

Gravel pit project draws continued opposition

Residents of three towns speak out against proposal

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — A crowd of more than 100 residents and officials from at least three towns gathered at a public hearing in the elementary school gym last Tuesday - pretty much in universal opposition to a proposed project that would extract millions of cubic yards of gravel over several years.

Among those making their thoughts known to the zoning board of adjustment were selectmen hailing from surrounding communities, as well as abutters and their lawyers who argued that approval would negatively impact their property values and quality of life.

Red Oak Realty, which owns a parcel in a corner of New Durham, where it converges with neighboring Middleton and Wolfeboro, wants to extract, process and ship gravel from a site off the Kings

Highway.

The three-and-a-half-hour public hearing began with a presentation by the applicant's engineer, Tom Varney, who explained how his client believes the proposal fits within existing zoning provisions.

He prefaced his slide deck by saying he was "hopeful we can have a fair hearing... people have fears about what we're doing."

Varney, of Varney Design LLC in Alton, addressed concerns that town officials and abutters raised at a planning board session some months ago. Since that board deemed that a commercial/industrial use of the site falls outside of the generally-accepted use of a parcel in an area zoned for residential, agricultural, and recreational purposes, the matter was referred to the ZBA for consideration.

Varney expressed sur-

prise at the large turnout, noting that most of the ZBA meetings he's presented at have been sparsely attended. During his lengthy presentation, Varney noted, "I didn't know there would be so much adversity to this."

He said the applicant, Keith Babb, is the proprietor of a pit a short distance away in Middleton. Varney said Babb hopes to close this pit and move operations to the new site, which is located in the northern tip of New Durham where Kings Highway connects it to Middleton and Wolfeboro. He said the plan is to "repair and replace," noting that the retiring site would be re-vegetated.

He noted that the closing pit provided gravel to the new Middleton school, and that his client also runs an extraction operation in East Alton.

Varney said that the

pit would operate from April to December, remaining dormant during the remainder of the year. The engineer said that the crushing of blasted rock would only occur during three weeks of the year, with the remainder of the season devoted to on-site sales, pick-up and delivery.

Varney stressed that he anticipates no impact on abutters' "viewshed," citing a forested strip located between the pit and nearby properties.

Not everyone in the decidedly oppositional audience believed this statement. One attendee muttered, "That's not true" as Varney continued to speak.

Varney said he's "sensitive to the fact that this is a "nice neighborhood" replete with "nice houses," and that the proposed project takes these matters into consideration.

He added that the site is not over a protected

aquifer, and that wildlife impacts would be minimal. Varney said he and Babb "tiptoed through the tulips" to find a blast site on the parcel with minimal environmental impacts.

Noting that operations would produce dust, Varney added that the proposed plan includes a well whose primary func-

tion will be to hose down particulate matter.

Knowing that town officials and abutters have traffic concerns, Varney cited a study that predicts that operations would result in 10-15 daily truck runs; he said an anticipated a two percent increase in volume might result on a road that sees

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Easter egg hunts help herald arrival of spring

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

REGION — Muscles taut, they crouched and prepared to spring, the quarry spread before them over the vast expanse. At the word, they rushed forward, sweeping across their assigned areas like the tidal bore that carries away everything in its unrelenting path.

It was newborns - 10 year-olds vs. 3,000 plastic eggs on the grounds of Prospect Mountain High School at the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, and the kids of Alton and Barnstead had the upper hand.

Liz Dominick of Alton stood at the fence surrounding the track, watching her four-year-



CATHY ALLYN

THE CZARNECKI triplets, (l to r) Amelia, Tony and Olivia had a productive day at the New Durham Spring Celebration held Saturday. Between Easter egg hunts held in Alton and New Durham, the children of the Baysider communities had the opportunity to capture a multitude of prizes and enjoy the lovely spring weather.

old grandson Abel, out in the pack of 4-7 year-olds, sweeping up plastic eggs.

"He was scared when

they lined up," she revealed, "and wanted his mother to go with him. He started walking, but

when he realized everyone else was running, he took off like a rocket and

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Visiting the homeland

Last October, Dana McCausland's father's extended family and her immediate family (parents and siblings) went on a group trip to Lithuania (there were 31 on that trip). Her grandparents on both her mother's and father's sides left Lithuania during WWII when the Soviets annexed the country into the USSR. Her dad was born in Lithuania and was five years old when his family fled. Her mother was born in West Germany during her family's flight from occupied Lithuania. This was the first time her parents had both been back to their "mother land." She reported that it was amazing to see all the historical monuments that she grew up learning about in "Lithuanian school" that I attended every Saturday as a kid. This picture was taken in front of Gedimino Pilis or Gediminas' Tower. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

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Some bunny special drops in on Barnstead

Barnstead Police coordinate delivery of Easter goodies by hare mail

BY MARK FOYNES
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BARNSTEAD — A crowd of perhaps 300 children, parents, grandparents and public safety personnel converged on the BES ballfield last Saturday to welcome the Easter Bunny, who helicoptered in to drop perhaps a 10th of a ton of candy.

"This is a community policing event," explained Barnstead Police

Chief Paul Poirier. "It is a chance for our officers and other safety personnel to connect directly with those we serve."

Poirier elaborated, "A lot of times we're seeing people in emergency situations, so something like this is a way that we can get to know residents in a positive environment where we can all have some fun."

The Barnstead chief said he believes events

like these serve a dual role of bringing neighbors together and helping safety officials connect in a personal way with constituents.

"Anything that brings people together is a good thing," he said.

Poirier said he hopes to make the Easter egg drop an annual event.

"This is the first time we are doing this - if people enjoy it, we'll try to do this every year,"

Poirier added, smiling as folks poured in. He added, "We hope a lot of people come out - the more the merrier."

This was Poirier's second consecutive coup. Using his connections, he got Santa to come to Barnstead two days before Christmas. Last Saturday, he was able to secure a commitment from the Easter Bunny - less than 24 hours before the busiest day of the year.

But being so busy, the Easter Bunny's visit was something of a fly by. So instead of taking the time to hide individual eggs, the guest of honor had a helper drop thousands of them from his helicopter as he posed for pictures with children down at ground level.

While the star attraction was the Easter Bunny, who arrived just before 11 a.m., there was

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Selectmen discuss police station planning

BY DAVID ALLEN
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BARNSTEAD — The Tuesday, April 11, Barnstead Board of Selectmen's meeting was an opportunity to move forward on a couple of issues from the March Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting approved \$100,000 for the design and construction drawings for a new police station. At Tuesday's meeting the board discussed the process for preparing a Request for Proposals and the components of the request.

During the ground-work the board did prior to the Town Meeting, the board visited several town police stations built in the last few years. They seemed to be particularly impressed with a new Farmington Public Safety Building that will house police, fire and ambulance services.

The Farmington building was approved in 2016 and construction is under way. Construction projects can be done two different ways. One option is to hire and architect and or engineer to design the building, then put out an RFP for a contractor to build. The other option, used in Farmington is to hire a company that will do "design-build," where the company has its own

architects and engineers who prepare the design, then turn it over to the company's building unit who carries out the construction.

The board was convinced during its ground-work phase last year that design-build would be the most cost-effective and manageable process. So, the discussion at the meeting focused on how to prepare the RFP to attract bidders capable of doing the design-build process. The board decided to ask Farmington for a copy of the RFP they had prepared for their public safety building and use it as a template for preparing the RFP for the Barnstead police building.

They hope to have the RFP in circulation by mid-May and have completed plans and estimates by early November so that public hearings can be held in December of this year. Representatives of the Groen Company were present for much of this discussion. They are the company that built the Farmington Public Safety Building.

The board went on to identify additional goals for the upcoming year. The issue of physical exams for firefighters was one of the first identified. Town voters were

upset to learn at Town Meeting that none had been done the previous year because of internal disagreements about how to approach the issue.

Some selectmen indicated there could be potential liability concerns for the town if a firefighter is injured due to a pre-existing condition that would be discovered during a full physical exam. The board agreed to move forward with a physical exam designed for firefighters that is available at the Horsehoe Pond Medical Facility in Concord.

The town will pay for the physicals and will plan for half the full-time firefighters to be examined this year and half the following year. The board will address the issue of physical exams for on-call firefighters at a later meeting.

The other goals discussed by the selectmen were operational rather than focused on community impact: items such as how frequently they meet with department heads, get progress reports from them, and meetings with town committees and boards.

Police Chief Paul Poirier was present for a part of the discussion about the police department new building. He

also gave the board an update on his plans to have a helicopter Easter egg drop on Saturday, April 15.

The helicopter belongs to a friend of the chief who regularly does these drops in several towns around the state as a hobby. Poirier told the board that 3,500 plastic eggs filled with candy would be delivered in Barnstead. Several select board members tried working the mental math of how many pieces of candy that might mean for each child who

attends.

The chief also reported that several leading state law enforcement officials would be present for the event. See the related story on page A1.

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Board members expressed concern about the thinning out of highway department staff after resignations during the last couple of months. Priscilla Tiede pointed to the need for a skilled person to serve as grader driver, and suggested the board should consider hiring a person on a per diem basis, or increasing the compensation for that position. The board is scheduled to meet with Road Agent Jim Doucette next week and will discuss these issues further at that time.

Happy Hobby Doll Club meets Saturday

ALTON — The Happy Hobby Doll Club of the Lakes Region will be having a meeting Saturday, April 22, in the Alton Bay Community Center, Alton. The public is invited to attend the program by Michelle Hamilton speaking about fashion lady dolls of the 1940s and 1950s at 1 p.m. There will be samples to view and a discussion after the presentation

about these popular dolls and their designers and manufacturers. Attendees may bring their own dolls to show and tell.

The Happy Hobby Doll Club is a United Federation of Doll Clubs member and meets monthly except July. The public is always invited to attend these meetings and take part in the programs and discussions. Membership is now open to those

wishing to join this fun group and take advantage of the offerings from UFDC, such as the beautiful quarterly magazine, the opportunity to attend the annual convention and visit the federation museum in Kansas City.

For more information about The Happy Hobby Doll Club and United Federation of Doll Clubs, call 569-3745.

Steve Marchand to address local Democrats May 1

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

Road, Center Barnstead.

Marchand is the former mayor of Portsmouth and has recently announced his candidacy for governor of New Hampshire in the 2018 election. Marchand stands for strengthening

both New Hampshire families and New Hampshire's economy. "Too many people think we have to choose: Either we help working people and their families, or we focus on growing our economy. But my experience shows me that the right priorities do both," Marchand writes. Some of the priorities he cites are education, small business support, infrastructure, and health care.

This meeting is open to any and all residents of Barnstead, Alton and Gilmanton who consider themselves liberal, progressive, or like-minded independents. Refreshments to share are welcome but not necessary. For more information, please contact Heather Carter at starryheather@hotmail.com or visit the "Barnstead, Alton, and Gilmanton Democrats" Facebook page.

Kids' fishing derby is May 21 in New Durham

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

Farmington Fish and Game is a non-profit organization and there will be games, prizes and raffles for adults and kids. Free lunch will be provided to participating kids and lunch can be purchased for a mini-

mal fee for all others.

The fishing derby will be held rain or shine and bait is not supplied.

Farmington Fish and Game Club is located on Old Bay Road in New Durham.

Gehl makes Dean's List at St. Lawrence

CANTON, N.Y. — Kirsten Gehl of New Durham has been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2016 semester.

Gehl is a member of the Class of 2020. Gehl attended Kingswood Regional High School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses

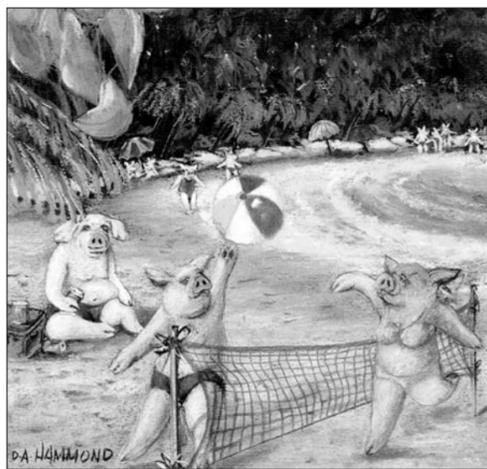
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Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

Community policing at its best

Our front page this week contains a story on Barnstead's Easter Egg drop, which happened at the elementary school on Saturday.

This was another initiative started by Barnstead Police Chief Paul Poirier, who has become very active in the community in his months on the job and we are thrilled to see him getting so engaged in the community.

Poirier was in the news back around Christmas when he had Santa come to town and deliver presents to those in need while riding in a Hummer decorated with Christmas lights. This past weekend, he was able to use his contacts to bring the Easter Bunny to town via helicopter, delivering a pile of eggs to Barnstead kids.

Community policing is such an important part of a police department in small towns. There is no doubt that people who get to know the police and see them at events around town are less likely to want to meet them in a situation where the police have to make an arrest. Chief Poirier has this figured out and he has gotten his department on board as well and the Barnstead community is the better for it.

At the March Town Meeting, voters in Barnstead approved money to make plans for a new Barnstead police station, which we know is badly needed. There have been issues in the past where Barnstead has looked at disbanding its police department, but this time around, the residents supported the plan and we have to believe that Poirier's initiatives in the community are part of the reason why the police department is receiving such support from the community.

Many people don't get a chance to meet the police officers in their town unless they've done something wrong or if they've been a victim of a crime. This is unfortunate, since the police are a huge part of the community. We encourage everyone, particularly people with young kids, to get to know the police officers in your community. It's especially important that kids learn at a young age that the police aren't people to be feared, but rather people who can be there to help, people you can go to when something is wrong. Events like the Easter Egg drop on Saturday are events that we hope will continue to do that for Barnstead residents. And the added touch of letting kids check out the police vehicles and other vehicles just adds to that and was another great idea.

The only thing that was slightly disappointing about the Barnstead event on Saturday was that it was held around the same time as the combined egg hunt that the Barnstead and Alton Parks and Recreation Departments were hosting with the Prospect Mountain National Honor Society at the high school. It may have been difficult for residents to attend both events, so we are sure residents had to choose in many cases.

