



Wentworth, Johnson win Alton selectmen seats

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

ALTON — More than 600 voters turned out in the snowstorm on Tuesday to cast their ballots in Alton’s election.

The main race on the town ballot was for two seats on the Alton Board of Selectmen, with six residents putting their names on the ballot for the three-year seats.

Former selectman Reuben Wentworth was the top overall vote-getter, as he picked up 408 votes to win one of the seats and incumbent Cydney Johnson received 235 votes to win another term. Roger Nelson was third with 201 votes, followed by incumbent Lou LaCourse with 165, Tim Macdonald with 61 and David Conrad with 34.

There was only one



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SELECTMAN candidates Roger Nelson (left) and Reuben Wentworth brave the weather on Tuesday morning at St. Katharine Drexel Church. Selectmen candidates Cydney Johnson and Lou LaCourse and school board candidate Karen Kharitonov were also out greeting voters early on Tuesday.

other race on the ballot and that saw LaCourse edging out Macdonald by a 274-219 vote for a two-year seat as water commissioner.

For a trustee of trust fun seat for three years, David St. Cyr received 464 votes. Betty Jane Meulenbroek received 492 votes for a three-year term as library trustee and Courtney Mitchell received 451 votes for a three-year seat as water commissioner. The one-year seat as water commissioner went to Nancy Downing with 463 votes. Nelson will return to the budget committee for three years with 474 votes, David Hershey will return for two years to the budget committee with 439 votes and Andrew Levasseur will be back on the budget committee for one year with 450 votes. Roger Sample received 478 votes for a three-year seat on the planning board and Mary Murphy received 478 votes for a three-year seat at supervisor of the checklist. For zoning board for three years, Paul Larochelle (425) and Paul Monzone (382) will each have a seat.

Alton voters pass most warrant articles

Articles for new vehicles, fire truck go down to defeat

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

ALTON — Amidst the snow, Alton voters made the trip to St. Katharine Drexel Church to cast their ballots on Tuesday, with more than just a few elected positions to decide.

There were also a large number of warrant articles on the ballot.

All but two of the warrant articles on the ballot met with the approval of voters. Articles seeking funds for vehicles for the assessing and building departments and another for a new aerial ladder fire truck were the only two that did not pass.

First up on the ballot was to amend the Alton Zoning Ordinance to allow that in the Rural Zone on a lot with more than 45 acres, two separate single family dwellings may be constructed as long as the second home is situated on the lot so in the future it can be subdivided if need be. This passed 367-140.

Articles three through 17 were planning board proposed zoning amendments.

Article three was to amend the necessary definitions and sections 319, 401, and 413, of the existing Zoning Ordinance to specify where and how Accessory Dwelling Units are to be permitted. It passed 419-148.

Article four was to amend Section 340 Sign Regulations to specify the timing, location and size requirements for temporary signs and off premises signs and to reorganize the layout of the existing ordinance for clarity. The final vote was 428-145.

Article five was to amend Section 603 Personal Wireless Service Facilities Ordinance to amend several definitions, to update the procedural requirements for different modifications to existing facilities and for new facilities, to update references to related

codes and standards and to include requirements for bonding, security and insurance. This was approved 423-136.

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vote of 460-128.

Article four was the three-year teachers’ contract for the Alton Central School teachers. This article also raised \$130,008 to pay for the increase in salaries and benefits for the first year. The contract passed by a

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School district warrant articles all approved

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Editor

ALTON — Alton voters had just a couple of handfuls of articles to vote on for the school district warrant on Tuesday.

Article two was to fix salaries for the school board and other officers

Alton School District

The Alton School District ballot featured just one race.

In the battle for a three-year seat on the Alton School Board, Karen Kharitonov received 360 votes to Conrad’s 151 votes.

Robin Lane received 477 votes for a one-year

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Barnstead Town Meeting is Saturday

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Town Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. at Barnstead Elementary.

The Barnstead School District Meeting will be taking place on Saturday, March 25, at 9 a.m. at Barnstead Elementary.



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Baysider heads to jail

Carol Dadura and daughter Morgan Dube pose with The Baysider in Dublin, Ireland at Kilmainham Gaol, a former jail. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.com.

