

Feedback positive on new approach at BES

BY DAVID ALLEN
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — Discussions at the Tuesday, Oct. 24 Barnstead School Board meeting indicate there is both good news and challenging news from the school at this time.

The good news is that there is strong positive feedback from both students and teachers to the new approach to behavior management at the school. Known as Responsive Classroom, the approach emphasizes teacher initiative to interact personally with each child in their classroom, and student participation in both shaping and managing the expectations for student behavior.

One specific activity has been mentioned at the last two board meetings. When school starts in the morning, and when older students change classrooms later in the day, the teachers meet the students in the hallway and welcome them by name into the classroom.

Most students express appreciation for the personal recognition, and many teachers have said this gets their day or class off to a positive start. They see an encouraging difference in the attitudes

of students entering the classroom.

Some parents have also noted the improvement. One parent recently took a few extra moments while dropping her child at school to communicate to an administrator that her child was talking at home about the new initiative and how much better it made her feel at school.

While the majority of students are responding positively, a small handful of students are coming to school with behavior problems that are more challenging than problems in previous years. It was reported that these 10-15 students are demanding an unusual amount of time and energy from their teachers and administrators.

Some of these students are new to the district this year, others have been at BES before, or are residents just starting school. Principal Tim Rice responded to a question from the Baysider by noting that he and other school leaders are working hard to come up with a special program targeted to this group of children. They are also considering the possibility that a few of them could require placement in a

special school but are considering that a last resort.

Later in the meeting there was a related discussion regarding

the number of paraprofessionals available to work one on one with students who need the help. Analysis by Emily Reese, Director

of Student Services, shows that in a worst-case scenario, three additional paraprofessionals could be needed.

One would fill an existing vacancy. One could be paid for by grant funds. If the third is needed, the SEE BARNSTEAD, PAGE A10



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Last second win

Isaac Smolin (12) lifts teammate Jonah Dudzik in celebration after Dudzik scored with seven seconds to go in Prospect Mountain's second-round playoff game in Berlin last Friday. Dudzik's goal gave Prospect a 2-1 win over the Mountaineers. See the story on page B1.

Super hero hypnotist show set for PMHS on Nov. 18

ALTON — Hypnotist Paul Ramsay broke the traditional mold of stage

hypnotism in 2011 when he unveiled the world's first interactive stage hypnotism show, "Mind Games." Ramsay uses remote controls and polling software to allow the audience to vote on what they want to see happen on stage. Now, he's unveiling a new version of that show, and using it to help New Hampshire high schools raise money for their student groups.

"Student councils, sports teams, and graduating classes are challenged year after year with raising the funds to cover the costs of trips, uniforms, proms, and other student events" said Ramsay. "My fundraiser show gives schools a chance to have a fun event for the community that actually makes money for the students instead of costing money for the school."

Mind Games: Superhero Edition is a fun advancement in Ramsay's entertainment concept. The audience still controls the show with remote controls and polling software, as with past versions of the show. In this new show format, all of the content is themed around superheroes and villains. "With the incredible popularity of superheroes in television shows and movies, this just seemed like a no brainer" said Ramsay.

Ramsay likes to make the students the stars of the show. Participants must volunteer to be in the show. Nobody is hypnotized against their will. Once the volunteers are hypnotized, the audience gets to choose from

content options that involve classic superhero characters, but also on completely made up scenarios that are absurd, bringing a different humor angle that has its own novelty.

"One minute you've got somebody up on stage who is having a hypnotic hallucination that they are Batman, and they take that pretty seriously. Then, a little bit later we've got somebody who thinks they're Donut Boy, and they can make donuts appear from thin air, and they take that every bit as seriously. It's a pretty hilarious back-and-forth."

Mind Games: Superhero Edition will be performed at Prospect Mountain High School on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be on sale in advance at the high school main office until 1 p.m. on the day of the show. They may also be purchased at the door. Children under 12 will be admitted free. All proceeds benefit the Prospect Mountain High School Class of 2019 and the music department. Any questions should be directed to Missy Connors (mconnors@pmhschool.com).

Volunteers sought to help battle milfoil

ALTON — The Alton Milfoil Committee is looking for residents who want to keep Alton's water bodies clear of invasive species to join the committee. The committee meets monthly during the season and as needed, with some meetings also in the spring and fall.

For information, please e-mail Alton Milfoil Committee at parks-rec@alton.nh.gov.

The Weed Watcher Program, sponsored by the New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services, may interest those seeking a more hands-on approach to monitor invasive species in any of Alton's bodies of water and have a canoe or kayak. Volunteering involves a

monthly survey of a section of the shoreline of your lake or river from May through September.

For Weed Watcher Program information, please visit NH DES web site at www.des.nh.gov.



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Remembering

Russ and Judy Kelly pose with The Baysider at the Kinsale Memorial, which was set up in Ireland by a nurse from New York to honor all 344 firemen that died in the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11. The gardens feature a tree in honor of each fireman that died, with their name attached to the tree. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

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F-U-N spells a great time for all at Scholarship Foundation's Spelling Bee

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LACONIA — Teams of teens and adults from across the Lakes Region showed their spelling stuff during the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's 17th annual Community Spelling Bee.

The annual fundraiser for the LRSF took place last Thursday night at Laconia High School. A total of 23 team representing schools, organizations, businesses, and more from across the region took part in the bee. LRSF assistant director Paulette Loughlin said 25 were supposed to take part, though two were unable to compete.

"We had a nice, even participation this year between adults and kids," Loughlin said.

Loughlin said they have contacts at Laconia, Gilford, and Belmont High Schools who recruit students to take part in the bee.

"When thy come, they do so well; it's so awesome for us," Loughlin said.

Pat Kelly emceed the event, with Rhettta Colon and Rick Crockford serving as enunciators. Marilyn Lynch and Karen Bianco judged the words and determined what was spelled correctly.

Teams were eliminated when they spelled their words wrong. Words given got harder the further the bee got.

The winners of the bee were We Put a Spell on You, from Laconia High School's National Honor Society. Members Amber Patten, Isabella Lovering, and Dakota Cross are all seniors.

Patten said she has



Members of We Put A Spell on You learn they just became the winners.



The LHS National Honor Society team, "We Put a Spell on You" was the winner of the 2017 Lakes Region Scholarship Community Spelling Bee. Pictured (l to r), Karen Switzer, LRSF Assistant Director; Paulette Loughlin, LRSF Assistant Director, Amber Patten, Isabella Lovering and Dakota Cross from LHS and LRSF President Mike Nolan with LRSF Executive Director, Joan Cormier.

been in many spelling bees, while Cross said he got second place in a previous bee.

Each of the teams were given a list of words

for the initial rounds, though they weren't given the harder words.

"Some of them we didn't know completely, and just went for it," Cross said.

Their winning word was "pharmaceutical," a word Patten and Lovering already knew from medicine and science class.

"As soon as I heard the word, I wanted to jump out of my seat," Patten said.

They said it felt great to win.

"Add something to the trophy case," Lover-

ing said. Loughlin said this is the second time in 17 years that the winning team has been from a high school, which is a big achievement.

In the spirit of the Halloween season, many contestants wore costumes and prizes were given for the best costumes.

"I think we had more costumes this year, which was great to see," Loughlin said.

This year, the spelling bee raised more than \$10,000 towards the Friends of the Foundation's Operating Fund, covering operating costs and ensuring more money goes to students. In the past 17 years, the bee has raised more than \$5.9 million.

"It is an amazing job, and I'm very proud of this organization," said LRSF president Michael Nolan.

Regionalization talk at next Belknap County Republicans meeting

BELMONT — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) has announced that its next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Top of the Town Restaurant, 88 Ladd Hill Road, Belmont.

This month's guest speaker, Belknap County Chief Deputy Sheriff David Perkins, will discuss regionalization of police and fire departments. His talk will center on reducing duplication of staff, facilities and equipment in an effort to help rein in spending. He will also discuss the hurdles to regionalization, and what can be done to address them.

Chief Deputy Perkins began his career in Law Enforcement in 1996 with the Gilford Police Department, and continued his career with a move to the Belknap County Sheriff's Department in December of 2001. He has a degree from Franklin Pierce in Criminal Justice and a Master's

of Science degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from New England College.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. Per their usual meeting format, if you're interested in having dinner (at your option) and/or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 p.m.

The committee again encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to local food pantries.

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

Potential candidate information night Monday in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — New Hampshire is well-known for its citizen legislature made up of local residents like you. Are you a passionate local Democrat who has thought about public office? Could you be a NH Representative in the legislature in Concord?

Do you have enough time in your life to devote to it? What would it take to get elected? Come listen to NH Representative Howard Moffett speak about his experience in the state legislature and ask him your questions to find out.

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

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, Alton, and Gilmanton Democrats" Facebook page.

Gilman Library closed on Veterans' Day

ALTON — The next Gilman Library holiday closing will be Saturday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans' Day. The main floor will be open during normal business hours, during the week following Veterans' Day. The lower level of the Gilman Library

will be closed to all activity from Saturday, Nov. 11, until Monday, Nov. 20. The painters need to return to complete renovations on the lower level. The library staff apologize for the inconvenience and thanks the public for its continued patience.

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Tech crew works behind the scenes to make “The Addams Family” an unforgettable experience

WOLFEBORO — Immersion /i m rZH n/ - noun - deep mental involvement.

That noun is the most important piece of theater. It is the bridge between rehearsal and a live show. People don't come to Kingswood Regional High School's annual musical just to be there. People go to sink into the life of someone else for two hours.

As November quickly approaches with Kingswood Theater's "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy" following behind, the masters of immersion delve deep into their work to give the audience a night they'll never forget. These people don't ask for your applause after each costume or set change. The crews work not only because they love what they do, but also because they love seeing the students on stage succeed.

Kingswood Regional High School's Arts Center is blessed for many reasons, but one that stands out is the beautiful

tech booth in the auditorium. Filled with thousands of dollars of buttons and lighting cues, it's hard to imagine that a student mans all of this, but one does; 12th grader Joe Marino is the head of the technical crew, overseeing the work of 11 other students in order to help create a feeling of being in the Addams' household.