Surely there was a way to schedule the events a bit more apart so that people who might want to do both could do so, or even those who wanted to help out at both events could do so.

Again, that was the one minor issue we saw. Otherwise, this was just another great community initiative from the Barnstead Police Department and Chief Paul Poirier. Kudos to them all.



MARK FOYNES

Egg-citing times

Grace Thompson, Tricia Voss, Charlotte Thompson, and Abigail Thompson were among perhaps 300 people who greeted the Easter Bunny who was helicoptered onto the ballfield at Barnstead Elementary. "This was such a great event for the police and fire departments to do and we are very grateful for their efforts," Voss said. See the story on page A1.

Letters to the Editor

Alton Community Services open house is April 29

To the Editor:

The Alton Community Services recently held a board meeting and Purr Whalley has agreed to put us on Facebook so let us know what you think. If you are unhappy with our hours, please let us know and we will consider opening another day. You may call me at 875-6396 or call Dianne Eagles.

We have been at our new location (in Village Centre) for a few months and clients seem to enjoy coming to our new location. We will be hav-

ing an open house April 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. I do hope people will make an effort to come out for it. We are very proud of our new space.

People may continue to drop off donations at Maxfield's Real Estate, Profile Bank or Alton Home and Lumber (aka Reuben's). Profile Bank also has a nice selection of books for a donation that benefits ACS.

Dorothea Wentworth
Director

Alton Community Services

Inappropriate for location

To the Editor:

Almost 30 years ago we bought our land with a very modest seasonal cottage on Shaws Pond as a weekend escape. We came to love this refuge so much that in 2000 we built a year round house here. In 2006 we made the decision to retire here.

In 2008 we placed 32 of our 36 acres in a conservation easement with New Durham being the "grantee" of the easement. One of our main reasons for doing this was to protect the Beaver Brook watershed (leading to Shaws Pond and eventually to Lake Winnepesaukee), the wetlands that comprise about a third of the easement protected land and the pristine Shaws Pond. This whole area is well populated with wildlife and plant life. We considered this easement as a covenant between ourselves and the town to protect this area from future development. If this quarry use is approved by the ZBA, our conservation easement will be at risk of losing all the resource-

es that we have tried to protect. There is also no question that our property value would decrease. We choose to live in a quiet residential/rural area and future owners would only be interested in buying our property if those conditions continued to exist.

At the April 11 ZBA meeting, Mr. Varney discussed what great condition Middleton Road Wolfeboro was in but never mentioned the condition of Kings Highway, New Durham. Our road is a very old rural country road with no center or fog lines and is very subject to pot holes and frost heaves. Heavy truck traffic would cause increased maintenance by the town, not to mention changing the bucolic feel of the neighborhood.

We strongly disapprove of the intended use of bed rock quarry and hope the ZBA will decline their petition as inappropriate for this location.

Don and Gail Holm
New Durham

Community rights workshop is April 30

To the Editor:

Greetings to everyone, from the New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN). Thanks very much to the folks of Barnstead and surrounding communities who made it out this past April 2 to view, We the People 2.0 - the Second American Revolution. This film is a documentary of stories from communities across the country that are facing harmful corporate activities, and are confronting our structure of law which elevates the rights of corporations over the rights of people, communities and nature. The film explains what these communities have chosen to do in response.

In the beginning of this nation, the vastness of all the resources were opened up to establish the United States as a viable, independent country in the eyes of the leading nations at the time. The railroads built corridors to transport resources and the Industrial Revolution led to the degradation of the work environment and natural environment. Exploitation of workers and natural resources became synonymous with "progress." It seems we haven't evolved much since those beginning days. Our nation still values the exploitation of resources for profit over protecting rights of human and natural communities.

Education is our best guide to fulfill our responsibilities to future generations of resource stewards and the ecosystems we depend upon for survival. We the people need to educate ourselves to understand the law which has been used to usurp our sovereign rights.

I would like to invite you to join us for an educational, interactive workshop about community rights on Sunday, April 30, at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library starting at 1 p.m. This workshop consists of a presentation on how the system of government that we have today was created. We will take a look at the history of local self-government in New Hampshire, as well as exposing how the legal system has been thwarted to favor protections for commerce and industry above the rights of the people. This interactive workshop will explore how some communities have pushed back against oppressive structures to reclaim local authority; and learn more about the latest efforts to assert community rights. In conclusion, we look at the goal of creating a New Hampshire constitution that recognizes the rights of people, communities, and nature.

Douglas Darrell
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Letters to the Editor

March for Science planned on Earth Day

To the Editor:
Kudos to New Hampshire's Board of Education for standing up to Frank Edelblut, Sununu's controversial pick for education commissioner. The board recently voted unanimously to refuse Edelblut's request

to review the state's school science standards. The board adopted the Next Generation Science Standards last year after a two-year-long review. Edelblut requested another review because NGSS had been given a grade

of "C" by the Fordham Institute. However, Jack Hassard, a former high school science teacher and Professor Emeritus of Science Education at Georgia State University, describes Fordham as an "ultra-conservative" organization, whose cri-

teria used to evaluate the NGSS are "low-level, mediocre at best." According to Hassard, Fordham "appears to have had their eyes closed" during the past 30 years, when "many of the creative ideas ... emerged in science teaching." The board

of education agreed. As board member Bill Duncan stated, "Fordham's view of the standards is from 1950 science teaching."

Sununu's choice of Edelblut was met with much criticism. He and his wife home-schooled their children and he has had no professional public education experience. According to state law, education commissioners "shall be qualified to hold their positions by reason of education and experience." Because of Edelblut's lack of experience and his conservative views on education, critics were fearful

that his appointment was strictly political. It appears that their fears were well founded.

If you are concerned about the current attack on science and gutting of the EPA by the Trump administration and Republican leaders, please join the worldwide March for Science on Earth Day, April 22, which includes satellite marches in Concord and Portsmouth. For more information, search March for Science Concord NH or March for Science Portsmouth NH on Facebook.

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Gilman Library
From The Director's Desk

Our library always welcomes new friends of all ages. We encourage everyone to consider joining the Friends of the Gilman Library. Throughout the years, the Friends of Gilman Library have sponsored numerous fundraisers and programs to benefit the library. Founded in 1980, the Friends have proven to be a real asset to the library. Being part of this wonderful group is a great way to be together with old friends, meet new people, support the library, and give back to the community. As is the case for many of us, it can be difficult to find the time to fit one more thing into our busy schedules. However, we would like to get this group going

strong again. If interested, please visit the circulation desk, give us a call, or send us a quick text or email. We would be more than happy to add your name to the sign-up sheet. You will be asked to provide your name, contact number, and the time of day that is most convenient for you to attend a meeting. Please consider joining us as we make new friends. Feel free to encourage your friends to take part in this wonderful opportunity that is sure to benefit everyone involved. - Holly Brown

Kids' Stuff

Spring is finally here! Get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather, but don't forget to stop by the library and pick up some beautiful spring children's books. We have a great selection

of spring related books that will inspire you and your little one. Happy spring. - Lily Yari

Here's Pam

My brother and his wife recently moved to Fayetteville, N.C., as he has a new job at Fort Bragg. We were talking on the phone and he mentioned that Fort Bragg is the home of the 82nd Airborne Division made famous during World War II. I took out Band of Brothers, which is about the division. On Saturday, I will be leaving for North Carolina, so it was nice to learn something of the history. Continuing on, I watched the movie We Were Soldiers with Mel Gibson, also based on a true story from the Vietnam War. Next was Taking Chance with Kevin Bacon, a true story about a marine in Iraq. Lone Survivor was last, another true story about soldiers in Afghanistan. We appreciate our veterans and all of these movies are available here at our library. - Pam Martin

From Mary's Chair

Do I dare to think spring might really be here? I have seen a few

robins and decided to get facts about them. The American Robin is a migratory songbird of the thrush family. They are the state bird of Michigan, Connecticut and Wisconsin. Their diet consists of beetles, grubs, earthworms, caterpillars, fruits and berries. One of the earliest species to lay eggs, their nests consist of long, coarse grass, twigs, paper, and feathers, smeared with mud. The males arrive first in the spring. The females do most of the nest building but have help from the males. Usually they lay four eggs. The young leave the nest about 14-16 days after hatching. The females could have two to three broods per season. - Mary Edgerly Mann

Roza's Reflections

For information on any of the topics mentioned, visit us at 100 Main St. Come see the new meeting room chairs and our freshly painted, colorful walls. Until then, visit our website at gilmanlibrary.org and follow us on Facebook. Let us know how we may better serve you. - Roza Benoit

Alton Community Services open house is April 29

To the Editor:

The Alton Community Services recently held a board meeting and Purr Whalley has agreed to put us on Facebook so let us know what you think. If you are unhappy with our hours, please let us know and we will consider opening another day. You may call me at 875-6396 or call Dianne Eagles.

We have been at our new location (in Village Centre) for a few months and clients seem to enjoy coming to our new location. We

will be having an open house April 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. I do hope people will make an effort to come out for it. We are very proud of our new space.

People may continue to drop off donations at Maxfield's Real Estate, Profile Bank or Alton Home and Lumber (aka Reuben's). Profile Bank also has a nice selection of books for a donation that benefits ACS.

Dorothea Wentworth
Director
Alton Community Services

Prospect seniors hosting spaghetti supper May 4

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School senior class is having a spaghetti supper on May 4 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Gluten free options will also

be available, as well as drinks and an assortment of food. Please join in to help support the senior class for their last event before they graduate.

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EARTHKEEPERS EDUCATOR SUSAN BERRY directs her students as they prepare to leave the New Durham Elementary School stage following a performance for the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board. The program is part of The Libby Museum Without Walls Outreach sponsored by The Friends of the Libby, Inc. Students are (l-r), Noah Demerit, Abigail Hicks, Kiari Taschereau, Jayden Watson, Julia Loring, Miranda Cook, Dominick Laurion, Christian Sluss, Joshua Demeritt, Julie Kratovil, and Maryann Haun. In the foreground, facing the stage, is Matilda Bellington.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

MOTHER NATURE, played by New Durham Elementary student Maryann Haun, presents a comforting flower to Matilda Bellington.

School board discusses visit by new Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — New Durham Elementary School students presented “Punchinella,” a play they practiced during their Earthkeepers afterschool program, to the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board at the start of the April 3 monthly meeting, much to the delight of board members and family members in the audience.

Principal Kelly Colby-Seavey told the board that the Earthkeepers afterschool program sponsored by The Libby Museum Without Walls Out-

reach Program of The Friends of the Libby, Inc. is thoroughly enjoyed by the students. The program has a dedicated classroom at the school making it very accessible.

She also called attention to the donation of a 3D printer to the school by the Alton Rotary Club. Sixth graders each had to solve the volume of a cube before they were allowed to print one.

Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert congratulated school board members who were re-elected to office and welcomed new school board member Wendi Fenderson of

New Durham. She also announced the hiring of a new information technology director, Paul Michalski, who is responsible for data collection and the system's infrastructure. He will be joined by another staff member specializing in technology integration into the curriculum.

Edelblut visit

New Hampshire's Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut, an advocate of school choice, was invited to tour the district to see what a typical school day looks like. Cuddy-Egbert said that Edelblut is interest-

ed in personalization of education, and declared that “there's no better place than the Governor Wentworth Regional School District.”

“He was impressed. It was eye-opening. School isn't like it was when he was in school,” said Cuddy-Egbert, who described the tour, which included seeing the Junior/Senior Honors Program at the high school using Skype, among other classroom highlights at Tuftonboro Central School, Carpenter School, the Lakes Region Technology Center and the Middle School.

His visit began with a roundtable discussion with school board

members and administrators from throughout the district. “He was able to see a cohesive, functioning, collaborative school board,” said Cuddy-Egbert.

School board member Jack Widmer commented that he felt that Edelblut was able to see that one size doesn't fit all, and understand that the board fixes issues that need to be fixed. Board member Kathy Frothingham said that she felt the district compared favorably with others and that the commissioner learned from what he observed that it is doing a good job.

Cuddy-Egbert brought to the board's

attention that four staff members plan to retire at the end of the school year. She sees that situation as providing an opportunity for the middle school to assess its programs and look ahead to anticipate any program changes it would like to see. It's difficult to make changes that involve reducing positions. At this point, the school needs to analyze its programs with an eye to the future.

The superintendent called attention, with sadness, the tragic death of middle school educator Kathy Kenny, who died in a car accident related to adverse driving conditions on March 24.

Community rights workshop is April 30

BARNSTEAD — Community rights activists of Barnstead recently viewed We The People 2.0 - The Second American Revolution. Now they invite the public to join them for a community rights awareness workshop to learn more about the community rights movement in New Hampshire. The workshop will take place at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Barnstead on Sunday, April 30, at 1 p.m.

In this workshop, they take an in-depth look at how they believe political and legal structures have been set up to protect the interests of an elite wealthy minority, at the expense of the majority of people and community self-government. They'll look at how they believe corporations have received

more rights and protections than real people living in communities, and they'll look at how communities have pushed back against these oppressive structures to reclaim democratic self-government in their communities, and at the state level with a proposed community rights amendment.

The community rights movement in the Granite State began in Barnstead, with the nearly unanimous adoption of a rights-based community ordinance in 2006, to protect the “right to water” by banning commercial water mining. The movement has spread to other communities across the state seeking to legalize democratic local self-governance in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of

both human and natural communities. Barnstead residents picked up the community rights torch again in 2016 by enacting the first-in-the-nation “Freedom From Religious ID Requirement” Community Bill of Rights.

All are welcomed to attend this free workshop. Please contact Diane at diane@nhcommunityrights.org for any questions.

If you are able to let them know in advance, you may register for the workshop at <https://communityrights-workshopbarnstead.eventbrite.com/>.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 186 calls for service during the week of April 9-15, including five arrests.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant and driving after revocation or suspension.

One male subject was taken into protective custody for alcoholism.