Police building study tops Barnstead warrant

BY DAVID ALLEN
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — The big issue facing Barnstead voters at the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18, will be whether or not to take the first steps forward to construct a new police station. This will be Article 6 of the warrant articles, the first one with any tax impact.

Barnstead Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. at Barnstead Elementary School.

There have been concerns expressed for some time about the inadequacies of the current building. There is no holding cell, so when an arrest is made and the detainee will not be released immediately, police officers need to travel to Alton or Pittsfield for a temporary hold.

The space used for holding evidence has no climate control, so evidence needed for long lasting cases, or cases that may be appealed in the future, can deteriorate during delays. The building does not have a private interview room, so there are no protections for citizen privacy, which could affect the outcome of sensitive cases.

The basement of the building is damp and mold has been a problem in the past, causing both health concerns for members of the department and concerns about protection of police materials.

Paul Poirier was hired as a new Chief of Police in March of 2016, and the issue of a new building has been high on the board of selectmen's priorities since then. As he puts it, "The current building is not a police station it's a house; and it has outlived its life as a police station. It doesn't even meet legal requirements for a public building. It's a liability to the town."

When the chief met with the Capital Improve-

ment Plan Committee last summer he and Rick Duane, the selectmen's representative to the CIP committee, were talking about a warrant article for a construction bond for the new building.

The selectmen were visiting new police buildings in similar sized towns around the state and hoping they could find a design that with minor adjustments would work for Barnstead.

The CIP committee expressed concern that moving too fast to start construction could lead to design or quality problems that would be costly to fix in the future. They recommended taking 2017 to get a good design and construction plan, and then bringing a bond request to the town in 2018.

The BOS and police chief came to the same conclusion later in 2017. So the warrant article before the town will be asking for \$100,700 "to hire an engineer for the purpose of designing and providing construction plans for a maximum of 4500 square foot police station..."

Half the cost of the engineering study will come from the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve fund, which currently contains \$198,000. This money was set aside about 10-12 years ago when the board of selectmen was thinking of building a combined police, fire and Town Hall building. That plan lost its appeal quickly when the 2008 stock market crash brought the economy everywhere to its knees.

Of course nobody wants to spend \$100,000 to design a building if it's not going to get built, so most likely much of the discussion will center around the cost of building a 4,500 square foot building and whether or not the town is ready to vote by a required two-thirds majority at Town Meeting 2018.

Off the record comments indicate the board has heard estimates ranging from \$150/square foot to \$240/square foot. This reporter has heard higher estimates. And there is always a voter at Town Meeting who will argue the estimate should be significantly higher, and by the time the town gets the bids 12 months from now, costs will have gone up significantly.

However the numbers work out the police building will cost around \$1 million, give or take a couple hundred thousand dollars. Chief Poirier has submitted a grant proposal for \$100,000 of federal Homeland Security funds administered by the state of New Hampshire. He is very encouraged by the feedback he is getting from the grants review staff.

Without the grant, the town will be able to make a down payment from reserve funds so the bond will probably be around \$800,000. If the grant comes through the bond will be closer to \$700,000.

As noted above, the Capital Improvement Plan Committee is given the police building request and agreed to place it in the town's CIP for the next seven years. The CIP proposes capital spending for the next seven years that averages almost the same as the last seven years of capital expenditures.

Just to confirm the contentious nature of this Warrant Article, the budget committee voted 7-1 against the plan.

Before voting on the police building design costs the voters will be asked to give the board of selectmen more flexibility in spending money. Currently, money that Town Meeting sets aside into the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve fund or the Highway De-

partment Heavy Equipment Fund must have a Town Meeting vote to spend it on a specific building project or piece of equipment.

The board of selectmen is asking in Articles 4 and 5 that the town change that requirement so as to "appoint the selectmen as agents to expend" from the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve and the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Fund.

Articles 7, 8, and 9 all request funds for lease payments for leases the Town Meeting has approved in past years. Article 7 is for \$62,927 for the fifth and final payment on the highway department grader. Article 8 is for the third and final payment on a one and a half ton highway truck. Article 9 is for the third and final payment on the fully equipped ambulance. All three are recommended by both the selectmen and the budget committee.

