

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — A pair of detailed presentations preceded a New Durham selectman's bold set of funding recommendations on how to preserve a waterway connecting Merrymeeting Lake with Lake Winnepesaukee.

Both the informational update and the funding recommendations occurred at the July 27 meeting of the Alton/New Durham Cyanobacteria Mitigation Steering Committee, which took place at the New Durham School.

The committee is populated by a dozen-plus members representing both Alton and New Durham, as well as state officials from NHDES and N.H. Fish and Game. About 25 people, including committee members, attended the meeting.

After a brief welcome by committee member Fred Quimby, the session began with an informational slide deck presented by Pat Tarpey, Executive Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association. She said that water quality is often a function of adjacent land use practices, noting that the Lake Winnepesaukee watershed encompasses a total of 21 towns with a variety of land use regulations.

In improving water quality in the Merrymeeting River, Tarpey urged planners and stakeholders to take a "watershed-based perspective," defining the term as an "area of land that drains into a lake or river."

"It's great that you are being proactive in looking for a solution," Tarpey added, applauding the cooperative two-town endeavor.

She was invited to speak to the committee amid water quality concerns arising out of NHDES advisories in 2015 and 2016, warning residents about high cyanobacteria levels in Downings Pond - a wide area in the Merrymeeting River near the New Durham-Alton line.

In a recent post on the official NHDES blog, Tarpey wrote, "Blooms of potentially toxic cyanobacteria have been happening more frequently around the country and locally in NH."

Her post continued, "Cyanobacteria (often referred to as blue-green algae) are a natural component of New Hampshire water bodies, and are important organ-

isms for the health and growth of many plants. However, certain cyanobacteria produce toxins that can affect the nervous system, liver, or endocrine system if ingested in large enough quantities."

Tarpey said the main cause of such blooms is "phosphorus loading," referring to high levels of an element that promotes vegetative growth.

"Phosphorus isn't a bad thing - it's a nutrient needed for plant growth - but heightened levels can lead to algal growth that can result in heightened levels of cyanobacteria and other undesirable conditions that degrade water quality," Tarpey said.

She added that unnaturally-high levels of phosphorus can also spur the growth of invasives such as milfoil.

Tarpey added that waterbodies that sustain high levels of phosphorus can take on a greenish tint. She added that phosphorus-loading can compromise biodiversity and a lake's "pristine-ness."

Over time, Tarpey maintained, such water bodies become less attractive to boaters, anglers, and swimmers - resulting in a gradual decrease in waterfront property values.

She noted that phosphorus can stick to the soil before being fully absorbed "which is why erosion is such a big deal."

Tarpey said that a key metric that scientists use is water clarity - a topic her co-presenter, Robert Craycraft would later discuss in detail.

Tarpey said recent quantitative studies suggest that for every three feet of visual clarity that's lost from the surface, there's a corresponding 20 percent drop in waterside property values.

"So this is an economic issue as well as an environmental issue," Tarpey suggested.

She summarized, "With property rights comes property responsibility," noting that some land use practices may contribute to phosphorus-loading. She cited waterside lawn fertilization and outdated septic systems as key phosphorus-loading drivers.

Tarpey said different types of landscapes are better than others at filtering out phosphorus before it penetrates a river or lake. She said forested sites "do an excellent job" of filtering out the pollut-



MARK FOYNES

HEIGHTENED levels of phosphorus in the Merrymeeting watershed has stakeholders concerned about the increased levels of cyanobacteria and algal growth. This photo was taken on July 9 near a boat launch about a mile south of the Merrymeeting dam.

ant. Less efficient, according to Tarpey, are improved landscapes, whose lawns capture less phosphorus. Since many lawns are fertilized with chemicals containing phosphorus and nitrogen, these sites may actively contribute to phosphorus-loading.

Tarpey said the worst type of landscapes from a phosphorus-loading perspective include a lot of impervious surfaces like asphalt driveways and roofs. She said the surrounding land area is often unable to absorb stormwater, diverting a large amount of runoff directly into a lake or river. Tarpey added that a developed parcel can contribute up to 10 percent more phosphorus than an undeveloped lot.

"It might not sound like a lot, but it adds up over the course of an entire watershed," Tarpey said.

She added that land use practices acknowledging this will allow stakeholders to "protect our lake and protect our investment." She said officials in Alton and New Durham, as well as individual waterfront landowners, need to shoulder a shared responsibility, noting the environmental impact of lush, green lawns along local waterways.

Regarding the homeowner aspect of the watershed's stewardship, Tarpey summarized, "Fertilizer is turning your lake green," adding, "You don't know what you have until you've lost it."

Tarpey added that driveways, rooftops and cultivated lawns "do a tremendous job of transporting pollutants into our waterways." While impervious surfaces are

from the two towns for their foresight, noting that Winnepesaukee and Merrymeeting are still "relatively healthy."

During a Q&A session, some optimistic comments also emerged. Asked when the watershed might reach a point of no return, she recalled that Lake Winnisquam used to be "pea green" and has been mostly restored as a result of determined stakeholder efforts. Craycraft, who would present next, said that Merrimack's Baboosic Lake had had a similar experience.

Quimby acknowledged that volunteers have been taking water samples almost daily, and that there is a growing concern about the area's freshwater bodies; he asked how Alton and New Durham can translate this energy when it comes time to implement an action plan.

Tarpey responded that the committee should create an ongoing advisory group and engage with both towns' DPWs. The latter agencies, she said, would be key in addressing any issues relating to road salt treatments in sensitive water-adjacent areas; she added that road agents can be important in matters relating to erosion prevention and culvert maintenance to prevent groundwater runoff.

New Durham Selectman and committee member Rod Doherty asked about the residential and second home "development aspect." He recalled certain lots from 50 years ago that he thought were unbuildable - but which are now built up with camps and dwellings.

Doherty added that state and local shoreline protection measures are often ineffectual when it comes to enforcement. He suggested that some landowners with a lot of money are in a financial position where they can flout regulations and just pay a fine for removing buffer vegetation to secure lake front views.

"How do you fix that?" Doherty asked. "You can't reverse the growth that's there," he added, noting that it's "not realistic, unfortu-

nately."

Tarpey commiserated, noting that relatively-lenient penalties might be out of balance with potential impacts. Urging a carrot-and-stick approach, she suggested that communities should enforce current regulations, while bolstering public education efforts to help landowners recognize that improving water quality represents a form of enlightened self interest.

Next up was Craycraft, an education coordinator at the UNH Cooperative Extension. His duties include working with the university's freshwater quality monitoring program. Craycraft is also a member of the joint committee studying pollutants in the Merrymeeting River and its tributaries; his professional duties also include work with the NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program.

Craycraft cited findings he and volunteers gathered between May 5 and July 21, which he compared against past studies, noting the importance of having long-term data.

During his presentation, he cited a decade-long study conducted between 1986 and 1995. He said that pollutant levels "oscillated over time" but that the overall trend, even back then, was toward a "degrading" of water quality. This suggests that current phenomena are part of a longer-term trend.

Craycraft contextualized that freshwater purity is a function of temperature, phosphorus levels, the amount of ambient salt contributed by road runoff, the amount of aquatic chlorophyll, and other factors.

He said that environmental imbalances can create heightened levels of phycocyanin, which is indicative of the presence of cyanobacteria.

Craycraft said he and project volunteers used something called a Secchi disk to measure water health. This monitoring tool is a white opaque disk that gauges the clarity of water by measuring the depth at which the it ceases to be visible from the surface.

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day (7-14-17) was three meters and on Friday (7-28-17) was 2.7 meter. Some say over three meters with little chance of a bloom and less the 2.5 meters blooms are more likely.

NHDES testing the upper layers of Marsh, Jones and Downing Pond and they tested OK for swimming and boating.

At the meeting on 7-27-17 I asked the following questions?

1. If the cyanobacte-

ria is below 10 feet and not in the upper 10 feet is it safe to swim and boat. NHDES rep stated he had never tested and there is little information to base and answer on.

2. If the cyanobacteria is below 10 feet and not in the upper 10 feet is it safe to eat the fish. The NHDES rep stated there is some testing on going and it is too early to know either way. He did say he wants some samples to test.

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Berthel honored upon retirement from Alton Home and Lumber

ALTON — On Sunday, July 30, Reuben Wentworth shut down his store a few hours early. The reason was to host a party for his employee, Joseph Berthel on the occasion of his retirement, rewarding him for his 12 years of service. Outside next to the store, there was a "Wall of Fame" showing photos of Berthel on the job during these past several years. To draw the attention of passersby, there were balloons and the famous green monster blowing around as customers and co-workers alike enjoyed a variety of foods and beverages at the barbecue cook-out.

Since the gathering was posted in advance, some people, who could

not attend, dropped off cards and gifts. Many other folks came by to say farewell and best wishes to Berthel, on whom they had come to rely. Most, if not all signed, a guestbook in his honor. He was an always very friendly customer service-oriented as well as knowledgeable employee.

How he got here started with his skillfulness that came from working his teen years at his mom and dad's Bandon Nursing Home as a "jack of all trades" doing many fix and repair projects. Then through his 20s Berthel was in construction doing apprentice work in carpentry, plumbing and electrical. That was followed by more reliable



COURTESY PHOTO
THE ALTON HOME AND LUMBER CREW. Front row (l to r), Marla, Joe, Alicia and Nick. Middle row (l to r), Roger and Hank and back row, Reuben.

year-round employment in the building materials business of a True Value Hardware, who hired him away from the construction company to do their in-house remodeling projects. One such undertaking was to run the wiring and install the company's new computer terminals. The True Value then became an Ace and after 14 years with that employer, Berthel met, at the store, and subsequently married his wife Tee.

As a couple, they decided to move to the house that he, with the help of family members was building. His sister had loaned him her fifth wheel in which to live. So he started erecting the house as he had the money and the time. The only problem was the property was in a rural area. Since Berthel had purchased much of his needed materials at Kelly Lumber Sales, down the canyon from his new residence, his wife decided to make a run over the 100 miles to drop off a resumé. A week later, he was hired and the couple moved immediately from the coast of Oregon to their dream home just west of the Cascades.