One male subject was arrested for violation of protective order.

One male subject was arrested on a warrant.

There was one motor vehicle summons arrest.

There were six motor vehicle accidents.

There were two thefts reported on Main Atreet.

There were 11 suspicious person/activity reports on Spruce Terrace, Fort Point Road, Quarry Road, Hannaford, Lady Slipper Lane, Coffin Brook Road, Hutchins Circle, Dudley Road, Muchado Hill Road, Jones Field Road and Wolfeboro Highway.

Police made 66 motor vehicle stops and handled six motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 95 other calls for services that consisted of the following: three fraudulent actions, one employment fingerprinting, three

assist other agencies, two animal complaints, one domestic complaint, four general assistance, seven alarm activations, one noise complaint, one lost/found property, three general information, four vehicle ID checks, one harassment, one trespass, one civil standby, one stalking complaint, five civil matters, three wellness checks, six community programs, one dispute, one disabled motor vehicle, 29 directed patrols, one 911 hang-up, two motor vehicle lockouts, six property checks and four paperwork services.

John Wayne on the big screen at Village Players

WOLFEBORO — Movies return to the Village Players Theater this weekend as the monthly series takes a trip back to 1969 for the John Wayne Classic, True Grit.

The murder of her father sends teenage tomboy Mattie Ross (Kim Darby) on a mission of justice, which involves avenging her father's death. She recruits a tough old marshal, “Rooster” Cogburn (John Wayne), because he has grit, and a reputation of getting the job done. The two are joined by Texas Ranger La Boeuf (Glen Campbell), who is looking for the same man (Jeff Corey) in a separate murder in Texas. Their odyssey takes them from Fort Smith, Arkansas, deep

into the Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma) to find their man.

The film also stars Robert Duvall as Ned Pepper and Dennis Hopper as Moon.

The role of Rooster Cogburn won John Wayne an Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading

Role at the 1970 Academy Awards. Wayne also won the Golden Globe for the role.

The Village Players present movies each month on the big screen and admission is minimal and concessions are available for sale prior to the film.

True Grit will be

screened twice this weekend, with the first at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, and the second on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

The Village Players Theater is located on Glendon Street in downtown Wolfeboro and tickets are available at the door.

Beijer on Dean's List at Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — Gabrielle Beijer of Center Barnstead was named to the Merrimack College Dean's List for Fall 2016.

Each semester, Merrimack College undergraduate students earn the right to be named to the Dean's List by earning a minimum 3.25 GPA based on a 4.0 GPA grading system.

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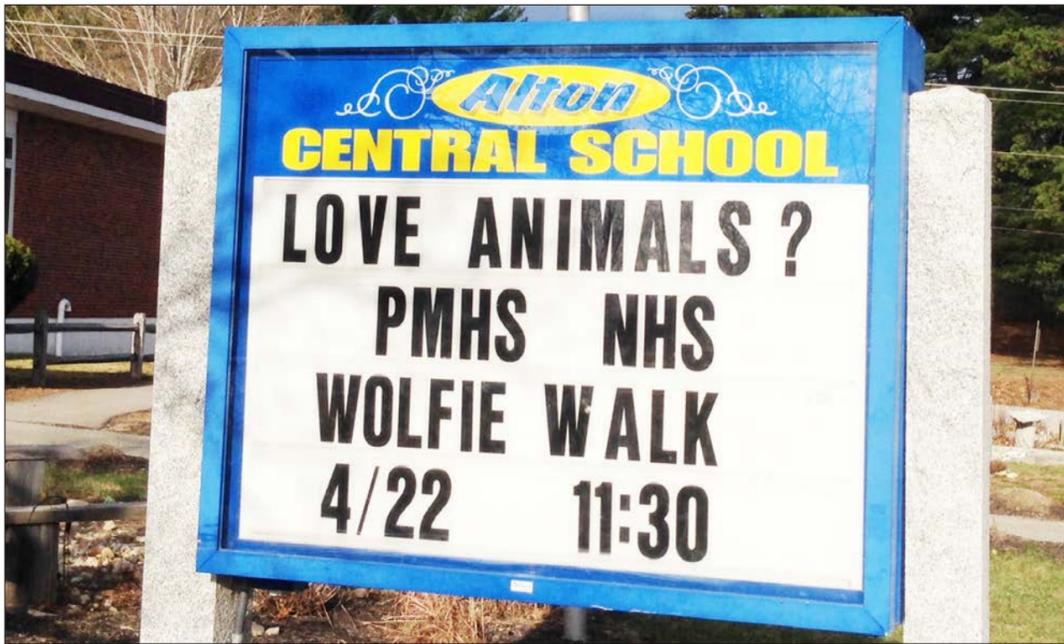
ALTON CENTRAL'S SCOOP

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and do good.” –Aristotle

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE
Alton Central School Principal

To serve others and do good is evident throughout the National Junior Honor Society here at Alton Central School, and continues with strength of that belief with the National Honor Society members at Prospect Mountain High School. PMHS members are organizing three significant events in the coming weeks, with an eye on serving children in our community. Organizing such events as an arts-n-crafts “make and take” event being held at the Gilman Library Friday, April 21, (tomorrow) after school, is a great way to start the vacation atmosphere for Alton Central School students. Liam MacStravic is the point person for the event focused on creativity for students who would like to work with high school students during this colorful workshop. Fellow NHS members will be on hand to help the ACS participants leave with a great souvenir of their time with high school students.

Katelyn Beam is the NHS member spearheading a hands-on Science Night for students from Barnstead Elementary School and Alton Central School. Students can explore activities with NHS members who have a curiosity about science demonstrations and explorations. This event is being held at the high school May 9. Going up to the high school, and conducting these experiments in the high school science classrooms can give our middle school students additional exposure to the layout of the high school and more firsthand opportunities to feel comfortable as they transition to high school.



COURTESY PHOTO

JOIN likeminded people getting exercise and fresh air Saturday, April 22, and support the community's high school students at the same time. Read Alton Central Scoop for information on special events coming up for our students, sponsored by the high school Honor Society as well as our own National Junior Honor Society.

school, with extra time to visit PMHS this evening.

Ryan Thibeault is the connection between ACS and the “Wolfie Walk,” which is April 22. Community members are invited to support this event, by walking the trails indicated at the high school with a pet – Alton families who are dog-lovers may find this a great way to spend Saturday with likeminded people, and meet each other’s dogs as well as children who go to school together. The Wolfie Walk offers fresh air, great exercise and the chance to see how the National Honor Society students’ sense of serving others and doing good can benefit animals, besides the ways their events benefit children from Barnstead and Alton who create the Prospect school community.

The National Honor Society gains some of its members from National Junior Honor Society membership from ACS as they transition to their freshman year. National Junior Honor Society members have

completed many projects this year demonstrating their sense of service to others and “doing good.” A noteworthy example is the work they did for Project Linus, leading by example with other middle school students making 85 fleece blankets for homeless shelters, hospital emergency rooms and temporary foster care situations children

may find themselves in. The NJHS participated in an awareness activity about ALS, and have their biggest annual event coming up. June 2 (with a rain date of June 5) they organize the annual “Winni Walk” where each of our grade levels walks varying distances for pledges to go to the non-profit organization each grade level chooses as the

beneficiary of the walk. The walk begins from the playground area of the school, and distances are appropriate to the grade levels in our PreK-8 school. Our youngest students can be as proud as our oldest students for their contributions to the overall sum raised. Our marching band leads the assembly off with vigor and great fanfare, led by Mr. Greg Neveu.

Local businesses are invited to send representatives from their businesses and local organizations or town of Alton department members are welcome to join us in the Winni Walk Day. Come see for yourselves how invigorating it is to be in a group of several hundred people, committed to making a difference with their actions devoted to a cause much bigger than any one individual’s passion for any cause. If you know a member of the National Honor Society or the National Junior Honor Society, offer a “high five” for these and so many other projects, they conduct throughout the year. We hope you will consider your child’s participation in the arts-n-crafts activity, Wolfie Walk, or Science Night, in support of the students facilitating the events as well as the exposure and ways participation can help build strong working relationships across age groups. More information about these events is available from ACS front office, or flyers sent home with students.

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THREE OF THE newest Perform It! Actors, Rachael Walsh, Alaina Perkins, and Caelli Drummey during rehearsal for Perform It!'s spring production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Shakespeare coming to Wolfeboro in May

WOLFEBORO — Perform It! Young People’s Stage Company is preparing for its annual spring production. The program, which is a year-long educational theater experience, results in a production of a Shakespearean comedy each spring. This year under the helm of new director and an alumna to the program, Diana Evans, the group will bring Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night to audiences.

Twelfth Night is one of Shakespeare’s more hilarious plays with twins, mistaken identities, misplaced love and crazy characters. Per-

form It! makes their adaptation uniquely their own with music created and performed by the students.

If you have never seen a Perform It! production, you have been missing out. Each year new audience members proclaim they had no idea this organization put on such “professional plays.”

Perform It! Young People’s Stage Company presents William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night May 10-14 at the Village Players Theater on Glendon Street. Tickets are available at Black’s Gifts in Wolfeboro or by phone at 207-200-4595. Reserve yours today.

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Lyllis M. (Peggy) Emerson Loved to hunt and fish

ALTON — Lyllis M. (Peggy) Emerson, age 69, passed away peacefully at home with her loving family, on Monday, April 10.

Born in Chichester on July 24, 1947, the daughter of MayElla (Weeks) Emerson and Russell Emerson, Sr., she resided in Alton for many years.

Peggy had many talents. She loved life, she especially loved to hunt and fish with her husband, also her niece and friend Nancy Dionne.

Survived by her husband, Walter A. Jeanson, Sr.; two brothers, Russell and wife Betty Emerson, Frank and



wife Mary Emerson; two stepsons, Walter A. Jeanson, Jr. and wife Cindy, Greg Jeanson and wife Maureen; five grandchildren, Derek, Brian, Alli, Breige and Claire; a great granddaughter Madison Jeanson, two special nieces Ann (Staples) Lane and Mary (Staples) Cook, also many other

nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and her dog Sarah. Predeceased by her parents, sister Irma (Staples) Morrison, brother-in-law Larry Jeanson, best friend and side kick, Linda (Staples) Johnson.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at home in Alton. If desired, memorial donations may be made in her memory to Cornerstone VNA/Hospice, 178 Farmington Road, Rochester, NH 03867. Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneral-home.com.

Dorothy Eleanor Sullivan Retired to Merrymeeting Lake

NEW DURHAM — Dorothy Eleanor Sullivan (Burns) died on Saturday, April 15, at the age of 90. Dottie was raised in Arlington, Mass., for the most part, by her aunts, Mary, Harriet and Agnes Burns, as were her two siblings, Margaret and John.

She lived as a resident student from grammar school through high school at St. Anne's Academy in Marlborough Mass. and graduated from Regis College with a degree in Home Economics. During her college years, she met her lifelong love and husband, Daniel. They raised four children, Daniel, Mark, Greg and Susan and lived in the same house in Arlington from 1950 until 1998. In later years, they retired to homes on Merrymeeting Lake in New Durham and Fort Meyers, Fla., which were their favorite places to be in alternating seasons.



Among her favorite moments were those spent helping Dan plan and build the homes of their dreams in these locations, and being surrounded by family and friends when they often came to enjoy the beauty of the areas.

Dottie started her career as a dietician for the Carney Hospital in Dorchester, and continued to work as a professional dietary consultant to many nursing homes and hospitals while raising four successful children, always planning her schedules and time around their school schedules and needs. She ended her career as an ADA consultant

dietician, planning menus for various nursing homes.

She is survived by her children, Daniel and his wife Kathleen of Hull, Mass., Mark and his wife Lyn of New Durham, Greg and his wife Stephanie of Framingham, Mass., and Susan and her husband Dan of Manchester, Conn.

She has 10 grandchildren, Lauren and her husband David of Natick, Mass., Evan of Arlington, Mass., Jeffrey of Arlington, Mass., Matthew of Hull, Mass., Kelly of Derry, Chris of Weymouth, Mass., Reid of New Durham and Shawna, Ryan and Corinne of Manchester, Conn.

A wake is to be held Friday, April 21, at the Baker-Gagne Funeral Home in Wolfeboro. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Church on Saturday, April 22, in Alton at 1 p.m.

Clearlakes Chorale plans spring concerts

WOLFEBORO — For the past 35 years, as the spring season makes its way into the region, music lovers in the greater Wolfeboro area have looked forward to attending a performance of the annual Clearlakes Spring Concert, this year entitled, Dance On! Sing Praise! This program will be presented twice, Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m.

As the theme of the concert suggests, about half of the works will convey the energy and sprightliness of dances. Among these will be the opening work, Dance, Dance My Heart, by the American composer Emma Lou Diemer; Irving Fine's setting of "The Lobster Quadrille" from Lewis Carroll's novel, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland; a waltz by Franz Schubert, Der Tanz (The Dance); and Dance a Cachucha, from Gilbert and Sullivan's The Gondoliers.

The 45-voice Chorale is directed by Andy Campbell, Director of Music in the Art Department, Brewster Academy. The accompanist is Nancy Farris, a former conductor of the Mount Washington Valley Choral Society, and currently the Organist/Choir Director at Christ Church Episcopal, North



Conway.

Both performances will take place at First Congregational Church Wolfeboro, UCC. Tickets

are available in Wolfeboro at Black's, online at clearlakeschorale.org/tickets.html, and at the door.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Katharine Drexel

ALTON — On Sunday, April 23, Catholics will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, an annual "holy day." Every year since 2000 on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23 this year, Roman Catholics are promised the forgiveness of all sins after they complete a simple sequence of confession, communion, and prayer.

Based on the visions of Jesus Christ reported by a Polish nun in the 1930s, Divine Mercy Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, was established by Pope John Paul II in 2000 when he canonized the nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, who died in 1938 in Kraków. Catholics who receive the sacraments of confession and communion, and pray a prescribed

sequence of prayers are promised "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

According to Pastor Robert C. Cole, "This day is seen by the church as an extraordinary opportunity for those who have fallen away from the practice of their faith to return to the community of believers, as well as a remarkable blessing for all the faithful."