The highway department requested a front end loader to be acquired through a three-year lease-purchase agreement costing \$62,000 per year. Road Agent Jim Doucette argues that the existing loader is old enough that it has high maintenance costs and considerable down time for repairs. Both the board of selectmen and the budget committee voted not to recommend this purchase at this time.

Article 11 asks for \$30,000 to purchase a lightly equipped police vehicle to serve as the chief's car. The chief was hired specifically to manage the department, not to be an active patrol officer. For that reason he does not need all the computer and communication equipment required for regular patrol duty. The town's contract with

the chief includes the use of a town vehicle. He is currently using a fully equipped patrol vehicle, which will be freed up for patrol use by this purchase. Recommended by both selectmen and budget committee.

Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy worked on a federal grant proposal which gives the town \$231,000 towards the purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus for all members of the Barnstead Fire Department. This is an item the department has had on its wish list. The new apparatus involves several technical improvements that enhance the safety of fire volunteers in action. The town will be asked to take an additional \$11,500 from the Fire Rescue Special Reserve Fund so there will be no current tax cost to this project.

Chief Mulcahy would also like a small fire pumper truck with the minimalist price tag of \$496,750. When the chief was meeting with the CIP committee he was expecting a price tag 10 percent bigger. A down payment of \$96,750 will be made from the Fire Rescue Special Reserve Fund, which is funded by insurance payments to the town for ambulance deliveries, so involves no immediate tax dollars. There will then be five years of lease payments of \$87,790 per year from tax funds.

This will replace an existing fire pumper purchased in 1997. The fire engine manufacturers give the engine a 20-year life span and recommend replacement at that time. Both the CIP and the board of selectmen believe the decision to replace should not be based on age but rather on a combination of mileage, repair expenses, and down time for repair. The existing engine has required considerable repair work and down time in the last couple of years, which is the reason they recommended replacement at this time.

Unless otherwise indicated all the rest of the Warrant Articles have the recommendation of both the board of selectmen and the budget committee.

Articles 14, 15, and 16 are requests for funds to go into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Funds: \$70,000 for bridge repair and replacement, \$200,000 for road paving and maintenance, and \$50,000 for heavy equipment purchases. These warrant articles are based on the conservative approach to capital funding, which sets funds aside for future needs so those needs can be paid for by accumulated funds, rather than through debt and interest costs.

Article 17 puts \$50,000 into the Fire Rescue Expendable Trust Fund. Article 18 puts \$2,500 into the Barnstead 300 Year Celebration fund. The town turns 300 in 2027. Consider it a minor de-

tail that you could count the residents on one hand until the British kicked the French out of Canada at the end of the French and Indian War in 1763. Before that the British paid some Native Americans for French/Canadian scalps, and the French paid some others for English/American scalps.

Article 19 asks for \$1 (yes, one with no following zeroes) into the Parks and Recreation Building Fund. Article 20 puts \$5,000 into the Historical Society Building fund.

Article 21 calls for \$100,000 to go into the Public Safety Capital Reserve Fund. The fund currently has \$198,000 in it. The combination minus the amount used to pay for police building plans will be available as down payment on the new police building and reduce the amount that needs to be bonded.

Article 22 asks for \$1 for the Emergency Preparedness Fund. The board places \$1 into an account that it feels is adequately funded or not a priority for this year, and it wants to maintain the fund for future use. The \$1 serves as an indication of its awareness of, and commitment to the fund.

Ten thousand dollars is requested in Article 23 for the Municipal Computer Fund. Article 24 calls for \$16,000 to continue the battle against milfoil in town lakes. Number 25 requests \$5,000 for the Cistern Fund, and Article 26 approves the annual lease between the town and the school bus company for lease of the land on South Barnstead Road next to the Suncook River that is used for parking buses.

The final budget article, 27, is for the town's annual operating budget. The vote will be on the budget committee's recommendation of \$3,927,373. The select board had proposed a budget about \$8,000 higher amounting to \$3,027,373.

The budget committee recommendation for 2017 is a 7.6 percent or \$278,027 increase over the \$3,649,346 budget approved for 2016.