While living there in Detroit, Ore. (1990 pop. at 510), Berthel had quite literally built his own 2,000 square-foot saltbox style home from

a block foundation to the shingled roof. It was 2x6 construction, that included a hand-made glue lam beam that was 6"x10"x40', which spanned the length of the house. There was R-30 insulation under the floor, in the walls and the roof. Throughout was covered by 4x8 sheetrock, which was mudded then knocked down into a brocade pattern. The home also included a base of rockwork under his Earth stove. Berthel, as general contractor, with a strong background in carpentry, electrical and plumbing, installed all of the kitchen cupboards and the appliances: washer, dryer, fridge and deep freezer; LP gas hot water heater, range, and grill out on the back deck, including the essential gas lines. Besides the back-up wood heat, there was an under house Lennox Pulse LP gas forced air heating system with all the requisite ducting.

The enhancing touches were etched windows in each of the upstairs bedrooms to overlook the 40'x20' great room below that had a vaulted ceiling. These windows plus the carpeting and vinyl flooring were the only details that were contracted out. Berthel completed the home by painting each and every room in light pastel colors of blue, green, yellow,

aqua, peach with the combined living room and dining room in Navajo white. When done, he installed ceiling fans as well as ornate lighting fixtures.

In March of 1993, the couple started living in the back half of the home only; and transformed the balance of the residence into their sole proprietorship Repose and Repast Bed & Breakfast At the Berthels. It had a good following and remained in business through October of 2003. Together, the couple served guests from all over the world, she cooked the meals and cleaned the rooms while he maintained the property, keeping the landscaping nicely groomed.

It was six years at Kelly Lumber, selling and delivering lumber, sheetrock, blocks, concrete, paint and hardware, along with running the store whenever the boss was away on a trip or out golfing for the day. The 40-mile narrow winding round trip driving up and down the Santiam Canyon got tedious. So, Berthel temporarily hired on as a school maintenance man in the new little hometown. Regrettably, as happens in many small school districts, it consolidated and Berthel, along with 26 others, was pink slipped. Fortunately, with an impressive resumé, even without a job posted, Berthel was hired by a different Ace, that also rented all types of equipment. This Ace owner, who knew Berthel's original boss sent him to locksmithing as well as paint seminars to further his background.

Subsequent to five years there, the couple felt it was time to come home to New England to be closer to both of their aging and extended families. There was a promised job awaiting Berthel in Farmington. However, as fate would have it, that position fell through. Following their driving cross country, hauling a 26' travel trailer in which they lived temporarily, that meant an employment search. After going all over the state, very fortunately he

found a place known as "Reuben's." Thankfully, once again, Berthel's resumé and mild mannered personality spoke for itself. He was definitely a source of expertise with building materials of all types, but the boss also sent him for a seminar by Scott's landscape products to enhance his proficiency.

Many customers gravitated to Berthel with their questions like: what kind and size of piping they should use? is it possible to fix a screen or a broken window pane here? can you help me change or re-key my door locks? what type of paint and how much should I buy? how can I replace the vent fan in my kitchen? He always made the time to describe any process carefully.

Now you know for what reason the party was so well-attended and why a number of people gave presents such as cash, gift cards for restaurants or gas for his trips through retirement, along with a tote full of hats, shirts, mugs and jackets each having logos from the many product suppliers who got to know Berthel through the years. There was one special segment to the occasion when Ron Purdy, as a favor to Reuben, did a funny "roast" of Berthel, ending it by giving him an actual gift card to Johnson's restaurant.

Berthel has said that he is grateful to both Reuben and Dorothy Wentworth for his years at Alton Home and Lumber Center and the extras he learned. There were also holiday turkeys or hams, pies, grocery gift cards, annual bonuses just prior to Christmas, as well as routine raises in pay; and none of these things are taken for granted. Reuben also let Berthel, his wife and their dog use one of his rental properties when their cottage was damaged by a car in 2009.

So as Berthel says, "Thanks, so long and see you around," to this 12 years in Alton and the folks met here, it's actually the culmination of his entire 47 years of employment.

Political cartoonist to speak at Brewster on Wednesday

WOLFEBORO — Brewster Academy invites the public to come and hear nationally syndicated political cartoonist Bob Gorrell discuss the lighter side of politics. Gorrell will entertain the audience with some live cartoon creations and be available afterwards for some fun discussion.

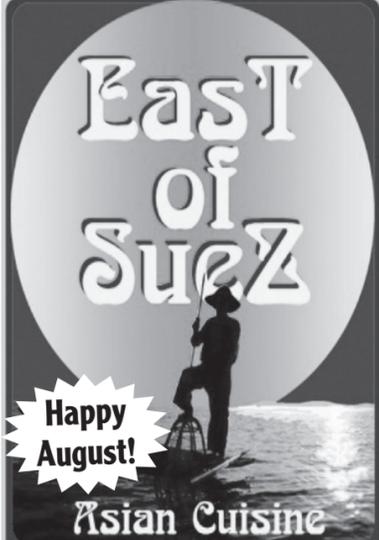
Gorrell's work spans decades and has appeared in hundreds of daily and weekly newspapers, including The Atlanta Journal, The Portland Oregonian, Providence Journal, USA Today, New York Post, The Washington Times, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Gorrell cartoons have been used on CBS television's Face the Nation and C-Span,

and he has appeared on CNN's Crossfire as well as other television and radio broadcasts.

The aspiration for Brewster Academy's Wolfeboro and the World Summer Speaker Series is to engage in local conversations with global changers.

Distinguished scientist Dr. Warren Muir was the inaugural speaker in July. Muir shared the inspiring stories of three people who opened his eyes to what is possible to achieve by simply caring and wanting to make a better life for others.

Gorrell will speak on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the Brewster campus. Wolfeboro and the World is free and open to the public.



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He said that the more opaque a water body is, the less pristine it might be.

Craycraft said water transparency can be compromised by sediments, algae, and detritus - adding that increased phosphorus levels often degrade a waterbody's overall clarity.

Craycraft said he also measured water temps at various points along the Merrymeeting River. He said readings at the dam where Merry-

meeting Lake feeds into the river is about 72°F - but that temps rose to 73.6°F below the hatchery and 75.2°F at Downings Pond.

While noting that there might be some significance to these variances, Craycraft sounded a cautiously optimistic tone about another cyano outbreak.

"We were off to a cold start this year, so we're off to a good start," Craycraft said, referring to the below-normal temps experienced back in May. He said it's too soon to tell if cyanobacteria levels might balloon in the coming weeks, but that there is reason for hope.

Nonetheless, Craycraft said the increase of phosphorus levels over the length of the river is potentially alarming - if not completely conclusive. He said phosphorus levels at the Merrymeeting dam were a mere 4.3 micrograms, but jumped to 23.2 micrograms near the hatchery. He noted that

Alton Rotary accepts Scruton Scholarship

NEW DURHAM — Due to unforeseen circumstances, grantor Catherine Orlowicz for the Chief Douglas J. Scruton Scholarship Trust (Trust) was informed of the need to locate a new manager for the trust. The trust managers, whom had provided 12 years of outstanding service and commitment, were unable to continue.

Following much effort and research, Orlowicz approach the Alton Centennial Rotary Club to see if they would be willing to accept and manage the trust as prescribed. During their Dec. 20, 2016 meeting the officers voted in favor to accept and manage the trust, to be known as The Alton Centennial Rotary Club Chief Douglas J. Scruton Scholarship Trust (The Trust). The process for transfer of funds was completed at the Rotarian's July 27 meeting.

The terms of the scholarship will remain unchanged, the funds

are held in separate holding accounts, the scholarship will continue to be available to students from New Durham whom wishes to further their education beyond a 12th grade formal education, and student will need to provide a brief written essay stating why they should be the recipient of the scholarship funds.

People wishing to support The Trust may send donation to the Alton Centennial Rotary Club, PO Box 789, Alton NH 03809-0789. Please make check out to the Chief Douglas J. Scruton Scholarship Trust, with a note Alton Centennial Rotary Club.

The scholarship was established following the unexpected passing of New Durham's Police Chief Douglas J. Scruton in 2004. The chief dedicated his life, unselfishly, to help the young people of his home town. He always strived to help the kids fulfill their po-

tential. The trust was establish to honor his legacy.

During the July meeting Orlowicz made the following closing remarks, "I am truly grateful and sincerely appreciate the Alton Centennial Rotary Club agreeing to accept and manage The Trust. The members of the club are true professionals, treating me with

kindness and respect. The club is blessed with so much talent, skill and big open hearts, which are ready to assist in a time of need for the betterment of their neighbors. As grantor of The Trust, it was my wish to keep a neutral, stable and local personal hand for managing The Trust. I feel the Alton Centennial Rotary Club, by its

mission statement meets and exceeds these wishes. I truly thank them for the recognition of the worthiness and their willingness to carry on this opportunity for service, which will be beneficial to all concerned."

In early June, a group gathered to review eight applications for the Alton Centennial Rotary Club Chief Douglas J.

Scruton Scholarship Trust. It is an honor to announce that Sheldon Rogers was selected as the 2017 recipient, and will be awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$500, once he has submitted his grade from his first semester at college. Rogers was a graduating senior, this past June from Kingswood High School.

4H reps to address Belknap County Republicans

LACONIA — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m. The committee meeting will be held at the Shang Hai Restaurant, 331 Main St. in Laconia.

This month's guest speakers will be Kate Geurdat, the Associate 4-H Leader for New Hampshire and Fran Wendelboe, a board member and Past President of the Belknap County 4H. They will speak to members and guests about the history of the 4H organization and the "Positive Youth Development Program" of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. They will also provide details about the upcoming Aug. 12-13 Belknap County 4H Fair

to be held at the Belmont Fairgrounds.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. Per their usual meeting format, if you're interested in having din-

ner (at your option) and/or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 pm.

The committee again encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items which will be do-

minated to local food pantries.

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

PRESERVATION

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levels varied elsewhere along the river between 21.9 and 27 micrograms.