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated this coming Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. at Saint Katharine Drexel Church on Route 28 in Alton. Confessions will be heard at 2 p.m. Masses this weekend are held at 4 p.m. on Saturday and at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. All are welcome.

For more information, please call the parish office at 875-2548 or see www.DivineMercySunday.com.

Mark on the Markets

Spring volatility

BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Sell in May and go away has been a mantra that has been heard every spring in regard to the stock market. The term was actually born in London's financial district. The full saying is "Sell in May and go away; come back on St. Léger's day." The St. Leger Stakes is the oldest of England's five horse racing classics and is the last to be run, typically mid-September.

According to the Stock Trader's Almanac, since 1950 the Dow Jones Industrial average has had an average return of 0.3 percent from May - October vs. 7.5 percent during the November-April time frame. The only "danger" month is September that has had a negative return of minus .06 percent, says the STA.

Data from Standard and Poor's takes the statistics to another level that shows an approximate eight percent return in the markets if the your money was left in a broader S+P 500 index, however if on May 1 through the end of October, your portfolio was re-allocated or rotated towards defensive stocks

and health care, your returns average near 11 percent. Defensive stocks are those that typically do better than others during difficult market periods. Examples are companies or funds in tobacco, oil, utilities or food.

So my take away on this data; that it makes a lot of sense to reposition your equities or exchange traded funds in the spring to reflect defensive and healthcare related stocks or ETFs especially in qualified or tax deferred accounts, those taxable accounts should weigh the tax ramifications of selling and buying.

The data also suggest that a buy and hold strategy works, however a buy and reallocate strategy works better. Statistically the difference of eight percent versus 11 percent over a period of years will have a dramatic difference in the value of your investments, and possibly the amount of your retirement income.

April, historically has been a very good month in the markets and can be a very good time to make adjustments towards liquidity or to hedge your portfolio with ETFs like VXX, which is a short



term volatility control fund. As the S+P 500 becomes more volatile, the price of VXX goes up. Due to the extreme lack of volatility that we have had, this could be the "undervalued" addition to your investment mix. We are also eight years into a bull market with no real corrections. We are due.

A proper mix of low and non-correlated asset classes using "modern portfolio theory" can increase your returns while lowering the standard deviation or risk in the portfolio.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are a very efficient and cost effective means of executing this type of re-allocation strategy. Some ETFs can be traded with no commission and very low fee's, just do your homework or work with a professional to implement this strategy.

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Church Service SCHEDULE

Sundays: July 3, 2016 – September 4, 2016
8am Outdoor Summer Worship Service- Alton Bay Bandstand
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Spring tea at St. Katharine Drexel April 30

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

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

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

cial social events they have planned.

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

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NH Humane Society hosting rabies clinic

LACONIA — The New Hampshire Humane Society will host a spring rabies clinic at the shelter on Meredith Center Road, Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; cats from 9 to 10 a.m. and dogs from 10 a.m. to noon.

New Hampshire state law requires all cats and dogs to receive a rabies vaccination and periodic boosters to ensure protection against this debilitating disease. The rabies clinic, held at the NH Humane Society

shelter at 1305 Meredith Center Road, Laconia, is open to anyone with a cat or dog older than 12 weeks of age. All cats must be in a carrier, and dogs must be leashed to ensure safety.

Rabies vaccinations will be for a one-year period, unless proof of prior vaccination is provided, in which case the shot will cover the pet for three years. Microchipping services will also be available, for a cost.

Vaccines will be given on a first-come,

first-served basis, no appointment necessary; cash only. A representative from the Laconia City Clerk will also be on hand to register dogs whose owners reside in Laconia.

NHHS Executive Director Marylee Gorham, says, "This is an important community outreach initiative that we provide - a fast, inexpensive vaccine service for pet owners in and around the Lakes Region. We've vaccinated over 500 animals at our clinics and

are happy to continue to offer this valuable."

The NH Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to find responsible and caring forever homes; provide shelter for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals; advocate and be the voice for the voiceless. The Humane Society works hard to prevent cruelty to animals and offers education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets in the 17 communities in the NHHS area, and beyond.

For more information about the clinic, and to view adoptable pets and learn about other programs offered at NHHS, call 524-3252 or check nhhumane.org.



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Getting work done

Need some work done around your house, roof fixed, steps made safer, painting, repair and replace windows, clean-up your yard? These services, plus many more, are offered free to people in need who are living on a limited fixed income, the elderly and physically handicapped. Hundreds of young and eager Christian youth members of WorkcampNE will be in town from July 17 to 22. They strive to do Christ's and work will do all they can for as many people as they can in Alton under the guidance and direction of this organization. At the Alton Centennial Rotary Club's weekly meeting, presenters Ken Therrien and Kim Hamilton explained the goals and objectives of WorkcampNH. Rotarian and Program Director Rick Fogg (left) thanked Hamilton and Therrien for their presentation. For information, call 440-3708.



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Jumping in

James Wells Jr. of Concord was a little warm on Tuesday and decided to take a dip in the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton Bay.

Venturing program beginning in Alton

ALTON — How does white water rafting sound? What about weekend camping and day hikes? What about learning life-skills and leadership without even knowing you are doing it? That's the secret hidden within Venturing; adventure, leadership

and personal growth while having fun.

If any of these sound fun and exciting then Venturing is the program for you. Venturing is a coed Scouting program for youth 14-20 years old. If interested in learning more about Venturing, please join Crew 53 at its open house

on Tuesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Church of Alton. They will be going into more details about the program, followed by pizza, refreshments and a movie. If you have any questions, please contact Crew President Alyssa at minirydlewski@yahoo.com.

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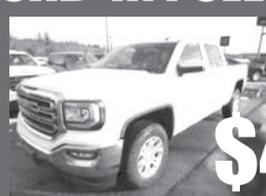
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left his mom in the dust.”

When he returned with his loot, Abel seemed to have a one-track mind.

“I got candies,” he said, ignoring the little plastic ducks that came inside one egg.

Asked what he would do when he got home, he replied, “Eat them.”

Dominick said Abel’s basket was practically a family heirloom. “It was my granddaughter Allison’s first Easter basket, and now she’s a high school student volunteering here today.”

Returning to the subject at hand, Abel explained that the thing he liked best about the basket is that it “holds candy.”

Out on the field, he apparently held to a steady course, and didn’t let favorite colors influence what eggs he picked up. “I wanted what was inside.”

The children were held to a 20-egg maximum, and once they were done collecting, they turned in a ticket to receive a small prize.

“Half of the eggs came from Alton, and the other half from Barnstead,” Alton Parks and Recreation Director Kellie Troendle said. “We have 27 volunteers from the school, too, so there has been a lot of community involvement.”

The Easter Bunny was there to oversee activities, including the egg hunts, crafts, games and coloring. In an exclusive interview, he stated, “Things have been hopping along this morning.”

For anyone concerned that his taking time out to be in Alton would interfere with getting eggs

ready for Sunday, he had assurances. “More than happy to do it.”

Not everyone knows this, but the kindly white rabbit takes two months off after Easter. “I need a break,” he explained, “because there’s so much hopping along.”

He seemed to enjoy the weather, along with everyone else. “It’s a beautiful day and a lot of kids had a lot of fun,” he remarked.

The bunny indicated it was a special time for someone who normally hides eggs and is never seen. “I get to interact with kids.”

“It sounded like thunder when the older kids hit the bleachers,” a volunteer said, noting eggs were hidden for them there. “They are the scavenger crew to clean up the grounds of any left-over eggs.”

It appeared they were doing so with gusto.

In New Durham, Parks and Recreation Director Nichole Hunter planned a full morning of activities at the Spring Celebration and Fair, held at New Durham School.

The festivities started early, with the best way to start any day – a pancake breakfast. Boys and families from Cub Scouts Pack 859 provided fruit, sausage, coffee and orange juice in addition to the fluffy flapjacks.

Despite some panicked moments due to a blown fuse in the New Durham School kitchen, things got back on track, and the Easter Bunny was there, also, to greet the youngsters in the crowd. Those involved indicated it went “very well.”

Food remained an attractive feature at the concession stand before the entrance to the craft and vendor fair, held in the gymnasium. An appetizing array of fruit, munchies, and desserts spread out over tables, just waiting to be scooped up.

Bargains galore met shoppers at the fair. Raffles were a big draw and the space was packed with booths that offered anything from interchangeable jewelry to children’s books, and handmade laundry soap to matching clothes for moms and daughters.

Half the fun of events like this is running into people you know and chatting for a while. Two friends met up in an aisle and it was interesting to note their purchases.

One had come specifically to snap up Girl Scout cookies and the other had gotten a shake packet. “I’m looking for nutritional stuff,” she said, “because I want to get more protein in my diet.”

She was also interested in special fabric towels on sale that negated the use of chemical cleansers.

Parents could drop off children at the crafts table in front, while they walked around to check out the wares. Youngsters made woven turtles and a spring blossoms tree.

Kids Bingo ran for a good amount of time in the cafeteria and a lot of kids took advantage of the free cards and many prizes. Young Steven was happy with his choice of a plastic sword.

“I actually won two times,” he said, “but I

gave one prize to my sister.”

This streak of generosity was seen throughout the morning, as observed by teen-aged volunteer Justus Bellington, who worked the venue.

“Kids have been nice,” he said, “by handing other people their winning tickets.”

He indicated there had been “good crowds” of players. “They had fun.”

At last it was noon and time for what most of the kids were there to do. As they lined up for the Easter egg hunt, you could hear excitement rising in their voices.

Different strategies emerged before the doors even opened. One small child clung to her mother. A boy pushed his hand out of a gap at the bottom of the door.

“We’ll stick together,” remarked one girl,

her arm encircling her friend’s shoulders.

No matter their plan, they were ready.

While volunteers helped contain the anticipation inside, other volunteers were outside spreading one thousand eggs throughout the playground and playing fields. The ground was littered with bright colors as far as the eye could see.

“I’m just waiting for them to trample each other,” a volunteer said wryly.

But when the doors opened and the kids burst forth, there wasn’t a single mishap. The 1,500 eggs were claimed within minutes.

Parents trailed, capturing the harvest on camera. “How’d you do?” could be heard all over the grounds.

“It was fun,” said Em-

ily, who, as a toddler, did all right for herself. “I got a purple one.”

Her big brother Kaden found chocolate kisses inside one of his eggs, which pleased him because “I like them.” He approved of the idea of eggs out in the open. “Then you don’t have to search.”

Hunter thanked the volunteers and those who donated candy and helped fill the eggs.

“We could not have asked for better weather or better company for the first annual Spring Celebration,” she said. “The event was full of joy throughout the day. Recreation looks forward to offering this event next spring.”

All over the region, the efforts of a lot of people started the season right for the children of our communities.

PIT

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perhaps about 1,500 daily vehicle trips.

Varney also said that there is a clearance of some 400 feet on either side of the proposed entry way, providing, what he called, a “safe distance” for outbound traffic to turn onto Kings Highway.

As for the road itself: Wolfeboro residents know it as Middleton Road from its junction near Route 28 by Weston’s Auto Body. It becomes Kings Highway at the New Durham line. In Middleton, it becomes Main Street in the vicinity of the new Middleton elementary school.

Varney called the road “extra strong.” He cited multiple sub-layers of asphalt that could withstand the anticipated traffic of aggregate-laden trucks.

Varney said he and his client are sensitive to abutters’ concerns about noise. He cited a feder-

al report that said the “ambient decibel level” is about 40 decibels. He said that in a rural area, this consists of rustling leaves and birdsongs. He added that existing traffic driving at the posted 35 mph generates 57 decibels. Contextualizing, Varney added that the DOT considers 67 dBA to be acceptable, while HUD allows levels of up to 65 dBA.

To be sure, levels would likely be higher close to the operations themselves, but Varney predicted that levels recorded at the pit’s nearest neighbor would be 61 at their height. He said his client’s preferred subcontractor for extracting ledge, Maine Blasting, would execute its work in a manner consistent with local ordinances. Varney added that all plans for extraction would be consistent with existing regulations. He said his client’s key concerns include “minimizing safe-

ty risks,” “ensur[ing] health safeguards,” “protect[ing] natural resources... and natural features.”

Varney also said that there’s a 2,000-foot clearance between the operational area and the nearest artesian well - and that abutters oughtn’t be concerned about water quality impacts.

“Nothing from the blasts will get into the wells,” he said.

Varney added that the parcel is located in a district that was deemed, in a 1978 map viewable at the town hall, as “most suitable” for urban/suburban development. He said a special exception to allow the proposed commercial/industrial use is consistent with the spirit of this assessment.

While acknowledging that parts of the parcel include some steep slopes, he said that the buildable areas constitute a “developer’s dream.”

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and that perhaps nine single-family units could be placed there. Varney said that his client's proposal would be tax-revenue-positive and not create a need for tax-including services.

His slide presentation included a letter from a realtor who said that a gravel pit in the neighborhood would not result in an adverse impact on local property values. Some residents later in the meeting questioned the objectiveness of the letter's author.

Varney didn't specify when extraction would cease, if approved, but said that his client is committed to laying loam and seed to help restore the site when it closes.

Following Varney's talk, ZBA members were next entitled to ask questions. Chair Terry Jarvis said that subsequent speakers would include officials from surrounding communities, abutters, their advocates, and any members of the general public who wanted to chime in.

ZBA alternate David Shagoury asked if extraction activities would be limited to the small area delineated in the proposed plan, wondering if future on-site locations might be excavated.

"That's an unknown," said Shagoury, an alternate who earlier indicated that he would sit in for the remainder of the hearings related to the project.

ZBA member Joan Martin raised a concern about drifting dust, in spite of efforts previously described to mitigate potential effects.

Varney said that the entry way will be paved to keep dust down, and that water from an on-site well will allow the applicant to moisten dry ground to keep the wind from kicking up large clouds.

Other ZBA members wanted to know whether the pit would be a primarily industrial, wholesale, or retail operation. They indicated that such distinctions might inform how the proposed use is considered.

