





# Barnstead teachers reach new contract agreement

**BARNSTEAD** — The BEA and the Barnstead School Board have ratified a new proposed agreement. Barnstead is the only district in the state that does not use the traditional Step and Track form of compensation for teachers. Instead, they utilize a hiring matrix for new hires and a simple percent increase for existing staff. The current hiring matrix has not been changed in four years. A comparison to districts around Barn-

stead basically put the town tied for the second lowest starting salary in the region. Therefore, the initial efforts were to make starting salaries more competitive and to keep the salaries of existing staff aligned with the new starting salaries.

The proposed agreement replaces the current health insurance plans with two lower cost plans, providing a savings to the district of \$70,000 to \$102,000 in the first year of the

agreement. The actual amount of savings will be determined once employees make their plan selection during the open enrollment period. Using the higher premiums to estimate the cost of the proposed contract, the net increases to salaries and benefits over the first three years are 3.4 percent, 3.2 percent, and 3.3 percent. The goal of both parties was to keep cost increases under four percent.

There are additional,

non-cost changes to the proposed agreement that benefit the district.

These will be discussed at the school district meeting on March 24.

Residents are urged to attend this meeting.

# Public hearing on keno draws little discussion

**BY BRIAN MURRAY**  
Contributing Writer

ALTON — If the very few comments at last week's public hearing on town warrant article 60 seeking to permit the lottery game keno

in town were any indication of how the March 13 vote may go, it seems like it could stand a 50-50 chance.

Only three people spoke at the Feb. 22 hearing: one for keno, one against keno, and one resident who only wanted more information about the game.

Hedda Christiani was concerned with the possible addiction of gambling, and expressed hope town residents would not permit keno. She noted gambling addiction is a burden on society.

Loring Carr wanted some background about the game, so Selectman Reuben Wentworth explained keno, saying it is an electronic betting game that involves choosing numbers, and that the only establishments allowed to have keno are those with liquor licenses that are in good standing.

American Legion Post 72 member Tom Saulenas spoke in favor of keno, saying the money

State regulations define how keno monies will be distributed, with eight percent of proceeds kept by the licensee, and 92 percent of keno proceeds going to the state.

with one percent of that going to the Department of Health and Human Services to support research, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for problem gamblers. The remaining funds – less administrative costs of the Lottery Commission and prize payouts – go to the state education trust fund.

According to the New Hampshire lottery web site, people playing Keno 603 choose how many “spots” (numbers) they want to play, from one to 12 spots. Players then mark their numbers from one through 80, with the amount of numbers picked equal in number to the number of spots selected to play. Players may also choose Easy Pick and have the lottery terminal randomly select numbers. Wagers per draw range as follows: \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25. Players can also select how many consecutive games they want to play, from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 or 20.

Voting on keno, as well as the election of town officers and the many other articles on the ballot, will be held Tuesday, March 13, in the lower level of St. Katharine Drexel Church at 40 Hidden Spring Road, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Meet New Durham  
candidates on Monday*

NEW DURHAM — A Meet the Candidates Night will be held at the New Durham Public Library at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

The event will be informal, with a time at the beginning for those running for office to speak briefly about their background, why they are running, and what they would like to see happen in town.

Candidates who cannot be there are welcome to send in a written state-

ment to be read by Richard Leonard, who is serving as moderator.

Afterward, residents are invited to share refreshments with the candidates, during which time they can ask questions or express opinions.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to get to know who will be holding positions in town.

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.



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**Gorilla sale**

The Alton Central School National Junior Honor Society would like to thank everyone who purchased Valentine's Day gorillas during its annual fundraiser for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Usually they raise about \$600 from these sales, but this year they sold a record shattering 927 gorillas and almost doubled that amount. The grand total for this year is \$1,179.50. The ACS NJHS thanks everyone in the ACS community for supporting this worthy cause.



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# Alexander Wallace earns Eagle Scout rank

GILFORD — Alexander C. Wallace of Alton, a member of Boy Scout Troop 243 of Gilford, recently earned the highest honor in Boy Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award. Only four percent of all Boy Scouts attain this honor.

Achieving Eagle Scout is a scouting journey that Wallace began in first grade. As a Cub Scout in Pack 53 of Alton, he participated in activities that encouraged growth in many areas, character development and citizenship to name a few. As a Webelo, Wallace earned the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. This prepares a scout to become a Boy Scout, and is the only rank that can be displayed on a Boy Scout uniform. As a Boy Scout with Troop

243 in Gilford, Wallace rose through all levels of scouting, Tenderfoot, Second-class, First-class, Star, and Life. During this time, he earned the required 21 badges to become an Eagle Scout, plus others that appealed to his interests. In addition to earning badges, a scout must be an active member of the troop. Wallace has held numerous jobs in Troop 243, including Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. As an active member in the Troop, Wallace has volunteered for fellow scout Eagle projects, traveled to Alaska for a High Adventure, attended many West Point Camporees, ski events, wilderness survival weekends, both camps at the Griswold Scout Reservation and



ALEXANDER WALLACE of Alton recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

other badge specific events like walking the Freedom Trail in Massachusetts.

Wallace's Eagle Scout project consisted of renovating the warming hut at Potter's Sledding Hill in Gilford. He planned, organized, led and managed a group of volunteers who reinforced rafters, added collar ties, straightened the front wall, installed a ceiling, sheet-rocked the interior, trimmed out windows and painted the inside. Wallace would like to thank all those who donated time, materials and hard work to complete this project. He offered a special

thanks to leaders and scouts of Troop 243, the Gilford Home Center and Steve Ellis, a committed volunteer and mentor during this extensive project.

During Wallace's Eagle ceremony, he recommitted his life to scouting, by reciting the Eagle Scout promise, which are the same words that close the Declaration of Independence. Wallace is currently an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 243, where his rank and commitment to scouting will serve as an example to others as he helps fellow scouts reach their goals in scouting.

## Skating event for Alton, PMHS families on Saturday

ALTON — The Alton Community Youth Activities (CYA) team will be hosting its annual ice skating event at the Laconia Ice Arena. The time they reserve will be exclusively for the Alton community along with Barnstead families who have youth attending PMHS to come together and have some winter fun.

There will be a box available for donations of non-perishable foods for the Alton Food Pantry, those who donate will receive a free surprise raffle ticket.

The event will be held this Saturday, March 3, and the time is 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. at the Laconia Ice Arena. The arena is located at 468 Province Road on Route 107 in Laconia. It is a short distance from the Laconia bypass and is on the left side going toward Belmont.

Tickets available at the door for a very minimal price. Skates may be rented or sharpened free at the arena. Contact Kelly Sullivan at 875-2725 for further information or questions.



### Co-teaching at ACS

This year, ACS preschoolers have a combined music and Spanish class co-taught by Mr. Neveu and Señora Rush. They've recently spent a lot of time using music to teach the colors in Spanish and are currently teaching the children about the different greetings you would use depending on the time of day. The plan is to begin teaching and exploring emotions in Spanish as well as connecting them to different pieces of music that may evoke a specific feeling.

## Congressional candidate to speak in Barnstead Monday

BARNSTEAD — Local Democrats and left-leaning Independents are invited to the March meeting of the Tri-Town Democrats on Monday, March 5, to hear Congressional District 1 candidate Lincoln Soldati speak.

Soldati is a New Hampshire native, veteran, husband, father of four, and grandfather of two. He has spent more than 20 years in public office at the local and county level – most notably serving nine terms as Strafford County Attorney, as well as serving on the Somersworth School Board, the Somersworth Charter Commission and as the Mayor of Somersworth. As Strafford County Attorney, Soldati created the victim assistance protocol, which has become the state standard for prosecutions and investigations into sexual assault and child abuse cases.

The guest speaker will be followed by action items and community organizing as well as a caucus election for vice-chair and treasurer of the Barnstead

Democrats. All registered Democrats in Barnstead are eligible to vote in the caucus election.

This meeting of the Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton will be held at the Barnstead Town Hall at 108 South Barnstead Road in Barnstead. Come for socializing and potluck any time between 6:15 and

6:30 p.m. The meeting runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to any and all residents of Barnstead, Alton, and Gilmanton who consider themselves moderate, liberal, or progressive Democrats or like-minded Independents. Potluck items to share are encouraged but not required. For more information,

e-mail starryheather@hotmail.com or visit the "Barnstead, Gilmanton, and Alton Democrats" Facebook page.

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## Candidates, we want to hear from you

Town election time has arrived and voters in the three local communities will be going to the polls next week to elect town and school district officials. This is an important time in town government and we hope that everyone in our communities gets out and does their part and votes. Local government is the place where real action can happen and where people can make a difference by standing up and taking part.

As in years past, we are offering candidates a chance to get their names in front of the people they want to represent. All candidates for town and school district offices are welcome to submit one letter to the editor touting their accomplishments, stating their goals and/or introducing themselves to the community. These letters started last week with Lori Mahar and continue this week with Lyla Adkins and we encourage any other candidate out there to send us a letter to run in next week's edition ahead of the election.

Candidate letters should follow the rules of all letters to the editor and be no more than 550 words in length. They must be signed and all letters to the editor should include a telephone number, though we will not publish the phone number. Those letters should be submitted by Tuesday at noon at the absolute latest, though earlier is always better when it comes to meeting deadlines. Candidates can submit their letters via e-mail to [baysider@salmonpress.news](mailto:baysider@salmonpress.news) or to The Baysider, PO Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.

In this week's edition we have a piece on the recent candidates' night in Barnstead, a great service offered up by the Oscar Foss Memorial Library to allow residents a chance to meet candidates and hear them talk about what they want to do if they get into office.

We are hopeful that all candidates for local offices who have not already done so, will submit letters to the editor in support of their candidacy. Candidates are also advised that they can purchase advertising in support of their campaign. Anyone wishing to do that can e-mail [beth@salmonpress.news](mailto:beth@salmonpress.news) and she can get you on the right track.

Town election time is a busy time for anyone involved in local news and we reiterate that if you choose to submit something for inclusion in the paper, you do so by the deadline. All letters to the editor must be in our hands by noon on Tuesday prior to the paper's Thursday publication. Letters that aren't received by that deadline will not appear in the paper. We can't make exceptions to this rule, particularly if we have a lot of letters from candidates.

We thank all of our readers for bearing with us over the last two weeks as we dealt with early deadlines. A reminder that all early deadline notifications will appear on the front page. You can also double-check on any deadline changes by e-mailing [baysider@salmonpress.news](mailto:baysider@salmonpress.news).

We wish all the candidates for town and local offices the best of luck in their respective races.



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### Traditional crafts

To usher in its upcoming cultural event, the New Durham Public Library has set up a display case featuring a variety of Russian art and crafts. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, the library will be alive with the sights and sounds of that country, with a focus on the art of jeweler Peter Carl Faberge. Following a visual presentation, participants will paint a wooden egg, that comes with a stand, in traditional motifs and designs. The program, led by a Russian artist, does not require any artistic ability; its purpose is to provide a view of traditional arts in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. A minimal donation to cover materials is suggested. Call the library at 859-2201 to register or for more information.

## Letters to the Editor

### Motivated public servant deserves another term

To the Editor:

Thanks to the thorough reporting of The Baysider, I feel prepared to cast my vote on March 13. I also attended the deliberative session on Feb. 7 at Prospect Mountain HS and recommend this exercise in democracy to everyone. The comments, explanations, questions and clarifications to the various warrant items helped me to understand the issues and realize what is important in town government.