While it is a lot of hard work, Marino has expressed how much he loves what he does by saying this: "I found out how much fun it [technical design] can be through Scott [Giessler]'s class at the multimedia center at the Tech Center, and that's how I got into it. Tech design is something I want to do for a long time."

Another huge blessing for the Arts Center is the huge costume room. Led by Kingswood alum Michael Alfrey, the costume crew works every day to create the elaborate clothing you see on stage that lets sunny 12th



COURTESY PHOTO
Members of the tech crew for next month's production of "The Addams Family" put the finishing touches on a part of one of the show's sets.

grader Joie Milbourne become dark and death-obsessed Morticia Addams. Clothing nearly 40 teenagers is no easy business, yet a group of dedicated costumers still manage to do it every year.

A show without a set

is like a house without a roof - or walls, or a couch, etc. Thankfully, Kingswood has its very own Norman Adjutant, father of assistant director Kimmi Adjutant, to create the Addams' house in all of its dark, disturbing glory. Every day, students meet to work under Adjutant's

instruction to construct sets including The Addams Foyer, the Addams Crypt, and even Central Park.

The root word of "musical" is "music," and that's just what Bobby Burns is in charge of. While constructing the beautiful harmonies on stage, Burns is also the director of Kingswood's pit orchestra. The orchestra, is made up entirely of Kingswood's very own high school students.

Kaitlin Miller, who played tenor saxophone in last year's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" but has moved into the cast for "The Addams Family," said this about being in the pit orchestra: "Pit music was incredibly difficult, but also very fun. The overall experience was amazing, and I fell in love with it. I made so many friends and just had so much fun."

The Kingswood junior also explained how both pit and cast had their advantages.

"Pit focuses on the music, and switching from one instrument

to another," she said. "Cast focuses on many aspects, such as dancing, singing, and acting. So, they're both enriching, just in different ways."

The last crew involved in creating a musical is the one bringing you this article now; publicity. Led by director Scott Giessler, all the students in this crew are also part of the cast itself. While writing articles like these, they also work to sell tickets, set up posters around towns, and even work towards getting each and every cast member their "Addams Family" T-shirt.

The cast on stage is amazing. To be able to sing, dance, remember lines, and overall become another person is simply astounding. However, while everyone on stage is completely talented, no one has the ability to completely, truly immerse an audience alone. The crews, working behind the scenes for only the reward of a successful show, are the motor running the entire production.

Post Secondary Options Fair is Nov. 15 at PMHS

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High is hosting its annual Post Secondary Options Fair on Nov.15 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at PMHS. Representatives will be at the school from all of the community colleges, all branches of the military, multiple apprenticeships and vocational training

programs and several gap year programs. Students will be meeting with representatives throughout the morning. Interested parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Anyone with questions can contact the counseling office at PMHS at 875-3800.

Prospect looking for job opportunities for students

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High is organizing a clearinghouse of employment opportunities for students (who will be able to provide working papers and/or faculty references to prospective employers). If any area individuals or businesses have short

or long term positions available, employers can send information to school counselor Marie Daniels (mdaniels@pmhschool.com 875-3800 x 3164) and the school will post that information on its employment opportunities board.

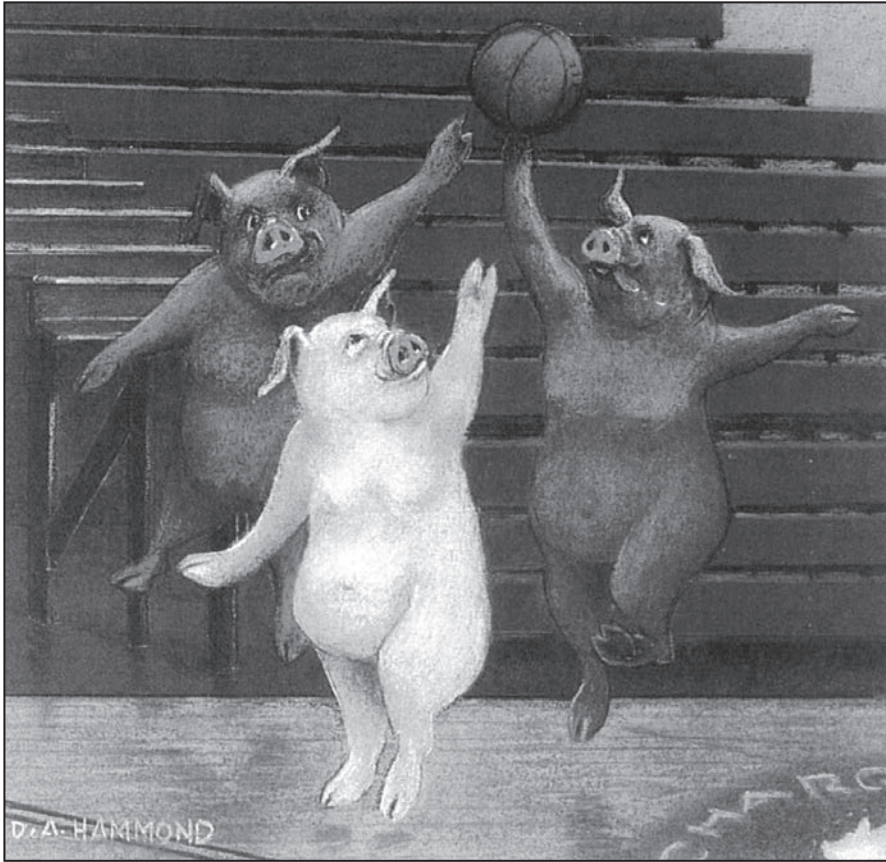
Robotics boosters holding fair on Dec. 2

ALTON — The PMHS Team 319 Boosters is holding its first craft and vendor fair on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prospect Mountain High School. Vendors and crafters are still

wanted. For information on table space, please contact Michelle Kelley at MKelley5199@metrocast.net. Information can also be found at www.frc319.com.

PIG OF THE WEEK by D.A. Hammond

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White pigs can't jump



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Garden club meeting

Many delicious new fruits and vegetables found at your local supermarket were whipped up into exotic dishes at the last Alton Garden Club meeting on Tuesday. Dragonfruit salad, fried Asian Quinoa, daikon and carrot salad, yucca with garlic sauce and prickly pear lemonade as well as spaghetti squash were made by Joan Blackwood and sampled by the members. This year is winding down with the last meeting coming up in November. It has been a great year of fun and service to the community.

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All about the power

Sunday and Monday proved to be trying days around the Lakes Region, as Sunday night's storm wreaked havoc around the area and left many residents throughout the local communities without power for hours and in some cases, days. As we write this on Tuesday morning, we are aware of some people who are still waiting for power to be returned.

Over the course of the Baysider's decade-plus in existence, we've seen a number of big storms roll through the area, probably none more impressive than the tornado that touched down through Barnstead and New Durham in 2008.

Here in the Granite State, we are often known as a resilient group of folks and we've seen many people who have buckled down and soldiered through the power outage without a complaint. Truthfully, in our mind anyway, the power outage now is much better than the ones we traditionally experience in winter, since it's not quite as cold in October as it would be during a mid-February snow storm or ice storm.

Over the course of the last few days, we've also heard some interesting stories of people who just don't seem to understand the lack of power. We heard of one person who showed up at a local gas station looking to put gas in her car, but because there was no power, the pumps would not work. She then asked if they could just give her some gas to get her to the next gas station. Pretty sure she had to leave without gas.

But what discourages us a little bit are the people who are doing nothing but complaining across social media because they don't have power. Many of these complaints are based along the lines that friends in the same community have power, why is it not on throughout the community. It seems a bit ridiculous to us to complain about something like that, particularly if you don't know the ins and outs of the power industry.

And we should take this opportunity to praise the work of the power workers, either from Eversource, New Hampshire Electric Co-op or another entity in the local communities. We've been out and about at all hours of the day and night and seen workers out in the trucks, working to fix the lines and get power back up. These men and women work hard to get things back online as fast as possible and they should be commended for their work.

We offer up our thanks to these workers, as they've spent hours and days away from family to make sure that power gets restored to the community as soon as possible. There is no perfect plan that would make everyone happy, some areas are going to get power back sooner than others and that will leave some people disappointed. But in the long run, we know the work is being done to get everybody's power back and we hope by the time this paper comes out, everyone is enjoying their power.

And thanks to all who helped get it back online.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

Symbol of service

US Army Capt. Jeffrey Batchelder, Copilot-Gunner, 4th Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (KRHS Class 2009), offered this American flag, flown on an AH-64E Apache helicopter for the duration of a combat mission over Iraq in support of Coalition Forces and their fight against ISIL, to the school. Custodian Sarah Custeau and District Maintenance Supervisor Phil Custeau hung it in place on Oct. 18.

Letters to the Editor

Pick up the pieces

To the Editor:

"Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall."

He dreamed about despite the objection of most of his subjects.

"Humpty Dumpty had a great fall."

The disillusioned court and populace question the proclamations of Humpty and the way he rules.

"All the King's horses and all the King's men."

(The King's millionaire and billionaire cronies and corporations who supported his rise to power).

"Couldn't put Humpty together again."

The King and his court have lost all credibility and are the 'laughing stock' of the world.

How do we pick up the pieces? How do we regain the respect of the world? By setting an example and by speaking out against Humpty Dumpty's degrading proclamations, which are, I think, a national security issue.

Sandra Burt
Barnstead

Ancestry.com now available at Oscar Foss

BARNSTEAD — Thanks to the generosity of the Barnstead Historical Society, Ancestry.com is now available at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Come on in and take advantage of this free library service, you just might discover something new.

Community Art Project

The library would like to invite patrons to participate in its Commu-

nity Art Project. Adults and teens can borrow one of the special coloring books and complete a page. Participants are welcome to sign their work if desired. When the books are completed they will be put on display in the library for everyone to enjoy.

New items

The library has several new items for patrons to utilize at the library. Some items can

be checked out for use, virtual reality goggles, pocket telescopes, a record player, Kindles and a full-sized telescope. Other items can be used while at the library, a Cricut machine, manual typewriter and photo printer. Many of these items have age requirements for use. You can view the policies online or at the library circulation desk. Please call the li-

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

Coffee with the town continues next month

NEW DURHAM — The Town of New Durham has announced a community connection initiative, "coffee with the town." The hope is to foster communication and connections between town officials and staff and the residents that

they serve.