Jarvis noted that, it being mud season, roads are currently posted as to load limits.

"When signs are posted they comply," Varney said of his client's drivers. He said such observations are "standard in the industry."

As the public hearing progressed, the floor was opened to officials from New Durham and surrounding communities.

New Durham Selectman David Swenson, noting that he was not representing a formal consensus of the full BOS, said he perceived "somewhat of a hole" in

Varney's presentation, citing what he considered a "lack of specifics" in the applicant's claim that local property values might not be adversely affected.

Swenson recommended that the town assessor evaluate potential impacts; he suggested that garnering the opinion of an independent third-party evaluator could also help the ZBA make an informed decision.

Speaking next was Middleton BOS vice-chair Jonathan Hotchkiss. He said Middleton officials are concerned about exiting truck traffic that would access Kings Highway to get to Routes 153 and 16.

"We in Middleton are proud of our roads; our crews work hard - this is an investment that we in Middleton wish to protect," he added, noting that Route 16-bound traffic would likely traverse a section or road where the new Middleton Elementary School is. He said his constituents have a local public safety stake in the ZBA's decision.

At the conclusion of his comments, Hotchkiss was greeted with applause by an audience visibly and audibly opposed to the applicant's plan.

New Durham town historian Cathy Orłowicz said that there's a cemetery in the vicinity of the proposed dig site. She said that considering the sanctity of final resting places is imperative.

Wolfeboro Selectmen Linda Murray and Dave Senecal spoke in opposition to the pit. They described proposed operations and resulting heavy traffic as a "nuisance."

They also questioned whether the proposed use constituted a primarily commercial operation, suggesting that the wholesale production of gravel represents more of an industrial use.

"This should be industrial," summarized Senecal.

They also noted that over three quarters of the site is at a 15 percent grade - putting it within the town's steep slope protection ordinance.

Several commenters expressed disappointment that they'd not learned of some critical details prior to the hearing.

Among them was Tracy Tarr, a staffer with the N.H. Association of Natural Resource Scientists.

She said that a site walk is a routine precondition when towns consider such projects. Tarr urged the ZBA to continue the discussion until after such an event occurs.

Of special consideration, Tarr added, is that a rare, federally-protected orchid known as small

world begonia might reside on site.

Speaking next was Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club manager David Przybylski. He said that "dust plumes" would be visible from the course's 14th and 15th holes and compromise his customers' recreational experience.

The golf club manager added that his facility and its surrounding woodlands represent an environment "where wildlife thrives," and that he and colleagues are concerned that the proposed project will affect local habitat. Przybylski said that he and fellow club staffers have seen moose, owls, bears, deer, turkeys and other species on or around their facility.

He added that the project's approval would "cause an enormous financial strain" for his facility, which he said employs some 50 workers. He noted said that "dust plumes" might be visible from the facility's dining room.

Przybylski said that a gravel pit's approval would "not be fair to the community that lives here," emphasizing that the Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club is New Durham's largest single taxpayer.

The club's legal counsel, Jason Riemens, spoke next. He argued that the applicant's requested special exemption is not permissible under current town zoning regulations. He and subsequent speakers said that a special exception was not in line with current code and that a full variance would need to be considered.

Riemens said the applicant's proposal doesn't demonstrate that the project is either "most suitable or moderately suitable" for the types of approved uses, citing the "topography and slope" of the proposed site.

Given the site's landscape and the proposed extraction activities, the club's attorney said that

a special consideration is not appropriate - and that a full variance to the town's zoning ordinance is what is needed. This would require a new and higher level of ZBA scrutiny.

Attorney Kurt DeVlyder spoke in behalf of the Hatfield and Buell families, whose properties about the proposed site.

DeVlyder described Varney's presentation as being "rife with alternative facts."

He argued that the application doesn't meet the definition of a commercial use. He said that the operation is not being planned to serve "Joe pick-up truck" needing a bucket of gravel, but rather large-scale customers needing large quantities of aggregate for major projects. He noted such customers would likely need large vehicles that would create a "nuisance" and stress local infrastructure.

DeVlyder suggested that it's "ridiculous" to assert that the presence of a quarry where blasting and crushing occurs won't affect property values and quality of life.

Residents speaking out against the project used terms such as "blighted" and "major negative consequences" to describe a potential project approval.

Abutter Carolyn Buell was one such resident.

Buell said she and her husband, John, built a "dream house" near the proposed site. She said both were diligent in researching for a site where they could establish a peaceful abode.

Buell spoke at length about possible adverse effects the project could create.

Buell said she and her husband already pay "exorbitant" taxes on their property and fear they will need to continue to do so in the event of a potential diminution of their property's worth.

Buell spoke at length about her concern about

activities related to blasting, crushing and transport activities that she believes will increase the total noise volume of the area. She was critical of Varney's analysis of decibel impacts on abutters.

Buell said that she and her husband, in building their single-family house, followed policies to comply with land use regulations. They believe that at the crux of the matter is an issue of fairness.

Deidre McKenzie chimed in next. She said she experiences frequent migraines and selected her home near the site last September after having researched the area's zoning regulations. She expressed frustration that a perceived disallowed use of abutting land will be in her vicinity.

McKenzie also noted that her kids board the school bus directly across from where trucks will enter and exit the proposed pit. She said children's safety is another key concern.

Heidi Kendall also spoke. Describing herself as a Wolfeboro resident and a New Durham taxpayer, she expressed concern about stormwater runoff into Rust Pond. She said that the potential of a ZBA special exemption would create a "dangerous precedent" that could have consequences in the future.

Kendall suggested that the town engage with an independent engineer who could assess potential impacts. She said that 75 homes are within a one-mile radius of the proposed site.

Stacy Trites spoke next, also in opposition of the proposal. She said her family moved from a Wolfeboro location on Main Street to a more rural location to get away from traffic volume.

She presented a written, page-and-a-half statement to the ZBA. "We fear the approval of

what is essentially a bedrock quarry [that] will forever change the quiet nature of the area we call home," her statement read.

Trites cited a "hazard to safety" resulting from increased traffic.

She elaborated that the project poses additional public safety risks, noting, "The extent to which the proposed use could negatively affect the health of area residents is unclear, but what is known is that the potential to contaminate the air, water and soil is a very real threat."

Trites' statement also noted that the proposed extraction activities could result in a change in the character of the neighborhood. She wrote that the proposal is "inconsistent" with the current character of the immediate area, adding that approval of the project would be "unfair" to current residents.

Trites' letter added that a pit would "diminish property values of other land owners." She cited potential impacts to house foundations due to blasting, potential well failures, and increased traffic on Kings Highway.

She also noted that increased truck traffic could result in higher road maintenance expenses for Middleton, New Durham and Wolfeboro.

"Who will foot the bill for repair work," Trites' letter asked.

With several unanswered questions, the ZBA chose to continue the hearing to its May session. Jarvis said that the session will be posted on the town web site. She added that the ZBA will endeavor to secure the school gym to accommodate a large turnout. She added that, in the event of a scheduling conflict, the fire station community room is a potential alternative meeting space.

NOTICE TO ALTON RESIDENTS SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

Due to a recent resignation, the Alton School Board is seeking letters of interest from Alton residents who would like to be considered to fill a vacancy on the school board until the next election in March 2018. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest no later than Friday, April 28th. The school board will address the vacancy at their regular meeting on May 8th. Send your letter to Pamela Stiles, Superintendent of Schools, Alton School District, SAU 72, 252 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH 03809.

INVITATION TO BID BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Pre-School Bathroom Renovation

The Barnstead School District is seeking bids for Pre-School bathroom renovations on its property located at 91 Maple Street, Ctr. Barnstead. Bid specifications may be picked up at Barnstead Elementary School or the SAU 86 office located at 1 Suncook Valley Road, Barnstead, NH 03218 or obtained by calling 435-1510. There will be a site review on Tuesday, April 25 at 2:00 PM at the school, 91 Maple Street, Center Barnstead. All bidders MUST attend the site review or make other arrangements with Mike Hatch, Director of Maintenance in order to be considered a qualified bidder. Sealed bids may be mailed to PO Box 250, Center Barnstead, NH 03225 to Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator, and plainly marked "Pre-School Bathroom Renovation" and will also be accepted at the SAU #86 office, 1 Suncook Valley Road, Barnstead no later than 3:00 PM on May 12, 2017 at which time bids will be publicly opened. The bid will be awarded at the School Board meeting on May 23, 2017. Construction is scheduled to begin on or about July 1, 2017 and all work is to be completed no later than August 18, 2017.

Barnstead School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

INVITATION FOR BID Pizza Bid Barnstead School District

The Barnstead School District is soliciting bids for a contract for fresh pizza as needed by the food service for the Barnstead Elementary School. Bid specifications may be obtained at the SAU office or by calling 435-1510. Bids are due by 3:00 PM, Friday, April 28 and should be mailed or delivered to SAU #86, PO Box 250, 1 Suncook Valley Road, Ctr. Barnstead, NH 03225. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked, "Barnstead Pizza Bid."

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

The Locke Lake Colony Association has contracted Solitude Lake Management, 590 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Telephone 508-865-1000, to treat portions of Locke Lake in Center Barnstead with the USEPA/State registered herbicide Reward (Diquat), EPA Registration Number 100-1091, to control the exotic variable milfoil weed.

A permit application has been filed with the state requesting approval for this treatment program. The treatment will likely be performed in late June / early July 2017. If a permit is issued, there will be additional notification of the actual treatment date and specific information on certain activities and water uses that will be temporarily restricted as a condition of the permit. Any questions concerning the proposed treatment should be directed to Solitude Lake Management at the above address.

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

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Town of New Durham Request for Proposals 1772 Meetinghouse Foundation

The Meetinghouse Restoration Committee, on behalf of the Town of New Durham Board of Selectmen is requesting proposals for the installation of a frost proof foundation for the Town's historic 1772 Meetinghouse.

The specifications can be viewed from the Town's website at www.newdurhamnh.us or picked up at the Town Hall located at 4 Main Street. Questions can be answered by contacting George Gale, Committee Chair at (603) 273-6847 or email gtgale@metrocast.net, and or Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator at (603) 859-2091 or by emailing skinmond@newdurhamnh.us. Site visits can be scheduled by contacting Committee Chair George Gale.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled "Town of New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Foundation RFP", and received at the New Durham Town Hall, 4 Main Street, New Durham or mailed to PO Box 207, New Durham NH 03855, at or before 2PM, Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Proposals will be opened and publicly read. The Town of New Durham reserves the right to accept, reject, modify, or negotiate any and/or all proposals or any portion thereof in the best interest of the Town of New Durham.

Students enjoy dinner and movie at Kingswood Youth Center

WOLFEBORO — On Wednesday, March 22, 14 Kingswood High School and Middle School students attended dinner and a movie at the Kingswood Youth Center. Following the regularly scheduled afterschool program,

students enjoyed a hot meal prepared using food from the NH Food Bank and local donors. Participants unanimously voted on the movie Zootopia, which was shown on the KYC's new flat screen television, which was

provided through a recent grant from the Cate Fund.

The success of this program has prompted the KYC's choice to host evening programs each Wednesday in April. On Wednesday, April 5, the KYC will

host another dinner and a movie night, on April 12 a paint night will be offered, and on April 19 the group will take a sunset hike.

These programs are part of the KYC's BTAS (beyond the after school) series. Through

BTAS, the KYC fulfills their mission to provide a safe and positive place for youth through offering programs in the evening, on weekends, in the summer, and during school vacations. These programs help keep teens safe

by providing a place where they can spend time with peers.

If you have questions about this program, or would like to support the KYC, please contact, Zachary Porter, Program Director at 569-5949.

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plenty to do as anticipation mounted in the preceding hour.

Starting at 10 a.m., the event had something of a touch-a-truck feel as kids were invited to sit in the drivers' seats of police cruisers and explore the inner workings of BFD firefighting assets. Vehicles and personnel from the N.H. Liquor Commission and the Merrimack PD were also present.

With perhaps a dozen police, fire and other emergency vehicles parked in the school lot - accompanied by fire chief Shawn Mulcahy, Poirier, a state trooper, and other law enforcement officials, BES was perhaps one of the safest places in all of New Hampshire.

MC'ing the event was BPD Officer Dan Shapiro. Periodically, he spoke over the PA to delineate logistics.

Shapiro encouraged participants to check their eggs for tickets, which could be redeemed for donated prizes available at a table staffed by BFD Explorers. Among the available goodies were Nerf footballs, bubble-blowing kits and plastic flute recorders. There was also a jelly bean counting contest. There were special prizes for the lucky kids who found either gold or silver tickets.

Brenda Hayes was among the volunteers at this table where prizes were on display.

"I'm so happy to be part of this - I know a lot of work went into it, so anything I could do to help, just count me in"

Hayes said.

Officer Shapiro said that the event was held at no taxpayer expense, with time, talent and resources donated by local businesses and volunteers.

"This was all made possible by donations and people who spent time to do something special for this very special community," he said. This was an oft-repeated refrain each time he took the mic.

Shapiro cited a long list of contributing businesses and individuals who contributed. He mentioned BFD, OSG Paintball, Wal-Mart, Patriot Pizza, Hannaford, White Buffalo, Dollar General, the N.H. Department of Forestry, and Toys 'R Us among the business partners. He also thanked the BOS for its moral support and the school for making its grounds available for the event. Shapiro also acknowledged the presence of the N.H. Liquor Commission, the Merrimack Police Department and the State Police.

Even the use of the helicopter that allowed the Easter Bunny to dramatically swoop in was donated. Poirier said C-R Helicopters of Nashua made an in-kind contribution to ferry in the guest of honor.

"All the volunteers, partners and sponsors made this possible," reinforced Poirier. He also gave a special shout-out to event volunteer Paula Holden, without whom the bunny's visit would not have been possible.

"She was kind of central to the endeavor,"



MARK FOYNES

SMOKEY THE BEAR was among the attendees at last Saturday's helicopter Easter egg drop at Barnstead Elementary School. Conner Vassallo embraced the mascot's fire safety message before the Easter Bunny descended down upon the school ballfield in a helicopter laden with candy.