I was especially impressed by Chief Ryan Ridley's calm efficient, knowledgeable comments each time

he took the microphone to explain the dire need Alton has to replace failing equipment [a 30-year old fire truck that certainly has seen its best day] and the acknowledgment that 24/7 coverage at the fire station to answer EMT and fire calls in a timely fashion for residents and visitors is vital to protect us all.

Thanks to all who serve Alton in any capacity. Now it's time for all of us to do our part, and vote.

Sharon Norby  
Alton

### Motivated public servant deserves another term

To the Editor:

Like many Alton residents, I don't get to town council meetings as often as I'd like. When I do attend, I've been impressed by councilman Phil Wittmann. He diligently researches issues (even, at times, attending outside meetings that could shed light on matters pertaining to the town) and articulately reports his findings to council meetings.

In an era when elected officials appear to turn whichever way the wind blows, Wittmann has kept

his campaign promise to work to protect private property rights.

Above all, he is consistently fair and civil in his discourse. We are fortunate to have such a gentleman representing us on the council. I will be casting my March 13 vote to keep him there for another term. I urge you to join me.

William French  
Alton

### Who will die next?

To the Editor:

Seventeen more students and teachers murdered in Florida. Before it was Columbine, Sandy Hook, Kentucky, now Florida. The list keeps building. Americans killing Americans with American made guns. Who will die next, your kids, my grandchildren? Are you angry? If not you should be. Greedy gun makers are making billions in profits. Yet it's taxpayers who are being called upon to pay for increased security in all schools and public places. And what is President Trump's answer to all the carnage and suffering being endured by grieving American families? It's more guns. He wants to arm thousands of teachers with more lethal weapons. Has this country gone insane? I served in the infantry on the Demilitarized Zone in Korea. Trump dodged all military service. He has no idea about the destructive force of military style assault weapons. Depress

the trigger and hundreds of wood-piercing rounds render hiding places useless. Arming hundreds of teachers will make millions for Trump's gun maker pals, and be as useless as his proposed "Swiss cheese" border wall. Republican politicians control America at federal, state and local levels. Yet they are doing nothing to solve this murderous crisis. Our priorities are out of whack. To drive a car a kid has to learn from somebody, take a test and pay a registration fee. But he or she can buy an AR-15 as easy as a lollipop. We have lots of gun folks screaming about "Second Amendment rights." We also have a Declaration of Independence that says we have a "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Think about those grief stricken families in Florida and Sandy Hook, then do something.

John Goyette  
New Durham

### Candidates sought for upcoming ballot

To the Editor:

Folks are stepping up all over New Hampshire to run for office from library trustee to selectperson to members of Congress. We're all intent on replacing those in office who represent big money with individuals who will represent our communities. Imagine having a state representative here in Barnstead, Alton, or Gilmanton who cared more about living wages, affordable college and healthcare, and services for elderly than scoring points with Americans for Prosperity and their corporate friends.

If towns like Barnstead, Alton, and Gilmanton had elected community-minded representation in 2016, bills like those which our current house members recently opposed (family and medical leave insur-

ance fund, participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, etc.) would be successful. We need to make this a reality for the sake of the health, safety, and welfare of our communities. We desperately need willing individuals to step up for this year's NH House races. Information about the commitment is readily available as is support for candidates throughout the process. Please contact the Tri-Town Democratic Candidate Recruitment Committee at [starryheather@hotmail.com](mailto:starryheather@hotmail.com) if you would be willing to explore a run for NH State Representative for Barnstead, Alton, or Gilmanton.

Heather Carter  
Barnstead



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Letters to the Editor

Adkins seeking to stay on school board

To the Editor:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Lyla Adkins. I'd love to have your vote this March in my run for the two-year school board seat. I've lived in Barnstead since 2000, and have two daughters at BES who are in fourth and eighth grades. I've been serving on the school board for the past three years. Additionally, in my time in Barnstead I've been a Girl Scout leader, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a PTO volunteer and former board member, and organized the past five years of town's summer concert series.

My children, and all the children of our community, are important to me. I want them to receive a variety of educational opportunities in an environment that is safe, supportive and pro-

gressive. I support our educators, and want to be sure that we are doing everything possible to hire and retain the best staff members. I want to be involved in taking measures to ensure that our school facilities are adequate, appropriate, safe and secure. I want to support our administration in their development of curriculum guidelines. It has been my pleasure to work this past year with our superintendent, Dr. Brian Cochrane. I am encouraged and inspired by his professionalism and the leadership, insight and initiative he brings to the table.

In my three years on the school board, I have served on both BES's space needs and strategic planning committees. At PMHS, I have served on the professional development committee and the policy committee. If re-

ected, I have expressed my interest in becoming more involved with the budgeting process at BES, as well as continuing to serve on the space needs committee. We are

"I think that you folks are without a doubt the most reprehensible, incompetent, collection of a board of selectmen I have ever know."

I made the above statement to the Alton Board of Selectmen during public input on Feb. 22, 2017. And, on Jan. 16, Judge Garner found me guilty of one count disorderly conduct and one count of resisting detention stemming from the incident.

Judge Garner's decision states, in part, "the

all well aware of the constraints and limitations of our current space, and I wish to be a part of finding a solution to our issues that is both reasonable and forward think-

ing. I bring to the board a positive, friendly and collaborative attitude, as well as an open mind to discussion on all topics that come before us.

I look forward to the

opportunity to continue to serve our children and our community, and I thank you for your support.

Lyla Adkins  
Barnstead

COMMUNITY CORNER



BY JEFFREY CLAY  
Alton

Advising Alton residents to not speak out

testimony of Chairperson Johnson was that it was Mr. Clay's failure to identify which agenda item he was going to address during his time in the "public input one" session which prompted her to give him the three warnings she gave and, when he did not comply with those warnings, allowed her to ask that he leave the meeting."

Like me, most Alton residents have probably never heard of the requirement that speakers must first identify an agenda item before addressing speaking during "public input one." This is most likely true because prior to July 18, 2016, this procedural requirement never existed. Nor or had it ever been explained to anyone. Nor had it ever been enforced against anyone by the board.

assessment, which came in with a 46.5 percent increase from last year. Mr. Nelson was not on the agenda. Why was he not interrupted or ordered out of the meeting like I was? Nelson even violated the three-minute rule by speaking for more than five minutes.

Regardless of the above, it's my position that I was not ordered removed from the meeting by Johnson because I failed to identify an agenda item, this was a ruse. Failing to identify an agenda item prior to speaking is clearly a technical error; certainly not an error which should ever result in removal or arrest of a citizen. This error does not in itself create a "disruption" of a meeting; nor does it prevent the board from accomplishing its business in a reasonably efficient manner; nor does it interfere with the rights of other speakers.

of speech and expression.

Alton Police Officers Heath and Tollios failed to take any affirmative steps to protect my rights. All Tollios, Heath, or even Johnson had to do was explain the rule requiring speakers must identify an agenda item (a ridiculous rule) before speaking, and I gladly would have done so. They never did.

Although I was found not guilty of disrupting the meeting, I was found guilty of disorderly conduct for allegedly failing a lawful order to leave the building. Without splitting hairs, Sgt. Tollios never order me to leave the building. Tollios informed me three times "you've been asked to leave." I contend his statement invited discourse. I had a right, I believed, to ask him why. Tollios and the state apparently do not believe citizens have the right to question police officers. Thank goodness our Supreme Court feels differently.

Examples of the selectmen's failure to advise or enforce the policy procedure requiring speakers to identify an agenda item prior to speaking are everywhere in the record. On Sept. 6, 2016, Hunter Taylor spoke during public input one where he introduced himself as a candidate for Belknap County Commissioner with hopes that he will have the support of the board. Mr. Taylor was not speaking on an agenda item and yet, Mr. Taylor was not admonished or removed. On Sept. 20, 2017, Alton resident Roger Nelson spoke to the board discussing his recent tax

In Norse v. City of Santa Cruz, 629 F.3d 966 (9th Cir. 2010)(en banc), the court held that a board may limit the expressive conduct of persons in attendance at school board meetings only in cases of actual disruption. According to the court, "Actual disruption means actual disruption. It does not mean constructive disruption, technical disruption, virtual disruption, nunc pro tunc disruption, or imaginary disruption. The City cannot define disruption so as to include non-disruption." Fact: Judge Garner, in dismissing one the disorderly conduct charges filed against me, determined I was not disruptive and did not disrupt the meeting.

The United States Supreme Court noted in *Houston v. Hill*, 482 U.S. 451, 461 (1987), "the First Amendment protects a significant amount of verbal criticism and challenge directed at police officers." Indeed, "[t]he freedom of individuals verbally to oppose or challenge police action without thereby risking arrest is one of the principal characteristics by which we distinguish a free nation from a police state." *Id.* at 462-63.

The purpose of me writing this commentary is simple: The Alton Board of Selectmen and police department will do whatever it takes to silence critics. Consequently, I want to caution all Alton residents against speaking out during any public input sessions at any public meetings, to include deliberative sessions. If you do, you may just find yourself in handcuffs and have a criminal record, not to mention the thousands of dollars you will spend on legal fees to defend yourself.

The fact that I was not disruptive did not stop Alton Police officials from removing me, but it should have. In *Edwards v. South Carolina*, a very important court case, the court stated "When peaceful, orderly public comment is involved, the police have a duty to take reasonable affirmative steps to ensure the maintenance of the protesters' rights to freedom



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Fighting hunger

The American Legion family Post 72 of Alton has donated \$1,540 to the End 68 Hours of Hunger campaign. Pictured (l to r), Sons of the American officers Brad Cardinal and Tim Macdonald, Monique Jalbert, End 68 Hours of Hunger program coordinator, Sons of the American Legion Commander Dan Malloy and Legion Commander Mo Luckern.

Meet and greet with write-in selectmen candidate March 8

BARNSTEAD— Join in at JJ Goodwin's in Center Barnstead on March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a slice of complimentary pizza and an opportunity to meet write-in candidate for selectman, Matt Furt-

ney, and to ask him questions and hear his ideas as to what he has to offer the town of Barnstead.

Mark on the Markets  
Emotional roller coaster



BY MARK PATTERSON  
Contributing Writer

January of this year saw the equity markets rise in what I will call a melt up fashion. Many investors who were positioned properly with a good diversified portfolio questioned why they were not getting all the melt up, but only some. It is human nature to think that you are missing out on the really good stuff. Then comes a swift 10 percent correction with wild swings in the stock market. So, the money that piled into the equity markets in the recent melt up is exiting rapidly. Typically, money that is invested on emotion has little conviction to stay with things get volatile.

As an investment advisor and portfolio manager, when we initially talk about risk tolerance and purpose for a portfolio of investments we must assume that the design of your portfolio is

what is best for you the client. Any advisor that I have spoken with worth their salt will stick with a consistent plan that was originally designed for you. Most people use professional money managers because they realize that they neither have the time, knowledge and discipline to manage the portfolio as agreed upon. I'm not saying that we cannot make adjustments to the portfolio due to market conditions, but what I am saying is that we cannot jump on the same emotional roller coaster when we are charged with managing client assets through all kinds of markets. If your portfolio was designed specifically for you and is properly rebalanced from time to time, then that portfolio should perform for your needs and should not be compared to your neighbors or friends that

are bragging about how well they're doing and posting it on social media. Because those same people will not tell you or brag to you that they are getting it handed to them in a bad market.

Human behavior is consistent. I remember 1999 when everybody was trading technology stocks and bragging how well they were doing. When the bottom fell out and all those people lost their money, they were silent.