"Coffee with the town" will take place the first Wednesday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the New Durham General Store, located at the corner of Depot Road and Old Bay Road.

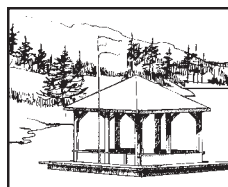
Residents are invit-

ed to stop by the general store and meet local officials and staff. Residents are welcome to ask questions, provide comments and offer opinions and needs. These town officials and staff will help in getting answers to questions and listen to

concerns and needs.

The first "coffee with the town" took place with Town Administrator Scott Kinmond.

The upcoming schedule includes Selectman Chairman David Swenson on Dec. 6.



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The Music Man opens Nov. 3 in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — The toe-tapping, family-friendly musical The Music Man opens Nov. 3 in Wolfeboro for a two-week run at The Village Players Theater.

Featuring a cast of 57, the award-winning show is directed by Rosemary Lounsbury, ably assisted by Catherine Collins, and produced by Megan Brady Rohrbacher. With new projection backgrounds by Wolfeboro illustrator Emily Marsh and backed by a nine-piece pit band under the baton of Julie Carbone, the production is equally as engaging for youngsters new to live theater as fans used to entertainment by professional companies.

Meredith Willson's 1957 award-winning show revolves around the charming "Professor" Harold Hill (Scott Giessler), who goes to River City, Iowa in 1912 with a scam to bilk the citizens by promising to lead a boys' band—when, in fact, he has no musical training at all. He finds himself reconsidering his plans, however, when he falls in love with straight-laced librarian Marion Paroo (Jenni Goodman) and is forced to choose between life as a charlatan or settling down to an honest and quiet life in River City.

Kingswood participating in College Application Week activities Nov. 15

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School is participating in "I Am College Bound/I Applied," an initiative designed to increase the number of high school seniors submitting college applications at 34 public high schools across New Hampshire. This is part of the state's "I Am College Bound" month celebration in November.

On Nov. 15, KRHS seniors will have the opportunity to submit at least one college admissions application with the assistance of representatives from admissions offices from various New Hampshire colleges and universities during the school day at KRHS. Application fees for New Hampshire colleges and universities are waived for this specific day at KRHS.

The "I Am College Bound/I Applied" campaign provides assistance to students who may be the first in their family to attend college, low-income students, and others who may be unfamiliar with the college application process. As part of the initiative, students receive information about the additional components of a college application, college financial aid process and filing the Free Application for Federal Stu-



JOEL CHICK – COURTESY PHOTO
THE CHARMING Harold Hill convinces the quarreling school board of River City to make music, not war. Left to right, Gordon Brooks, Barnstead's Angelo Gentile, Wayne Gehman and Corky Mork.



CATHERINE COLLINS – COURTESY PHOTO
THE "Pick-A-Little" ladies are appalled by the brazen ideas of Professor Harold Hill. Left to right, Erin Dauphinais, Barbara Wilson, Mandy Ferriman, Kaylin Dean, Laura Cooper, Prospect Mountain teacher Megan Schmiermund and Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler.



BROOKS CAMPBELL – COURTESY PHOTO
PROFESSOR Harold Hill (Scott Giessler, center) is Pied Piper to nearly 60 actors, ages 4-70+ in the Village Players' production of The Music Man, Nov. 3-12.

In the process, he convinces the entire city that by thinking the best of themselves, they can change the reality around them. The Village Players' presents The Music Man on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday after-

noons at 2 p.m., Nov. 3-12. Tickets are available at Black's on Main Street, Wolfeboro, or online at www.village-players.com. The Music Man is sponsored in part by WASR Radio 97.1 FM and 1420 AM.

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THE DESIGN team at The Village Players transports the audience to the Paroo parlor in 1912 where Amaryllis (Anna Smith (pictured) and Vivienne Dauphinais in alternating performances) practices piano while Mrs. Paroo (Barnstead's Jean Gentile, left) and Marian (Jenni Goodman) look on.

Crafters sought for annual fair in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — Crafters are wanted for the second annual Holiday Craft Fair located at the Maple Street Church, 96 Maple Street, Center Barnstead, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Barnstead Farmers' Market and Maple Street Church are sponsoring this year's Holiday Craft Fair. They are seeking craftsmen, farmers' market type products and anything that is homemade and unique. They are also seeking lunch vendors, especially farm to table, homemade soups, or sandwiches. Please contact Lori Mahar for an application. Call 269-2329 or e-mail lorimahar@tds.net.

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Canned good donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall between 8AM and 4:30PM on or before Friday, November 17, 2017. Please specify that they are for the "Operation Blessing" Project.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets, or can suggest the home of a shut-in or a needy family, please contact Paulette at 875-0203 between 8AM and 4:30PM.

Moonlight walk highlights conservation efforts in Farmington

FARMINGTON — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) held a guided moonlight walk in October to showcase its Leary Field and Forest (LF&F) conservation project on Bob and Debbie Leary's property in Farmington. Twenty people came out to learn about LF&F's important natural, recreational and historical assets. The program featured naturalist Sally Cornwell of Wolfeboro, who shared traditional Native American stories while the harvest moon rose in the view shed.

Several months ago, the Learys approached MMRG to request help with conserving the 63-acre LF&F, its special values being prime farmland soils and recreational opportunities. This land also directly connects to other conserved parcels: the 210-acre Thompson Family Conservation Easement and 73-acre Leary Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). MMRG Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns explained MMRG's long-term goal to first conserve and ultimately purchase the LF&F and WRP, a total of 136 vital acres that sit within the Cochecho River watershed, with 2.1 miles of trails that weave through LF&F and WRP, and impressive views from Leary hill that extend to the seacoast. Before the hikers set out, Connaughton-Burns handed out a trail map and described how LF&F fits into MMRG's conservation priorities, as outlined in its new Conservation Action Plan, 'Our Home, Our Land, Our Tomorrow.'



THE FULL MOON rises over a view from Leary Hill.

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MOONLIGHT WALK participants walk up Leary Hill and enjoy the view.

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WALKERS head up the Leary Hill walking trail.

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Along the trails, Cornwell pointed out natural features, such as a 50+-foot tall white pine, impressive to look upon today, but which would

have been dwarfed by trees four times its size a few hundred years ago, before the forests were cut by European

settlers. Another impact of settlers was the plantain plant, one of the first known invasive species of this continent,

perhaps brought as seed in the soil used as ship's ballast. Although invasive, plantains have some valued uses: the early leaves can be eaten in salads or later crushed and applied to soothe after an insect bite.

Between two hayfields, Debbie Leary pointed to the stone foundations from the first known settlers. Atop Leary hill, with a twilight view of the mountains behind him, Bob Leary spoke of the rich agricultural soil, recalling that when his father purchased the field in 1950, "It was all in Blue Hubbard squash." Conserving this land pro-

tests the soil, a valuable resource; it also honors his father's wishes, who used to say 'It's okay if it grows up to bushes, as long as it doesn't grow houses.' Bob added, "I'm convinced that in future years, people may be looking for a place to grow food."

As the sky darkened, a shooting star streaked across, a gold moon rose behind the mountains, and a bat darted and swooped by. Hikers enjoyed picnic suppers while Cornwell entertained with traditional Native American traditions tales, like 'How Coyote was the Moon.' Then, facing the woods below, Cornwell called to the Barred owls, who responded with their signature hoot: 'Who cooks for you?'

On the return, hiker Lee Prescott expressed his delight that this land will continue to exist as a farm with public access and to remind people of those who walked the land before them. MMRG has initiated the project fundraising and secured partial funds from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Agricultural Lands Easement program, to ensure that LF&F remains in agriculture, forever. MMRG also received a generous financial pledge from the Farmington Conservation Commission and has applied for additional grants. To match the grants, MMRG seeks donations from individuals. Those wishing to support the project may contact Connaughton-Burns at 473-2020.

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Season finale

Nikolas Neathery rounds the final corner of the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Manchester. The Timber Wolves wrapped up the season at Derryfield Park. See the story on page B3.

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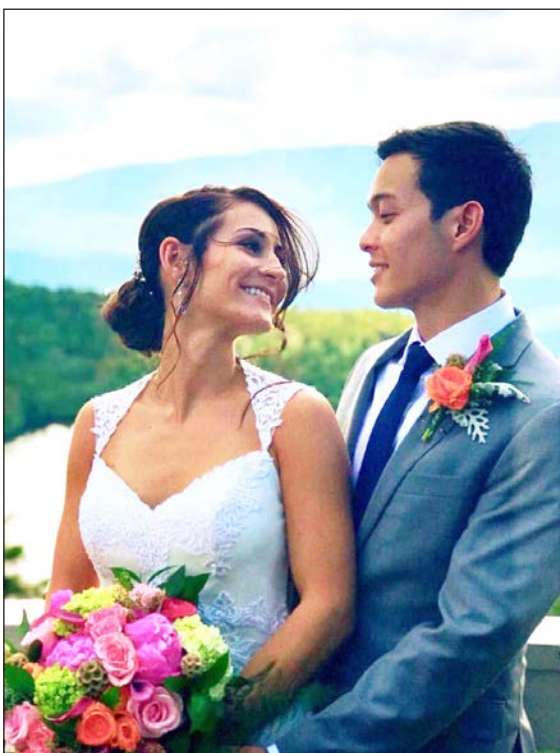
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Kim ~ Atkins

LINCOLN — The family of Arielle Atkins is very happy to announce her marriage to Addison Kim, of Dallas, Texas. The happy couple along with 100 guests from New Hampshire and Texas joined them on July 8 on a picture perfect day atop of Loon Mountain in Lincoln. The couple spent a 10-day honeymoon in Spain enjoying wine country tours and also rock climbing over the ocean in Majorca. After their honeymoon, the bride began attending Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, for her Master of Medical Science Physician Assistant degree. The groom is a Private Equity Associate with Valesco Industries of Dallas, Texas.

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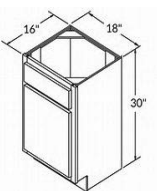
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OBITUARY

Rhianna Marie Santiago
Fascinated by nature

LACONIA — Rhianna Marie Santiago, 22, died on Saturday Oct. 21, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident in Gilford.