Poirier said with a smile.

Additionally, the chief noted that local faith communities were instrumental in making the event a success.

"Church volunteers were a big help," he explained.

Going into the event, our big question was, "How can you drop a plastic Easter egg from a helicopter from 40 feet without it splitting open?"

"Yeah, we tape them all shut," Poirier said. The task of sealing the eggs was tackled by off-duty officers, their spouses, and volunteers from the Center Barnstead Christian Church.

"Working with the church has been great on so many levels - they were a big help," Poirier said.

Scoping out the action were several town

selectmen.

"This is a wonderful thing to do for the young families of the town," said BOS member Rick Duane. He said that the collaborative spirit between the town's first responders encapsulates the community's pride and a sense of neighborliness that Barnstead cherishes.

"A lot of work went into this, and it clearly paid off," Duane said.

Zero hour when the guest of honor was to arrive was 11 a.m. As the helicopter touched down on the ballfield, its spinning blades kicked up a mighty cloud of diamond dust from the infield.

Upon exiting the craft, the Easter Bunny energetically waved to the crowd of kids and parents standing behind police tape, eagerly awaiting the chance to rush out to nab Easter eggs.

Accompanying the Easter Bunny were Smokey the Bear and the N.H. Liquor Commission's InvestiGator, who crusades against impaired driving.

Once the Easter Bunny was safely afoot upon terra firma, the helicopter ascended in a straight vertical and hovered for a moment as it deposited a massive payload of candy-filled eggs.

So that was the scene: a few hundred pounds of candy there for the taking, hundreds of eager children - and all that was separating them was a thin strip of yellow caution tape. If something could go horribly wrong, it would have.

But event organizers took this potential into consideration, making sure kids and parents alike knew that keeping in control and maintaining a mutual respect for those around them was the expectation.

Which isn't to say that kids weren't excited once the tape was cut. Children led the way with parents and grandparents following close behind to make sure their kids weren't lost in a throng that congregated around the mass of candy-laden eggs.

Andrea Smith - accompanied by her children Tucker, Kida, and Autumn, said she learned about the event via an e-mail blast from the school principal.

"I think it's wonderful - we had fun as a family, and it's nice to see all of these people coming together like this," Smith said.

Brayden Radwell, 6,

opened his eggs to reveal Lifesavers and Starbursts.

"This was fun - but the Easter Bunny was a little different than I thought he'd look," said Radwell.

As kids opened their eggs they were instructed to proceed to an egg drop area, where they could deposit their empties.

"It's good for the environment, and when we do this all over again next year, we can recycle the eggs," Shapiro said.

Tricia Voss was effusive in her praise for how the town came together to make the event possible.

"A huge kudos to the police and fire departments," she said. "Years before you wouldn't have seen this; this is wonderful."

Prior to the Easter Bunny's arrival, the Baysider had a nice chat with Emmet Minot. The six-year-old had fun sitting in the driver's seat of a police cruiser and checking out a BFD vehicle that responds to forest fires and snowmobile accidents.

While he was certainly among the throngs who stormed the baseball field to claim his share of Easter goodies, he seemed perfectly content at the wheel of a (stationary) police cruiser whose use was donated by the Merrimack PD.

"This is really awesome," he said.

Duane summarized the mood of the morning. "This is Barnstead - it's family, it's community, it's town personnel, all coming together."





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Drought, fire risk and ravens and on to Northern Pass woes

At the end of last week, the newspapers, radio and TV were full of warnings about the continuing drought and forest fire danger.

"Forest fire" can mean anything from a grass fire to a brush fire to a full-fledged event involving actual trees. New Hampshire has had precious few of the latter in recent decades, thanks to better fire suppression and communications.

The news media did deign to mention that the drought and fire danger alert involved all of New Hampshire except the North Country, without explaining just where the North Country actually is.

In such cases we defer to former Governor and White House aid Sherman Adams, who defined the North Country as those lands to the north of the great notches.

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Snow-melt reveals, on many people's lawns, the sure evidence of moles, in the form of networks of pushed-up dirt tunnels.

These sometimes look like entire villages, with intersections

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



and side-streets. These little guys were busy down there all winter, while you and I were still thinking about the potential for more snow and diminishing piles of firewood.

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Among guests at my bird feeders toward the end of March were a couple of Canada jays. I'm always happy to see these big, puffy birds, associated with high-country regions here and boreal forests on up to the sub-Arctic.

If offered a piece of meat or other treat from the fingers, which they will often take, they haul it off to the nearest tree to stand on a branch and hold it with their feet so they can tear it apart, all the while keeping an eye out for the next possibility.

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While moving vehicles and equipment around one day last week, I heard a familiar



JOHN HARRIGAN

A CANADAS jay, on the outstretched hand of ATV trail coordinator Harry Brown, just after taking a tidbit in balmy times near the summit of 3,490-foot Dixville Peak.



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"gurgle-squawk," and scanned the sky for ravens, and sure enough, there they were, four of them squawking and gurgling their way southward to other high-country places.

I love to see and watch these big, scruffy birds, a bit larger than a crow but with a distinctly different language. They are among the few creatures on earth

that know how to play, a skyward treat to see.

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Several years ago, while speaking briefly to an anti-Northern Pass crowd, I said that right of way clearance was the sleeping giant in the entire scenario.

Now, more than seven years after the battle began, adjacent residents and homeowners with views are realizing that Northern Pass would often

involve use of the entire right-of-way width, not just the strip down the middle that utilities have previously used.

In many cases this clearing would come right up to people's back yards. And, predictably, people from Plymouth to Deerfield are up in arms, to which we can only say "Welcome aboard."

(An anti-Northern Pass event, "Hands Around the State House," is set for Sunday, April 23. Beginning at noon. Details can be found on Protect the Granite State's Facebook page.)

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.

Alton Parks and Recreation sponsoring summer camps

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its 20th annual town wide yard sale on Saturday, June 3, rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to participate by having a yard sale at your house, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 before May 8 with your yard sale location. When calling please include your name, phone number and complete physical address.

Free maps will be available after May 26. Sign up today by calling 875-0109 or e-mail parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Camp Winnepesaukee

Three weeks of Sum-

mer Camp at the Alton Bay Community Center and Railroad Square Park for ages 7-11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation. June 26-30 is Movie Theme Week featuring Harry Potter Potions, trip to Fun Spot, swimming, games, crafts and more. July 10-14 is Wet and Wild Water Week with a trip to Ellacoya State Park, color wars, bubble wars and cupcake wars, sandcastles, water games, swimming and more. July 31-Aug. 4 is Exploration Week with a trip to Gunstock and the explorer course, climbing walls, mountain coaster, Levey Park hike, fairy

house and boat building, crafts, swimming and more. Register early for discounts before May 31. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov (Town Government/Parks and Recreation).

TimberNook Camp

Sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation. Get your "inside" kid outside Aug. 7-11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn new skills and test your

strength as knights and outlaws. Build castles and camps behind boulders, on hills and in trees. Create a medieval village and defend your territory during duels and battles. See TimberNook.com for additional information. Register early for discount by June 23. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov (Town Government/Parks and Recreation).

Locke Lake

board meeting tonight

BARNSTEAD — The meeting will be held on next Locke Lake Colony Thursday, April 20, at public board of directors 6:30 p.m. at the lodge.

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Meeting the bunny

Sophie and Lucy Bellemare meet the Easter Bunny at the egg hunt Saturday at Prospect Mountain. The event was co-sponsored by Alton and Barnstead Parks and Recreation Departments and the PMHS National Honor Society. They had almost 200 happy egg hunters attend the event. They played games, crafted, and colored in addition to the traditional egg hunt itself. See the story on page A1.

Check out the vinyl at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The Oscar Foss Memorial Library now has a great collection of vinyl albums that you can check out. They also have a record player that they are circulating if you want to try some of the albums out, but don't have one at home. You must be 16+ to borrow the record player. Go to oscarfoss.org to see the library's list of albums and the policy for borrowing the record player.

Library trustees meeting

The library trustees will be meeting at the library on the second

Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be May 10 and meetings are always open to the public.

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 noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.

Wolfie Walk is Saturday

ALTON — Don't forget the Wolfie Walk at Prospect Mountain

this Saturday, April 22, at Prospect Mountain High School beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. Walk a three-mile loop around the school with your furry friends, all for a great cause. Participants must raise at least \$25, and all the proceeds are going to the New Hampshire Humane Society. For more information, visit the event page on Facebook, PMHS Wolfie Walk 2017 Fundraiser, or e-mail at r28738@pmhschool.com. Please join in to help support animals in need and raise as much money as you possibly can.

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SPORTS

WHAT'S ON TAP

School vacation week lightens up the schedule for the local high schools in the coming week, but there are still a number of games on the docket.

At Prospect Mountain, the boys' tennis team will be hosting Gilford today, April 20, at 4 p.m. while the Timber Wolf tennis girls will be on the road at Gilford at 4 p.m.

Also today, the Prospect Mountain track team will be hosting a meet at 4 p.m. The team is also at Merrimack Valley on Saturday, April 22, at 10 a.m.

The Timber Wolf baseball and softball teams will be at Gilford at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at Campbell on Monday, April 24, at 4 p.m. and at Winnisquam on Wednesday, April 26, at 4 p.m.

At Kingswood, the boys' lacrosse team will be hosting Derryfield at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

The Knight girls' lacrosse team will be hosting Timberlane at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

The Kingswood tennis boys will be hosting Coe-Brown on Friday, April 21, at 4 p.m.

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Woodbury, Ingoldsby, Hardie get wins in first meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — After the first two meets of the season were cancelled, the Prospect Mountain track team was happy to get outside and compete Saturday at Belmont High School.

At the end of the day, the Timber Wolf boys finished in fourth place overall with a couple of wins and the Timber Wolf girls finished in fifth place while also getting a win.

On the boys' side of things, Hudson Ingoldsby had a solid day, picking up a win and two second-place finishes.

The senior won the high jump, clearing six feet and then finished second in both hurdles events. In the 110-meter hurdles, Ingoldsby put up a time of 17.37 seconds to take second overall and in the 300-meter hurdles, Ingoldsby finished in a time of 44.17 for second place, while Garrett Sherwood ran to seventh overall in 58.42 seconds.

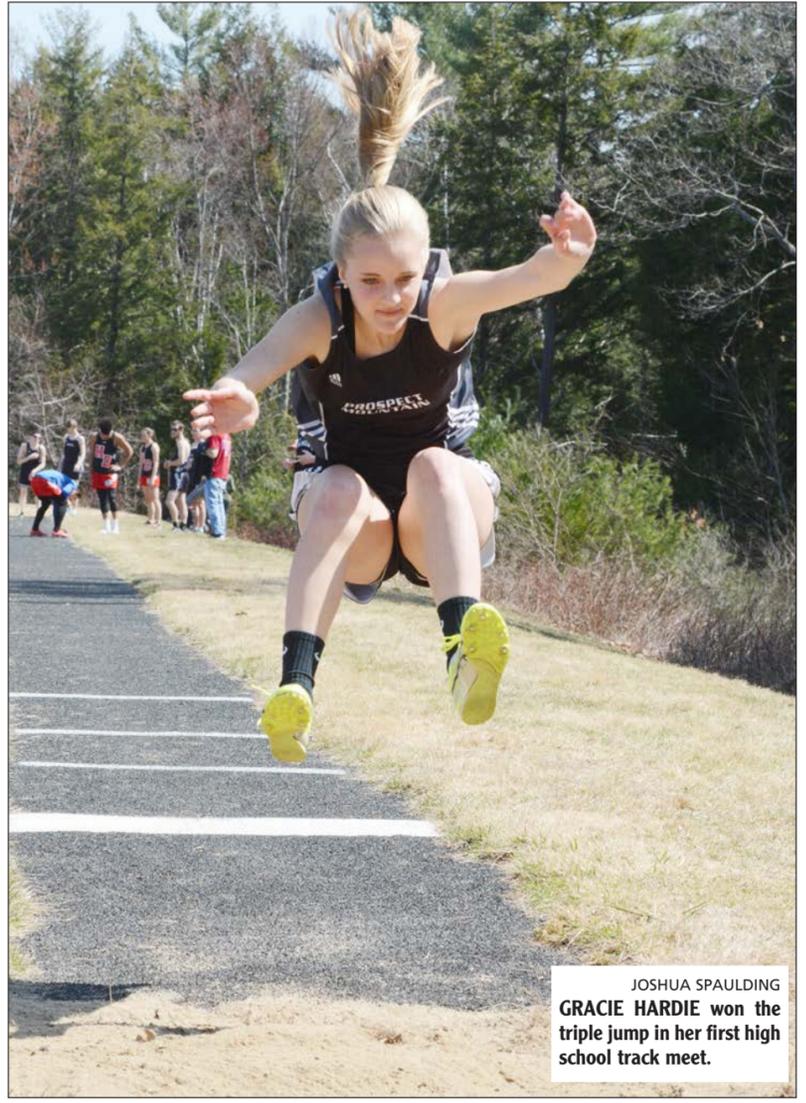
Jeremy Woodbury picked up the other win for the Timber Wolves, as he finished the 400

meters in a time of 54.96, with Riley McCartney finishing in fourth place in 58.9 seconds and Dan Drury finishing seventh overall in 1:01.57. Woodbury also finished in fourth place in the 100 meters in a time of 12.41 seconds, with Caleb Parelius in 23rd place in 13.34 seconds and Chris Normandin in 24th place in 13.56 seconds. Joe Doherty finished 26th in 13.57, Ryan Nolin was 27th in 13.61, Chase Corliss was 35th in 14.52 and James Williams finished 37th in 14.72.

Freshman Tommy Howlett finished fifth in the 1,600 meters in 5:15.78, with Nate Cormier placing 12th in 5:36.55.