Craycraft noted that preliminary results suggest some ebb and flow, depending on the time of the year when samples are taken. "Seasonally, we're starting to see some patterns," he said, observing that levels are lower in cooler months and higher in the summer.

Craycraft noted that waterway connectivity in the Alton village area is impacted by the area's relatively-high level of development.

As to the pair of lakes joined by the river, Craycraft described them both as deep-water lakes, which have three thermal layers. The warmest layer of water, he said, is the closest to the surface. Beneath this stratum are a pair of increasingly cool layers.

He added that cyano levels seem fairly stable down to a level of three meters, but spike about a meter below that. In many cases, this activity is occurring at depths that are not visible from the surface, creating an out-of-sight-out-of-mind scenario. However, as water temperatures rise, so too do algal and cyanobacterial activities, which can rise closer to the surface.

Mike Gelinis, who has volunteered to conduct some testing recently, asked if it was safe to swim in or eat fish from cyanobacteria-laden waters, notably those where the activity is perhaps 10 feet below the surface. Craycraft said that swimmers should be mindful of symptoms related to cyanotoxins such as topical burning or nausea.

Dave Neils of the Jody Conner Limnology Center said cyanobacteria produce toxins that have been found at microscopic levels in freshwater fish. He called the study of this phenomenon a "rapidly emerging field" - but one in which much research still needs to be done.

Doherty asked if the group honestly thought most laypeople could correctly identify toxic blooms in ponds and rivers. "The average per-

son coming up on vacation won't have a clue," he said, underscoring the need for continued and ongoing educational efforts.

One attendee asked about the source of the pollutants. Craycraft said the hatchery might be the point of origin for some of the phosphorus, but that evidence collected to date is neither comprehensive nor conclusive. He cited other factors such as runoff from nearby homes, outdated septic systems, and contaminants that might be entering the watershed via secondary streams that feed into the Merrymeeting River. He added that phosphorus levels in Coffin Brook - a tributary of the river - were surprisingly high.

Glenn Normandeau of N.H. Fish and Game added, "Not to downplay the hatchery, but there's a hell of a lot of vegetation rotting away at the bottom of what's essentially a marsh," adding that decay quickens during the warmest months of the year.

Selectman David Swenson next took to the lectern to update the audience on a few other matters. He said representatives of the committee received a layout of the F&G hatchery facility. He added that fact-finding visits to similar facilities are in the works to give decision makers some potential benchmarks and additional context.

Swenson said both Alton and New Durham need to take planning seriously - both for the overall health of the Merrymeeting waterway, and to create a written timeline that the two towns can submit for consideration for grant funding.

Swenson suggested that the creation of such a plan might cost between \$55-\$60k. Given the regional nature of the matter, Swenson said stakeholders should consider some "cost-share responsibility."

He envisions a public-private collaboration, which involves both municipalities and private organizations

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OBITUARIES

Robert "Buzzy" Foss Ran Valley Dam Feed

BARNSTEAD — Buzzy's life ended at 12:15 a.m. Monday, July 24, in much the same way he had lived, quietly, with his wife of 43 years by his side.

A Pittsfield native, he was born April 19, 1951, the eldest son of John and Jeanette Foss. Nicknamed "Buzzy" by his dad early on, he is almost unrecognized by any other name except "Pappy" (by his grandchildren). He attended Pittsfield schools and worked nights and weekends as a member of a select group of 'river rats' at Suncook Leather Tannery in Pittsfield where he learned the value of hard work and the dollar, toggling hides on piecework. Upon graduating high school Buzzy enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves. After boot camp, he went to work for Arthur Hurd at Clark's Grain Store, which began a career in the livestock feed business. In 1973, he married 'the girl next door,' Christine Anderson. The couple built a home near Valley Dam in Center Barnstead with the help of Buzzy's father, where they raised their son and daughter and have lived ever



since.

When Arthur sold Clark's, Buzzy went to work for Horse Hill Feeds in Rochester. In 1994, again with the help of dad, friends and neighbors, Buzzy built his own feed store on the same land as their house on Oxbow Road. With a wealth of knowledge and a willingness to share it, he ran the store alone until Chris was able to join him there full time. A visit to the grain store was as much a social event as a shopping trip, and the always affable Buzzy had a loyal legion of customers. He was one of those rare people who didn't have an enemy in the world, and was the epitome of a small businessman, working at least six and often seven days a week.

Aside from taking his kids to agricultural fairs back when they were showing steers in 4H, he didn't take a vacation in the 23 years he ran Valley

Dam Feed. The closest he came to leisure time was tending the huge garden the couple grew 'up back.' He closed the store in May due to rapidly declining health and was under the 24-hour care of Chris for his last days. A good man, gone too soon.

Buzzy was predeceased by his parents, a sister Peggy and a brother Dan. He is survived by his wife, Chris; daughter Laura and husband Dylan McDermott and their children Liadan, Avery and Brody, of Canaan; son Russell and wife Alicia and children Maddison, J.R., and Kendall, of Alton; brother Peter and partner Kelly Chisholm of Barnstead; Aunt Sylvia Doucette of Pittsfield; loving cousins, nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

At Buzzy's request there will be no services, preferring to be remembered as he was, a fixture at Valley Dam Feed. The family asks that anyone who wishes to make a contribution in his memory to please consider donating to Victory Workers 4H Club, 615 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield 03263, or Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Assoc.

Marilyn B. Runnals Enjoyed entertaining

WOLFEBORO — Marilyn B. Runnals, 88 formerly of Surprise, Ariz., died July 28 at Wolfboro Bay Center.

Born in Beverly, Mass. July 21, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Edmond and Alice (Savage) Morency.

Predeceased by her husband, Benjamin Runnals, she is survived by her significant other, Rodney Arney of Everett, Wash.; sons Michael Runnals and his wife Pamela of Radford, Va., Christopher Runnals and his wife Nancy of Wolfboro, Jeffrey Runnals and his wife Cassandra of Ossipee, Timothy Runnals and his wife Linda of Wolfboro; a daughter Patricia Kruger and her husband Kurt of Hamden, Conn.; a brother, Roger

Morency of Beverly, Mass.; sisters Janice Kelly of Pawtucket, R.I., and Patricia Barror of Beverly, Mass. plus 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn, or Mal as she was known to family and friends, enjoyed entertaining and planning social gatherings, which usually included her famous homemade baked beans.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Baker-Gagne Funeral Home, 85 Mill St., Wolfboro.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Wolfboro.

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

flowers, donations may be sent to Compassus Hospice and Palliative Care, 65 Lafayette Rd. Suite 302, North Hampton, NH 03862.

Please share your messages, stories, or leave a short note and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

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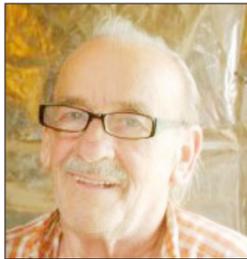
that have some skin in the game.

Swenson said the Merrymeeting Lake Association has pledged \$10k in support of developing a plan that can leverage state and federal dollars for a comprehensive project. He said, as a selectman, he plans to ask the town of New Durham to pledge \$20k by adding this amount to the budget. Swenson continued by challenging the Lake Winnepesaukee Association to match its Merrymeeting counterpart by pledging an additional \$10k. He also urged Alton BOS representatives to consider matching the \$20k he hopes New Durham will approve.

Swenson noted that both of the New Durham

BARNSTEAD — Leo H. Carmel of Barnstead, formerly of Newton passed away peacefully on July 24 after a brief illness. Born on April 27, 1931, Leo was the eighth child of George and Bertha Mary Rose Carmel. Leo is survived by his children, J. Leigh Carmel Hamilton, Linda A. Carmel Isham, Debra G. Calderone, Lisa J. Donovan, Cynthia J. Carmel, Christopher R. Carmel and Robert Carmel; his sisters, Lorraine Pierce, June Carmel and Joanne Santucci; her brother, Richard Carmel and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great

Leo H. Carmel Lifelong learner



grandchildren. Leo was predeceased by his sons Leo R. Carmel, George A. Carmel and Michael P. Carmel, by his sister, Joyce Laslo and his brothers, George Carmel, Earl Carmel, Paul Carmel and Roger Carmel. Family and friends will honor and celebrate Leo's life with services at The Congregational

Church of North Barnstead, 540 Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 1 p.m.

Although reaching only a seventh grade education, Leo was a lifelong learner, with a sharp intellect and insatiable curiosity. Always independent, he established a successful precision machine company and made his livelihood tooling parts and innovative creations for varied industries.

In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome by the Congregational Church of North Barnstead.

Robert "Bud" Scott US Air Force veteran

DOVER — Robert "Bud" Scott died peacefully in Dover on July 26.

"Bud" was born the youngest son of Viola (Johnson) Scott Bolstridge and Vaughn Scott on April 29, 1930 in Bangor, Maine.

As a child, Bud spent time in Otis, Maine at the family farm on Beech Hill Pond, but grew up in Dover at the home of his mother and stepfather, Chester Bolstridge.

As a young man Bud traveled out west, and eventually joined the United States Air Force, serving in different locations during the Korean Conflict. Bud married Barbara Foster of Brewer, Maine on Jan. 8, 1953, and they lived in England. Returning to the states, Bud and Barbara built a home in Dover.

Bud worked at various construction jobs in the early years, taking pride in his large garden, and a small farm with some animals. Later he was head of maintenance at Pease Air Force Base

housing and continued at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, until Barbara and Bud purchased Pine Cove Motel in Ossipee on Duncan Lake, which they ran for many years.

Bud had many interests in his life, including gardening, photography, and restoring antique wood stoves. He received his pilot's license and owned two planes, Cessna 140s, which he flew from and landed in his own field. A highlight of his life was giving his grandmother her one and only airplane flight. A music lover, he enjoyed singing barbershop, and was a member of the Yankee Clipper Chorus.

Bud was a born-again Christian, a member of the Full Gospel Businessman's Fellowship, and a Gideon. Not always an easy man, he laughed and joked with everyone.