Born June 15, 1995 in Laconia, the daughter of Juan Santiago and Stacey Butman, Rhianna resided in Laconia most of her life, graduating from Laconia High School. She worked for Shaw's Supermarket in the bakery and produce department. She loved to travel New England with life partner, Darren Cartier. Rhianna was unique, loved to draw, sing, dance, enjoyed watching the sunrise and was fascinated by nature.

She is survived by her mother, Stacey Butman of Laconia; father, Juan Santiago



of Maine; her life partner, Darren Cartier of Laconia; her daughter, Rosalie Christine-Lorraine Cartier; maternal grandparents, Lisa (Desautelle) Rojek (Desautelle) Rojek of Center Barnstead, Michael Butman of Chillicothe, Ohio, Bettie Collins of Laconia; five siblings, aunty Katherine, uncle Keith Treadwell, cousins Ryan Treadwell, Derrick Perkins and several others.

A celebration of her life was held on

Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, Laconia.

After the celebration of life there was a gathering at the Lodge of the Laconia Elks #876 in Gilford.

For those who wish, memorial contributions for her daughter, Rosalie, can be made online at https://www.gofundme.com/88hsb-help-raise-money-for-a-friend.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Mark on the Markets

Tough sell



BY MARK PATTERSON

Contributing Writer

Any time between the year 2000 and 2011 would have been a time when your clients would go along with a more "risk adverse" portfolio mix of investments. However, we are in that special time again that seems to erase 11 years of agonizing over our retirement accounts. I am now seeing people who are no longer earning an income or at least approaching retirement years who are in aggressive equity portfolios. Many in the last year or so have recovered from the 2008-2009 correction and are just seeing the retirement accounts ahead of where they were in 2007. Common scenario within these portfolios is that there are several equity mutual funds with different names but have a redundancy in their holdings and investment style.

Back in the 1950s, Markowitz and Sharpe developed "modern portfolio theory," that really advocates owning multiple

low and non-correlated asset classes that mathematically reduce the risk, referred to as standard deviation, and over time provides better returns. Mutual funds with different names but redundant holdings are not multiple asset classes. Stocks (equities) in general are the same asset class but you can get proper diversification with in that asset class by using mutual or exchange traded funds that truly have different styles, capitalization size, regions or a host of other reasons why they are in fact diversified.

For example, diversification in the equity portion of your portfolio may have international stocks, domestic large-cap, domestic mid-cap, domestic small-cap, emerging markets. Then you may have a commodity index, multiple sources of debt, maybe some real estate investment trust or otherwise known as REITs, potentially some natural resources like the energy sector, precious metals and so on and so on.

So, it really doesn't matter if we're in a bull market stocks like the last eight-plus years or in the middle of a flat to down bear market in stocks, if we are properly invested with the right mix of asset classes depending on your risk tolerance and needs a simple rebalancing every year or so should

keep your investments heading in the right direction. I don't want you to think that you cannot have market risk even with a well-constructed portfolio, because you can sustain losses. With a well-constructed portfolio, your losses should not be as deep or long as if you were in the stock market or stock-based funds with no other diversification in your portfolio.

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Mark Patterson is an advisor with MHP Asset Management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-asset.com

Church fair is Saturday in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — Come join neighbors and friends at the Annual Pumpkin and Pine Church Fair at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, 504 North Barnstead Road on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Serving homemade items for breakfast and lunch in the cafe - silent auction, door prize, raffles, handmade items from Ghana, Africa, pies and baked goods, Christmas items, jewelry. Old and new treasures await you at the

fair.

This annual fundraiser helps the church serve people in the community and beyond - plus send kids to camp.

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Please contact April at aprilellis44@gmail.com for more information.

Fall Fair is Saturday at Barnstead Parade church

BARNSTEAD — The 37th annual Fall Fair will be held at the Barnstead Parade Congregational Church on the Parade Grounds Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be crafts, the Bottom Drawer, The Christmas Corner and home baked food (pies, sweet breads, cookies, baked beans, jellies and candy), as well as mulled cider, coffee, hot donuts,

chowder, soups, chili, mac and cheese, sandwiches and desserts. Take out will be available.

The fair is sponsored by the Church Mission Committee.

Christmas fair scheduled in Pittsfield Nov. 18

PITTSFIELD — The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, is holding its annual Christmas Fair and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There are many handmade items to choose

from as well as gourmet products, baked goods, "Unique Boutique" and the silent auction. Corn chowder and sandwich lunch with homemade pies will also be available. Plan to be there for this handcraft goldmine.

Since the Dorcas Guild

will not be holding an additional craft fair, final silent auction bids are due in by the close of the fair, 2 p.m., Nov. 18. The successful bidders will be notified at that time.

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Wolfeboro sculptor spreads holiday cheer with his latest creations

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — Santa's elves are lined up in Greg Hopkins' studio, dressed in their red holiday finery and ready to go. Christmas is around the corner, and they are about to part ways as they set off to theme parks across the United States. Those in the top row are poseable, says Hopkins; those lined up below them on the floor are animated. With a flick of a switch, they wave and turn their heads.

The animated characters have five movements apiece, including breathing, which makes for a life like quality sure to enchant the young and young at heart alike.

Hopkins has created every character through the craft of clay sculpture, rubber casting and skillful airbrush techniques, followed by the addition of hair for styles that fit each character — one elf has long blonde braids, another has a traditional grey bearded Santa look. The heads are attached to manikin forms, which are then dressed by designer and seamstress Breckie Hays-Snow.

Thirty custom elves in all are ready to be



Greg Hopkins and his original elves, crafted in Wolfeboro. Surrounded by characters, some poseable, some animated, Hopkins prepares to ship three sets of 10 elves each to three different theme parks, from the East Coast to the West Coast and in between.

shipped off. Hopkins says he has orders for more for the holiday season. After that, he'll switch back to his Halloween themed creations. Trade shows take place in March. He'll travel to Chicago and St. Louis and ramp up production upon his return.

He's produced horror masks and props over

the last 20 years, doing business as Brutal Images LLC, a name that he says he needs to change, since he's branched out since then.

"It still works for Halloween, though," he says with a smile.

The last five years have brought theme park work for Colonial Williamsburg (where he's strung millions of



Elves, dressed in holiday finery designed and sewn by Breckie Hays-Snow, stand in a row as they wait to journey to theme parks across the United States where they will be sure to please young and old.

Christmas lights), Sea World San Antonio, and Sesame Place, a children's theme park in Pennsylvania based on the children's television show. He designs, builds and installs seasonal sets, using existing products.

It was that work that led to his present day elves. The products out there wouldn't last.

"The faces broke in storage. Every year, the tiny gears would break. They were cheaply made. I got sick of trying to fix them," he says.

His longtime connection with Scare Prod-



One of Santa's elves has a paint brush in hand. Bring on the toys. Christmas is coming.

Credits bring New Hampshire business taxes back home

WOLFEBORO — When Leone McDonnell Roberts decided to re-direct \$2,500 of its 2017-18 state business tax liability to Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO), they knew it was a wise use of money. They are Certified Public Accountants, after all.

Since 1999, New Hampshire businesses have had the unique opportunity to contribute to worthwhile non-profit projects and receive a 75 percent tax credit for that contribution. The Community Development Finance Authority's Tax Credit Program enables businesses to invest cash, securities and property to community, housing and economic development projects.

This is the second year Leone McDonnell Roberts has given to WEDCO, says partner Evan Stowell. "We have seen the returns WEDCO makes to our local community. Their support of area businesses and community nonprofits enriches the lives of year-round residents and visitors alike. We are pleased to direct some of our firm's busi-

ness tax to WEDCO programs that make such a positive impact."

Explains WEDCO director Denise Roy-Palmer when speaking to prospective donors, "The tax credit program allows you to invest in local community and economic development projects and receive a 75 percent state tax credit for your contribution; this credit is then applied against your business enterprise tax, business profits tax and/or insurance premium tax. The donation is also considered a federal charitable contribution."

In addition to providing loans to businesses, WEDCO offers business education and support through the US Small Business Administration and SCORE mentors, and acts as lead agency to a variety of grass-roots initiatives like the recently completed Cotton Valley Trail running along the railroad corridor from Sanbornville to Wolfeboro, and the new "Explore Moose Mountains" recreation and tourism tool headlined by "The Moose, New

Hampshire" Facebook page since May, and the ExploreMooseMountains.org web site unveiled just recently.

The NH Community Development Finance Authority has provided WEDCO with the opportunity to raise a total of \$25,000 in Tax Credit Pledges before March 31. Contributions are due no later than June 30.

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school would need to find the funds for that position. Reese emphasized that these needs all depended on how the needs and progress of existing students in the Special Education program evolve during the year.

The meeting began with four members of the BES Student Council reporting to the board on a recent leadership development event for Student Council members from around the state. The

students were particularly impressed with a keynote presentation from Justin Spencer, the lead artist with a group call Recycled Percussion. Spencer has overcome many personal challenges to become a successful popular musician, and an inspirational speaker for other students facing serious challenges.

In other business, the board approved bids for fencing (American Fence, \$4,095), snow removal (\$12,000

for the season to Keith Dube, R&K Landscaping), and fuel oil at slightly over \$2 per gallon.

They approved the first reading of a policy regarding non-education surveys and questionnaires to align the school with a change in the law during the last New Hampshire legislative session. The law and policy now require that parents must give prior permission for a student to participate in non-academic surveys. Before it allowed

parents to sign a note to avoid participation.

The board approved the second and final reading of changes in an existing policy that ensures that students with a handicap or disability are given all procedural protections required by law. Again, the change reflects an amendment to existing state and federal policies with the same goal. Having the correct language on the books is necessary for participation in funding and grant programs for those children.

A third policy change relates to the school lunch program. This policy was approved for first reading. A second reading is always necessary, and usually happens at the next board meeting. This policy assures that no child will ever go without a lunch, and spells out procedures for working with families who are not up to date in paying for those lunches. The policies ensure that all communications regarding payment are conducted with the parents and not the child. This is to avoid identifying the student in front of other students or oth-

er actions that might single out the child for attention.

They also approved the job description for a Reading and Writing Specialist. This is a pre-existing position that was vacated when the staff person moved to a different position. The description has been rewritten to shift the focus and to clarify relationships between the specialist and the classroom teacher when the specialist is working in the classroom with a particular student.