The 4X800 meter team of Howlett, Troy Meyer, McCartney and Zander Gulbrandsen finished in a time of 9:12 for fifth place overall. The Timber Wolf 4X100-meter team of Normandin, Williams, Parelius and Nolin finished in 52.96 seconds for eighth place and the 4X400-meter team of McCartney, Meyer, Drury and Gulbrandsen finished in fourth place

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
GRACIE HARDIE won the triple jump in her first high school track meet.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
MAX TUTTLE has his eye on the ball as he prepares to return the ball in action against Berlin last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
TIM CLIFFORD returns a shot during his singles match against Berlin last week.

Timber Wolves fall to Berlin in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain tennis boys kicked off the season a week late, thanks to Mother Nature's interference.

The Timber Wolves hosted Berlin on Monday, April 10, sharing the four courts with the girls' team, who also entertained Berlin.

Coach Al Poirier noted that as his team en-

ters a rebuilding year he saw things he needed to see in the first match, an 8-1 loss to the Mountaineers.

"This first match highlighted our strengths and our weak-

nesses," Poirier said. "In spite of the loss, they came away with positive attitudes knowing that they will improve."

The Mountaineers swept the singles matches to clinch the win be-

fore doubles began.

At number one, Max Tuttle dropped an 8-1 decision, while Jack Kelley had a good match at number two but his opponent rallied to take a 9-7 win.

Lucas Therrien fell by an 8-4 score in the third spot and Colby Bisson lost an 8-2 decision at number four.

Tim Clifford fell 8-0 in the fifth spot in the lineup and Josh Keslar, in his first match, came up just short, dropping an 8-6 decision at number six.

"If not for two come from behind and one down to the wire victories by Berlin, the match would have been much closer," Poirier said of the singles.

In doubles play, Tuttle and Therrien played at

number one and dropped an 8-4 decision, while Kelley and Bisson played at number two and dropped an 8-2 decision.

The lone win for the day came at number three, where Keslar and Clifford teamed up and got a 9-7 win, coming from two games down to pick up the win.

The Timber Wolves played a close match on Wednesday, April 12, falling to Moultonborough by a 5-4 score.

The Timber Wolves will be in action today, April 20, at home against Gilford at 4 p.m. and will then be off for vacation week, returning to action on May 1 against Profile.

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Knights fall to Manchester West in marathon season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood tennis girls had four matches scheduled for the first two weeks of the season.

To date, the team has played just once, opening the season on Monday, April 10, at home against Manchester West, where the Knights dropped a 6-3 decision in a match that lasted more than three and a half hours.

"The team has had one longer match, a few years ago when there was a one-hour weather hold," noted coach Tom Merrell. "This was the longest continuous play match in memory."

The Knights were supposed to host Pembroke Academy the previous Friday and St. Thomas on April 13, but those matches were both postponed because the other teams did not have enough players. Pembroke is scheduled to be played on April 20 and St. Thomas on May 9, though Merrell notes that since his team was ready to play, the

matches should be called forfeits because the other team did not show up.

The team's match at Kennett was postponed because of snow on the North Conway courts and was postponed until May 11.

Against the Blue Knights, the Kingswood girls split the singles matches in their first time on the outdoor courts with the nets up this season.

"Coming up on the wrong end of a tie-breaker and with two 9-7 losses, the 6-3 loss was almost a 6-3 win," Merrell pointed out.

At number one, Jasper Shapiro rallied from a three-game deficit to force a tiebreaker before finally dropping an 8-6 decision in the tiebreaker for a 9-8 loss.

Kara Phu got an 8-5 win at number two and Brooke Seigars won by the same score at number three.

At number four, Danielle Schillereff lost by an 8-4 score at number four and Rebecca Coache fell by an 8-5 score in the fifth spot in the lineup.



KATHY SUTHERLAND
JASPER SHAPIRO races in for a return in action against Manchester West last week.

The third singles win for the Knights came at number six, where Bri Heald got an 8-6 win.

In doubles, Seigars and Shapiro played in the top spot and they dropped an 8-5 decision.

Phu and Coache at number two and Schillereff and Heald at number three kept things close and both led by 7-6 scores, however, both ended up falling by 9-7 tallies to give the Blue Knights

the 6-3 win over Kingswood.

Kingswood is scheduled to play the make-up game with Pembroke today, April 20, and then travel to Coe-Brown for a 4 p.m. game on Friday, April 21, at 4 p.m. The team is then off for vacation week before returning to action on May 1.

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Borelli shines in baseball opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

FRANKLIN — Sam Borelli was on his game on Friday, April 14, and that was bad news for the Franklin Golden Tornadoes.

In the opening game of the season for the Prospect Mountain baseball team, the senior pitched into the seventh inning, giving up just one run and striking out 14 batters. He also had two hits and drove in two runs as the Timber Wolves got a 5-1 win to start the season.

"He was on," said coach Bubba Noyes of Borelli. "That was one of the better games Sam has thrown."

While the Timber Wolves had not been on their field before the first game, they did get a chance to scrimmage with Pittsfield and the Panthers allowed the Timber Wolves to use their field for a practice as well, giving them a chance to get out on a field.

"We were fortunate we were able to get out in Pittsfield," Noyes noted.

The Timber Wolves scored a run in each of the first four innings.

Borelli had an RBI double in the first inning and Hunter Sanborn drove in the second run in the second inning.

Ryker Burke had an RBI base hit in the third and in the fourth, after Richard Stevens

walked, Zach Thoroughgood took over on the bases and stole two bases on his way to scoring the fourth run of the game. Prospect added one in the top of the seventh inning.

The Golden Tornadoes got their lone run against Borelli in the third inning.

Borelli got the first out in the seventh inning but appeared to be tiring and Noyes lifted him in favor of Drew Nickerson, who got the final two outs to close out the game.

Both Borelli and Zach MacLaughlin had a pair of hits, while Stevens worked a pair of walks.

"I was very pleased with what happened," Noyes said of the opener. "It was a great way to start the season."

The Timber Wolves had their other two games in the opening week postponed, with the game at Winnisquam rescheduled for April 26 and the home game with Somersworth rescheduled for May 11.

Next up, the Timber Wolves will be at Gilford on Friday, April 21, at 4 p.m. and will be at Campbell at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 24. The Winnisquam road game is set for Wednesday, April 26, also at 4 p.m.

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MEAGHAN MINAYA prepares to return a shot in action against Berlin last week.



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SERENA AVERY returns a shot in action against Berlin last week.

Timber Wolves kick off the new tennis season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team was supposed to make the longest trip of the season on Monday, April 10, but Berlin's courts were still covered in snow so the Mountaineers traveled to Alton for the match,

where the Timber Wolf girls shared the courts with the boys, who were also hosting Berlin.

Coaches Al and Juliette Poirier got a chance to see where the team stands after coming on board late in the preseason.

"Juliette and I now have a better under-

standing of where the team is developmentally and we are encouraged by the players' positive attitudes," Al Poirier said. "We can, as a team, focus on the fundamentals and in this rebuilding year we look forward to improving individual skills and having some fun along the way."

The Timber Wolves opened the season with a 7-2 loss to the Mountaineers, with both wins coming from first-year players.

At number three, Ava Blair picked up a win in her first match, defeating her opponent by an 8-4 score.

Sydney DeJager also

picked up a win at number six in her first match, winning by an 8-5 score.

At number one, Gabriella d'Empaire-Poirier played at number one and dropped an 8-2 decision while Meaghan Minaya played at number two and fell by an 8-3 score.

At number four, Serena Avery dropped an 8-2 decision while Anna Francis fell by a 9-7 score at number five in a hard-fought match, dramatic match that resulted in a come from behind win for the Mountaineers.

"All the girls showed spirit and positively encouraged their teammates throughout the match," Poirier said.

In doubles play, the team of d'Empaire-Poir-

ier and Blair played at number one and dropped an 8-3 decision, while Minaya and Avery played at number two and fell by an 8-2 score. Francis and Emily Brosnahan played at number three doubles and fell by an 8-6 score.

The Timber Wolves also dropped a 7-2 decision on Wednesday, April 12, at Moultonborough.

The team will be at Gilford today, April 20, at 4 p.m. and then will take vacation week off before returning to action on May 1 against Profile.

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Signing day

Prospect Mountain senior Brianna Burley signs her letter of intent to play softball for Saint Anselm College in Manchester. Burley was joined by her parents, Amy and Rick Burley, with Prospect Mountain Athletics Director Corey Roux looking on.

Junior Legion baseball tryouts are May 7 and 14

ALTON — Alton Post 72 Junior American Legion baseball tryouts will be held on May 7 and May 14 at Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Highway, Alton. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. Players ages 13 - 17 who attend Prospect Mountain, Kingswood, Farmington, Pittsfield, Inter-Lakes, Moultonborough, Belmont, Gilford, Laconia and Newfound are eligible to tryout.

For more information, contact coach Gary L. Noyes, Sr. at coachnoyes@metrocast.net or at 393-8349.

Belknap County Sportsmen's Association hosting dinner

GILFORD — A ham and bean dinner with all the fixings will be held at the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association club house on Lily Pond Road in Gilford on Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. Amy Smagula from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will present a talk entitled "Invasive plants know no boundaries." Invasive plants can cause significant ecological and economic harm and are changing the face of America. This

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ERIK MADDEN (left) battles for the ball as Sam Barton comes in to help out in action on Friday night.



GARRETT SCOTT charges after a loose ball in action on Friday against Bow.

Falcons rally past Knights in second half

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Good teams know how to make adjustments and that's just what the Bow Falcons did on Friday night as the Kingswood lacrosse boys took a 4-2 lead to the halftime break.

The Falcons held Kingswood to just one goal in the second half and scored six of their own on the way to an 8-5 win in the season opener for coach Matt Tetreault's Knights.

"We threw our good first package and they made some adjustments," Tetreault said. "And we were losing loose balls in the second half after we were winning them in the first half."

"That's the game," the Knight coach continued. "Passing and catching and winning and losing loose ground balls."

Erik Madden and Cam Taatjes teamed up on an early bid for the Knights that was turned away and Bow got the game's first goal 1:20 into the game, firing a shot past Kingswood keeper Ben Eldridge for a 1-0 lead.

The Knights didn't wait very long to tie the game, as just 36 seconds later, Madden came from behind the net and fired the ball past the keeper for the tying goal.

Kingswood had another good bid from Cole Emerson that went high and then Bow came back with a few bids, sending one high and one wide while Eldridge made a save on another. Liam Morrissey also turned in strong defense for the Knights. Cam Mann's run into the offensive zone was also turned away by the defense.

Madden gave Kingswood its first lead of the season with 5:24 to go in the first quarter, as he fired a shot from 10 yards out that beat the Falcon keeper and made

it 2-1 for the Knights. Mann and Joe Moore teamed up on a bid that was denied by the defense and Nicon Williams also helped out with a good defensive play for the Knights.

With 1:52 to go in the first quarter, Garrett Scott made a great feed in to Sam Barton, who got in close on net and fired it to the twine for the 3-1 lead.

Eldridge made a save at the other end in the final minute and Bow also sent a shot wide as the quarter ran out with Kingswood up 3-1.

Madden and Barton teamed up on an early bid in the second and Barton also found Emerson for a bid that went wide. Bow had a few chances as well, sending a trio of shots wide of the net before they were able to rip one past Eldridge with 7:32 to go in the first half, making it 3-2.

Scott, Barton and Madden continued to battle on the offensive side as they all had chances in the zone but could not get the ball in the net.

With 3:21, Madden was able to score Kingswood's fourth goal, using nice moves to fight past the defense and give the Knights the 4-2 lead.

Barton and Williams had shots that didn't find the net and Morrissey turned in good defense for the Knights, while Bow forced Eldridge to make another save before the half ended with Kingswood up 4-2.

The two teams went back and forth to start the second half, with nobody getting pressure for the first five minutes or so. Alex Matarozzo was solid on defense for the Knights during that stretch.

Bow was able to cut the lead to 4-3 with 6:14 to go in the third quarter on a laser from out front and then with 2:44 to go in the third quarter, they Falcons tied the game at

four with a bounce shot from 20 yards out that found its way into the net.

Bow took the lead at 5-4 with 1:46 to go on another bounce shot, though Scott and Taatjes had chances in the offensive zone in the final minute but could not convert, with Bow taking the 5-4 lead to the final frame.

The Falcons scored off nice passing 23 seconds into the fourth quarter and then just more than two minutes later, they added another to go up 7-4. Eldridge prevented

the lead from getting bigger with a nice save in close.

Madden was able to cut the lead to 7-5 with a tick less than four minutes gone in the quarter, firing a shot in from 10 yards out but just more than a minute later, Bow got the three-goal lead back with another tally, making it 8-5.

Kingswood had a few chances, with Williams, Barton and Madden getting looks, but the Knights could not get a ball in the net and Bow took the 8-5 win.

"We just pushed be-

cause that was what worked in the first half," Tetreault said, noting the team didn't really run an offense in the second half. "We definitely showed our youth in the second half."

Tetreault said that he felt his team was better conditioned than the Falcons, but in this case, it seemed they wanted it more.

"You could tell they didn't want to go to 0-2," Tetreault said.

The Knight coach also praised the work of Eldridge in his first varsity game.

"He played better than we had hoped he would," Tetreault said. "He made some great saves in close we didn't expect him to make."

Tetreault also noted not being able to get goals when the Knights had two three-minute man advantages was a key sequence.

The Knights will be back in action on Friday, April 21, hosting Derryfield at 5:30 p.m.

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Knight net boys slip by Eagles to remain undefeated

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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WOLFEBORO — The Kennett and Kingswood tennis boys have a knack for playing close matches and that trend continued on Friday, April 14, when the Eagles traveled to Wolfeboro to take on the Knights.

After splitting the singles and the first two doubles, the entire match came down to the number three doubles match, where Kingswood's Aaron Kust and Matt Horton defeated Kennett's Neil Harrison and Wilder Byrne by an 8-4 score to secure Kingswood a 5-4 win, their third win by that score in three matches this season.

"It's a microcosm of what we have," said Kingswood coach Steve Langevin of the close match. "They got experience last year so they're playing with a little more confidence this year."