Bud is predeceased by his mother and father, and brother David Bolstridge. He is survived by his brothers, Leo Scott

of Dover and John Bolstridge of Wells, Maine; and sisters Gladys Merrill of Rochester and Iver Crosby of Bangor, Maine. Along with his wife, Barbara, he leaves children Debra Miller of East Wakefield, Randall Scott of Ossipee, Daniel Scott of Nashville, Tenn., and Timothy Scott of Rochester, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Milton Assembly of God, 370 White Mountain Highway, Milton on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Please share your messages, stories, or leave a short note and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

Correction

meeting Road in New Durham before going ahead with a repaving project. (Both highways are managed by NHDOT).

Quimby added that efforts will be made in New Durham to identify erosion-prone areas along the river, as well as places where runoff

discharges directly into the river.

The committee is still looking for volunteers to help monitor water health and plan educational activities. New Durham residents can get involved by calling the town at 859-2091; Alton stakeholders can call 875-2161.

Church Service SCHEDULE

Sundays: July 2, 2017 – September 3, 2017

8am Outdoor Summer Worship Service- Alton Bay Bandstand

10am Worship Service Community Church of Alton-101 Main Street, Alton

<p>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 475-8914. For more information, please visit abundant-harvest.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.</p> <p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday Worship Service 11:00 Am. All Are Welcome. Rev. Charles Wilton 998-4102. 96 Maple Street & Route 28, Barnstead</p> <p>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm; Tues-Thurs 9am. 875-6161.</p> <p>BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON Alton-9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Sam Huggard, www.befreechurch.net.</p> <p>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Morning Service 10:00 am. Adult Sunday School 9:00 am. Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am. Rte. 126 next to Town Hall. Pastor Brian Gower. 269-8831.</p> <p>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON Worship Service 8:00 am; Alton Bay Bandstand, Worship Service 10:00 am, 101 Main Street, Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Hall, 875-5561.</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD UCC Sun. School and Worship Services, 10:00AM, 504 N. Barnstead Rd., Pastor Nancy Talbot, 776-1820, ccnorthbarnstead.com</p> <p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON Worship Services 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>Sunday School 10:15 AM 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 03835 Pastor Kent Schneider 755-4816 www.farmingtonuucc.org</p> <p>FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School 9:45am. Church 11am. Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor James Nasson</p> <p>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H. on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2846</p> <p>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548. Father Robert F. Cole, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p> <p>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Curtis Metzger, 435-7908 www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524 6188 • uus.org</p> <p>MAPLE STREET CHURCH Sunday Service 11am 96 Maple Street Center Barnstead NH 03225</p>
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Visitors celebrate New Durham Day at Boodey House

NEW DURHAM — It was grand that visitors to New Durham had so many activities and events to choose from on Saturday, July 29. New Durham had a good day. The few visitors who stopped by the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead activities enjoyed an intimate opportunity to try first-hand old time skills and crafts from demonstrators who are teaching and preserving heritage for future generations. The committee would like to express their sincerest gratitude to each of them for their generosity of time and support to bring awareness for this historically important project. Fiber artisan SueAnn DeVito shared her skills and knowledge for spinning wool into thread like strips, to be combined with other threads, which would later be used to produce cloth. She really had a challenge when trying to teach the chair of the committee how to spin wool using a drop bobbin. Master Stone Mason Kevin Fife

demonstrated the techniques and his skill used for constructing a free standing foundation. He explained the methodology used to interlock the stones, so they will hold in place, being careful to stagger all seams. One of the youngest visitors had the opportunity to split a stone. As people watched and listened to the tone from the strike of the hammer changed and before long the stone gave way to the force and split, to the delight of Clara. Traveling storyteller Papa Joe Gaudet traveled the site sharing folklore stories with all who came. Laughter could be heard as he spun the tales of long ago. He also surprised people with music, the sounds of "Over the Rainbow" and many more coming from his wind instrument. A few times folks could be heard singing along. Charles W. Canney Camp #5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had set up a recruitment camp hoping to encourage youngsters to volunteer and answer



COURTESY PHOTO

YOUNGSTERS had the chance to split rocks at the Boodey House Farmstead site celebration.

the call for more men to fight to keep the union. The camp displayed the best it had, as an example of all the comforts a soldier could want while serving the cause. The New Durham Historical Society enjoyed sharing the old time home and farm gadgets from the "What is it" table. The society's display was made up of items loaned for the

day from neighbors and friends. The support was very much appreciated.

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project received donations totaling \$60, which will be applied to the "Barn Raising for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead" campaign. For this phase of the project the committee will need an additional \$6,190 to reach its

goal of \$20,000, by spring 2018. Information regarding the committee's "Barn Raising for the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead" Campaign may be viewed on the Boodey House Facebook page. Copies are available at the New Durham Town Hall or by contacting Catherine Orlowicz.

The barn is part of a larger scale restoration, reconstruction of the architecturally and historically important Zechariah Boodey House. The east room of the house was the place the original founding member established the North America Free Will Baptist movement, June of 1780. The committee has undertaken a substantial project to expand access to our historic and cultural heritage. The restoration, reconstruction and repurposing of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, a historic building from our past, and the addition of the barn will be a cornerstone connection to local businesses, and other surrounding historical and cultural

entities, by encouraging growth in our communities' local economy. This building will yield a location, available to a vast variety of people, for social, educational, and civic events and activities. "Preserving the Past to Support the Needs of the Future" is the motto for this project.

Donations may be sent to Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project, Town of New Durham, PO Box 207, New Durham NH 03855; Attn: Catherine Orlowicz. Checks should be made out to Boodey House Fund. The goal could be met by 3,095 people donating \$2 each, 1,238 people donating \$5 each, 619 people if each donated \$10. If you can, any amount donated will help reach the goal for this phase of the project. The public's generous contribution is very important to the success of this project. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. If you would like to support this project, please phone Orlowicz at 859-4643.

CAMP

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In its efforts to link spiritual reflection with tangible actions, the organization says that it has mobilized some 4,300 volunteers who have assisted about 535 families through 134,000 hours of service. The estimated financial impact of these efforts has been nearly \$2M, according to the web site. These figures don't account for workcampNE's recent foray to Alton and Barnstead.

Each student volunteer pays a tuition of \$375 to participate. The admission fee offsets the cost of food and assists with the purchase of materials needed to complete pre-identified community projects. Material costs include lumber, roofing shingles, paint and the like.

This summer, workcampNE volunteers also executed projects in Manchester, Laconia, Johnson, Vt., and Beardstown, Ill.

PMHS superintendent Robert Cullison recalled that workcampNE officials contacted him perhaps a couple years ago, seeking information about the school's willingness to serve as a home base for projects in the community.

"It was an intriguing notion," Cullison recalled. "It seemed like a unique way we could use the facility to give back to the community," he added.

The superintendent felt that partnering with workcampNE would be a potential "win-win" that could ameliorate community needs and also advance the organization's mission to help

those who could benefit from their services.

Cullison said there were virtually no hard costs to PMHS associated with the partnership, but noted that some effort was required on the school's part to coordinate the custodial staff's summer work plan.

"For the benefit to the community, it seemed like a very easy thing to do to make a few adjustments so they could stay here while they helped our neighbors in need," Cullison recalled. Since student volunteers' tuition into the program, there was little, if any, financial obligation for PMHS.

Cullison continued, "The custodial staff were very accommodating, and the workcampNE volunteers were very, very respectful guests; they did a great job of cleaning up after themselves to have a minimal impact." He added, "They brought in all their own food and even their own cookware; they did such a good job cleaning up after themselves you'd hardly even know they were here," he said.

The student volunteers lodged on the second floor of the PHMS facility for a week in mid-July, with girls and boys separated and assigned to discrete areas. Cullison noted that adult volunteers slept in an area between the two student sleeping areas.

Cullison gives a tremendous amount of credit to Marcia Therrien, a member of workcampNE's volunteer leadership, who spearheaded the group's foray into Alton and Barn-

stead.

A resident of the greater Manchester area, Therrien expressed gratitude toward PMHS for their recent hospitality.

"They were remarkably good to us," she recalled of the school staff.

The 202 workcampNE volunteers, consisting mostly of teenagers, were divided into 28 crews who made improvements to 26 homes in Alton and Barnstead. Among the group was a number of adult supervisors - also volunteers - consisting mostly of retired tradesmen.

"We're based in New England, but we draw volunteers from all over," Therrien said, adding that the group has a strong Midwest connection through relationships in Illinois. She also said that some of the volunteers for this stint were exchange students from Spain.

"The enthusiasm of the kids and the expertise of the adult volunteers who contribute their time makes for really good chemistry," Therrien added. "It's cross-generational, but they derive energy from each other," she continued.

Therrien said she became aware of the opportunity to volunteer in

the area through conversations she'd had with one-time school board member Genevieve Michaud, who put Therrien in touch with Cullison.

"We had a great experience up there, so we are so grateful for [Michaud's] putting us in touch to get things rolling," she said.

"It's a beautiful community, but there was also clearly some need, and we were so happy to be invited to make a difference," Therrien said.

She added that the group does not do projects at rental units. "That's the responsibility of the landlord."

Rather, Therrien said workcampNE strives to "allow those in need to remain in their own homes, which we strive to make warmer, safer, and drier" through repair and rebuild projects. To this end, she said the organization focuses more on a dwelling's structural matters, and not so much on landscaping projects.

"Those kinds of projects tend to be less critical and have less of a long term impact," she added.

She also said volunteers and their adult mentors take a thorough approach to any job they undertake.

"So when we re-do a

roof, we don't just shingle over what's there - we remove the old and scrape down, and even replace any boards that need replacing before putting on a new roof," Therrien said.

She added that her organization selects its clients through referrals from local non-profit and public agencies such as Community Action and the Department of Elderly Services.

"We partner with the local organizations who already know where the need is through their own good works," Therrien said. Having preselected beneficiaries some six months in advance, she added, "That allows us to plan ahead, glove up, and get right to work when we arrive."

She added, "When they get there, the kids want to swing hammers right away," noting that prior planning is key to allowing the organization to mobilize volunteers and materials to work sites.

Even though workcampNE is a faith-based organization, Therrien stressed that the organi-

zation doesn't discriminate based on a client's beliefs.