Chair Eunice Landry reported for the record that the board had taken a telephone vote since the Sept. 30 board meeting to unseal the sealed minutes of the Sept. 30 non-public session. She asked each board member to confirm his or her vote, and the vote was unanimous to unseal.

Landry stated that the board's legal counsel had told the board that under the state's Right to Know law, the action taken by the board in that non-public session could not be implemented unless it met the guidelines of the law. That could only be done by unseal-

ing the minutes.

The Right to Know law requires all board business to be taken in public session and transparent to the voters of the community, with several very specific exceptions. One of these exceptions allows the board to discuss behind closed doors a situation that if talked about in public could damage the reputation of a person who is not a member of the board.

There are two good reasons for this exception. The negative information to be discussed by the board could be erroneous and could lead to damaging a reputation with speculation or hearsay that not truthful. Public discussion could also place the board at risk of legal action that may or may not be justified.

The minutes reveal that "the board received an update on an accusation against an employee and the administration's response." This would clearly meet the law's guidelines for non-public discussion if any employee names were revealed or if anyone listening to the discussion could easily identify the individuals involved.

The minutes also state that last year the administration made an error processing an employee's contribution to the state teachers retirement fund. The administration recommended the board resolve the error in favor of the employee and the board agreed. This is the action that forced the board to unseal the minutes so they could go forward and implement their situation.

Thirdly, the minutes state that, "There was further discussion of student behaviors affecting staff. A request was made to the chairperson to send a letter to the entire staff expressing our support." As indicated at the beginning of this article, this is an issue that has been discussed in public session.

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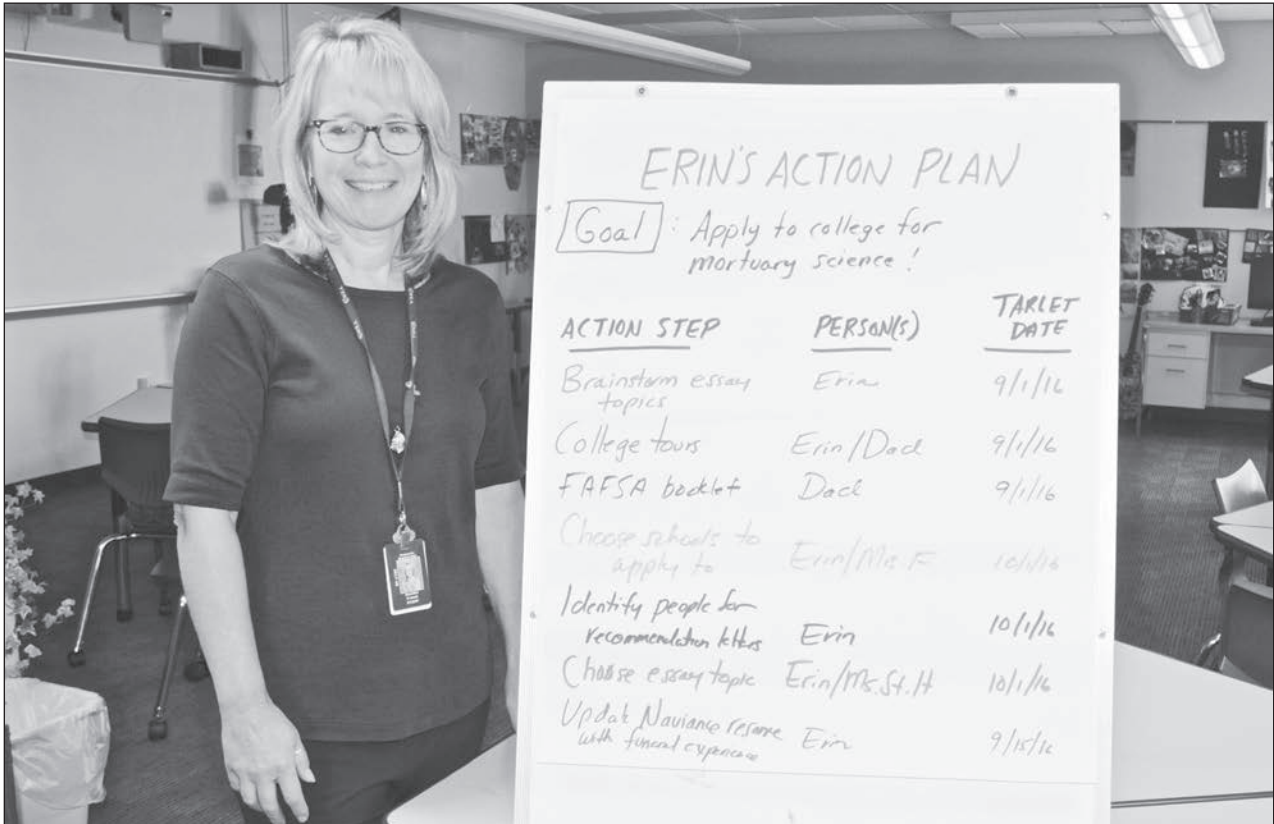
Kingswood staff introduce school board to RENEW program

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — RENEW, a personal mentoring program at Kingswood Regional High School (KRHS), offers students a listening ear and assistance in defining and reaching personal goals. Assistant Principal Bill Douglass highlighted the program to the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board at its October meeting, and invited Health and Wellness teacher Jen French to share the story of her protegee, Erin.

Douglass told the board that students come to his attention as candidates for the RENEW program in a number of ways, primarily when they are underperforming, disengaged, or experiencing disciplinary issues. Kingswood is one of three New Hampshire high schools to establish the program, whose acronym stands for Rehabilitation for Empowerment, Natural Supports, Education and Work.

KRHS is in the company of schools in four states, just 12 high schools in all throughout the nation. Douglass said it has proven effective in supporting students. What started out four years ago with eight participating students is expanding as more volunteers, 23 now, receive mentorship training.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

HEALTH AND Wellness teacher Jen French shared the story of Erin, who she mentored through the RENEW program offered at Kingswood Regional High School to the school board. Here she offers a closeup of the action steps she and Erin defined to achieve the goal of attending college to study mortuary science. Erin has graduated, but she occasionally touches base with her mentor to share how she's doing.

The volunteers come from within the school system. Susan Merrell, Director of Special Education, oversees the program and coordinates with the University of New Hampshire and the University of Vermont as results are tracked to “do the program with fidelity” and assess its effectiveness. Teachers, administrators, custodians and secretaries are in the cross section of volunteers who have stepped up.

Douglass said the initial time making a connection and getting to know a student is

“heavy on the front end and lightens as you go along.”

French set up a stand to show the series of dream mapping and goals of Erin, “an average student with a lack of supports, but plenty of goals.” She said Erin’s mom was out of state and dealing with Stage 4 cancer, her father wanted to be helpful but hadn’t been to college and was not familiar with the terrain of filling out FAFSA (financial aid) forms.

Erin decided early on that she wanted to study mortuary science.

So, an internship was arranged with Funeral Director Rick Gagne, to

give Erin close up experience with her intended field. That strength-

ened her resolve. Erin met with French on an as needed basis and together they drew up the steps she needed to accomplish a series of goals. Action steps, persons involved in accomplishing the steps and target dates were mapped out together.

Erin graduated, and is attending Mount Ida College, the first in her family to go to college, to achieve her goal of becoming a mortician. French says that not every one’s goal is the same. Someone may need to get a job and figure out how to make that happen, or perform better academically. It is reassuring to have someone to help break down and organize the steps to achieve whatever your personal goal is.

The result is more engagement in school and a psychological lift provided by a trained individual who cares.

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The rooftop deck and a load of logs mark one season’s march to the next

I have a rooftop deck off my bedroom, the use of which will soon cease, on account of this thing called “winter.” It’s a great place to air bedding out, and to dry sheets if I don’t want to use clothes-line or dryer. It’s a great place to get a tan, too, but I never seem to have time, and the sun of summer is now long gone.

It’s also where I sometimes take visitors out after dark about this time of year, well bundled

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



up, to lie flat for a few minutes and look up at the sky. If they are from more built-up areas of the country, as they often are, they are amazed at what they can see here and cannot see at home. Only the cold eventually drives them in.

It is, of course, total

darkness, which you can’t truly see unless you can escape all ambient light. Since I have no neighbors whose light reaches my house, all I have to do is turn off all of my household lights and step out with a flashlight.

The stars practically jump out at you, and the Milky Way is a multi-lane highway. Readers who live or have lived in northern Canada and Alaska will know what this means.



JOHN HARRIGAN

I WAS airing out bedding on the deck one day, with a brisk breeze doing the work, and as usual Millie found a way to work herself into the frame.



JOHN HARRIGAN

“X MARKS the spot,” as the two logs show, where Troy Lambert was unloading tree-length hardwoods for next year’s heating season, or maybe 1999.

But with the deck, the old saying “Use it or lose it” surely applies. Soon, maybe next week, the door will be shut tight for the winter, and all buttoned up with plastic against the cold.

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It takes round-wood, or un-split wood, at least twice as long to dry, so I try to have at least two or three log piles going in the barnyard, because one of the great benefits of having a big outdoor furnace is not having to split, and do all the handling that goes with it.

If I can stay a couple of years ahead on my log piles, I can drag a couple of trees up onto skids in front of the furnace door, cut them into three-foot sections and leave them where they rest, and not touch them again until I’m hooking them with a

pulp-hook and throwing them in.

This is, I think, after all these years, the Holy Grail of wood handling, in terms of the number of times I have to touch each piece. But it only works if I stay well ahead on the logs.

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I recently had to deal with a left elbow wound (meaning injury) the diameter of a pencil, in a hard place to heal, and received some major professional bandaging to give it a good start.

The problem was taking a shower. I live miles away from any help on this, and had to puzzle it out. Eventually I sealed it with a small plastic sleeve made out of a flimsy grocery-store plastic bag, and covered it with a heavier one made from a kitchen trash bag. All of

this, of course, I wrapped at either end with duct tape.

The other day it occurred to me that I could have just Googled “shower arm protection” or some such careful choice of words. One of my many failings is that I forget just how useful a computer can be, other than a tool for writing.