In 2016 the total tax cost of all warrant articles on the ballot was \$689,169. In 2016 one article was not recommended by the budget committee and it was defeated by the voters. So the actual tax cost of approved 2016 warrant articles was \$644,169.

The total tax cost of all warrant articles on the ballot for 2017 is \$806,054. The budget committee has recommended against two of those warrant articles, so the total cost of budget committee recommendations is \$643,354.

The requested warrants for 2017 are \$116,885 or 17 percent more than last year. The budget committee recommendations for 2017 are \$815 or one 10th of one percent less than last year's approved warrants.

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BARNSTEAD — End 68 Hours of Hungers is having a food drive at Barnstead Town Meeting March 18 starting at 9 a.m. at the Barnstead Elementary School. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Barnstead Elementary School. For more information about End 68 Hours of Hunger, please contact Barnstead Elementary School Coordinator Meredith Jacques at 269-5161 ext. 582.

Suggested donation

items to bring include individual snacks of all kind, peanut butter and jelly in plastic jars, any kind of cereal, granola and nutrition bars in boxes, soup in 18.5-ounce cans or smaller, canned pasta of any kind in 16-ounce cans or smaller, cups or cans of fruit, non-refrigerated tortillas, canned tuna or chicken in 12-ounce cans, dry pasta such as tuna, chicken or hamburger helper or mayonnaise in plastic squeeze bottles.



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Big week for Andrew Long, International Spy

Alton resident becomes internet sensation after appearance on Tonight Show

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The week of Feb. 26 didn't exactly start the way that Alton's Andrew Long would've liked.

But to say things got better from there might be the understatement of the year.

Andrew is a huge fan of the film La La Land, which, as many people are aware, was mistakenly announced as the Best Picture at the Academy Awards before the correction was made and the title was presented to Moonlight on the night of Feb. 26.

But a planned trip to New York City, a birthday present from his mom, Tracy, helped to turn everything around and made Andrew an internet sensation, literally overnight.

"It was an incredible week, and it didn't stop," said Tracy.

Andrew was part of the Village Players Theater's production of Spamalatot in the fall of 2015 and in that time, he spent significant time trying to convince Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon to come to the show. Fallon's wife, Nancy, has family in Wolfeboro and he spends time there on a regular basis.

While Fallon wasn't able to attend, Tracy's high school friend who works at Rockefeller Center told her that if they were coming to New York City, he would try to get them some tickets to the Tonight Show or Late Night with Seth Meyers.

Tracy thought it might make for a great Christmas present for Andrew and she took her friend up on the offer earlier in 2016 to present to her son.

In addition to the Tonight Show tickets, the mother and son also had tickets to see Wicked at the Gershwin Theater. Andrew is a big musical theater fan and was excited to see the show.

But as it turned out, the tickets to the Tonight Show proved to be what would provide the moment of a lifetime for the Alton resident.

On that night, Fallon did an audience participation segment entitled 'Freestylin' with the Roots,' in which Fallon asks audience members questions about their lives and his house band, The Roots, make up a song about them.

Andrew was the second audience member Fallon picked and Tracy said she was nervous as Andrew jumped up and started clamoring over the rest of his row.

But Andrew had his reason for moving so quickly, despite his mother's worries.

"I was afraid of him saying, 'no, no, no, not you,'" Andrew said.

The first question Fallon asked was if there was a movie made about Andrew's life, who would play him.

Andrew chose Neil Patrick Harris, since he identifies with him as they are both "musical theater nerds." The audience applauded loudly but the best was yet to come.

The next question was about what the movie would be called. Andrew answered "Andrew Long, International Spy," again met with wild audience applause.

"But with my luck, I'd be more of an Austin Powers than a James Bond," Andrew quickly



COURTESY PHOTO
ANDREW LONG (right) poses with actors Michael Campayno (Fiyero) and Jennifer DiNoia (Elphaba) from the Gershwin Theater's production of Wicked while in New York City.

quipped to Fallon, again to lots of applause and laughter from the audience.