"Financial need is the only driver," she stressed, noting that the group doesn't even make inquiries regarding religious affiliation when selecting potential beneficiaries.

In addition to its contribution of volunteer labor, workcampNE also donates all needed materials. Since 2003, the group says it has contributed nearly \$400,00 in lumber, shingles and the like.

Therrien also praised the local Rotary, which marshaled volunteers to help unload truckloads of building materials that were shipped to the school.

"There was a lot of materials that needed to be offloaded, so having the Rotary there, including the club's president, was a real big help," Therrien said.

To learn more about workcampNE, visit www.workcampne.com or like their page on Facebook, which features several photos of students volunteering in the Alton area.

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Teen movie night Aug. 10 at Oscar Foss

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grim vs The World” under the stars.

Recycled yard art for tweens

Tweens, join Jerissa at the library on Friday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. and learn how to make yard art and bird

feeders out of recycled items. All materials will be provided along with some light refreshments.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about any of the library’s programs or events. There is always something happening at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.

Old Home Day 5K, concerts on deck in Alton

ALTON — Co-sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank, the Alton Old Home Day 5K will take place on Aug. 12 at the Alton Bay Bandstand at 9 a.m. The race fea-

tures a USATF certified course through Alton with computerized timing with bib chip and results posted online. The course is scenic, slight varying flat/downhill with

one moderate incline, paved. Prizes, refreshments, water stops, traffic control and raffle for racers are included. Forms and map available at www.alton.nh.gov or reg-

ister online at www.lightboxreg.com/alton5k2017.

Alton Bay summer concerts

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring live music as part of the annual summer concert

series at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 5, East Bay Jazz - swing, jazz and blues; Aug. 12, Annie and The Orphans - rock and roll from the 50s-70s; Aug. 26, Bittersweet - classic rock.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 171 calls for service during the week of July 23-29, including five arrests.

One female subject was arrested for theft.

One male subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

There were three motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were two motor vehicle accidents.

There was one theft reported at Hannaford.

There were four suspicious person/activity reports on Bay Hill Road, Main Street, Bay parking and McDon-

ald’s.

Police made 45 motor vehicle stops and handled one motor vehicle complaint-incident.

There were 118 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One public hazard, three neighborhood disputes, one fraudulent action, two employment fingerprinting, one disorderly conduct, two assist other agencies, one intoxicated subject, three pistol permit applications, four animal complaints, one missing/runaway juvenile, one domestic complaint,

five general assistance, one miscellaneous, one wanted person/fugitive, one alarm activation, one noise complaint, six lost/found properties, four general information, three vehicle ID checks, one trespass, one sex offender registration, five civil matters, one wellness check, one abandoned motor vehicle, one dispute, two disabled motor vehicles, 39 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, two medical assists, one OHRV complaint, 15 property checks and six paperwork services.

PRINCIPAL

(continued from Page A1) a couple of summer programs including Camp Invention, a STEM-based program directed by a middle school science teacher.

While summer programs may be the only contact he’s had with students so far, he has gotten to know many of the faculty and staff, and he is confident that the students will be just as good as the teachers. “There seems to be a lot of support, a lot of dedicated staff, and we have a great superintendent. The staff that I’ve met so far are awesome to deal with. To me, if the staff is great, I know the kids are going to be awesome.”

MacArthur gave updates on the improvements going on throughout the building, particularly the asbestos abatement process. The floorings in the eighth-grade wing have recently been removed and replaced.

Alton Central School has implemented a Sunday night phone call, no-



COURTESY PHOTO
JOHN MACARTHUR JR. is the new principal at Alton Central School.

interested in pursuing,” referring to working with younger kids. “For me, it’s the best of both worlds. I get to have it all because I was interested in challenges of elementary versus middle school.”

MacArthur explained the educational model he has experience with, and it shows his dedication to building a connection with the students. As he said, it focuses on “looking at students’ strengths and weaknesses, and if they have a strength, building on that and creating an enrichment for them so they can use what they’ve learned and put it to use, versus if the student needs an intervention—if they may not be where they’re supposed to be in a certain subject or a certain part of a subject—you create an intervention for those kids so their weaknesses will hopefully become strengths... it’s all hands on deck working with these kids to make sure they get the education they need.”

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NEW DURHAM
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that one's pooping."

Scruton looked on with an amused countenance as the child's father responded, "Yep, that's what they do."

The animal exhibit was sponsored by the New Durham Democratic Committee, which had a tent adjacent to the Travelling Barnyard. The Democrats' table was staffed by volunteers Ellen Phillips and Bill Meyer, who handed out buttons and distributed a one-page summary of the group's positions on matters relating to topics like healthcare, jobs and education.

"We want people to know that we stand for something and aren't just an opposition party," Phillips said.

Rivaling the Traveling Barnyard in terms of popularity was the return of the dunk tank. For one dollar, attendees got three chances to pitch a ball that could drop a New Durham notable into a tank of frigid water.

When The Baysider arrived at the ballfield, Rec Commissioner Doug Perkins was the target of the moment.

Ball-throwers ran the age gamut from six and up. At one point, 70-year-old Clayton Randall stepped up to have his chance.

"I don't think you have it in you," Perkins chided from his perch.

Randall countered, "Hey I might have a few years on me, but I can still deliver."

His first toss was off the mark, earning Randall some additional good-natured razzing by Perkins. Randall countered with a bullet that dropped his tormentor into the tank of chilly water.

Afterwards, Perkins recalled, "We each only did a half hour at the tank, but it felt like it was twice as long - that water was so cold." He said that the tank was filled two hours before the venue opened, but that the overcast conditions prevented any considerable warm-up.

"Yeah, so it was basically groundwater temp, which is like 60 degrees - that's cold," Perkins observed.

New Durham teacher Alicia Hernandez, who followed Perkins as a dunkee, concurred as she emerged from a half-hour's dunking. "Look at my skin. I look like a plucked chicken on ice," she joked as she clutched to her towel for warmth.

Other dunkees included Celeste Chasse, Town Administrator Scott Kinmond, Selectman Rod Doherty, and Police Chief Shawn Bernier. The chief had done double duty, having also executed a K9 demonstration, using the Barrington canine unit.

Another popular attraction was a jail where participants could incarcerate a fellow attendee for a dollar, with proceeds benefitting the Relay for Life. It proved popular among many adults, who opted to lock up their children for a good cause.

"It's pretty cheap babysitting, if you think about it," joked Leon Smith of the DPW, who volunteered to serve as the facility's sheriff. He was assisted by his



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Hazel, holding a handful of feed, found herself at the center of attention among the goats and sheep that were part of a menagerie provided by the Traveling Barnyard, whose display was underwritten by the local Democratic committee.



RECREATION department commissioner and dunk tank volunteer Doug Perkins looked on warily with fists clenched as a ball thrown by Clayton Randall neared its mark. "That water was cold," he remarked later, noting that it warmed up little over the course of the mild afternoon.

young deputy, Caleb Randall.

Smith said most of his prisoners were on their best behavior, but that one proved to be unruly.

"We had one try to escape by squeezing through the bars, so the deputy had to rattle him down," Smith recalled. "It's kind of funny that the prisoner was the deputy's brother."

Smith's "cheap babysitting" comment notwithstanding, there was also a kid zone area

where youngsters could relax in an area replete with books, toys and games. As The Baysider made the rounds, the area was staffed by Charlotte Hardy, who will be entering her sophomore year at Kingswood this fall.

"It's so much fun watching them come in here," she said, noting that the entrance was through a three-foot crawl tube that connected the field with the enclosed play area.

In addition to Relay

for Life, the event also provided a fundraising platform for other community-related causes such as End 68 Hours of Hunger, the New Durham Charitable Foundation, the Boodley Farmstead, the Boy Scouts, and others.

Holly Colson was staffing the 68 Hours tent where people could donate a dollar to play a game where they attempted to bounce a ping pong ball into one of several cups. "Whatever we raise will sup-



AS A fundraiser for the Relay for Life, Celebrate New Durham Day participants could have a friend or family member arrested for a dollar. The cost for release was an additional dollar. Sheriff Leon Smith of the Department of Public Works had impounded local miscreants Kaylee Pert and Cain Narkun for undisclosed transgressions.

port a great cause," Colson said.

This spirit of philanthropy was reinforced by the significant number of business sponsors who made contributions to offset the day's event expenses. Hunter cited Meredith Village Savings Bank, Lakes Region Auto Source, Lake Winnepesaukee Heating and Cooling, Jetpack Comics, Funspot, the Merrymeeting Lake Association and the General Store as key supporters. She said the store, as well as the Barn Doggie Daycare were key in selling cow patty bingo tickets, too. As in the past, Randall made one of his bovines available for the cow patty bingo portion of the event.

Dot Veisel, who was helping staff the food pantry tent, praised both the general store and the kennel for their support in pre-selling bingo tickets. She noted that the Barn Doggie Daycare was the winner of the cow patty bingo and opted to donate the \$160 prize back to the town. Veisel said the donor opted to split the proceeds between the recreation department and the building fund for the food pantry. All told, this facet of the event raised about \$500.

Other activities included a caricature artist and a touch-a-truck station where kids could don a hardhat and

sit in the driver's seat of a large vehicle. The activity was overseen by the DPW's Don Vachon. He said kids enjoyed the opportunity to get behind the wheel of the town's John Deere loader, an International dump truck and Randall's 1950 antique tractor.

Over at the fire station, personnel were serving up barbecue meals and had their spotless assets out on display. In addition to the department's large trucks, firefighters also showed off their newest piece of equipment - an autopulse CPR administrator, which Chief Peter Varney said is 200 percent more effective than traditional manual methods of resuscitation.

"We are always available to let the residents know how we're constantly training and improving ways to save lives," Varney said.

Like the activities over at the ballfield, proceeds from the fire station barbecue will be designated to bolster services to the town.

Thinking about the community event as a whole, Hunter summarized, "Any time people have a chance to come together is a good thing; and engaging with so many local worthy causes to help them out so they can serve everyone better makes events like this so important."