I believe you should review your current portfolio mix, look for mutual fund expense, advisory fees and make sure that your portfolio is designed with conviction and purpose just for you, not the masses. Virtually any portfolio should have done okay the last eight years. I believe we are entering a time with rising interest rates, volatile

equity markets and a few technical indicators that are making me uncomfortable. Interest rates are driving the stock market volatility. If you are in perpetual bond funds or high expense equity mutual funds, I believe you have the potential to get hurt on both sides. There are things that can be changed in a portfolio to be more suited for the times ahead. If you want a forensic analysis of your current portfolio mix that can reveal your risk, fees and stress test, contact my office.

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	Route 11-D	Residential Developed Land	\$60,000	Betty A. Jensen (for Milton & Betty Jensen RET)	Steven and Susan F. Colclough
Barnstead	428 White Oak Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$153,000	Melanie L. Walsh	Kim E. Stillwell and Pauline A. Woodbury
New Durham	26 Chamberlin Way	Single-Family Residence	\$314,000	Justin D. and Katherine A. Ross	Michael R. and Michelle Phillips

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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

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

# March 5 deadline to purchase tickets for PMHS drama production

ALTON — Prospect Mountain Drama Club will stage This Business of Murder, a murder/mystery dinner theater experience on March 22, 23, and 24 at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the PMHS main office 9 a.m.-3:30

p.m. Monday-Friday, through March 5, or the PMHS box office 4:30-6:30 p.m. tonight or Monday, March 5. All tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door. The deadline for ticket sales is March 5. Dinner

selections made at the time of ticket purchase. This play is PG-13, not suitable for children under 13 years old.

This year, as PMHS Drama Club mulled over its choices for a production, it became clear that there would not be

time to stage a musical. Though it was tough to acknowledge and accept this fact, the club decided on staging an interactive murder mystery play with dinner and audience involvement. Because the format of this show is such a departure from the plays in years past, there have been some things the club has had to do differently. One of these is to advertise very early because all tickets have to be sold well in advance in order to plan for the dinners each night.

The PMHS Drama

Club is made up of a group of very dedicated students and staff at PMHS. This Business of Murder will be an entertaining experience. The action opens with Sir Alan Sweetener (played by Justin Boyce) announcing that he is about to sell the family-owned chocolate factory to a large conglomerate. His two "loopy" sisters, Victoria (played by Brittany Rogers) and Constance (played by Elysia Woodbury), protest of course. Other long-time employees Nick (Max DeRoche), Hannah (Fiona Wilson),

Stella (Erin Kelley) and Angela (Lily Michaud) aren't too happy about the event either. A bizarre battle of wits ensues during which one character dies. During dinner, the audience gets to mull over who could have done it and why. Great entertainment for anyone 13 years and older.

Please contact Cathy Fraser at 875-3800 extension 3087, or check out the PMHS web site [www.pmhschool.com](http://www.pmhschool.com) for more details on this year's play.



## ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 219 calls for service during the week of Feb. 11-17, including 10 arrests.

Two subjects were taken in for involuntary emergency admission exams.

One male subject was arrested for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

One female subject was arrested for receiving stolen property.

One female subject was arrested for habitual offender.

One female subject was arrested for possession of controlled/narcotic drugs.

One male subject was arrested for receiving stolen property.

One female subject was arrested for willful concealment/shoplifting.

One male subject was arrested for burglary.

There was one town ordinance summons arrest.

Police responded to five motor vehicle accidents.

There was one theft from Hannaford's.

There were three suspicious person/activity reports on Powder Mill Road, Hannaford's and School Street.

Police made 63 motor vehicle stops and handled three motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 143 other calls that consisted of the following: Three assist fire department, one fraudulent action, four assist other agency, one intoxicated subject, one animal complaint, five juvenile incidents, one domestic complaint, four general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, one drug offense, one missing adult, five alarm activations, one lost/found property, two highway/roadway hazards, four general information, one harassment, one untimely, one littering/trash disposal, two sex offender registrations, one criminal threatening, one mutual aid requested, two civil matters, three wellness checks,

one abandoned motor vehicle, six community programs, one disabled motor vehicle, 60 directed patrols, three motor vehicle lockouts, one medical assist, three property checks and 21 paperwork services.

The Alton Police Department responded to 158 calls for service during the week of Feb. 18-24, including five arrests.

One male subject was arrested for default or breach of bail conditions.

One female subject was arrested for suspended registration and driving after revocation or suspension.

One male subject was arrested for stalking and default or breach of bail conditions.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

Police responded to two motor vehicle accidents.

There was one theft on Wolfeboro Highway.

There were four suspicious person/activity reports on Fort Point Road, Alton Shores Road, Mount Major Highway and Hannaford's.

Police made 37 motor vehicle stops and handled five motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 109 other calls that consisted of the following: One background/record check, one assist fire department, four fraudulent actions, two employment fingerprinting, one assist other agency, one pistol permit application, one animal complaint, three juvenile incidents, one domestic complaint, one school truancy, six general assistance, one miscellaneous, five alarm activations, one lost/found property, two highway/roadway hazards, three general information, one harassment, one trespass, one sex offender registration, four civil matters, one abandoned motor vehicle, three community programs, one dispute, two disabled motor vehicles, 47 directed patrols, one follow-up report-

ing, one motor vehicle lockout, two medical assists, five property checks and five paperwork services.

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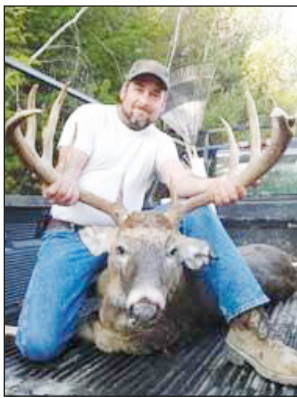
FARMINGTON — “Chip” Arthur S. Cardinal Jr., age 44, of Route 11 in Farmington, has passed too soon on Feb. 21.

Born March 27, 1973, son of Arthur S. Cardinal Sr. and Bonnie L. (Woodside) Cardinal, he was raised in New Durham and was a graduate of Kingswood Regional High School. He attended UNH and was a resident of Farmington for over 20 years.

Chip and his father owned and operated the family business, S. Cardinal and Sons for many years in Farmington.

To take a walk in the woods was a breath of fresh air for him. Chip was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved to share his passion with his nieces and nephews. He would jump at the opportunity to share the wonders of the outdoors with any child. Sept 15, opening day of archery, was his Christmas.

He had a big heart and would help anyone. He



especially loved working with and teaching children. He was a mentor and role model to many kids. He had the patience of a saint. His laugh and smart-assery can still be heard.

Anyone who knew Chip knew he was a problem solver and thrived upon the challenge to create a solution. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, golfing (member of the Farmington Country Club), making beautiful birthday cakes for family that were pieces of art were his favorite past times.

Chip’s family includes his loving daughter, Sydney T. Cardi-

nal with former wife Siobhan M. Cardinal; his father, Arthur S. Cardinal Sr. and wife Donna; one sister, Julianne L. Cardinal and significant other Chuck Acevedo; two brothers Wil C. and wife Tonia Cardinal and Samuel J. Cardinal and significant other Jamie Smith; one uncle, three aunts, several cousins, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Bonnie Cardinal in 2000.

He is already missed by his family and friends.

A celebration of Chip’s life was held Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Alton American Legion Post 72. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to his daughter, Sydney T. Cardinal, for future college expenses, C/O Holy Rosary Credit Union, P.O. Box 2078, Rochester, NH 03866. Cremation care by Peaslee Funeral Home. To express condolences, please visit [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com).

Jean Marie Smeriglio  
Accomplished ballroom dancer

NEW DURHAM — Jean (Janet) Marie Smeriglio, 85, of New Durham went home to be with the Lord surrounded by family on Sunday, Feb. 25.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1932, daughter of Russell and Helen (Langford) Fickett.

A native of Stamford Conn., Jean graduated Stamford High School and was later employed at Pitney Bowes.

Jean enjoyed singing in the choir but found her true passion in dance. An accomplished ballroom dancer, Jean won many awards including the “All Around Champion” trophy at the Har-



vest Moon Ball in New York City in 1956. Her expertise in dance also landed her an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show. It was while teaching dance that Jean met the love of her life, Leo.

Jean is survived by

her devoted husband of 58 years, Leo S. Smeriglio; her three loving children, Lee (Catherine) Smeriglio, James (Nancy Denton) Smeriglio and Janice (Douglas) Hempel. Jean was blessed with six wonderful grandchildren whom she adored, Daniel, Michael, Matthew, Staci, Christopher and David.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Parish on Monday, March 5, at 10 a.m. A celebration of her life will be held in Stamford, Conn. in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean’s memory to Huggins Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Wolfeboro. Funeral arrangements made by Peaslee Funeral Home, 24 Central St., Farmington. To express condolences, please visit [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com).

Charles “Chip” Elliot  
All-around outdoorsman



house always wanting to lend a hand.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Anita (Coughlan) Elliott of Barnstead; children include Kyle James Elliott, Steve Summa, Heidi Elliott, Ashley Elliott, Joe Clement and Katie Wood. His siblings include Richard Elliott, Dana Elliott and wife Lorie, James El-

liott and wife Joan. There are many nieces and nephews, as well as three beloved grandchildren.

Chip loved to hike, travel, golf, camp, he was an all-around outdoorsman. Anita and Chip shared a special love for the ocean, and will always cherish memories of Jamaica, a special place for Chip.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Alton American Legion, 164 Wolfeboro Highway, Alton. The Still Oaks Funeral and Memorial Home of Epsom is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit [www.stilloaks.com](http://www.stilloaks.com).

Thomas Krawczyk  
Had ultimate zest for life



tious and dimple-filled smile that lit up a room. His stunning crystal-blue eyes were warm and inviting and made you feel like you were able to see the depths of his soul. It was easy to trust Tommy K, and if you met him for the first time, it felt like you had known him your whole life. He was the founding member of the Courier Cup 5-time wiffleball championship team, the KrawSox. When some people were questioning whether to run to home base, Tommy was stealing it with head-first dives. That’s just who he was - a dirt in the face, give it everything you’ve got and find more when you think there’s nothing left, kind of guy. Tommy didn’t require much in life other than true and deep love and unconditional and loyal friendship. He gave every ounce of his being to those around him, and in return, he was adored and loved. His heart was

so big in fact, that many could argue it just simply wore out because he had nothing left to give. He truly lived more life and inspired more people in 36 years than those granted twice as much time on this Earth.

Thomas is survived by his siblings, Jenn and Brian Haskell, Patrick Krawczyk and his fiancé Amy Smart, Ron and Val Krawczyk Jr., and Kari-Sue and Rob Marcos. He leaves behind the love of his life, Jackie Orosz and her sons, Joey and Jake, as well as their dog Sadie. Tommy was happy in his role as a family man and was affectionately referred to as Tommy-Daddy. He always found time to make homemade slime, race matchbox cars, play Xbox or teach sports to his boys. He was also the devoted and ever-present uncle to Rory and Finnegan. He also leaves behind his aunts and uncles; George and Kathleen Rogers, Charles and Marge Rogers, John and Elizabeth Rogers and John and Deborah Guthrie, as well as many cousins. Finally, he leaves behind his Kraw-Sox family and fellow champions, Alan Doucet, Donny Joy, Jon Hamel, Mark VanDenBurg and Nick Hanrehan, as well as his best friends, Steve and Kate Cameron, Patrick and LacyJane Cremmen, Melissa and Tate Lefebvre, Demetrios and Cara Tsiros, Jon and Monica Rogers, Jimmy Cardinal, William Larson, Letitia Knight, Audrey Gates, Tiffany Mai, Jessica Michaud and Jill Penteledes. He was pre-deceased by his beloved parents, Ronald and Monique Krawczyk.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Peaslee Funeral Home in Farmington. The funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Saint Peter’s Church in Farmington; reception followed in the lower and upper reception rooms immediately after. In honor of “One Tough Mick,” we ask that you wear lucky green for Tommy. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider living your life to the fullest potential, being a good person, loving others deeply and seizing the moment to pay it forward.