Then, before The Roots came up with their song, Fallon brought Andrew up on the stage to listen to the band play his song, which they did in a Mardi Gras style, while Andrew and Fallon danced on the stage and the show went to commercial break.

While many people may have turned the channel after watching Andrew's segment (which was well-promoted online by both Tracy and Andrew), they missed another great moment, as Fallon brought the show back from break with "Welcome back to the Tonight Show starring Andrew Long."

While admitting he was a bit nervous at first, Andrew said everything was off the top of his head.

"All that stuff was off the cuff," Andrew said. "I wasn't prepared with any of the stuff."

However, as a big musical and movie fan, it's not stuff that Andrew hadn't at least thought of before.

"Some of my favorite moves are things like Austin Powers and James Bond," Andrew

said. "And I want to do a musical comedy spy movie."

As for Harris, who has many roles under his belt on Broadway, television and film, it was a pretty simple choice for Andrew.

"He is one of my heroes," Andrew said. "He can sing, he can dance, he can do serious acting, comedy acting, he can pretty much do a lot of things."

While he's been on stage many times, Andrew said this time was a bit different, thus the nervousness.

"A lot of people were going to be watching me," Andrew said. "Normally only the people in the audience will see it, this time there was more."

Not only was it a popular sketch that night, March 28, but it was also a huge hit online the next day and Fallon even tweeted the link to Harris asking for them to get started on the script for Andrew Long, International Spy. The clip had more than two million views in less than a week.

And Tracy was so

impressed with the comments on the video online, which were showing so much excitement for her son.

"The comments were so positive and comprised a whole spectrum of people," Tracy said. "Jimmy didn't know what he was dealing with. But he was aware of what Andrew had to offer and maximized it."

"And he couldn't have gotten better questions," Tracy said. "I was shaking the whole time."

"I was a little bit nervous, I didn't know what was going to happen when he brought me down on stage," Andrew said.

Since then, the moment has been kept alive through interviews. He was interviewed by TV Insider and was chosen by the world-famous Rockettes, who selected him as their Dancer of the Week. And as they walked in New York City the next day, Tracy said Andrew was recognized by a pair of young women. He also did an interview with WMUR's Chronicle, which will air on March 22 on channel nine. And there's talk of an Andrew Long, International Spy float in the Wolfeboro Independence Day parade.

The trip to New York City also included the tickets to Wicked and in typical Andrew fashion, he waited outside the stage door and got a chance to meet two of the main actors from the show.

Tracy noted that

during one of the breaks in the Tonight Show filming, Fallon was asking questions and they mentioned they were from Alton, New Hampshire. Once Fallon realized they were on his familiar Winnepesaukee, it clicked in his head, as he said, "oh yeah, Alton, Pop's Clam Shell." Fallon stopped at the Alton restaurant a few years ago during one of his visits to the area.

Tracy also praised Fallon for his great handling of the situation with her son and was grateful for the great response he has received from people online since the exciting evening.

Less than a week after returning from New York, Andrew also competed in alpine skiing events at the Special Olympics New Hampshire games, winning gold medals in slalom, giant slalom and super G at Waterville Valley.

Andrew, in addition to his performance in Village Players musicals, also does standup and has performed at a Hannaford's roast, for Wal-Mart offices, for Easter Seals corporation at Naswa Resort and for the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce at the Red Jacket in North Conway.

And he's excited about what's to come.

"I can't wait to see what else happens," Andrew said.

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POLICE

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Voters at Town Meeting have three options with each warrant article. They can vote to support it, they can vote

to defeat it, or they can propose an amendment to change the warrant article. Proposed amendments can change the dollar amount of the warrant article, or they can

change some other part of the warrant article in certain ways. It is not allowable to propose an amendment that would change the basic purpose of a warrant article.

PIG OF THE WEEK by D.A. Hammond

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Call us confused

Confusion was the name of the game late on Monday as the predicted snowstorm was barreling down on New Hampshire just as voters were getting ready to cast their ballots the next day.

We made contact with each of the town clerks in our three communities to request election results be sent to us. In our discussion with Cynthia Treadwell in Barnstead, she let us know that the town was not able to postpone voting, which we understood to be true.

However, as the day went on, a notice was posted on the New Durham web site saying they had postponed their election until Thursday.