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Alton	126 Dewitt Dr.	Single-Family Residential	\$3,050,000	William L. Oakley 2004 RET	Jeffrey N. Carp and Patricia J. Berenson
Alton	34 Frank C. Gilman Highway	Single-Family Residential	\$162,466	Stanley Whitaker	Cydney Shapleigh-Johnson and Danny J. Johnson
Alton	4 Grammys Way, Unit 4	Condominium	\$340,533	Thomas D. McKay and Linda S. Read	Roger N. and Catherine G. Larochele
Alton	94 Pipers Point Lane	Single-Family Residential	\$1,540,000	Clifton C. Garvin, Jr. RET	Jennifer Tiller-Harding and Daniel J. Harding
Alton	17 Riverlake St., Unit 25	Dock Condo	\$23,000	Fayette M. Brackett	Ernest G. Gillan, Sr. Trust
Alton	36 Southview Lane	Single-Family Residential	\$255,000	Marcella A. Loubier	Stephen V. Roy
Alton	Trask Side Road	Residential Developed Land	\$150,000	William Fokas RET	Leonard C. Gardner LT
Alton	36 Trask Side Rd.	Single-Family Residential	\$272,533	John D. Forsythe	Wendy G. Smith
Barnstead	17 Groton Rd.	Single-Family Residential	\$164,400	Christopher P. and Leilani E. Grant	Jill Hardison
Barnstead	Holly Lane (Lot)	Residential Developed Land	\$12,000	Louis C. Tusino	James N. Locke
Barnstead	60 N. Shore Dr.	Single-Family Residential	\$180,933	Katelyn Fontaine	Steven C. Watkins
Barnstead	39 Parade Hill Rd.	Acc. Land Imp.	\$48,933	Robert G. Leonard	Bernie D. and Kerry A. Lavoie
Barnstead	11 Sampson Dr.	Single-Family Residential	\$190,000	James C. and Jamie L. Warriner	Peter F. Micali
New Durham	118 Birch Hill Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$51,000	Ryan Ouellette	Stephen F. and Margarita A. Burgess
New Durham	227 N. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residential	\$465,000	Judith K. Cushman	Angela and Ryan Detzel

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The Bath Bridge, hummingbirds, porcupines, and Northern Pass

Readers send me photos every now and then, mostly of landscapes and structures from long ago, or various wild creatures caught on camera by determination or good luck.

Mark Belisle of Shelburne, Vt. recently sent me a fine old photograph of the covered bridge over the Ammonoosuc falls in the little town of Bath. It was made from an old glass-plate negative, probably just after the Civil War.

In the days during and after daguerreotypes, making a photograph was an elaborate affair. The photographer, in total dark, brushed a liquid mixture of silver halide crystals onto a piece of tin or a glass plate, left the tent-like darkroom covering the camera, tried to get any people in the frame to sit still long enough for what was often an exposure time of four or five seconds, and rushed back into the tent to open the lens for the required time.

The fact that the man and his bateau below the falls are not blurred indicates that things had come a long way since daguerreotypes, wars have a way of fostering invention, and the silver halide solution had been much improved, cutting the exposure time to perhaps a second.

When this photograph was made, Bath's famed Brick Store had been long in place, and its distinct shape can be seen at far right. Built between 1780 and 1804, it was for a time hailed as the nation's oldest continuously operated general store. After a foreclosure auction last year, it has new owners and is back in operation.

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My hummingbirds showed up week after last, just about on time. I use the possessive because they seem to come back to the same places. They are no doubt back at camp, too, half a thousand feet higher than my house and 20 miles further north, inaccessible by road and in the middle of nowhere.

There is no feeder at camp, yet these little helicopters seem to find enough flowering wild plants to make a living. It's that way with many camp-owners I know, they look for their hummingbirds, and wonder that they arrive, and get by.

My hummingbirds scrutinize me whenever I happen to be sitting in the porch rocker, reading and looking out over the land.

They put off feeding until they've hovered behind my head for a second or two, and then come around directly in front of my face, and I say something just to get them used to my voice, something really inventive, like "Hello, hummingbirds."

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK



By JOHN HARRIGAN

And they zoom away to come right back, take a second look, and then visit the feeder above. In a day or two, they become accustomed to me and there is no delay between the "Hello" and feeding.

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This column goes far afield, into papers I seldom see except online, but it's always good to get mail, no matter whence.

A Carroll County Independent reader wondered about what might be chewing at the red-cedar corners of their camp in Wakefield. I figured it had to be porcupines, and she wrote back to say that they'd figured that too.

If there's any steady guest that can make a mess of a camp, it's porcupines. If they take up temporary residence under the floor and find or chew a way to get in, "Ugh" doesn't begin to describe it.

After I put big sliding doors across the yawning bays of the hay barn, a roving gang



MARK BELISLE - COURTESY PHOTO

THE BATH covered bridge, built in 1833 and raised and lengthened in the 1920s, is 390 feet long. It already was high enough to have escaped the worst of the long-log drives and floods of almost a century. Note the man idling away in a bateau in the whirlpool below.



JOHN HARRIGAN

MEMBERS of the state Site Evaluation Committee visited upper North Country sites where the proposed Northern Pass line would go through, including the ox-cart-width, ledge-studded North Hill Road, seen here at its junction with Creampoke and County roads.



COURTESY PHOTO
(Left) **THE BRICK STORE** in Bath, all decked out for the Fourth. It is said to be one of the nation's oldest general stores still in business.

of porcupines chewed away at the chemically treated siding, even standing on their hind legs to do so. I got ready for drastic measures,

but fortunately I have no rocky areas where quill-pigs like to den, and so like the occasional skunk that finds temporary and meager fare, they moved on

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Thanks to over-the-mountain neighbor Brad Thompson, I got a seat on the bus carrying site Evaluation Committee members around the upper North Country to view the proposed Northern Pass transmission line route.

I hope they thought what so many people who first see the beautiful, pastoral landscape with its narrow ox-cart roads invariably seem to think: They're actually talking about putting 40 miles of totally new right-of-way, whether buried or above ground, through such an incredible place as this?

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

PET OF THE WEEK

LACONIA — Two fast feline friends finding themselves at a loose end at New Hampshire Humane Society, now seek a permanent home — not separated.

They've always lived together, hence staff do not want to split them up. Sadly surrendered by a family no longer able to care for the duo, the shelter staff promised that Marley, aged seven and Kiki, just five years young, would not be part-



ed. These two cats are an amiable, friendly couple who will assimilate well, after a settling in phase, into practically any home. Neither is fazed by usual family life and are wonderful feline companions in the making. Kiki, gorgeous tabby and Marley spiffy and all black have been waiting since June for a new home.



Would it make them even more appealing if we told you that Marley has some musical ability? In his former home, he had been known to strum and pluck a guitar string or two, so if you have such an instrument

and actively play it, this is indeed a special and fun trait. Staff don't know if he's named after reggae icon Bob Marley, but he obviously has similar talents. Join in for the antique and classic car show in Bridgewater Saturday Aug. 5. Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

Durand on Dean's List at Marist

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JODIE CONWAY won the New Durham 5K on Saturday morning.



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ZAK JONES was second in the New Durham 5K on Saturday.



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RANDALL FIELD finished in fourth in the New Durham 5K on Saturday.

Conway takes top honors in New Durham 5K

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NEW DURHAM — New Durham residents

made up the majority of the field in the Fun, Games and Giving 5K, held Saturday morning

to kick off Celebrate New Durham Day.

The race started and ended at the Farmington Fish and Game Club and officials from town departments were able to keep the roads closed down to make things safer for the runners.

Unless otherwise noted, the runners in the finish list are from New Durham.

Jodie Conway took top honors overall, finishing in a time of 19:36.

Zak Jones of Durham finished second overall and was the first male



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ART HOOVER (left) and David Swenson crossed the finish line of Saturday's 5K together.

finisher, crossing in 19:59.

Dan Hichey finished third in 20:08, with Randall Field in 20:21. Elizabeth Bronson of Wolfeboro finished in fifth place in 21:04 and Matt Perkins finished in 21:21. Wolfeboro's Kara

Jacobs finished in 21:29, followed by Benjamin Sears in 22:03, Jeremy Fisher in 22:23 and Jodi Holman in 22:44 to round out the top 10.

Kobe Kezer finished in 23:27 for 11th place, with Jen Silva in 23:32, Mark Cormier in 23:57,

Jason Silva in 24:03, Celeste Chasse in 25:15.5 and Nicholas Marks in 25:15.8. Peter Kratovil finished in 25:58, Joan Poirier crossed in 26:00, Meghan Kimmond finished in 26:07 and Kaitryn Hichey rounded

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NOAH SANVILLE gets a tag on a Dover runner in action on Friday in Manchester.



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RYKER BURKE tracks down a pop fly during action in Manchester last week.

Post 72's season ends in state tournament

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — After dropping the opening game of the Junior Legion state tournament on Thursday, July 27, the Alton Post 72 squad faced elimination against Dover on Friday morning at Gill Stadium in Manchester.

Dover pushed across one run in the second and three more in the third to open up a bit of a lead before blowing things open in the fourth on the way to a 10-2 win, ending Alton's season.

Garrett Smart got the

start on the hill for Alton and worked around an error in the first inning, thanks in part to Austin Garrett's great grab of a high throw at first base.

Alton went in order in the bottom of the inning and Dover was able to put together a couple of hits to plate a run in the top of the second inning, though good defense kept Dover from scoring any more. Austin Didsbury made a nice grab in center field and catcher Ryan Dube threw a strike to Noah Sanville at third to cut down a Dover running



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RYAN DUBE fouls off a pitch in action in the state tournament last week.

PMHS searching for girls' track coach

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stealing third base.

Dube reached on an error to open the bottom of the second inning, but he was eliminated on a 1-6-3 double play and Alton remained scoreless through two innings.

Dover put up three more runs on the board in the top of the third inning. After a lead-off double, Smart got a strikeout and a pop up to Garrett at first base but a walk, a base hit and an error allowed two runs to score and then another walk and a wild pitch made it 4-0. Dube helped get his team out of the inning, as he caught a runner stealing second to end the frame.