"They're steady and confident in what they're doing," the Knight coach continued. "And when they get in close matches, that helps."

Kennett coach Joe



AARON KUST charges in to reach a shot during action against Kennett last week.

Murphy noted the top of his lineup continues to play well, as three of the team's four wins came from the top two players, Willie Alber and Jack Thompson.

"In all three matches, they both struggled early, but they were able to settle down and did well," Murphy said. "I expect it from those two."

The Eagle coach also pointed out that his team had yet to be on its home courts, though he said that they were finally cleared and he expected to be on them earlier this week.

The first match finished on April 14 was the number four singles match, where Kust defeated Kennett's Nick Heysler by an 8-1 score.

The number three match followed, with Russell Lucia of Kingswood defeating Alex Nemeth of Kennett by an 8-2 score.

The number one singles match finished just moments later and Alber got the Eagles on the board with an 8-2 win over Kingswood's Noah Smith.

At number two, Thompson was able to

defeated Kingswood's Jake Merrill by an 8-5 score to even the score at two after four singles.

Byrne came through with a big 8-6 win over Kingswood's Drew Connelly at number five to give the Eagles the lead, but Horton rallied past Harrison by a 9-8 score (7-5 in the tiebreaker) at number six to even the score at three heading to doubles.

The number one doubles finished shortly after the sixth singles match finished, with Thompson and Alber picking up the 8-3 win over Smith and Merrill.

At number two doubles, Lucia and Connelly came through with an 8-3 win over Nemeth and Heysler to even things out, sending everything to the third doubles match, with the Knight duo getting the win and clinching Kingswood's third win in as many matches.

Langevin praised the work of Horton in his singles match for helping to get his team the win. Horton was down 3-0 at one point.

"He didn't give up," Langevin said. "That match ended up being

big. "They just keep playing and climb back in their matches," Langevin said of his club.

Murphy noted that getting the back end of his lineup in place will be easier with a few weeks off and some court time.

"With the back of our lineup, we're still moving people in those spots," Murphy said. "We will have a lot of challenge matches in the next two weeks."

The Knights also got a 5-4 win over St. Thomas the previous day in Dover.

Kingswood trailed 4-2 after singles but swept the doubles to get the win. Smith and Merrill got an 8-5 win to start the comeback and then Lucia and Connelly rallied from a 4-3 deficit to win 8-4 at number two, tying the score at four. Kust and Horton again came through, though they made it interesting. The Knight duo led 6-1 but let the Saints win the next five matches to tie things up. But they won the next two for the 8-6 victory. Lucia and Kust were the winners in sin-

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MACKENZIE DORAN (left) and Bridget Coughlin surround the ball in action against Spaulding last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
EMILY SKELLETT prepares to catch the ball in action against Spaulding last Monday.

Knights roll over Raiders in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — It was about as good a start to the season as the Kingswood girls' lacrosse could have asked for in coach Katie Rogers' debut.

The Knights scored eight goals in the first five minutes and never looked back on the way to a 20-1 win over Spaulding on Monday, April 10.

"I think the girls, they were ready for it today," said Rogers. "They played well as a whole team together."

"We wanted to solidify things we were working on in practice on the game field," Rogers continued. "And I was happy with the way they did that."

The Knights scored just 12 seconds into the game, as Meghan Lapar found Bridget Coughlin, who buried the ball and the Knights were off and running.

Just 1:04 into the game, Liz McLaughlin found Lapar and she

buried the ball for a 2-0 lead and then just 31 seconds later, McLaughlin scored her one goal on a free shot for a 3-0 lead.

The Knights continued to charge, as Haley Bridgeman scored just 19 seconds after the third goal, making nice moves through the defense and firing the ball home.

Sofia Marshall sent a shot wide and Coughlin sent a shot off the post as the Knights continued to attack in the offensive zone.

With just more than three minutes gone in the game, Emily Skelley fired a pass from behind the net to Bridgeman, who buried the ball and Kingswood's lead went to 5-0.

Less 50 seconds later, Bridgeman found Coughlin and she was able to work through the defense and fire the ball home for a 6-0.

With 4:05 gone in the game, Mackenzie Doran pushed the lead to 7-0 and then just less than 30 seconds later, Lapar found Marshall with a pass and

she buried it for a 8-0 lead before five minutes were off the clock.

After Coughlin sent another shot off the post, the Knights were able to push the lead to 9-0. Bridgeman found Skelley with 18:30 to go in the first half for the next goal.

Just more than two minutes later, Bridgeman came from behind the net and fired the shot past the Red Raider goalie for a 10-0 lead.

The Knights continued to pressure in the zone without taking lots of shot but with 14:40 to go in the game, Coughlin fired a pass from behind the net to Marshall, who buried the ball for an 11-0 lead.

A little more than a minute later, Doran took a nice feed from McLaughlin and put the ball past the keeper for a 12-0 lead.

Jill Blocher had a bid denied by the Spaulding keeper, while Hannah Demain was strong on defense when the Raiders made a run into the

offensive zone.

With 11:30 to go in the first half, Abby Trach was able to fire the shot past the keeper for a 13-0 lead. Then with 8:50 to go, Giana Cubeddu came down the field and fired a shot into the net for her first varsity goal and a 14-0 lead for the Knights.

Blocher and Coughlin continued the attack for the Knights with some good looks in the zone but they could not convert.

With just more than three and a half minutes to go in the half, Blocher netted her first varsity goal with a nifty underhand shot that eluded the keeper for a 15-0 lead.

Keeper Abby Koehler had to make a save late in the half and the game went to the break with a 15-0 lead.

Out of the gate in the second half, the Knights

moved the ball well, with Doran and Coughlin teaming up on a bid and the Red Raiders sending a shot off the post. The Knights continued to control the ball and the clock ticked down with running town.

Spaulding was able to score its only goal of the game with 14:08 to go in the game and also had a couple of chances, with the defense stepping up and Koehler making a save.

The Knights made it 16-1 with 7:30 to go when Cubeddu buried her second goal of the game and then just about two minutes later, Coughlin scored her third goal.

Bridgeman came from behind the net for the 18th goal for the Knights with 3:20 to go and then with two minutes to go, Skelley found Marshall with another

er tally for a 19-1 lead. Coughlin added the final goal in the final minute for a 20-1 final.

Bridgeman and Coughlin each finished with four goals to lead the way for the Knights.

Rogers pointed to one key for the Knights was their draw control.

"You win the draws, you win the game," Rogers said. "And we won all the draws."

The Knights moved to 2-0 under the first-year coach when they defeated Alvirne by a 16-4 score on Thursday, April 13.

Kingswood will be back in action on Thursday, April 27, when they host Timberlane at 5:30 p.m.

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

High School Slate

Thursday, April 20

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Boys' Tennis vs. Gilford; 4
Girls' Tennis at Gilford; 4
Track Home Meet; 4
Friday, April 21
KENNETT Baseball at St. Thomas; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Pembroke; 4
Softball at St. Thomas; 4
KINGSWOOD Boys' Lacrosse vs. Derryfield; 5:30
Boys' Tennis vs. Coe-Brown; 4
Girls' Tennis at

Coe-Brown; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Baseball at Gilford; 4
Softball at Gilford; 4
Saturday, April 22
KENNETT Track at Merrimack Valley; 10
KINGSWOOD Track at Merrimack Valley; 10
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Track at Merrimack Valley; 10
Monday, April 24
KENNETT Baseball at Portsmouth; 4
Softball at Portsmouth; 4

KINGSWOOD Baseball vs. St. Thomas; 4
Softball vs. St. Thomas; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Baseball at Campbell; 4
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Tuesday, April 25
KENNETT Track Home Meet; 4
Wednesday, April 26
KENNETT Baseball vs. Sanborn; 4
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Thursday, April 27
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JOSHUA SPAULDING
RUSSELL LUCIA prepares to return a shot during a win over Kennett on Friday.

TENNIS

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gles for the Knight boys. Kingswood will be in action on Friday, April 21, at home against Coe-

Brown at 4 p.m. and will host Plymouth at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

The Eagles will not be back in action until May 1 when they head to Ber-

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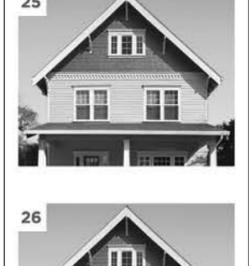
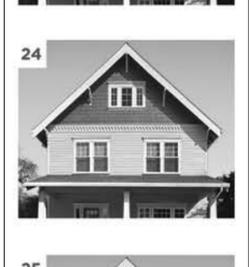
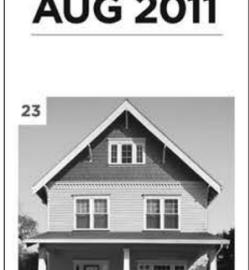
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Muddy Moose Trail Races set for Sunday

WOLFEBORO — The Muddy Moose Trail Races will return to Wolfe-

boro for an 18th year on Sunday, April 23. The race benefits lo-

cal running programs, including the cross country and track pro-

grams at Kingswood Regional High School. The race will begin

at 10 a.m. with start and finish at Kingswood Regional High School. The race features a four-mile course and a half-marathon distance course.

the difference. These are trail races, not road races. Dirt roads, logging roads, single track, and snowmobile trails are included. The 14-mile race involves short steep hills, logs, roots, water, and mud. The four-mile race is on flatter (but uneven) and somewhat drier (but often still muddy) terrain.

The 18th annual Muddy Moose Trail Races are well-organized, but low frill. Both the four-mile and the half-marathon races start together, then two paths diverge in the woods, and which one you take makes all

To register in advance, visit <https://www.runreg.com/muddy-moose-trail-races>.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

JEREMY WOODBURY runs to the win in the 400 meters at Belmont on Saturday.

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overall.

In the 200 meters, Nolin won his heat in 27.4 seconds for seventh place overall, with Doherty in 10th place in 27.75 seconds and Nor-

mandin in 12th place in 27.85. Parelius finished 14th in 28.01, Corliss was 20th in 30.94 and Williams was 21st in 31.32. Meyer finished in seventh place in the 800 meters in 2:26.08 and Gulbrandsen was right behind him in eighth place in 2:26.94. Pare-

lius finished 10th in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, six inches, with Corliss in 14th place at 13 feet, 3.5 inches and Williams in 15th place at 13 feet, half an inch.

Freshman Gracie Hardie provided the only win for the Timber Wolf girls, as she leaped 28 feet, 9.5 inches in the triple jump to take the win.

Hardie also snagged a fifth place finish in the 100 meters in a time of 14.41 seconds, with teammate Taren Brownell in 12th place in 15.66 and Emily Calise in 16th place in 16.15, winning her heat.

Hardie also added a fifth place in the 200 meters in a time of 30.65, with Brownell in 15th place in 34.01 and Calise in 18th place in 35.19.

Naomi Murzin picked up a third place finish in the javelin, as she tossed 80 feet, two inches. The senior also finished seventh in the discus with a throw of 58 feet, eight inches.

Sadie DeJager picked up a point in the 400 meters with her sixth place finish in a time of 1:16.59, with Ashlyn Dalrymple in eighth place in 1:18.43.

Naomi Ingham added a pair of top-three finishes, as she ran to second in the 1,600 meters in 6:48.34 and finished third in the 3,200 meters in 15:24.27.

The Timber Wolf 4X400-meter team of DeJager, Dalrymple, Calise and Brittany Rogers ran to fourth place overall in 5:09.65.

The Timber Wolves are scheduled to host a meet today, April 20, at 4 p.m. and will then be at Merrimack Valley High School on Saturday for a 10 a.m. meet.

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

Busy time of the year in more than one way

This is a pretty busy time in the professional sports world, particularly if you happen to be a fan of Boston teams.

Of course, first and foremost in my mind in that regard are the Red Sox, since baseball is my favorite sport.

It has been a fairly uneven season so far for the hometown nine and that's kind of disappointing. The offense has not been driving in runs on a regular basis and the pitching has had good days (welcome, Chris Sale) and bad (yikes, Steven Wright), though over the course of the season, that is bound to happen. Of course, as I wrote last week, there are already issues I'm thinking about, but it helps to remember that there's 162 games in a season and over the course of the season, those things will work themselves out, at least that's the general hope.

Also a big thing this season is the return of playoff NHL hockey to the Boston area, as the Bruins are back in the playoffs after a few years away. Hockey is my second-favorite sport and I love listening to the playoff games on my iPad while I'm working or turning on the television when I get home and seeing the Bruins playing postseason action again. The first game of the series had a great ending after some scary moments in the first two periods, but they finished strong. The second game saw a lot of good stuff going on in the first two periods but a tough finish.

Also, the Celtics are the number one seed in the Eastern Conference and they kicked off

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

the playoffs on Sunday (I'm listening to Sean Grande and Cedric Maxwell as I write this) and I'm also happy to see them get a good seed in the playoffs. Of course, basketball is not my favorite sport to cover, but Grande is one of the best play-by-play guys out there and I really enjoy listening to him. When he's out doing other broadcasts (as was the case a lot this season), the quality of the Celtics radio broadcasts went downhill significantly.

Of course, with the pro teams pretty busy this time of year, the spring sports season for the local high school teams has also come into full swing after a slow start, thanks in part to the late snow that kept field covered in many places and left others soaked for the weeks of the preseason. Last week I had a few tennis matches, a pair of lacrosse games (thanks Kingswood turf), a softball game and a track meet to cover. And this week promised my first baseball games of the season, plus more softball, track and lacrosse. I am also heading out of town on Saturday but hopefully should be back by the time the Muddy Moose Trail Races start on Sunday morning at Kingswood (as long as there are no flight delays).

Of course, with the luck I've had with flights over the last year, I'd be surprised if things work out like I'm planning.

Finally, have a great day Mike Manning.

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The Knight girls' tennis team will be on the road at Coe-Brown at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

The Kingswood baseball and softball teams

will be hosting St. Thomas on Monday, April 24, and will visit Lebanon on Wednesday, April 26, both at 4 p.m.

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