Of course, this had us raising our eyebrows a little bit and wondering exactly what the situation was. On doing a little research and with a little help from other papers in our office, we figured out, at least to the best of our knowledge, that a Town Meeting (such as Barnstead is having on Saturday) can be moved per the discretion of the moderator in event of something like Tuesday's snowstorm. However, we also got the impression from our reading that this does not apply to regular voting and when SB 2 is taken into account, which is the form of government for both Alton and New Durham, it becomes even cloudier.

The Alton web site linked to a state law, which we are placing here directly from that link. TITLE LXIII ELECTIONS CHAPTER 669 TOWN ELECTIONS General Provisions Section 669:1 669:1 Election Dates. –

I. All towns shall hold an election annually for the election of town officers on the second Tuesday in March, except those towns which have adopted an alternative date under RSA 40:14 or those towns which have adopted the provisions of RSA 31:94-a and have, by majority vote at a previous town meeting, decided to elect officers on the second Tuesday in May.

II. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I of this section, any town which has adopted a municipal charter under the provisions of RSA 49-B:1-6 may establish the second Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in May, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years as the date for the election of town officers.

III. No town election shall be held in conjunction with the biennial election.

IV. Any local political subdivision which has not adopted RSA 40:13, the official ballot referendum form of meeting, but whose voting checklist comprises all or part of the checklist for a school district which has adopted an April or May election date under RSA 40:14, may, by vote of the legislative body, vote to coordinate its elections with the school district's elections and to hold its elections on the same April or May date as the school district. Such local political subdivision may, in addition, vote to hold the second session of its annual meeting, for transacting all business not required to be voted on by official ballot, within 2 weeks of the election date at a time and date determined by the governing body. The joint elections shall be held at a time and place determined by, and shall be supervised by, the election officials of the local political subdivision, coordinated as set forth in RSA 671:25 and RSA 671:26, with costs allocated in the same manner as in previous years or as may be mutually agreed upon by the governing bodies. A vote under this paragraph may be rescinded by the local political subdivision in like manner. No vote under this section shall take effect until the annual election next following such vote.

Source. 1979, 410:1. 1987, 299:6. 1988, 223:12. 1991, 370:7. 2000, 16:9, 10, eff. April 30, 2000.

We do understand there was a conference call with the Secretary of State stating that towns could make the call.

But still, call us confused.



MATTHEW FASSETT – COURTESY PHOTO

Survivor

Alton resident Madge Nickerson recalls her experience, aboard the MV Andrea Doria as a 14-year-old passenger with her family on the night that their ship was struck by the MV Stockholm. Nickerson commented to Rotarians that she now realizes that she was a witness to the end of an era of trans-Atlantic ocean crossings with air travel becoming the modern form of world wide travel. Over 1,600 lives were saved before the Andrea Doria sank to a depth of 240 feet. It is considered the 'Everest' of dives by scuba divers over the past 60 years. She is pictured with Rotarian Duane Hammond.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for making candidates' night a success

To the Editor:

By the time everyone reads this letter, the residents of the town of Alton will have voted for town elections. As host, the Alton Business Association extends thank you to the candidates for attending and participating in candidates' night on March 8. A special thank you to the residents of Alton who attended and made the event a success. The residents

in attendance were able to ask their questions to the candidates and voice their concerns/comments. The ABA looks forward to hosting future events like this for the community who continue to support our members. Be local, buy local and support local.

Chris Racine

Vice-Chair

Alton Business Association

Parenting series returns to Alton Central April 3

ALTON — On Mondays, starting April 3, the popular Active Parenting Series will be offered at Alton Central School.

It is a six-week series developed to aid in the difficult task of raising children. Through the use of videos modeling typical situations, parents have an opportunity to learn new ways to handle conflicts.

Parenting is one of the hardest jobs in the world. All the love parents have for their children doesn't

automatically make them effective parents. Parenting is a skill people learn and skills can always be improved.

Parenting doesn't have to be a constant battle between parent and child. Active parenting presents parents with an alternative. Parents learn and develop concrete skills to help them make parenting a positive experience for their children and themselves.