Lars Major worked a walk to open the bottom of the third inning and he stole second base, but he was stranded there as Alton still kept looking for its first hit of the game.

The top of the fourth inning saw a walk and a base hit get things started and then a homer to the deep fence in right field plated three more runs for a 7-0 lead. Coach Gary Noyes summoned Disbury to the mound and he retired the next three batters to get out of the inning.

Alton got on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning. Colby Brown hit a pop up to

open the inning but the Dover shortstop lost it in the sun and it fell behind the mound for the first hit. He then stole second and third and scored when Dube ripped a shot to the hole at shortstop and the throw went wide of first. Didsbury was hit by a pitch to keep the inning going but Alton could not get another run home and trailed 7-1 after four.

Dover continued to open the lead in the top of the fifth inning. A walk, wild pitch, stolen base and base hit plated another run and then another error allowed the ninth run to score. Didsbury hit a pair of

batters but got out of the inning without any more runs scoring.

Alton went in order in the bottom of the fifth inning and Brown took over on the mound in the top of the sixth inning. He surrendered a double and a base hit to plate another run, while Ryker Burke made a nice grab at second, going back into right field to snag a pop fly.

Brown led off the bottom of the sixth inning with an infield hit and Garrett was hit by a pitch. One out later, Smart had a base hit to plate another run and Didsbury was hit by a pitch again to keep the inning going. However, Alton could not get anyone else across the plate.

Brown worked around a one-out walk in the top of the seventh inning but Alton went down in order in the bottom of the seventh and Dover took the 10-2 win.

While the end came sooner than he would've liked, Noyes praised his team's growth.

"They've progressed and that's what we look for," Noyes said. "We have some good ball players and they played some good baseball.

"I'm proud of them overall," the Alton coach continued. "With all the leagues out there, it can be tough, it's a commitment to play here for six weeks."

He also noted the new pitching rules allowed him to get a lot of people action on the mound during the season.

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THE REVOLUTION U14 girls played on Saturday morning at Prospect Mountain.



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THE U10 Revolution boys and girls battled on Saturday morning.



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SOCCER DARTS were offered up as a chance to try something different at Saturday's 3v3 tournament.



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THE U14 boys played on Saturday at Prospect Mountain.

Revolution United hosts first 3v3 tournament

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The back parking lot at Prospect Mountain High School was packed with cars on Saturday morning, as more than 45 3v3 soccer teams descended on the school for the Revolution United Soccer Club's first 3v3 tournament.

"All the 3v3 tournaments are in Massachusetts or further, so we're trying to have something up here," said Revolution United founder Cory Halvorsen.

The local soccer coach said he got the 3v3 bug while working with one of his teams that last year made it to the world championships in Florida.

"I got hooked when I went to Florida," Halvorsen said. "It's all

about keeping the shape, the triangle, which we talk about a lot in 11 on 11."

All told, Halvorsen's club had eight teams in the completion, including kids under 10 up to adults, with Halvorsen noting he was actually on one of the teams playing later in the afternoon.

The 3v3 game is different than the regular game of soccer in many ways. The game is played on a small field with small goals and no goaltenders. Halvorsen had four fields set up just beyond the outfield fence at the school's baseball field. The JV soccer field located next to the tournament was recently reseeded so it was still recovering and was not used. Halvorsen said he

hopes that next year he can put four more fields on that field and host even more teams for the tournament.

In 3v3 soccer, there is a small box in front of the goal and athletes are not allowed to touch the ball inside that box on either offense or defense. Halvorsen noted that three of the Revolution United teams were in competition to qualify for the world championships this year and that this tournament would help to get teams toward that goal. The top two in each division advanced on to the regionals, which were held in Seekonk, Mass.

"As long as its sanctioned by Disney, we can be a qualifier," Halvorsen said, noting that U12 boys, the U16 boys and

an open boys' team consisting of players who made trips to Florida in their younger days are in contention to qualify.

The tournament also served the purpose of raising funds for the local soccer club, which Halvorsen said prides itself on keeping prices low for players.

"We're using it as a fundraiser for the club

and to help offset travel if teams make it to worlds," Halvorsen said. "And for the first one, it's a good turnout."

He also pointed out that the tournament was put together in a little more than a month and he figures that with more time and more field space, they can probably attract more teams next year.

All told, 46 teams com-

peted, with an average of five players per team and a max of six per team. Teams came from as far away as Hudson, Goffstown and the seacoast and as close by as Pittsfield and the Lakes Region United squad.

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St. Katharine Drexel 5K/10K scheduled for Sept. 16

ALTON—In the midst of summer, it might be difficult to think about the coming season of fall. Yet, a small group of dedicated committee members who organize the St. Katharine Drexel 5K/10K road race and 5K walk each year are doing just that.

As they plan for the seventh annual event, held this year on Saturday, Sept. 16 on the church grounds off Route 28, in Alton, they are encouraging runners of all ages and abilities to lace up those running shoes, practice, and sign

up for the sanctioned race, which raises monies for three very worthy charities.

This year, as in the past several, monies raised will go to support the James Foley Scholarship, given to a graduating senior from Foley's alma mater, Kingswood Regional High School. Additionally, the Camp Fatima Special Needs campers program and the remaining Indian mission, founded by St. Katharine Drexel in 1903, will also receive checks.

Of course, the race

would not be successful without the continuing support of local businesses who, each year, are most generous to the causes. This year they have two title sponsors, Eastern Propane and Oil Co. and Integrity Earthworks. To date, they have also received support from All Earth, Weston Auto Body, Northeast Delta Dental, Bartlett Tree Services, Peaslee Funeral Home, Bon Venture Bulletin Services, Wolfeboro Eye Associates, Granite State Physical Fitness,

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Local trio helps Rochester to Legion state title

Treuel, Lindsay, Nickerson all chip in for Post 7

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

MANCHESTER — For the third year in a row and the fourth time in five years, the Rochester Post 7 Senior Legion baseball team won the state title.

And this year, the team took the easy route to the championship, going undefeated in the state tournament, finishing off with a 10-3 win over Sweeney Post on Wednesday, July 26.

Last year, Rochester had to work through the loser's bracket and had to win two games the day before the finals, a situation that Sweeney found itself in this year.

And with a group of tested veterans, coach Steve Lambert expected good things.

"A lot of these kids have been around so they don't fold under pressure," Lambert said. "They seem to come through when things get tough."

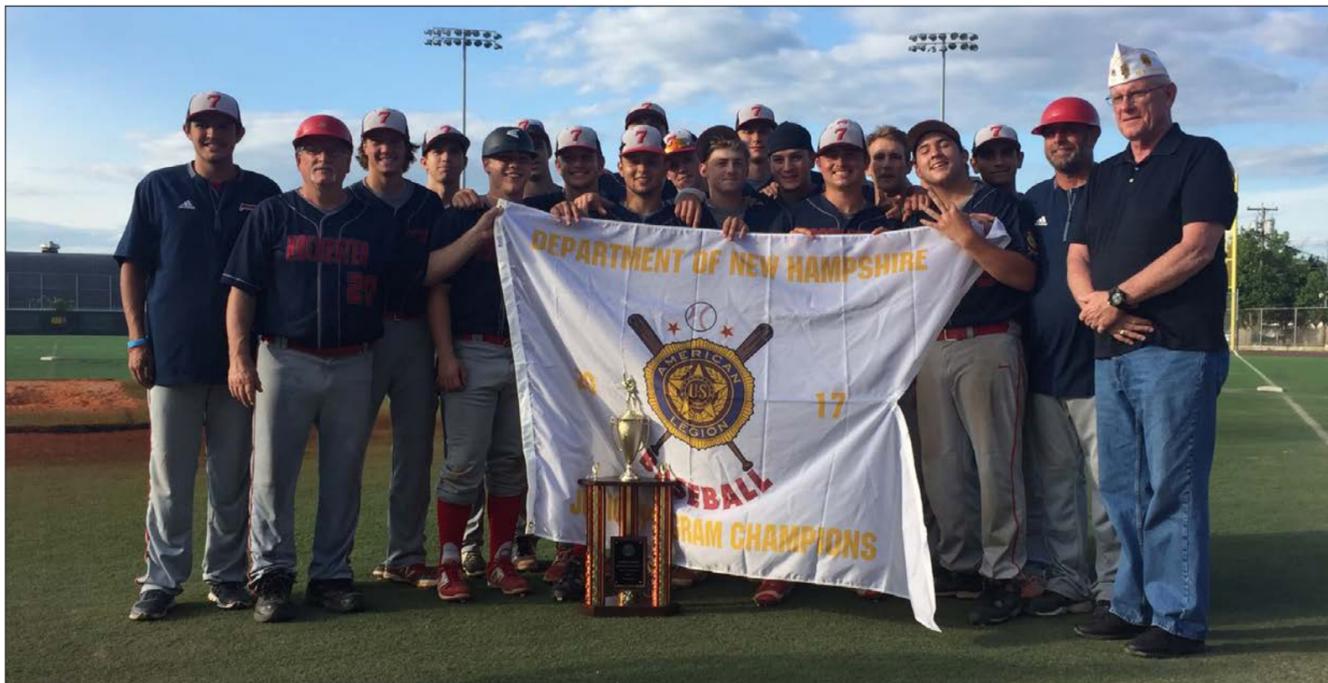
"And the last week, the gel has come together," the Rochester coach added. "Sweeney had a tough road to come back, I wouldn't want to be in that situation."

This year's Rochester team featured a trio of local players, with Kingswood graduate Will Treuel, rising Kingswood senior Brian Lindsay and rising Prospect Mountain senior Drew Nickerson all playing roles on the team.

Rochester, which won each previous tournament game by the 10-run rule, sent Shaun Cormier to the hill and though he surrendered a hit in the first inning, worked around it and Rochester got on the board in the bottom of the first.

Rick Creteau led off with a base hit, took second on a wild pitch and then went to third on a fly ball to right by Keagan Calero. One out later, a wild pitch plated Creteau with the first run of the game. Logan LaRoche was hit by a pitch to continue the inning, but he was stranded.