To express condolences, please visit [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com).

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Community Church of Alton

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CANDIDATES

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needs to be addressed. She lamented that the town had not set aside capital funds earlier to address the issue, citing a 2015 master plan recommendation that would have provided resources to have a new building in place for 2020. Pressed by an audience member what her preference is now, given the current set of circumstances, Mahar said she believes there is little choice but to take immediate action.

The final candidate, Paul Rogers, is a four-year Barnstead resident who relocated from Pittsfield where he'd served as a selectman. Rogers is the owner of multiple businesses including Jitters Cafe and a local flower shop; he is also a realtor. Asked about his position on the prospect of a new police station, he said, "The question I would ask myself is, 'Can the taxpayers afford it?'" Rogers suggested that local resources are stretched very thin and recommends that the town seek grant opportunities to offset any potential new tax burden.

Rogers said he advocates a zero-based budgeting strategy in which every function is analyzed on a needs versus cost basis. Budgets are then built around what is needed for the upcoming period, regardless of whether each budget is higher or lower than the previous one. He said such an approach could help identify areas of interdepartmental collaboration and potential cost savings if there proved to be overlap.

Planning board

Three candidates are vying for two openings on the planning board.

Incumbent Nancy Carr said she grew up in Barnstead and first became involved in public service about a decade ago when she helped organize Old Home Day. She was appointed as a planning board alternate in 2007 and was elected in 2008. She said her guiding principle regarding the board's business is to "work on it, discuss, and get it done."

During the audience questioning part of her presentation, Carr was asked if she was in favor of more "big box" development in town, in reference to the opening of a Dollar General store on Route 28 a few years ago. Carr said the planning board is ultimately beholden to state laws and local ordinances regarding the kinds of commercial development that's permitted. Regarding the Dollar General project specifically, she noted that there were no local

provisions that could block its opening. Carr added that using what little leverage the town had, the planning board was able to negotiate some design concessions, including a large cistern that is available for the fire department to use in emergencies.

Also running are Jared Hanselman and Sharen Hodgdon, who did not appear.

Budget committee

Three candidates are running for a pair of seats on the budget committee.

Bruce Grey said he had previously served on this committee for 12 years. He noted his service as a planning board alternate among his other qualifications.

Grey described the municipal budget as one "without a lot of fluff," but that he would look for "some places for cuts that aren't being done." He cited a need for taxpayer relief and a desire for operational efficiency.

Regarding the possibility of a new police station, he described the plan as "the best we can do right now." He added, "It will cost a whole lot more if we wait," citing rising interest rates and the potential loss of some federal grant funding to help offset taxpayers' expense.

Grey described himself as something of a straight shooter. "Part of my problem is my mouth," he said. "If I have something to say, I say it."

During his five-minute Q&A period, Grey was asked what specific cuts he might target. He said he would scrutinize equipment costs. He said highway truck expense is worth looking at; he also said contemplating a lease-purchase type of arrangement for police vehicles is worth investigating. Grey acknowledged that interest rates in lease-purchase arrangements add to the expense, but he believes the costs are more than offset by obviating vehicle repair costs.

Wayne Whitney is also running for the budget committee. A three-year resident who relocated from Nottingham, he said he had served in a similar capacity when he lived in Massachusetts. Now retired from Tufts University, Whitney said he has the time and expertise to help Barnstead improve its town services while also mitigating taxpayer impacts.

Whitney stressed the fact that most of the town budget is devoted to the education side of the ledger. He said that cuts on the municipal side are

worth considering, but that addressing school expenses would target the largest areas of spending. Specifically, Whitney cited costs related to special education. He did not say that services to special needs students should be cut; rather, he stressed the importance of addressing "unfunded mandates" prescribed by the federal government. Whitney said Barnstead is only being reimbursed for 16 percent of its obligation, where the promised amount was originally to have been 50 percent. He said that even if 40 percent were to be reimbursed, the town would reap an additional \$500k in revenue to provide tax relief. Whitney added that he'd reach out to the N.H. Congressional Delegation to make this case on behalf of Barnstead voters.

School board - two-year seat

Four candidates have registered for this office: Phyllis Buatti, Jane Thomas, Lyla Adkins and David Allen.

Buatti, a resident since 1977, said she would "serve with honesty and integrity." She said her interest in education in Barnstead has compelled her to attend most of the school board's recent meetings. She said that raising her son, Kevin Genest, in Barnstead gives her further impetus to run. (Genest is also running as a candidate for the three-year school board seat).

Thomas said she relocated to Barnstead in 2005 after her husband finished a stint with the Army. The holder of a master's degree, Thomas said her experience bridges the corporate and educational arenas. While in the private sector, she worked with structural design curricula. She said much of the instruction was computer-driven, which allows companies to achieve economies of scale. Thomas does not necessarily agree with what she called "the creep of corporatization" into the classroom" where there is less student-instructor interaction.

Thomas first became involved in education locally while substitute

teaching at Alton Central. She said she was disheartened by a response to her question regarding SAT prep, having been told that most local students don't aspire to higher learning. Thomas said a guiding question for her would be, "How do we get kids ready." As a corollary to this, she said a set of readiness metrics needs to be implemented.

Like Whitney, the budget committee candidate, Thomas said BES and PMHS need to look at federal SPED mandates, acknowledging that local resources are spread thin. She said that the condition of the portable classrooms and the gym are a testament to the fact that the district is not on a sustainable trajectory.

Incumbent Adkins has served on the school board for the last three years. She is also a member of the space needs sub-committee, which is examining the challenges and opportunities at BES. Adkins said she got involved because she is passionate about the community. "Barnstead is a place that makes me feel good," she said. Her community involvement also includes serving as a Girl Scout leader, sitting on the parks and recreation commission, and helping plan the summer concert series.

Adkins said her participation on the space needs sub-committee has informed her conviction that BES needs a "forward-thinking focus," especially regarding science instruction. She said that updated lab space will be needed to help teachers prepare Barnstead students for high school and the kinds of career opportunities in the STEM disciplines.

The only quasi-bombshell of the evening was Allen's withdrawal of his school board candidacy. He said that when he registered he was not aware that Adkins was seeking re-election; he consequently endorsed her candidacy. Allen said he was not attempting to be dramatic, but, having filed, his name would need to appear on the ballot in spite of his requesting its removal. He added that he wanted to take the candidates' night op-

portunity to encourage voters to support Adkins.

School board - three-year seat

Two candidates are in the running for a three-year term on the board.

Eliza Drolet has lived in Barnstead since 2006. Having three children enrolled at BES, she said she "feels invested in the school community."

Drolet has worked at Hannaford for 16 years, where she is a human resources specialist. She said she would bring her aptitude for listening and complying with policy details to the board.

Drolet said she is concerned about the growing tendency of educators to "teach to the test," especially at the early grade levels when, she believes, teachers should be encouraged to instill in children a love of learning. She suggested also that the current course is driving up primary grade homework demands, which some parents are starting to push back against.

One attendee asked Drolet about her stance on vouchers, which would allow parents to use public education funding to help pay out-of-district tuition at a school other than BES. "I don't see a reason," Drolet said, noting that she thinks that investing in the local school would be preferable. She did indicate an interest in learning more before settling on a hard position. Another attendee asked Drolet if she favors the continued instruction of cursive. The candidate said she does, citing an instance when a young employee at Hannaford was unable to read a note written in script; she said it was a thank you note directed to the staff for excellent service.

The other candidate is Genest. He said he was raised in Barnstead and has resided in town for 45 years. He said he feels a connection to the Barnstead school community

having attend the local school, where he has served as a custodian for the past five years. He described himself as a fiscal conservative who believes "you should save money where you can."

Following a brief intermission, most attendees remained for a public forum where residents had a chance to ask follow-up questions of the candidates.

Prior to the forum, Hipkiss brought voters' attention to some of the questions that will appear on the warrant. One would prescribe 50-foot setbacks for new structures proposed for sites near water bodies not covered by the Shoreline Protection Act. These would include swamps, marshes, fire ponds, and intermittent streams.

Another measure would establish a growth management measure that would clarify the way in which house permits are granted. The measure would limit one permit per applicant.

Later in the forum, Hipkiss noted that the \$650k bond vote regarding the new police station would require a two-thirds majority in order to pass. He said that the vote would be conducted by paper ballot, and that the ballot box would be open for one hour during the March 17 town meeting; during this time, the ballot box would be monitored by the assistant town moderator and a police officer.

During the forum itself, one voter asked Mahar how specifically she would improve town management. She said that town boards and department staff could "do a better job communicating" among each other and with constituents. She cited the use of Facebook as a potential tool.

Mahar added that she wants to move away from a spirit of divisiveness. She said a more collaborative approach would be more productive than

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF NEW DURHAM

New Durham Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session to accept voter registrations and corrections of the checklist Sat. March 3, 2018 11:00 to 11:30 New Durham Town Hall. Supervisors of the Checklist for New Durham Cheryl Cullimore Pat Grant Anneleen Loughlin

Cyanobacteria Meeting scheduled for Alton on March 1, 2018

The New Durham/Alton Cyanobacteria Mitigation Steering Committee will hold it's first 2018 meeting in Alton's Gilman Museum on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6:30PM. This meeting will focus on two main issues: (1) Review of the 2017 water quality testing data collected in the Alton and New Durham segments of the Merrymeeting River and how it will guide Spring 2018 sampling and the development of a Merrymeeting River Water Management Plan, and (2) Review of the Hatchery Water Quality Report written by HDR Inc. Engineers based on CMSC working group's hatchery water quality data and a site visit to the Powder Mill State Fish Hatchery by HDR Inc. in late 2017. The Museum is located at the junction of Main Street and Route 140 in downtown Alton. Street-side parking is available. Residents of Alton and New Durham are invited to attend.



SCOUTS

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the experience of today’s Scouts in a broader historical context.

D’Entremont is just one of a number of volunteers who provide adult leadership for the 859 group. Stacy Goodspeed is the committee chair and also is the den mother for the Tigers. Her son, Morgan, recently received his Bobcat badge, which represents a vital first step toward earning Lion status.

Also on hand at the ceremony was Cubmaster Lisa Gelinas, who leads up the Wolf and Lion dens. “It takes a lot of effort and coordination over the year to get everything organized,” Gelinas said. “But it’s worth it to give the kids a fantastic experience with a great organization.”

Caleb Duford-Stevens has been a Cub Scouts

for two years. As a Bear, he will crossover to the rank of Webelo at a ceremony in June.

Bouncing in his chair, Duford-Stevens said the highpoint of this past year was getting a pocket knife - a rite of passage for all Scouts. “They made sure we knew how to be safe with it,” he explained. He elaborated, “you don’t use it to shave toward yourself” when whittling. He further cautioned, “It’s not supposed to be used for chopping something, either.”