Issues discussed include, but are not limited

to:

1. Unconditional Love Discipline; an oxymoron?
2. House devils, street angels and vice versa; kids and school.
3. Trials, tribulations and traumas of parents and kids.
4. Birth order, status and family dynamics.
5. Old habits; new lenses;
6. Tried and true tips for saner, safer, and sillier parenting.

Molly Connelly M.ED., a family therapist and parent of 12 children will lead the series. The

class will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday nights starting April 3 at Alton Central School. There is no charge for the program. It is open to all parents.

Free childcare is provided for children under 10. Pre-registration is required for childcare. Call Kristin Thomas at 875-2841 to register your child(ren).

The series is sponsored by Alton Central School and ACS PTSA.

Training workshop for conservation easement monitors is March 25

MILTON — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) is teaming up with the Stewardship Network: New England and UNH Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) to offer a free training workshop on Saturday, March 25, for volunteer monitors of conservation easements. This indoor/outdoor session will be taught by UNHCE Natural Resources and Land Conservation Field Specialist Emma Tutein and Charlie Bridges, former administrator of the Habitat and Wildlife Diversity Program of the NH Fish and Game Department. Conservation Commissioners, land trust volunteers, private landowners, and others interested in gaining the skills to steward and

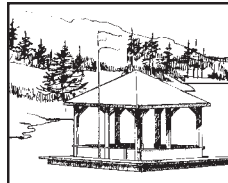
monitor conserved lands are all welcome to attend.

Tutein encouraged participants, "The most fun thing about this workshop is getting to spend some time outside testing new skills. Participants will learn about what an easement is and how to read one, how to read a survey map, best practices for annual monitoring of conservation easements, and a quick primer on using a compass as it relates to survey maps. Following a couple of hours of indoor training at the Community Church in Milton, the group will head outside to nearby private conservation land, where they will walk through the process of monitoring an easement with survey map in hand."

The workshop is scheduled 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, and is limited to 25 attendees. Participants should bring their own lunch and water bottle and wear clothes and footwear appropriate for hiking. Pre-registration is required. Go to MMRG's web site calendar at www.mmrgrg.org/events-training. If you have questions or to get on the waiting list if registration is full, call MMRG Education Coordinator Kari Lygren at 978-7125 or e-mail info@mmrgrg.info.

MMRG is a non-profit land trust working to conserve and connect

important water resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land in Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Throughout the year, MMRG offers many educational opportunities to inform all ages about the benefits of our region's natural resources. The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension strengthens people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions. Stewardship Network: New England was launched by UNH Cooperative Extension in 2013 to mobilize volunteers to care for and study the lands and waters in New England.



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Seussical opens March 30 at Prospect Mountain

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS) Drama Club will perform Seussical this spring. Under the direction of Nicole Bourgeois, music director at Barnstead Elementary School, and assisted by Wesley Raines, music teacher at PMHS, this play features an ensemble cast, music by Stephen Flaherty, and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. It's based on the works of Dr. Seuss and a book by Ahrens and Flaherty and is co-conceived by Ahrens, Flaherty and Eric Idle.

The cast is com-

prised of actors with varying levels of experience. Among the veteran PMHS Drama Club performers is Shelby Rodger, a senior, who is playing JoJo, and Justin Boyce, a junior, playing Horton the Elephant. Newcomer Samantha Gagne is playing The Cat in the Hat. Each of these students has had the challenge of tackling a meaty role in a PMHS Drama Club performance during their freshman year.

JoJo is a Who and it is he who imagines the entire play. Rodger



THE CAST of Seussical is preparing to hit the stage at Prospect Mountain High School.

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Have breakfast with the Masons on Sunday

ALTON — On Sunday, March 19, the Masons of Winnepisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a

quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee

and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So join in for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. The

Masons hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, go to www.winnepisaukeemasons.com, or contact Jim Matarozzo at 875-7127.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 126 calls for service during the week of Feb. 19-Feb. 25, including six arrests.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

One male subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest or detention.

One male subject was arrested for theft.

One male subject was arrested on a warrant.

One male subject was arrested for receiving stolen property.

One male subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated, open container and conduct after an accident.