Cormier allowed a one-out hit and then hit a batter in the top of



THE ROCHESTER Post 7 Legion team celebrates the state championship last week.

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ROCHESTER celebrates its third Legion championship in a row.

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WILL TREUEL takes a lead off first in the eighth inning of last week's championship game.

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BRIAN LINDSAY prepares to take a throw at the plate in action last week in Manchester.

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DREW NICKERSON takes a swing during championship action in Manchester last week.

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the second inning, but he worked around it by getting a pair of grounders to shortstop.

Rochester added a run in the bottom of the second, with Nickerson scoring the run. The Prospect senior led off by reaching on an error and then Brady Ashley reached on a bunt and Lindsay had a grounder to first that moved both runners up. Jordan Gosselin then grounded to second to plate Nickerson for a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the third inning, Cormier surrendered a two-out hit but got three grounders on

the infield to keep Sweeney off the board.

Calero led off the bottom of the third with a walk and then Christian Dow reached on an error and LaRoche worked a walk to load the bases. Jayson Cleveland then delivered a base hit to plate two runs and after Nickerson was hit by a pitch and then a Lindsay double drove in two more runs and Rochester led 6-0.

Cormier set Sweeney down in order in the top of the fourth and Rochester added another run in the bottom of the

inning. With one out, Calero worked a walk, stole second and took third on a wild pitch. LaRoche worked a walk and then on a pick-off attempt at first, Calero stole home to make it 7-0.

Sweeney had a two-out double in the top of the fifth inning but Cormier worked around that. Nickerson led off the bottom of the inning with a base hit and took second on an error. He took third on a groundout by Ashley and scored on a sacrifice fly by Lindsay to make it 8-0.

Sweeney was able to capitalize on an error and a double to plate their first run but Rochester added two more in the bottom of the inning. Creteau led off with a base hit and Calero worked another walk. Dow then reached

on an error and two more runs scored for a 10-1 lead.

Cormier worked around a base hit in the top of the seventh and Ashley led off with a base hit in the bottom of the inning, but Rochester could not score.

Sweeney was able to score two more in the top of the eighth inning, taking advantage of a hit, an error, a hit batter and two sacrifice flies.

Calero led off with a base hit to open the bottom of the inning but he was picked off first. Base hits from LaRoche, Treuel and Nickerson loaded the bases but they were all stranded.

Comeau came out for the ninth and after the first batter reached on an error, a nice play from Comeau and Calero at shortstop picked him off second and

Rochester was able to celebrate the 10-3 win.

Lambert noted that he thought this year's team was stronger in many ways than the team that won last year.

"Station to station, we're a better team," he noted. "Our pitching is better this year, deeper, but you still have to have some luck."

Last year the team was two outs away from the regional finals last year and Lambert said the team knows what it is up against.

As for the local connections, Lambert said all three were key contributors.

"They all played a key part," Lambert said of Treuel, Nickerson and Lindsay.

"Will came to us and he's come in and throws hard for four or five innings," Lambert said, noting he had been hoping to have him on the team the past few years, but he was limited. Treuel picked up the win in the second game of the tournament for Rochester.

"Brian has been a great addition behind the plate," Lambert continued, praising his throwing arm.

"And Drew is a diamond in the rough," Lambert said, noting he saw him play for PMHS this past season. "I fell in love with the kid in high school. He'll play any position. He'll warm up the right fielder if that's what you want him to do."

The regional tournament got under way in Massachusetts after deadline on Aug. 2.

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along with a fun race for the kids.

Part of the proceeds from this year's race are designated for the Jake Weber Scholarship Fund. This fund will be used to assist with education costs to those interested in a career in fire safety or emergency medical services.

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Dragons hosting tryouts on Aug. 13 in Laconia

LACONIA — The Dragons USA Softball open tryouts are being held on Sunday, Aug. 13, at Woodland Heights Elementary School, located at 225 Winter St. in Laconia. A parent or guardian must be present to fill out the tryout packet. Tryouts are free.

Tryouts for 10U players will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., 12U will try out from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 14U will try out from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Any 16U player should e-mail to schedule a tryout.

USA Softball, formerly ASA, gives players that love the game an opportunity to play longer in the summer and at a higher caliber of play on a travel team. USA also only allows certified coaches and patched umpires so it is the next level of play.

The Dragons believe at the 10U and 12U level, girls shouldn't have to choose between playing for their local leagues or USA. They went them on the field as much as possible to foster competitive future high school teams. Therefore, these teams will have tournaments after the closing of the local league season. They will have practices, however, will work closely with local leagues to avoid conflicts.

If you have any questions, e-mail dragonsasa-softball@gmail.com or kellisargent@outlook.com.

A journey I won't soon forget

The set is down, the stage is cleared and auditions for the next show are already in progress.

But I would be remiss if I didn't spend one more column discussing the Village Players production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

As we took the set apart last Sunday following our final show, it felt like the end of most any other show I've been a part of over the past five years or so. After months of work, things come to a pretty quick halt and the theater has to be ready for the next show.

But later that evening, as I sat in my office trying to do some work, I found myself kind of sad that I wouldn't get to be on stage as William Barféé again. It was weird, but from what I've been told, it's

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

something that many people go through after wrapping a production in which they played a part on stage.

It was my first role of any significance since high school and it took me way out of my comfort zone with tons of singing and dancing. Truth be told, when I started rehearsing in early May, I was wondering whether I was going to be able to get through the next two months or if they'd need to get someone to replace me. I was overwhelmed, to say the least.

However, I was buoyed by the faith put in me by our director, Kathleen Hill and

our assistant director, Christian Boudman. Their continued support along with the willingness to do the extra work from musical director Bobby Burns and choreographer Kaylin Dean pushed me forward.

At the start of this process, I did not have confidence in my singing and my dancing, but as we went along and got closer to production time, I gained more confidence and began to feel like this was something I could do. However, the Sunday and Monday night of our final week leading up to the show, I felt lost. For whatever reason, the confidence I had slowly gained suddenly just disappeared and I was struck by the fact that we were opening in five days and I felt there was no way I was going to be able to go on stage with the rest of the cast.

But again, encouragement from many sources, both in the production and outside of it, got me focused and something just clicked during our two dress rehearsals. While they weren't perfect, I finally felt like I'd found what I'd been looking for. I was locked in.

That first night with an audience was like nothing I'd experienced. I've been backstage in countless shows and I've been on stage for short periods of times in which I got some laughs. But having an entire audience taking a journey with you for two hours was exhilarating.

I walked off that stage after that first night and I just wanted to go back and do it again. Was it perfect? No, but from where we had come as a cast in the last two months, it was something to be proud of.

I consider myself lucky to have shared the stage with some pretty talented people in this show. Connor Nelson, Garrison Barron and Becca Connelly are three of the most talented high school kids I've seen on a stage. Sammi Smith has a beautiful voice and can shoot a great look. Christine Muelhausen and Bob Tuttle kept the show moving and the crowd laughing with their perfect lines, sometimes scripted, other times improvised to perfection. Paul Stewart showed his acting range by going so far away from what he is as a real person, playing a hardened felon. And Gwen Collins was the perfect dance partner. Her patience and expertise were appreciated more than she knows.

Spelling Bee was a journey I will not soon forget and I'm grateful to everyone who shared kind words at the shows, it was truly appreciated.

I'm not sure when I'll audition for a part again, but the confidence I found being part of Spelling Bee has made me realize that I can do this, so I am sure, at some point, I'll be on the stage again.

Finally, have a great day Kathleen Hill. Thanks for the journey.

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THE KIDS race from the starting line of the kids' race after Saturday's 5K in New Durham.

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CELESTE CHASSE and Nicholas Marks run in Saturday's 5K.

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MATT PERKINS closes in on the finish line of the 5K on Saturday morning.

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JEREMY FISHER runs in the 5K on Saturday morning in New Durham.

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SUSAN GLENNEY brought her four-legged friend along for the New Durham 5K on Saturday.

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RACE

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out the top 20 in 27:59.

Susan Glenney ran to a time of 28:10, followed by Dana Johnson in 29:22 and Ben Jones of Durham in 29:23. Brady Call finished 24th in 29:39, Bishop Ford was 25th in 29:42, Camden Colson finished in 30:13,

Sheri Hotchkiss crossed in 30:15, Robert Hotchkiss finished in 30:19, Mark Sullivan finished in 31:29 and Michael Goodman finished out the top 30 with a time of 32:42.

Town Administrator Scott Kinmond finished in 33:51, Devin Johnson crossed in 33:58, Jim Tollner finished in 34:36,

Elaina Strong placed 34th in 35:36, Merrie Marks finished in 35th in 35:59 and Joan Swenson finished 36th in 41:52.

In what was probably the coolest moment of the morning, Selectman David Swenson closed in on the finish line but decided to turn around and finish with his friend, Art Hoover. Swenson

never stopped moving, circling in the road as he worked his way back along Old Bay Road until he found Hoover and the two of them finished the race together to round out the field.

The 5K was followed by a kids' race, which ran out Old Bay Road and back.

Graham Phillips was the top finisher in a time of 3:19, followed by Alexander King of Peabody, Mass. in 3:23. Chloe McLain finished in 3:33, Maya Colson crossed in 3:44 and Ryan D'Entremont finished in 3:47. Timothy Drake finished in 3:49, Lincoln Drake crossed in 4:02, Owen Phillips finished in 4:05, Ella Dore of Wakefield

finished in 4:06 and Nicholas D'Entremont finished in 4:15.

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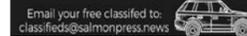
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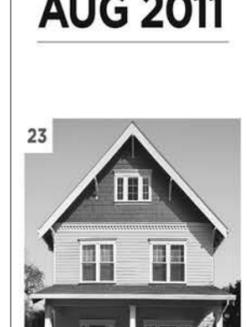
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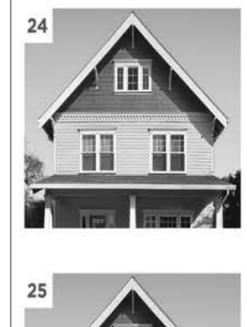


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