So the other day, elbow well on the mend, I Googled just that. And one of the first things that popped up was (you guessed it) plastic bags and duct tape.

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



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Halloween guest

The Gilman Library offered a thank you to "Friendly Witch" Cassidy Bisson, for reading Halloween stories for preschoolers on Friday, Oct. 27. Bisson is the communications secretary for the Friends of the Gilman Library. The library also offers a thank you to the Friends of the Gilman Library for providing refreshments for this special seasonal storytime. If you are interested in joining the Friends, call the Gilman Library for more information. Don't forget to look for Friends updates www.gilmanlibrary.org.



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WHAT'S ON TAP

Playoffs continue for the local high school seasons.

The cross country Meet of Champions will take place at Nashua South High School on Saturday, Nov. 4, with the girls at 2:30 p.m. and the boys at 3:20 p.m.

The Division II and III football playoffs will open on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the home of the higher seed at 1 p.m.

The Division II and III boys' soccer finals are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Southern New Hampshire University, with Division III at 1:45 p.m. and Division II at 4 p.m.

For girls' soccer, the Division II semifinals are today, Nov. 2, at 4 and 6 p.m. The finals for both Division II and III are being held on Sunday, Nov. 5, with Division II at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter at noon and Division III at Laconia High School at 2:15 p.m.

The unified soccer semifinals are today, Nov. 2, at the home of the higher seed at 3 p.m. and the championship is Sunday, Nov. 5, at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter at 2:15 p.m.

The Division III volleyball finals are Friday, Nov. 3, at Plymouth State at 7 p.m. and the Division II volleyball finals are Saturday, Nov. 4, at Pinkerton Academy at 5 p.m.

Magnificent seven (seconds)

Dudzik's last minute goal sends Prospect past Berlin

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BERLIN — As the official counted down the clock under 10 seconds in his team's game at Berlin in the second round of the Division III tournament, Prospect Mountain senior Jonah Dudzik made his third run into the offensive zone in the final minutes of the game.

As it turned out, the third time was the charm.

After having one bid stopped by the Berlin keeper and the next going wide, Dudzik didn't miss out on the third, as he struck the ball to the far post and into the net with just seven seconds to go, turning what seemed like a sure overtime game into a 2-1 Timber Wolf win and a trip to the quarterfinals.

"We executed what our plan was," said an excited coach Cory Halvorsen. "We had a good conversation at the half about how we were going to play differently."

"We changed our formation to a 4-3-3 mid-

JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) JOE DOHERTY celebrates his tying goal in action against Berlin on Friday.

way through," the Timber Wolf coach added. "You have to make adjustments when you're down a goal."

Prospect had a couple of corner kicks right out of the gate but they could not convert. Dudzik and Joe Doherty connected on another bid and Doherty also had a shot go wide of the net. Berlin's first corner resulted in the Prospect defense clearing things out. The Mountaineers also had a direct kick go over the top of the net. Caden Dore also had a chance that was denied and Brandon Sinclair sent a ball in just ahead of Doherty.

The Timber Wolves had a couple more corner kicks but could not convert and Berlin was able to capitalize with 21:36 to go in the first

JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) JONAH DUDZIK controls the ball in the corner against Berlin last week.

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Timber Wolves upset Blue Devils in playoff opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

EPPING — With the way his team was playing at the end of the regular season, Prospect Mountain volleyball coach Mike Christy had all the confidence in the world



JOSHUA SPAULDING
GABRIELLE FOSSETT goes up for a hit in playoff action in Epping last week.

going into the Division III tournament, which began on Thursday, Oct. 26, in Epping.

"Our defense has been spectacular and we've been feeding off it," Christy said after his team defeated the host seventh-ranked Blue Devils 25-23, 25-18, 25-22. "Because of that,

we never feel we are out of it.

"I attribute almost all the losses this year to the mental ability to get over our errors," Christy continued.

Out of the gate against the Blue Devils, Hannah Bureau and Jane Holiday had hits to keep the Timber



JOSHUA SPAULDING
HANNAH BUREAU comes through with a kill during action against Epping last week.

Wolves even, while Bureau contributed a service ace. The Timber Wolves went up 4-3 and then Epping came back and went up by a 6-4 score. Tiffany White added a service ace to pull the Timber Wolves even at seven and they then went ahead by a 10-8 score.

Epping pulled even at 10 before Bureau had a hit that put the Timber Wolves back on top. From there, they went back and forth

and were tied at 11, 12 and 14. Epping went up 16-14 but back to back hits from Bureau and Gabrielle Fossett pulled Prospect even. After the Blue Devils went up by one, Fossett came back with a block and the Timber Wolves were even again.

Epping then ran off five consecutive points to go up by a 22-17 score but the Timber Wolves did not back down. Fossett had a hit to get the

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PMHS sports awards are Wednesday

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LEAH DUNNE corrals the ball along the sideline in action last week against Stevens.



BEKAH WHEELER attacks the ball during playoff action last week.

Timber Wolf girls stymied by Stevens

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain soccer girls were able to play their way to an eighth seed in the Division III tournament, but in the first round, the Timber Wolves ran into a very strong Stevens team and saw the season come to an end.

“We haven’t had good speed all year and that kills us,” said coach Matt Locke. “You don’t have to be the most skilled, but with speed you can win most plays.

“I am kind of at a loss,” the Timber Wolf coach said. “Soccer is about ball control. Every other pass goes to the other team and you can’t do that.”

The Timber Wolves got off to a great start, as after a save by keeper Mackenzie Burke, they turned the ball around

and Leah Dunne raced in on goal and was able to slip the ball past the Stevens keeper for the quick 1-0 lead just 2:20 into the game.

That lead did not last too long, as a Cardinal attacker was taken down in the box and they were awarded a penalty shot, delivering the ball to the net with five minutes gone in the game to tie the score at one.

Prospect came back with a couple of bids in the zone, with Meghan Minaya sending the ball in just ahead of Nadia Huggard and then Huggard sending a nice cross toward Dunne, but the Stevens keeper was able to grab the ball. Stevens came back with a corner that was headed wide and then Huggard just missed connecting with Dunne on another bid. Stevens had a bid go wide and at the other



SADIE DEJAGER battles for the ball during playoff action last Wednesday.

end, Kasey LaCroix also had a shot go wide of the net.

Prospect’s first corner kick was cleared out of the zone and Stevens came back with a couple of chances, including a bid in close that Burke made a diving save on to

keep the game tied. Mad-die Chase was able to clear out a Stevens corner kick and Burke also made a save in the net.

Stevens had another corner, with Burke making a save and Tessa Carter helped out with good defense. LaCroix had a shot go wide and Bekah Wheeler had a shot stopped by the Cardinal keeper.

However, with 16:59 to go in the first half, the Cardinals scored on a corner, burying the shot top shelf for a 2-1 lead. The visitors continued to pressure in the zone, with Burke making a save and another shot going wide of the net.

With 11:03 to go in the half, Burke charged out to grab the ball and it was poked by her for a 3-1 lead.

Minaya just missed connecting with Wheeler on a run into the zone and Stevens came back with a corner that Burke stopped. Gracie Hardie had a shot go just over the net and on a direct kick, Ali Brown

just missed Wheeler in close. Sydney DeJager sent a shot wide and Hardie had a nice cross to Dunne that was snared by the Stevens goalie. Wheeler and Hardie teamed up again but couldn’t get the ball in and then Brown ripped a shot off the cross bar and Dunne’s rebound went over the bar as the half came to a close with Stevens up 3-1.

Out of the gate in the second half, Carter stood tall on defense, while Huggard had a bid in the zone that was kicked out by the keeper. Stevens sent a shot high and another wide while DeJager came back with a chance that was denied. Burke made a save on a Stevens shot and the Cardinals sent the ball wide on a corner kick.

Chase sent a nice ball in just ahead of Huggard and Stevens came back with a couple of chances, including a corner that Carter cleared out of the zone,

With 26:53 to go in the game, the Cardinals

got behind the Timber Wolf defense and popped in the fourth goal of the game for the 4-1 lead. La-Croix came back with a bid that was denied and Huggard also had a shot stopped.

The lead increased to 5-1 with 20:47 to go in the game and then Chase sent a shot on net that was denied. Prospect had a pair of corner kicks that they could not convert and Huggard came back with a chance that went wide. DeJager, Brown and Minaya all had chances but they were stopped by the Stevens keeper. The Cardinals had a pair of corners but could not convert. Brown had a shot go over the net and Minaya sent one wide of the net. Stevens had a late corner but could not convert and time ran out on the 5-1 win for the Cardinals.

“I think we got a little down,” Locke said, discussing the tying goal in the first five minutes. “But they did the best they can.

“But teams got behind our defense and you can’t have that,” Locke said.

The Timber Wolf coach also praised his group of girls.

“They’re a good group, nice kids,” he said.

Prospect finished the season at 10-6 and earned the eighth seed in the playoffs.

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She-Wolves kick off 20th season Friday night

WOLFEBORO — She Wolves Women’s Hockey is celebrating its 20th season.

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TOMMY HOWLETT led the way for Prospect Mountain in the Division III State Meet on Saturday.



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ANNA DEROCHE was second amongst the Prospect girls on Saturday in Manchester.



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NAOMI INGHAM led Prospect Mountain in the Division III State Meet.

Howlett, Ingham lead Prospect in State Meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — Coach John Tuttle had a pretty good idea what to expect out of his young team at the Division III State Meet on Saturday.

And the Timber Wolves made their coach look good by basically hitting the marks that he expected them to hit at Manchester's Derryfield Park.

"They ran the times I thought they would," Tuttle said. "It was a good overall meet, they ran very hard."

With a group that has very little experi-

ence at the State Meet, Tuttle said it was important to get the experience of running amongst the best of Division III. And while the team didn't score high, Tuttle is also aware that team standings can change in the blink of an eye.

"We've seen the scenarios, going from a non-scoring team to state champs in just a few years," he said, remembering his team's title run. "It can change quickly."

"This is a new group, they have to find their own way," he continued. "We can build on



JOSHUA SPAULDING

NATE CORMIER rounds the final corner of Saturday's State Meet in Manchester.

ing, but Tuttle was pleased to see them continue to work hard despite not being able to score as a team.