Third-grader Benny Gelinas is also a Cub Scout Bear. Like Duford-Stevens, he’s also excited about having his own knife, which he says he now knows how to use safely. Gelinas said that he’s glad that his mother encouraged him to join the Cub Scouts. He added that he’s excited about the prospect of learning



MARK FOYNES

**MEMBERS of New Durham's Pack 859 posed for a group shot during last week's annual Blue and Gold Banquet, held in the fire station community room. The event observed the anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts and celebrated the organization's values and traditions.**

how to target shoot with a BB gun in the near future.

Ryan D’Entremont, a Wolf, said he enjoys all the aspects of scouting, especially how he’s had a chance to learn new things and forge strong friendships with other Cub Scouts. “I’m

not earning a badge or anything [tonight], I just wanted to be here because it’s important,” he said. He said he wanted to be present when his friend received his Bobcat badge, which is an essential first step toward becoming a Cub Scout.

The ceremony began

with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath “to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

This was followed by a recitation of the 12 Principles the Scout Law: “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.”

Guest speaker Kim Letellier of the Scout’s Daniel Webster Council next provided an update on the regional summer day camp in July. Unlike in past years, when the weeklong event was held at the Rochester Fairgrounds, this summer’s camp will be hosted on the Turbocam corporate campus in Barrington. Letellier said the new venue represents an upgrade. “There will actually be grass on the fields, she said, “and no broken glass where we’ll be walking - that’s always a plus.”

She said the proximity to a nearby forest with a trail system will facilitate hiking and nature activities. And unlike the fairgrounds, the new location does not abut a high-crime urban neighborhood.

Letellier said there will be a full complement of arts and crafts and a number of other special activities. Among these will be a wildlife program, a karate demonstration, and a visit by a local police officer.

One thing that will be absent during the week-long camp will be virtually anything electronic. “There won’t be any TVs, no screens,” Letellier said, noting that the one exception will

be hand-held radios that will allow adult leaders and volunteers to communicate.

After the brief formal part of the evening, Scouts, siblings, and their parents lined up for a buffet-style potluck supper.

As the Cub Scouts and their families assembled, grabbed some salad, and poured juice, the Scout leaders discussed a few upcoming activities. One of them will be a March 21 spaghetti dinner, which will be held at the New Durham School from 5 to 7 p.m. Goodspeed said the dinner will be a fundraiser to support the annual overnight camping trip to the Wolfe’s Neck Center for Agriculture and the Environment. In addition to offering camping, the center also features organic farming demonstrations and other educational programming.

Next month, the Cub Scouts will also be assembling Easter baskets that will be distributed to local food-insecure children through the End 68 Hours of Hunger program.

Ongoing activities include group hikes; past destinations have included the likes of Devil’s Den. Another ongoing activity is a service project where Scouts are volunteering to clean up local burying grounds. With over 100 of these small graveyards located in town - many in remote places - several of these disused cemeteries have become overgrown with vegetation.

To learn more about Cub Scout activity in New Durham or to get involved, contact a leader at Pack859@gmail.com.

CANDIDATES

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boards and department heads doing things independently.

The questioner asked for a specific example of how this objective could be accomplished. Mahar said the establishment of an economic development committee could work in a cross-functional way to effect the type of growth that Barnstead wants to encourage.

Elaine Swinford, who’s running unopposed for the office of overseer of public welfare, sought to provide some context. She noted that there is a standing economic development committee - but that it hasn’t met regularly in recent times due to medical issues that individual

members are grappling with.

At one point, referring to Mahar, BOS incumbent Tasker said, “That’s what’s wrong with you running for a position you know nothing about.”

His comment drew a response from Thomas who described the remark as “disrespectful.” Hipkiss also chimed in, urging participants to “keep it respectful.”

Turning to education, another voter asked the school board members if they would invite state and federal elected officials to an upcoming meeting to discuss matters of education funding. All said they would.

Back on municipal matters, there was considerable discussion

relating to the costs for public safety services. One voter asked why the town owned so many fire trucks, including a recently-acquired asset costing some \$500k. Another resident said that a large number of calls the BFD responds to are in neighboring communities, thereby providing no direct benefit to Barnstead residents.

Tasker refrained his earlier statement that elected officials don’t make these spending decisions - but rather that they are the purview of voters at the town meeting. That said, he conceded that voting no is difficult for some voters since “fire trucks are right next to apple pie and baseball.” He also noted that Barnstead is part of

a mutual aid pact whereby the BFD responds to calls in other towns in exchange for being able to call on other fire departments when additional resources are necessary.

One voter remained skeptical, noting that the town needs to maintain two fire stations to house emergency vehicles. Referring to the Parade station as “just a garage,” he suggested that having fewer vehicles would obviate the need to pay for the heating and upkeep of two facilities. Several countered this notion, pointing to examples of BFD buildings being used for meeting space for local groups like the Boy Scouts.

Several spoke in favor and against the possible

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Malinois.

Able to be carried easily, or launched from the shoulders of its handler to jump into second story windows, a Belgian Malinois has higher drive, and is faster and far more athletic than the German Shepherd.

“She can jump over a 12-foot high fence,” Bernier said, “and she’s extremely agile.”

Bernier had another reason for choosing a Belgian Malinois. “People asked me if I was crazy,” he said, explaining that these dogs can be harder to train and live with due to their high drive. “But I wanted to get her certified as soon as possible.”

The six-legged team will go for certification as a patrol dog unit only five months after Izzi joined the force; with another breed, it might have taken a full year.

After initiating the puppy’s beginning training, Bernier brought her to the Working Dog Foundation to be evaluated and his gut instinct about her was validated.

Since January, the team has trained at home and with the foundation at the Sig Sauer facility in Epping for 16 to 20 hours per week.

The Foundation was established in 1995, during a time when departments began cutting police dog programs, so communities would always be able to train and care for their K-9 teams. Believing that a properly trained and handled police K-9 is one of the best non-lethal aids in the prevention and detection of crime, the group is now internationally recognized for its efforts in promoting police dogs throughout the world.

Police dogs possess abilities that humans do not. Their acute sense of smell and fine hearing make them specialists in some of law enforcement’s most demanding jobs, such as searching for unauthorized persons, apprehending criminals, searching for evidence, protection of officers, and locating missing people.

Bernier can attest to the value of the latter. “I’ve been out at so many scenes with officers who can’t find a person or evidence. The dog can go out and locate those things.”

In the past, he and a dog have found lost children, wandering elderly residents, and a person threatening suicide in local and mutual aid calls.

“The officers don’t know where to go, but a K-9 can smell an article of clothing and track them.”

Speedier recovery of evidence brings criminals to justice sooner, and makes for more effective court time.

It seems as though Izzi can hardly wait to become a patrol dog. “I try to get her so she’s not training constantly,” Bernier said. “These dogs always want to work and there’s not a lot of down time.”

She lives with the Bernier family, but “she’s not really a pet. She just wants to move all of the time.” When not training, Izzi is in the backyard in her kennel.

“She loves to play ball,” Bernier said, “so her rewards are food and playing ball. We want it to be fun for her. She loves to hike with Fred and me.”

Fred, of course, is New

Durham’s most recent K-9. “He’s been domesticated,” Bernier said tactfully. “We can’t get him off of the couch.”

The town’s K-9 history goes back to 1995 and includes Rottweilers and German Shepherds with the names of Bear, Tank, Louie, Mako and Fred.

At that time, Bernier saw the importance of a K-9 in police work. “The county sheriff’s office had a bloodhound, but New Durham and Dover had the only K-9s in Strafford County.”

Between 2007 and 2010, Bernier did not have a dog. At one point, the department tried a dog with another handler, but it did not work out. For the past two years, there has been no K-9.

Now Izzi is out and about, in the cruiser and meeting and greeting people. The Boy Scouts recently toured the department, with a special request to meet the dog.

“We demonstrated basic obedience in the garage,” Bernier said, “and they all got to pet her. I hid an article in the grass at the back of the building to show how she could find evidence.”

At the Senior Lunch, the team went through its paces. Describing the training, Bernier said, “It’s all praise. There is no negative training. Everything is positive.”

He told attendees that he had done “a lot” of tracking calls through the years. “She tracks from ground scents up to eight hours old.” Despite what television would have us believe, dogs can track through water.

“I can tell by her reactions if she’s close to the

lost person.”

He also explained about her play drive. “She wants to play ball all day long.”

Izzi’s welfare was an obvious concern. “Does she go home with you?” asked someone.

“She sometimes sleeps with me,” Bernier exclaimed.

“Will you get her a bullet-proof vest?” asked another.

“After she’s certified, the Working Dog Foundation will purchase one for her.”

Following the demonstration, Izzi and Bernier presented Tax Collector Donna Young, who along with Town Clerk Stephanie MacKenzie provide the meals as private citizens, with a \$75 gift certificate to a supermarket to help continue the good works of the Senior Lunches.

Testing for certification as a patrol dog is slated for May 1, and must be repeated each year. Izzi and Bernier must pass Police Dog One Trial, which includes several elements.

Obedience is first on the list. For agility, Izzi will take five jumps, clearing four-foot high jumps; demonstrate a low crawl under a fence, followed by a return to her handler; a broad jump which is a 10-foot jump from a sitting position; the catwalk, where she must climb an eight-foot high set of steep stairs, then go down a catwalk to return to Bernier; and the A-frame, which is a straight up jump 10 feet high.

In article searches, a gun or glove is hidden in high vegetation. “She has

to locate three articles,” Bernier said.

Box searches involve a person hiding in one of six boxes on a 50-yard field, whom she must locate.

In person apprehension, Izzi will run after someone and apprehend.

In a variation of that, called decoy, Bernier will send her after a running person to apprehend, but the person gives up before she reaches him. Bernier recalls her with gunfire and without.

She will need to defend him during the officer assault trial.

Then they will be on to the Police Dog Two Trial for her tracking title. Four articles, such as a pistol, shotgun shell, or an object touched by someone, are hidden on a quarter to half-mile track.

Izzi indicates she has found something by lying down with the article between her front feet. “She can’t touch it,” Bernier said, “because we could be looking for fingerprints.”

She is graded on how she “downs.”

“If she picks it up and runs around with it like a toy, which is what some dogs do, she loses points.”

Bernier said article searches are “her forte. She does so well because she’s food motivated. She knows she’ll get a food reward and she loves food rewards.” He paused and then added, “She also loves Motley Crew.”

Izzi is fond of Bernier, too. “I can’t have her paying attention to other things when she’s tracking,” he said, when the fact that she has eyes only for him is mentioned. “If

she comes upon a barking dog or a deer, I need to keep her tracking and not interact.”

That’s not saying she’s standoffish. “As far as she’s concerned, people are good unless you tell her they’re bad.”

Bernier said she does not interpret situations as dangerous when friendly people come up to him. “It’s how a person acts and especially my reaction that counts. If I shout something at someone, she knows this is not

a good situation.”

New Durham’s police chief is obviously comfortable dealing with dogs. He grew up with Labradors, used in hunting, and has trained at and for the Working Dog Foundation.

“She’ll be my fifth and final dog,” he says of Izzi.

One person at the Senior Lunch said what residents are thinking as they welcome this new partner so eager and willing to keep folks safe, “Give her a treat.”



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Hazardous discussion

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# New Durham Food Pantry receives funds from Meredith Village Savings Bank

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



The seed catalogue that arrived Monday has little to do with reality. Reality is two feet of snow (more in the woods) and a long time before putting seeds in the ground.

The Farmer Seed and Nursery catalogue is one of New England's oldest. It has, as its logo cheerfully imparts, "been serving America's gardeners for 131 years."

My most predictable crop is rocks. Where these come from is the stuff of the Gods. But they are the inevitable clink on my hoe.