"It's been great with the girls," Tuttle said. "They've been working really hard, even though they didn't have a scoring team."

"They've been a pleasure to work with," Tuttle said. He also noted that two of the three girls are seniors so he's hoping for some younger kids to step up and run next year to help the team out.

Senior Naomi Ingham led the way for the Timber Wolves with a time of 23:48 for 56th place.



Salmon Sunday returns to Melvin Village Nov. 12

TUFTONBORO — Bring the kids and explore the life cycle of landlocked salmon, fish prized by anglers on New Hampshire's big lakes, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's annual "Salmon Sunday" event on Sunday, Nov. 12, from noon to 2 p.m. at Pope Dam in Melvin Village. Pope Dam is nine miles north of Wolfeboro on Route 109 in the town of Tuftonboro.

During the event, fisheries biologists will be busy harvesting, or "stripping," eggs and milt from adult salmon. Standing knee-deep in the cold water of the Melvin River, scientists expertly relieve the colorful adult female salmon of their eggs by stroking their stomachs. Milt from the male fish is obtained in the same way and mixed with the gold-colored eggs to fertilize them.

This activity is all part of the work the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department carries out each year, with support from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program, to maintain the landlocked salmon population in New Hampshire's big lakes.

Salmon used for the stripping demonstration are netted from Lake Winnepesaukee during October and early November. They are re-

turned to the lake after their eggs and milt has been collected. The fertilized eggs are taken to Powder Mill Hatchery in New Durham, where they will hatch in three to four months. The salmon are raised in the hatchery for about 18 months, and then stocked into Lake Winnepesaukee and other New Hampshire lakes.

Underwater photographer Bob Michelson, of Braintree, Mass., will be at the event displaying images depicting the underwater life history of

Atlantic salmon. Michelson will be available to answer questions about his observations of this species in the wild, as well as about SCUBA diving and underwater photography. Michelson has been a certified SCUBA diver and underwater photographer for almost 40 years. His work has been published widely, and his video footage and programming have aired on national networks. Michelson has generously donated many of his fish collection images for use on the New Hampshire

this."

He noted that most of the kids on the team were going to be running indoor track in the winter as well.

Sophomore Tommy Howlett led the way for the Timber Wolves with a 63rd place finish overall in a time of 19:21.

Freshman Nate Holiday was second for the Timber Wolves, finishing in 97th place in a time of 20:29 and junior Nikolas Neathery fin-


ished in 22:20 to place 138th overall.

Nate Cormier was the fourth scorer for Prospect, finishing in 22:41 for 144th place and freshman Sam Cormier finished in 150th place in 23:00.


Overall, the Timber Wolves placed 20th with 554 points. Mascenic took the Division III title and Kearsarge was second.

The Timber Wolf girls only had three runners on the morn-

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CAM MANN slices through the Kennett defense during action on Friday night.



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DEVAN WADE of Kingswood makes a big hit in action against Kennett on Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
CAM MANN of Kingswood wraps up Kennett's Brett Miller in action on Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
MATT DREW runs with the football during action on Friday night.

Eagles roll past Knights for Carroll County championship

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Kennett football coach Vaughn Beckwith has a tradition in the final game of the season, winning or losing, to get his seniors on the field for the final play of the game, even if it's just to take a knee.

However, as the seconds ticked off in Friday's Carroll County championship game and his team up 41-8, Beckwith had his JV team on the field and Kingswood was driving the ball down the field and the Eagle coach was apol-

ogizing to his seniors for not being able to get them in for that final play.

But then, the JV team forced a Kingswood fumble in the final seconds and the seniors were able to get on the field for the final play of the game.

That was a microcosm of how things went for the Eagles, as they scored 41 points in the first half and rolled to a 41-8 win over Kingswood for the 11th consecutive Carroll County championship.

"I talked with the varsity on Monday and said

it was on them to get a big lead so some of the younger guys could get some time on the varsity field," Beckwith said. "We were able to accomplish that."

"We had to take care of things and that's what we did," the Eagle coach added.

"They made great adjustments," Kingswood coach Justin Leonard said of the Eagles. "They're a very well-coached team. They pounded us."

"We had our opportunities, had them in third and long a couple of times," Leonard added. "But they made key conversions and scored."

The Knights got the ball first but could not convert on third down and Kennett took over and needed just five plays to get to the end zone. Trey Snowden and Brett Miller had runs and then Miller hit Devan Ouellette to get the ball to the six and from there, Jack Hanson carried in for the touchdown and Sam Pollard's extra point made it 7-0 with just less than three minutes gone in the game.

Kingswood took over and three plays later was forced to punt. However, a penalty on the punt gave the Knights another chance. However, on the next play, Kennett's Travis Arnold recovered a fumble and Kennett was back and business. Ouellette had a couple

of runs on the next drive and Miller hit Ryan Meader and Snowden with passes as the Eagles made it down to the one-yard line. From there, Miller carried in for the touchdown and Pollard's extra point made it 14-0 with 4:40 to go in the first quarter.

Kingswood went three and out in the next series and Kennett's Trevor LaRusso blocked the Kingswood punt, setting Kennett up at the 32-yard line. From there, it took just one play, as Miller found Meader in the end zone with 3:05 to go and Pollard's extra point made it 21-0.

Kingswood was unable to get a first down on the next drive and runs from Miller and Ouellette closed out the first quarter.

the 21-yard line and carried in to the end zone. The extra point was blocked and the lead was 34-0 with less than two minutes to go in the half. Kingswood went three and out on the next play and Miller made a nice return on the ensuing punt, setting up the Eagles inside the 30-yard line and two plays later, Miller hit Arnold with a 15-yard touchdown pass with 1:08 to go in the half. Pollard's extra point made it 41-0 and the game went to the half with that score.

Kingswood scored on the first drive of the second half. After a pair of runs from Mann, Drew hit Evan Deveau for a first down and then Drew ran for another first down. James Donovan then hit Mann with a touchdown pass from 17 yards out with 6:34 to go in the third quarter to make it 41-8.

Kennett went three and out on the next drive and Kingswood got a couple of runs for first down from Mann as the third quarter came to a close. Kennett was able to recover a fumble on the second play of the fourth quarter but good defense from Mann and Chance Parker kept the Eagles from advancing the ball and Kingswood got the ball back on a punt. The Knights moved the ball down the field but the fumble in the final seconds got Beckwith his chance to put the seniors on the field to close out their careers.

"We are a junior-based team, we're only graduating seven seniors," Beckwith said. "And we relied on a few of them a lot. It's going to be hard to replace the guys we relied on."

"But we've got four returning starters on the offensive line, and both backs and our tight end," the Eagle coach said. "We've got a lot back, so the future looks good for us."

He also noted that he used a few different looks throughout the game and things worked.

"We experimented with a few different looks and made the best of it," Beckwith added.

"That's a hard-nosed football team," Leonard stated. "I have a lot of respect for them."

"But what I love most about these kids is they fight through," the Knight coach said. "Many teams could've packed it in. The kids are tough and have pride and continue to play with pride."

The Knight coach also praised his seniors for their hard work over the years.

"Each senior gave everything," Leonard said. "They fought and worked hard and they hung in."

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Bears attack on all cylinders, sweep Timber Wolves

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

TILTON — Following its regular season ending setback to Lakes Region rival Inter-Lakes, Winnisquam Regional volleyball coach Mike Livernois felt he needed to shake things up a little bit with an eye on making a deep run in the Division III postseason. And the veteran coach liked what he saw with the new-look Bears. “This was an important match because we used a libero for the first time ever,” Livernois pointed out after the second-seeded Bears turned back No. 10 Prospect Mountain in three games in the Division III quarterfinal round. Winnisquam (16-1) won 25-14, 25-17, and 25-18 to move into the final four. The Bears took on No. 3 Campbell after deadline on Wednesday in

the 5 p.m. semifinal contest at Plymouth State University. “After our last match against Inter-Lakes, we decided to change things up and go with a libero – and this was the first time we’ve played since that match,” continued Livernois. “That puts Olivia (Dill) in the back row for six rotations now.” Dill delivered with 16 digs, but it was the Winnisquam Regional attack that was the difference in this match-up. Shannon Goodwin and Gabrielle Isabelle turned in dominating performances at the net for the Bears, hammering down 13 and 14 kills respectively. Goodwin also had 11 digs, while Isabelle finished with eight digs. That attack was spearheaded by the passing, led by setter Talia DeBlasie’s 28 assists. De-



JOE SOUZA
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN'S Ava Misiaszek lines up a spike during Saturday's Division III volleyball quarterfinal contest against Winnisquam.

Blasie also finished with three kills and five digs. “I liked our offense tonight,” Livernois

said. “That was the best balance we’ve had between the two of them all season. The two of them were on, and it was smart hitting. They were swinging hard, and they were tipping when they needed to. “When they are both on like they were tonight, we can do a lot of damage,” added Livernois. The Timber Wolves (9-9) could not match that firepower and could not answer every Winnisquam run. Jordan Ingoldsby and Hannah Bureau led Prospect Mountain with five kills apiece, while Julia Leavitt put down four kills. Tiffany White finished with 13 assists, while Gabby D’Empaire-Poirier had 17 digs. “They were on tonight, especially their hitters,” Prospect Moun-

tain coach Mike Christy said. “We’ve been playing very good defense down the stretch, but their hitters were able to put us in some tough situations. “We didn’t have quite enough hitting, and our defense couldn’t carry us,” added Christy. The Bears came out strong, racing out to a 6-0 lead in the first game to set the tone. Isabelle put down a huge kill for the match’s first point, and Hannah Blackburn served for five straight points for the quick 6-0 lead. Blackburn had an ace in the run, along with a big kill from Goodwin. Winnisquam built its lead to 19-5 on a five-point service run by Madisyn Skeats. Prospect Mountain did make a little run, getting an ace from Ingoldsby in a three-point spurt to make it 22-14. Keats put down a kill for side-out and a 23-14 lead. DeBlasie served for the final two points, point 24 coming on a Goodwin kill. Game two went back and forth, with the Timber Wolves enjoying their first lead of the night at 7-6 on a Jane Holiday kill. Winnisquam would answer with a four-point run, and recorded 12 of the next 13 points to open up an 18-8 lead. Aubrey St. Onge served for five points and Skeats served for three in the spurt. The Timber Wolves came out strong in the third game. Ingoldsby served for four points to give the visitors a 6-2 lead and force Winnisquam to take a time-out. Prospect Mountain pushed its lead to 8-3, but the Bears responded. After getting a side-out to make it 8-4, Goodwin served for eight straight points to put Winnisquam back in control with a 12-8 lead. Isabelle had four kills in the run. Winnisquam maintained that slim lead before putting the win away. “Overall I’m happy,” Livernois said. “We played a good match.” The Bears also got solid performances from St. Onge (12 digs), Blackburn (four kills), and Skeats (three kills, three service aces). While it was a disappointing finish for the Timber Wolves, Christy is happy with where his program stands. “I’m proud of this team. They have come a long way,” he said. “The seniors have a lot of be proud of. They have us pointed in the right direction.”