I remember my grandfather Carl Harrigan in Lisbon, holding his scythe blade just so, as I turned the grinding stone, applying water all the while. And I remember the hoe that followed. He could not abide weeds, and so he kept a sharp hoe.

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Turkeys are not so stupid, not have I ever said so. Benjamin Franklin lobbied hard for the wild turkey to be the national bird.

To get a photo of my visiting turkeys, I have to sneak, head down, into a spot in the Fish and Game Room. Still, if



JOHN HARRIGAN

This old but still square barn along Titus Hill Road in Colebrook looks pretty usable. If it were mine, I'd install pigs.

I make a mistake, there is the incredible eye of a turkey, spot on. Me.

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Turkeys and deer have been coming to enrich my view through the kitchen window. Nothing makes doing dishes more palatable than wildlife on parade.

Turkeys have now spread all over the state, even unto its highest reaches. I've slipped on turkey-droppings on the way into camp, in the Middle of Nowhere. There are no data on what their range was before they were extirpated by settlers and market hunters in fron-



JOHN HARRIGAN

This roving gang of turkeys has been scratching the daylight out of South Hill, and reducing it to rubble.

tier times.

One of my friends whose descendants hunt these birds calls them "iron-clad buzzards." They do seem to resemble Old Ironsides. Not even Thirty-aught Six seems sufficient.

They show up morning and night to scratch and scruff for any morsel, pecking their way into seeming oblivion. I mean, just how much hammering can a head take?

But consider the

woodpecker.

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Once, on a run in from Bungy, I met a flock of seven or so turkeys on the side of the road, and they immediately took off, which in the annals of Turkeydom is like the 101st Airborne.

Down through the pole hardwoods they went, wings outstretched, canting and tilting this way and that, to get around at high speed

Build fighter planes their equal, I thought, and we would rule the skies, which I guess we do.

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## New Durham Food Pantry receives funds from Meredith Village Savings Bank

MEREDITH — The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund at New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded \$120,000 to 35 non-profit organizations. These include \$99,000 awarded to 21 local agencies, and \$21,000 donated to 14 area food pantries. These grants are additional to the bank's many local contributions in the form of sponsorships, donations and scholarships, as well as the impressive volunteer efforts of its employees.

"The community has always been at the heart of our mission," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "We're very proud to be able to offer any support we can to organizations that provide so many wonderful local resources and services."

The New Durham Food Pantry was awarded \$10,000 to contribute to the purchase of its current building.

The purchase will allow the New Durham Food Pantry to continue operating for local area residents who depend on its services. The food pantry provides needed food and household essentials to families and individuals in New Durham and its surrounding communities.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund was established in 1997 under the leadership of John Starrett, then President and CEO of the bank. Since then, 351 grants totaling \$1,410,867 have been awarded to a wide range of environmental, social, educational and historic projects throughout the Greater Lakes Region, Plymouth and New Hampshire Seacoast areas. Over the years, the fund has supported literacy programs, after-school programs, environmental monitoring and education, restoration of historic structures, organizations that pro-

vide support for individuals and families in challenging circumstances and equipment that helps save lives. The deadline for consideration for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. Applications are available on the bank's web site and at all MVSB offices.

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### Jump Rope for Heart

Barnstead Elementary School kindergarten-fourth grade students jumped into action to raise awareness for heart health, fundraise for the American Heart Association and jump rope their way through the Jump Rope For Heart event on Feb. 13 and 14. Students and staff had a blast trying out new jump rope tricks, breaking and making new school records and jumping to the music.

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## WHAT'S ON TAP

Only two games remain of regular season action as post-season action takes over the schedule in the coming week.

The Kennett and Plymouth hoop boys will wrap up the regular season in Plymouth at 6 p.m. today, March 1.

The Kingswood hoop boys will wrap up their regular season at Oyster River on Friday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m.

The Division II boys' hoop tournament will be getting under way on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division II girls' hoop tournament will have quarterfinal action on Friday, March 2, at the home of the higher seed at 7 p.m. and semifinals are Tuesday, March 6, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University.

The Division III boys' tournament will start today, March 1, and continue on Saturday, March 3, both at 7 p.m. at the home of the higher seed. The semifinals are Wednesday, March 7, at 6 and 8 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division III girls' tournament wraps up on Saturday, March 3, at Southern New Hampshire University at 4 p.m.

The unified hoop tournament opens on Thursday, March 8, at the home of the higher seed at 5 p.m.

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THE PROSPECT and Belmont unified teams pose for a photo after their game last week.

MARK FOYNES

# Celebrating unity and inclusion through sport

## PMHS unified basketball completes second season

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

ALTON — A sense of friendship, togetherness, and teamwork permeated the atmosphere during last week's PMHS unified basketball season finale. The Feb. 19 home game also gave the Timber Wolves a chance to recognize a pair of seniors who've been with the unified program since its inception last year.

The Timber Wolves unified basketball team took on their intra-Lakes Region rival, the Belmont Red Raiders. Being the last game of the season, the event doubled as a Se-

nior Night observance, where the efforts of graduating team members were acknowledged.

Unified sports is an initiative of the Special Olympics, whose mission is "promoting social inclusion through sport." Unified teams consist of athletes who participate in a school's special education program and play alongside non-SPED "buddies" in league competitions against other schools.

The Special Olympics web site says "Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired

by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding."

Prospect's program was launched in 2016 with a grant from Special Olympics N.H. The non-profit's parent web site notes, "Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away."

At Prospect, unified teams participate in three sports: soccer in the fall, volleyball in the spring, and basketball in the winter. These are varsity-level sports, and the athletes earn letters by participating.

Among the Timber Wolves recognized at Senior Night was Trey Stankos, a second-year unified basketball athlete.

"Shooting hoops is my favorite part," Stankos told the Baysider prior to the game. He said he enjoys the practices and the spirit of teamwork that coach Rich Fortier has fostered among the unified squad.

Stankos said he also enjoyed being something of a mentor to some of his younger teammates. He said he especially cherishes his friendship with freshman teammate Jill Na-

son.

Stankos' parents were among the game's spectators. His father, Buzz, said, "The experience has meant so much to him." He credited unified sports for his son's considerable emotional growth, increased confidence, and heightened physical dexterity.

"A year ago, he couldn't dribble a basketball," Buzz noted.

The elder Stankos continued, "He's doing all sorts of things we didn't think he'd be able to do before this." He said the group setting and the feeling of be-

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### Playoff opener

The Prospect Mountain hoop girls went on the road to Dover for the first round of the playoffs on Thursday night and dropped a 61-37 decision to the St. Thomas Saints. The Saints went on to fall to Gilford in the semifinals. Pictured left is senior Ali Brown passing away from St. Thomas pressure and pictured right is Lanni McGrath driving toward the hoop.



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THE REVOLUTION UNITED hosted its first basketball tournament at Prospect Mountain High School this past weekend.

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# Revolution United host first-ever basketball tournament

ALTON — After an exciting regular season of recreational basketball in Barnstead, Revolution United gave the teams one more opportunity to play in the first ever basketball jamboree held at Prospect Mountain High School. This was the first season of basketball that Revolution United took over for, after being asked by the town and parks and recreation for assistance.

“We didn’t want to just do what has always been done,” said Cory Halvorsen, founder and executive director of Revolution United. “When we take on a program, we want to make sure we are taking feedback from our members, coaches and parents, to create the best opportunities for all of our players.”

When Revolution United took on recreational basketball for

Barnstead this season, they quickly learned that there wasn’t an end of the season tournament or jamboree of any kind within the league, and the season would just end with the last game. That wasn’t good enough for the club that has grown to more than 750 participants in all of the sports that are now offered. Together, the leadership team quickly got to work putting together an end of the season jamboree for grades one and two and three and four and end of the season double elimination tournament for grades five and six.

Teams from Barnstead, Gilmanton, Wakefield, Milton, Pittsfield, Farmington and Strafford

attended this year’s event, which represented more than 200 kids throughout the day.

“It was a great day for all of the teams,” Halvorsen said. “To see the players smiling, getting their awards, and to see how much they have all grown at the end of the season is all you can ask for and is a great reminder of why we put these programs together.”

Revolution United had all five teams compete in the jamboree and would like to thank all of its coaches for their dedication to the teams all season. In the off season, the club will be looking for additional ways to grow the program and have more offerings, in other age groups to give

an opportunity for players to play at all levels.

“We would like to congratulate all of the teams who participated on a great season, and congratulate Strafford fifth and sixth grade boys, coached by J Fitzpatrick, on their championship win over Milton,” said

Halvorsen.

This summer, in addition to the popular soccer camp held by the club, they will also be offering a basketball camp for one week in July. More information about Revolution United or the camps can be found at [revsunited.com](http://revsunited.com).

## Muskrats searching for host families this summer

LACONIA — The Winnepesaukee Muskrats, the Lakes Region’s entry in the prestigious New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL), are looking for local families to host players for the 2018 summer season. Some of the top college athletes in the country make their way to central New Hampshire to hone their skills on their way to the pros.

“We have a terrific roster of players from Arizona to Florida and New England to Louisiana. We even have two players from Taiwan,” according to Muskrats Assistant General Manager Carey Hough.

“Host families are a crucial element to the Muskrat organization’s overall success. It allows our players to have a place to call home for two months and guidance on the region so they can focus on becoming better players.”


Players typically range from 19 to 22 years of age and will arrive the first week of June and leave the first week of August. Host families are asked to provide a spare room with a bed, access to shower and laundry facilities, and occasional meals for their player – typically breakfast. Transportation is not required. Host families are offered free season tickets for their entire household, three free weeks of baseball camp for their children, free admission to all other NECBL venues, and access to special events before and during the season.

“Not only is it a great way to help a budding athlete, but you can really build a bond,” Hough added. “It’s such a fun and rewarding experience. My family has hosted players for the last three summers and we are still in touch with each of them. They are wonderful role models for our young boys, who had a blast with them.”


If you would like to become a host family or have any questions about the program you can e-mail [hosting@muskratsbaseball.com](mailto:hosting@muskratsbaseball.com) or call 413-330-6304.

## Prospect sports awards are March 13

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain winter sports awards will be held on Tuesday, March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



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## Hoop tryouts in Alton on Monday and Tuesday

ALTON — Alton Mountain Cats, girls’ tournament basketball in the eighth grade division, will be having tryouts on Monday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 6, 6 to 8 p.m. at Alton Central School. Players need to register at [aasports.org](http://aasports.org) in order to try out for the team. There is no cost to try out and the team is open to players in grades seven and eight from Alton and the surrounding communities, including Barnstead, Gilmanton, New Durham, Middleton, Wolfeboro and Farmington. Contact coach Dumond at [altonmountaincats@outlook.com](mailto:altonmountaincats@outlook.com) for information.

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# From Lancaster to the Olympics

*Mark DeNitto's creation in South Korea with USA Bobsled and Skeleton*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**WOLFEBORO** — The local connections at the Olympics aren't just athletes from New Hampshire making an impact on the slopes, trails and ice rinks of PyeongChang, South Korea.

There is a local company helping bobsled and skeleton athletes make their marks on the track on the other side of the world.

TRIGGER-PiN! LLC (doing business as T-PiN! Muscle Therapy) was founded by Wolfeboro's Mark DeNitto and has become an official supplier to USA Bobsled and Skeleton, with athletes using DeNitto's rollers on the international competition circuit.

DeNitto began his company after a long career of competing in endurance events and realizing that maybe he could create something better than what was on the market for rollers. And for three years, he worked in his basement, creating the TRIGGER-PiN rollers from hand, using more than three million feet of chord to create almost 4,000 rollers.

Now, with the release of the newest model, Vector, the production has moved out of DeNitto's Wolfeboro basement and into Illusion Manufacturing's plant in Lancaster. DeNitto praised the work of Matt Michaud and his team at the Lancaster facility, saying they've made a commitment to getting the right technology.

"They have never done injection molding before," DeNitto said. "It's a whole new thing for them and between the two of us we were able to produce more rollers."

"And we want to make them as much



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**THE US BOBSLED team flies down the track at Alpensia Sliding Center last week. The team uses a roller developed by Wolfeboro's Mark DeNitto and manufactured in Lancaster.**

like the original as possible," DeNitto said.

DeNitto had met Brad Deweese, who is a sport physiologist and head strength and conditioning coach for US Canoe and Kayak and also works with the bobsled and track teams and he thought DeNitto's device might be something the athletes could use.

In October of 2015, while still making them by hand in his basement, DeNitto talked with the coaching staff and sent a few samples to the teams.

"They fell in love with them," DeNitto said. "They're perfect for what they're trying to do."

DeNitto got some great feedback from the athletes and coaches and decided it was time to start moving the production out of the basement and into a facility where they could create more of them.

He sent 60 of his new models to the team last summer and the rela-



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**OLYMPIAN CHRIS FOGT shows off one of Mark DeNitto's TRIGGER PiN rollers. The local company supplies the US Bobsled and Skeleton team.**

tionship has continued since then. DeNitto even had a unique item put in his contract with the team.

"I put it in the contract that I would really like to get a ride from the top of the track," he said.

DeNitto and his family went to Lake Placid, N.Y. to watch the World Cup race in November and got the chance to see the bobsled team in action up close.

"It was really, really fun," DeNitto noted.

He also got to strap into the bobsled with John Napier, a silver medalist from the 2010 Olympics.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "It was as crazy, as fast and as horrifying

as I anticipated."

He noted that it was over faster than he could've imagined but the ride also helped him realize why his product would be perfect for the bobsled athletes.

DeNitto noted that the athletes' backs get some serious Gs while bent over in the sled and they endure a lot of bumping down the track.

"It's not just sledging," he said with a laugh. "It's a wreck."

For its part, United States Bobsled and Skeleton is grateful for TRIGGER-PiN's assistance in helping the athletes stay healthy.

"On behalf of USA Bobsled and Skeleton, we all appreciate T-Pin's contributions to our team," a statement from the organization noted while at the Olympics in South Korea. "Each year, they donate product to us, which helps our athletes tremendously in training and recovery. We look forward to continuing our professional partnership with the company."

Anyone looking for more information on DeNitto's products, can visit [tpinmuscletherapy.com](http://tpinmuscletherapy.com).

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## Nordic Knights wrap up regular season at Pinkham Notch

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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**PINKHAM NOTCH** — The Kingswood Nordic team took to the trails of Great Glen on Wednesday, Feb. 21, for what Tom Merrell noted was probably the warmest race he's ever coached at. Temperatures were right around 70 degrees at the base of Mount Washington.

The Knight girls skied to third place overall while the boys finished in sixth place overall among teams from throughout the Lakes Region and north.

On the girls' side of things, Sarah Bellefleur led the way for Kingswood with a time of 18:48 for 13th place overall.

Sarah Bean was next, finishing in 18:50 for 14th place and Allison Bean was the third scorer, finishing in 19:46 for 21st place.

Carolyn Day rounded out the scoring for Kingswood, finishing in 21:15 for 39th place.

Elizabeth Morrison

was 41st in 21:32, Sarah Carpenter was 42nd in 21:33, Rosemary Carpenter finished 45th in 21:44, Sarah Hotchkiss was 47th in 21:54 and Ashley Diamond rounded out the field of Knights in 64th place in 31:38.

For the Kingswood boys, Axel Plache was the top finisher, placing 27th in 17:45.

David Sandoval was next, finishing in 29th place in 17:57, with Devin Holt finishing in 46th place in 20:59.

Robbie Bourdeau rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with his time of 27:12 for 49th place.

Adam Richardson took 50th place in 29:05 to finish out the field of Knights.

The middle school Knights competed in their state championship on Monday, Feb. 19, in Sandwich.

For the girls, Ginger Plache led the way with a time of 16:59 for 11th place overall, with Marcella DeNitto in 17:42 for 27th place and Reagan

Blanchet in 25:17 for 88th place.

Jackson Boudman was first for the boys, crossing in 16:12 for 21st place, with Tim Huckman in 44th in 18:14, Robbie Hotchkiss in 52nd in 18:53 and Aidan Thompson in 80th in 22:52.

Boudman, Huckman and Bourdeau competed in the A relay and placed 10th, while the three girls also took 10th in the relay. The Knight girls finished eighth overall and the boys placed 20th.

Robbie Hotchkiss was named the middle school Skimeiester Award, which combined the results from the Red Parka middle school alpine championships and the Nordic meet.

The high school Nordic season will wrap up with the State Meet on Monday, March 5, at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford.

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STANDING at the observatory near the DMZ in South Korea. The mountains rising behind me are in North Korea. STEPHEN HESS – COURTESY PHOTO

# More than just sports in this Olympic experience

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — One of the things I wanted to do on this Olympic trip is try to see a bit more of the culture of the community in which I was visiting. In Sochi four years ago, I didn't get many chances to leave the Olympic area and see what the region was all about.

This year an e-mail came to my inbox from a tour company in South Korea, offering free trips to members of the media to a number of different locations throughout Korea. One of the tours offered was a DMZ trip.

It didn't take me long to realize I wanted to do this and I found a day when I had nothing on the schedule in the morning (though the schedule changed I stuck with my original plan) and booked the trip for last Thursday, Feb. 15.

For those not familiar, the DMZ is the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, an area that was agreed upon by North Korea, China and the United Nations in 1953. The DMZ essentially splits the Korean peninsula in half, running

near the 38th parallel for 160 miles across the peninsula.

The Korean War, which started in 1950, saw the North Koreans, backed by the Soviet Union, invade South Korea, which had support from the United Nations, cost three million lives before it ended by armistice agreement in 1953, in which both side agreed to move their troops 2,000 meters back from the demarcation line, leaving a buffer approximately 2.5 miles wide.

On either side of the DMZ, there are troops guarding against any possible aggression from the other side and in order to go near the DMZ, we had to pass through a security gate in which an armed soldier boarded the bus and spoke with the tour guide and driver.

We stopped first at the DMZ Museum, where we got a glimpse of many historical artifacts from the DMZ, including a huge light bank and speakers outside, which once used to be placed near the border to irritate the other side.

After the DMZ Museum, we traveled to a nearby observatory,

where we were able to look across the DMZ and into North Korea. The tour guides explained where the line was between the two countries and pointed out the eastern edge of the border as it butts up against the ocean.

Admittedly, it was a

bit weird to be looking out onto a country that has been such the focus of news reports from around the world.

In stark contrast to the militaristic feel to the area surrounding the DMZ, we made a stop at a Buddhist temple on the way back to PyeongChang.

The stunning beauty of the seaside temple was impressive and made for a great way to end our trip.

The Olympics are about sports, but they're also about bringing countries from around the world together to experience what each

other has to offer. I'm honored to have had the chance to see a little more of Korea than just the Olympic villages.

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# Vonn and Shiffrin wrap up their Olympic experiences

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Both of the faces of the United States alpine ski team earned medals in South Korea and both took to the press conference room in the Main Press Center on Friday, Feb. 23, to wrap up their Olympic experience.

"It's definitely the most emotional I've ever been at a race," said Lindsey Vonn of her downhill bronze medal performance. "In the end, I gave it absolutely everything I had. I skied with passion and I skied with heart."

"I've said it before, but a bronze really does feel like gold to me," she added. "It's a great way to close out my career. In the Olympics."

The Vancouver gold medalist lost her grandfather shortly before the PyeongChang Games and had stated she was skiing for him and reportedly she spread his ashes on the course at Jeongseon Alpine Center.

Vonn reiterated that she won't stop ski racing until she's chased down the record for most World Cup wins, which is within her grasp in the next year.

"I think next year will

go a lot better," she said. "I can focus totally on World Cup instead of the Olympics and it will give me time to prepare for each race."

She also praised the work of every athlete who made the Olympics and continued to chase his or her dream.

"We need to be proud of all the athletes for what they've sacrificed and put in to be here," she said. "Medals aren't exactly what the Olympics are all about."

She also singled out the women's hockey team for its gold medal performance, saying she had met them the previous evening while filming a Today show segment. She noted the team was inspiring to watch.

The woman who most consider to be the greatest female alpine skier of all time, noted that she is a different person that eight years ago in Vancouver.

"I definitely have a different perspective now than I did the last time I stood on an Olympic podium," she said. "I've been through a lot, physically, mentally, emotionally."

"I've lived a lot in the last eight years," she continued. "I've crashed about more than anyone

should, but I'm stronger because of it."

Vonn was asked about downhill gold medal winner Sofia Goggia's plea to her to come back in 2022 for another Olympic race and she laughed a bit.

"It means a lot to me that she enjoys racing with me as much as I enjoy racing with her," Vonn said. "If I physically could continue for four years, I probably would."

"But four years is a long time," she said.

For her part, Shiffrin's Olympics were a bit frustrating, despite coming away with two medals, as she had to endure a lot of schedule changes that messed with the rhythm that alpine racers like to have.

That being said, the young star was able to learn from that and take things away from the Olympics to use moving forward.

"This Olympics has been probably everything an athlete should feel at an event like the Olympics," Shiffrin stated, noting frustration, excitement and more were key parts of her experience. "I'm walking away from here with two medals and I wouldn't change it for the world."

She did note the weather was an issue, but offered up no excuses.

"It's an outdoor sport and that's how it goes," she said of the postponements that marred the first few days (and the last few days) of the Olympics. "That's part of what we love about sports."

And she said she's learned how to balance out the emotions.

"Rather than be disappointed in the slalom (finishing out of the medals), I should feel satisfied with how I did in giant slalom (gold medal)," she said. "There are things I can learn from the experience that will help me moving forward."

She also noted she didn't feel she was taking the alpine mantle from Vonn, who has been the face of the US Ski Team for a number of years.

"I don't feel I can fill Lindsey's shoes the way she's worn them," Shiffrin said. "And I don't think Lindsey sees herself handing the baton and I don't see myself taking the baton."

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# US women reflect on historic gold medal victory

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Perhaps the most exhilarating and exciting moment in the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics came in the middle of the night in the United States.

With bleary-eyed fans glued to their television sets, the United States women's hockey team went toe to toe with their rivals from Canada on what was a middle of the afternoon game in Korea.

The US got on the board first, scoring inside the final minute on the power play, with Hilary Knight lighting the lamp for a 1-0 lead after one.

Canada came back and scored twice in the second period to take a 2-1 lead after two, but Monique Lamoureux-Morando scored with just about six minutes to go to tie the game and the two teams went to overtime. After overtime couldn't decide a winner, the game went to a shootout and finally, six rounds later, the US won its first gold medal in women's ice hockey since the sports inaugural Olympic appearance in 1998.

Jocelyn Lamou-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

TEAM USA members (l to r), Meghan Duggan, Hilary Knight, Monique Lamoureux-Morando, Jocelyn Lamoureux-Davidson and Maddie Rooney show off their gold medals after a press conference the day after their gold medal win. Most of the girls admitted to having not taken the medals off their neck.

reux-Davidson scored with a gorgeous move on the Canadian keeper in the sixth round and then keeper Maddie Rooney stoned Canada's Meghan Agosta, who had beaten her earlier in the shootout, securing the US win.