Knight boys move on to Meet of Champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — Three runners in the top 15 helped the Kingswood cross country boys qualify for the Meet of Champions with a strong performance at Saturday’s Division III State Meet. The Knights finished fourth overall on the day, with Oyster River and Coe-Brown taking the top two spots. “We wanted to get to next Saturday,” said coach Mick Arsenault. “The boys are really excited. “We knew who we had in front of us and who we had to compete with,” the first-year head coach said. Seniors Cam Stinchfield and Wyatt Pooler, as they have all year, led the way for the Knights and as they seemingly have all year, finished within seconds of each other. “They work hard in practice and the results show that,” Arsenault said of his senior duo. “You never can tell who is going to beat who. It’s tough to predict.” Stinchfield was the first Knight across, as he ran to a time of 16:56 for eighth place overall. Pooler was second for Kingswood and ninth overall in a time of 16:57, while Jim Huckman had quite a day, running a personal best time of 17:03 for 13th place. “That was his best race ever,” Arsenault said of Huckman. “He PRd on a really hard course.” Brent Coope was the



JOSHUA SPAULDING
CAM STINCHFIELD led the way for Kingswood in the State Meet on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
JIM HUCKMAN ran a personal best during Saturday's State Meet.

fourth scorer for the Knights, finishing in 17:57 for 38th place and freshman Oleg Sheahan rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 19:05 for 74th place overall. Adam Richardson finished in 80th place in a time of 19:15 and Joseph Wasson rounded out the Knight finishers with a time of 19:58 for 108th place. The Knight girls finished in 12th place overall with a young crew of girls just 13 points out of the top 10. Souhegan won the title and Coe-Brown was second. “We were hoping for the middle of the pack and that’s right about where we are,” coach Kara Jacobs noted. “They ran well.”

Leading the way for the Knights was junior Sarah Huckman, who finished in 21:20 for 31st place overall. Freshman Rosemary Carpenter finished in 61st place in 22:57 and twin sister Sarah Carpenter finished in 24:26 for 92nd place overall. Caitlin Carpenter finished out the field of Carpenter sisters with a time of 24:32 for 95th place and Carolyn Day was Kingswood’s fifth scorer with a time of 24:53 for 101st place. “Sarah had a really strong race, her best time at Manchester,” Jacobs said. “And Carolyn as our fifth runner really rose to the occasion. Grace Trites finished in 108th place in 25:12 and Sarah Bellefleur finished in 25:21




JOSHUA SPAULDING
CAITLIN CARPENTER finishes up the Division II State Meet on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
SARAH CARPENTER runs during the Division II State Meet in Manchester.

for 111th place overall. “All the girls ran solid,” Jacobs said. “It’s nice to have six of the top seven coming back. “I’m looking forward to next year with them,” the Knight coach added. The Knight boys will run in the Meet of Champions, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Nash-

ua South High School. The boys will start at 3:20 p.m. Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.



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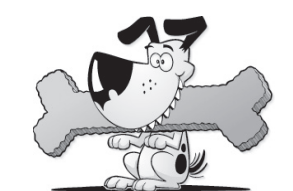
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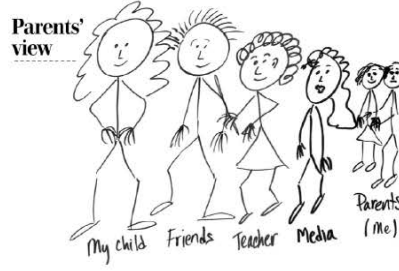
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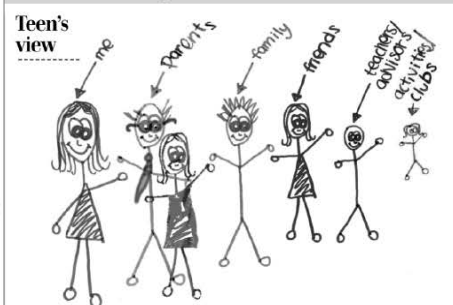


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The playoffs bring one really busy week

The playoffs are traditionally the time of year when things kind of slow down in the local sports world. Not all the local teams make the tournament, so the schedule slowly ramps down.

However, there are some issues when it comes to the playoffs and those issues show up every single year. The biggest issue is that so many games are scheduled on the same day, at the same time, making it almost impossible to see every team when they make the tournament.

The playoffs began with the field hockey tournament and with Kennett and Plymouth both playing on the same day, I had to make a choice. Since it was a Tuesday and I was on deadline, I chose to go to Plymouth since it was closer to the office. The tournament continued on that Friday and I had to again choose, this time between Kennett and Kingswood, since I'd already seen Plymouth. I made the trip to Hanover to see Kingswood and then returned to Wolfeboro to see the Kingswood football team's game with Pembroke.

The playoffs really took off this past week, beginning on Tuesday with the field hockey semifinals in Exeter, where the Kennett girls took on Windham, the first of two trips to Exeter on the week.

Wednesday came through with a num-

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING



ber of games on the schedule, including the Plymouth soccer boys at Con-Val, Plymouth volleyball hosting a meet and the Prospect Mountain soccer girls hosting Stevens. Since I had Music Man rehearsal, I couldn't make the later game, but went to Alton to see the Timber Wolves in their first round game.

Thursday's rain added a wrinkle to the schedule, with Newfound unified at Laco-nia and Newfound field hockey in the semi-finals in Exeter. The Plymouth soccer girls were scheduled to be at Bow but that game was postponed, as was the Prospect Mountain boys' soccer game at Berlin, with both being moved to Friday. New-found and Prospect Mountain both had vol-leyball playoff games on Thursday as well and since I had to be in Exeter for the field hockey semifinals, I stopped in Epping to see the first part of Prospect Mountain's game against the Blue Devils.

On Friday, I made the trip north to Ber-lin to see the Prospect Mountain soccer boys win an exciting second round game in the final seconds of the game and then returned to Wolfeboro for the Car-roll County champi-

onship game between the Kennett and King-swood football teams.

Saturday was an-other busy day, with a soccer game for Plym-outh in Windham and volleyball games for Prospect Mountain (in Tilton), Plymouth (in Milford) and New-found (in Farming-ton). However, the day started with the cross country State Meets at Derryfield Park in Manchester, where I saw all five of the local

teams competing. The Kingswood boys and Kennett's Kim Bowles advanced to the Meet of Champions with their top performanc-es on the day. I then made the trip down 93 to Windham to see the Plymouth soccer boys and then across the state to Farmington to see Newfound earn its first berth in the semi-finals with an upset win over Farmington before heading home.

All told, it was a

busy week, but in the end, I saw most of my playoff teams and was able to get someone to take pictures or write stories about the games I missed. And because of Music Man going into show week, I had to miss Sunday's field hockey semifinals, which really bummed me out.

Finally, have a great day Joe Souza, and thanks for your cover-age help this week.

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half, sending a ball to the top shelf, just over the hands of keeper Drew Nickerson for a 1-0 lead.

Dore answered with a good bid on a feed from Nolan Sykes and Nickerson made a save on a direct kick at the other end of the field. Berlin came back with a corner and it was cleared out, while Travis Stockman and Andy Hamilton also turned in good defense. Sinclair had a cross that missed connection and Dudzik had a shot blocked by the Berlin defense. Dore and Ryan Dube also had chances and the game went to the half with Berlin up 1-0.

The Timber Wolves opened the second half with chances, as Michael Perry sent a ball in to Dudzik and it was turned away, while Sinclair had a cross cleared. Prospect also had a pair of corners, with Hamilton sending a shot on net that was



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BRANDON SINCLAIR prepares to attack the ball in action against Berlin on Friday night.

stopped and Perry had a ball go wide. Doherty also missed connect-ing with Sinclair on a chance.

Prospect continued the solid pressure in the second half, with three more corners but the ball stayed out of the net. Sinclair had a shot blocked and Doherty's run into the zone was denied by the defense.

The Timber Wolves were able to capitalize on a corner kick with 20:28 to go in the game, as Hamilton ripped a shot off the goalie's fin-gers and off the post from outside the box.

bound.

Then Dudzik began his three trips into the zone in the final minute that led to the winning goal with seven seconds to go.

"If you ask me, the save that Drew made was the game-winner," Halvorsen said. "He came up huge and was able to make a save in the box like that.

"And Jonah, he kept his head in the game and came up when we need-ed him to," the Timber Wolf coach added.

"Going into the post-season, a lot of it is your mind, keeping focus," Halvorsen added. "We just have to continue to play with confidence."

The Timber Wolves dropped a 3-1 decision in the quarterfinals at Hopkinton on Sunday.

Prospect finished the regular season at 8-7-1 and earned the 10th seed in the Division III tour-nament.

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run started and an ace from White eventually pulled Prospect even at 22. After Epping had a point to take the lead again, Prospect scored the final three points to get the 25-23 win.

Prospect then won the next two games by 25-18 and 25-22 scores to advance to the quar-terfinal round.

"That was huge for this program, for sure," said Christy. "It's starting to click,

they're starting to be-lieve in themselves and our team, it's a good time for that to happen.

"If we play the way we played down the stretch, I think we can beat anybody in the di- vision," Christy said.

The Timber Wolf girls advanced to the quarterfinal round, where they faced off with second-ranked Winnisquam on Satur-day and dropped a 3-0 decision, 25-14, 25-17, 25-18. See the separate story for more on that game.



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TIFFANY WHITE sets the ball up for a teammate in action in Epping last week.

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