During the shootout, a camera in the arena caught Rooney flashing a smile and the next day, a number of the US women gathered for a press con-

ference in the Main Press Center and she was asked about it. The young goaltender had plenty of confidence, it turns out.

"I was just looking at the bench and seeing the positive energy, to have that spirit made everything easy," she said. "I knew we had it."

Coach Robb Stauber was excited for his players and their accomplishment.

"I'm very happy for our players," he said. "Everyone expected a gold medal game, but it's not that easy to get there."

"Our players stuck to the game plan," he added. "I'm very biased, but I think the best team won last night."

"Our mission for our team since day one, we wanted to focus on ourselves and be the best team we

can be at Team USA," said captain Meghan Duggan. "It was about Team USA last night."

Knight noted that she had her phone off prior to the game and when she turned it on, the outpouring of support froze up her phone.

"I'm still overwhelmed by the outpouring of support I'm continuing to receive," Knight said. "To bring back a gold medal after

20 years is an amazing feat and I'm excited to go back home and share it with everyone."

"You don't get there by yourself," Lamoureux-Davidson stated. "There's a whole team behind the team, the support we've had from friends and family is indescribable."

The Lamoureux twins, Knight and Duggan are among six players who were on the team in Sochi four years ago when they lost to Canada in overtime. They said coming back and winning was extra special.

"You can train for four years and there's no guarantee you'll be on the team," Lamoureux-Morando said. "There's no guarantee you'll be in a gold medal game."

"But the stars just kind of aligned for us," she added. "It seems like it was just meant to be."

The US women's team famously held out of contests last year in order to get the same support the men's team get and Duggan noted that really bonded the team together.

"There were a lot of ups and downs, a lot of things you go through as a team," Duggan stated. "How do you grow as a team if you don't face challenges."

"We're so proud to be sitting up here, it's the greatest moment of our lives," she added.

Both Knight and Duggan acknowledged that they'd love to see other countries build up teams as successful as the US and Canada teams have been over the years and they're hopeful that they can do something to help facilitate that growth.

But, the team captain reiterated that the United States will continue to strive to be the best.

"We want to be the best team in the world and the USA is not going to stop trying to be the best team in the world," she said.

As of right now, these women are just that.

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## In defense of one of the greatest of all time

Lindsey Vonn is the greatest female alpine skier of all time.

This should be enough. But in the times we live in, that isn't always enough and that's sad.

I consider myself lucky to have gotten the chance three times over the last two weeks to see Lindsey ski, to listen to her answer questions from my fellow media members and generally see her interact with teammates, media and fans.

I knew she was a good racer. I think everyone in the world knows that, but I also know being in the public eye can take its toll on anyone. And Lindsey Vonn is no exception to that rule.

Prior to coming to PyeongChang to represent the country she's lived in her entire life, Lindsey noted her displeasure with the President of the United States. This is not an uncommon thing these days. However, when people in public positions make statements one way or the other in a political debate, the hate comes spewing forward. Not at an actual alpine race, but more from the online trolls who seem to get their rocks off in life by belittling others while hiding behind a Twitter profile as vague as their love life possibilities. Heaven knows the people spewing out the hate online probably aren't going to leave their basement long enough to actually attend a race of any kind.

I am not going to defend the president, but I'm also not going to

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING



speak ill of him. He was elected president, and like it or not, he's the president. If you weren't a fan of Barack Obama or George W. Bush or Bill Clinton, it was the same way. This column is not making a political stand.

And by simply saying she wasn't a fan of the president and probably wouldn't visit the White House after the Olympics, Vonn turned the spigot of disgusting toilet water that comes from the keyboards of online trolls, against herself.

Hearing her talk about the messages she's received online, one can't help but feel bad for her. But she's taking it all in stride. You have to know it's eating her alive at times, but she seems to shrug it off and move on with her life. She's comfortable with who she is, she knows her family is in her corner supporting her and she knows she has great fans who support her as well.

I was a big Lindsey Vonn fan coming into these Olympics. But I now have a ton of respect for a woman who should go down as the greatest female skier of all time. Not because she called out the president, but because she stands behind what she says. Unlike the online vermin who do nothing but hurl insults and vulgarity, she makes a stand and does



JOSHUA SPAULDING

LINDSEY VONN talks with fans after the downhill in PyeongChang last week.

so publicly. The ability to do that is what makes America the greatest country in the world. You can disagree with an administration and still love your country. But for some people, the two can't be separated and that's disappointing.

Two hours after her downhill run at the Jeongseon Alpine Center ended on Wednesday, Feb. 21, Lindsey was still at the bottom of the course. There was a venue ceremony and then she had media obligations. She worked her way through the television cameras waiting to interview her and finally reached the print media. It was obvious she was cold and tired, but she smiled and answered every question thrown her way. And then she went to the venue media center and did the same thing.

But between those two stops, Lindsey showed the person she is, as a group of fans standing along the fence cheered for her as she finished

up her media obligations, one fan yelling, "you're our Beyonce." She took the time to stop and thank them and take pictures before making her way to the media center.

That was my look at the real Lindsey Vonn. And that was my indication that Lindsey Vonn is someone to look up to. Not because she disagreed with the president. Not because she wins races. Not because she's stunningly beautiful. But because she

knows who matters in her life and she is strong enough to take whatever comes her way.

Lindsey Vonn entered the Olympics as the greatest female alpine skier of all time. She left the Olympics with that title intact and a newfound respect from at least one member of the media gathered in South Korea. It was a pleasure watching her do her thing on the big stage.

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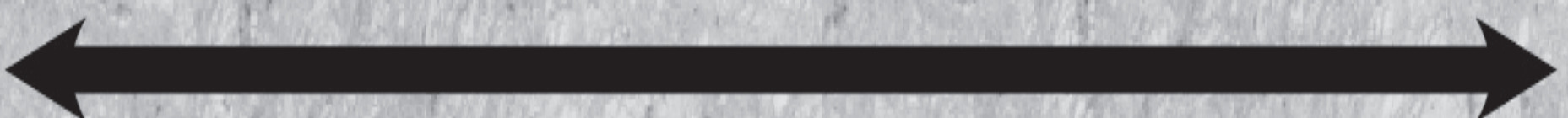
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longing to a team have been especially beneficial. He credits the unified coach and special ed teacher Fortier for introducing this opportunity to his son.

Trey's own growth has paralleled the growth of the Timber Wolves unified program, which has gained more visibility within the Prospect community. Trey Stankos said he genuinely appreciates the positive feedback he and his teammates give and receive among one another.

"I like it when the people watching cheer and when the people on my team cheer," he explained.

Trey's teammate, Breanna Shampney, was the other Timber Wolf senior who played in the home finale. As a buddy, she says that she enjoys the bonds she's forged with kids like Trey. She also gets a sense of fulfillment by competing alongside these athletes, sometimes getting caught up in the excitement they experience by taking part in team sports.

In addition to unified hoops, Shampney also played as a buddy on the school's unified soccer and volleyball teams.

Speaking to the values that unified sports programs seek to promote, Shampney said her experience taught her to "try my hardest and know what it's like to be part of a team - and to be helpful to my

teammates." Shampney said that, apart from the practices and the games themselves, being a buddy to the athletes has opened doors to new friendships.

"I'm friends with some people I might not have gotten to know," she explained. Shampney added that playing in the league gave her a chance to establish and strengthen a bond with one of her best friends, Alex.

During the senior recognition ceremony, both Shampney and Stankos were presented with bouquets, which they, in turn, bestowed upon their parents who cheered from the bleachers.

The relationships that are built through the unified program are mutually enriching - for both the athletes and their student buddies. The program creates opportunities for involvement both on and off the court.

Team manager Olivia Casey is a junior. Once play began, she ran the scoreboard and took note of player stats. Casey said her off-the-court involvement has connected her with fellow students in a way that might not have otherwise been possible.

Casey said she was looking for a way to "just get involved," adding that the chance to volunteer with the unified program gave her a roadmap to deepen her engagement with the broader Prospect community.

While she was ini-



BREANNA SHAMPNEY and Trey Stankos pose for a photo prior to their final regular season home game last week.

tially inspired by "a desire to be part of something really fantastic," she stressed that her continued devotion to the unified program is not entirely altruistic.

"I really get a lot out of the experience," she said, adding, "There's a lot involved, but it's really a lot of fun; we all have a good time, and we laugh a lot together."

Casey said volunteer-

ing has helped her forge new friendships, noting that connecting with Shampney has been among the highlights.

"We talk about the games, but it's more than that; we talk about other things, too - especially music." Casey said she's been turned on to a number of new bands through her friendship with Breanna.

Shamus McSharry, a sophomore, is another buddy who plays alongside the SPED athletes. He said coach Fortier encouraged him to participate with the unified team during the Timber Wolves' recruitment period.

McSharry said he enjoys having the chance to be out on the court. He stressed that he likes knowing that he's part of a program that's expanding the range of opportunities for classmates who wouldn't ordinarily participate in a varsity-level sport.

He says that he considers the athletes on his team to be real friends whom he enjoys talking with in the hallways. "I think there's a real social impact," he

said.

McSharry added that he's observed real growth among the SPED athletes on the team. He noted that he's witnessed several personal milestones among the athletes. In some cases, his teammates joined the team lacking the dexterity to dribble a basketball or the upper-body strength to make an over-the-head shot.

"Some of the athletes started not knowing much about the game, and now everyone knows to keep their arms up on defense and most of the basic rules," McSharry observed.

In terms of the game itself, once under way, it followed the conventions of unified play. The SPED athletes themselves are the only players who shoot, with their buddies relegated mostly to dribbling, passing and rebounding. Unlike conventional games, where penalties like traveling and double dribbling are called, the referee officiating the game was fairly lenient in assessing these transgressions.

That said, the game

had many of the hallmarks of a traditional match: players on both teams donned official uniforms bearing their school colors, coaches called plays from both benches and home team cheerleaders performed courtside routines. Even the ref was clad in a zebra-striped officiating uniform.

After play began, Belmont took an early 4-0 lead. The Timber Wolves got on the board first with a bucket from Jillie Nason from inside the paint to cut the lead in half.

Sophomore Madi Bera proved to be the Timber Wolves' most effective deep threat. A pair of three-pointers helped give Prospect its first lead of the game during the second quarter. However, their 11-10 advantage was short-lived as the Red Raiders drove down the court to retake the lead on their next possession. Belmont extended its lead to 14-11 by halftime.

The Timber Wolves started the second half strong with a pair of baskets by Nason, allowing PMHS to take a 15-14 lead.

The Red Raiders, however, ramped up their offense in the ensuing minutes by scoring 14 unanswered points. The third quarter concluded with Belmont ahead 28-17.

The trend continued into the fourth quarter, with Belmont extending to a 41-21 lead. PMHS, however, had a late offensive spurt, with Bera draining another pair of three-pointers. But by this point, time was not on the side of the surging Timber Wolves. On the game's last possession, Stankos sank a basket just after the buzzer sounded, so it was not added to the team's scoring tally. In the end, Belmont edged PMHS by a score of 41-27.

Following the game, the players from both teams exchanged high-fives and posed for group photos.

Among those in the stands was PMHS principal J Fitzpatrick.

"They gave it a real great effort - it was great to see the players work so hard," he said, adding, "Unified sports has been great for the entire school community and the kind of learning environment we want to encourage."

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