There were seven motor vehicle accidents.

There were three burglary/theft/break-ins reported on Frank C. Gilman Highway, Old Wolfeboro Road and Finethy Road.

There were six suspicious person/activity reports on Coffin Brook Road, Main Street, Fisher Road, Fernhill drive, Powder Mill Road and Pipers Point Lane.

Police made 24 motor vehicle stops and handled four motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 82 others calls for services that consisted of the following: One fraudulent action, one endangering/threatening, one disorderly conduct, four assist other agencies, one pistol permit application, one animal complaint, two domestic complaints, four general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, one missing adult, four alarm activations, one lost/found property, one highway/roadway hazard report, two general information, one vehicle ID check, one harassment, one tres-

pass, three business property checks, one destruction of property, four civil matters, four wellness checks, three disabled motor vehicles, 27 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, three medical assists, seven property checks and one paperwork service.

The Alton Police Department responded to 137 calls for service during the week Feb. 26-March 4, including four Arrests.

Two male subjects were arrested on bench warrants.

One female subject was arrested on a warrant.

One male subject was arrested for driving/operating under influence of alcohol.

There were four motor vehicle accidents.

There were four burglary/theft/break-ins on Fernhill Drive, Frank C. Gilman Highway and Woodlands Road (two).

There were three suspicious person/activity reports on Main Street, Route 11D and Suncook Valley Road.

Police made 33 motor vehicle stops and handled five motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 88 other calls for services that consisted of the following: Three assist fire department, two fraudulent actions, four assist other agencies, two missing/runaway juveniles, one domestic complaint, six general assistance, one miscellaneous, one wanted person/fugitive, 12 alarm activations, one noise complaint, one lost/found property, two highway/roadway hazards, six general information, one vehicle ID check, one sex offender registration, one civil standby, one business property check, two drug destructions, 24 directed patrols, one 911 hang-

up, one motor vehicle lockout, two medical assists, nine property checks and three paperwork services.

The Alton Police Department responded to 158 calls for service during the week of March 5-11, including five arrests.

One male subject was arrested for possession of drugs in motor vehicle and possession of controlled/narcotic drugs.

One male subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were six motor vehicle accidents.

There were two suspicious person/activity reports on Homestead Place and Powder Mill Road.

Police made 54 motor vehicle stops and handled nine motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 87 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One town ordinance, one assist fire department, six fraudulent actions, five assist other agencies, two animal complaints, two juvenile incidents, two domestic complaints, three general assistance, two miscellaneous, one wanted person/fugitive, five alarm activations, one lost/found property, two highway/roadway hazard reports, one general information, two trespass, one disabled motor vehicle, 21 directed patrols, two motor vehicle lockouts, one untimely, one medical assist and 25 property checks.

Vendors sought for Alton craft fair

ALTON — Vendors are wanted for the Alton Central School PTSA craft fair is being held April 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information on table space, please contact

Kerri Duggan at kerriduggan3@gmail.com or call 978-479-1257. Registration forms can also be picked up at the library or at Creation Station at 208 Main St., Alton.

Legion hosting dinner dance on Friday

ALTON — The American Legion family of Post 72 Alton will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on Friday, March 17. They will be serving dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.,

featuring corned beef and cabbage. Bonoli open mic will provide music for enjoyment and dancing. Ticket information is available at the Alton American Legion Post at 875-3461.



says she relates very well to JoJo. "He's cute and innocent. He means no harm but his imagination drives everyone around him crazy."

"He is the essence of childhood," Boyce adds. JoJo sees a hat and conjures up the Cat, who is the catalyst behind all the action and mischief in the play.

"If JoJo is the essence of childhood, then the Cat is the essence of imagination," Boyce says. "JoJo is one of my favorite characters. This is a fun play to be in and to watch," says Rodger.

Rodger's other credits on the PMHS stage include Chiffon, from Little Shop of Horrors, the Tin Man, from The Wizard of Oz and Cogsworth, from last year's production of Beauty and the Beast. "Recently I thought about the fact that there are only three weeks left of drama at PMHS and I teared up a bit," Rodger said. "I am hoping to continue in the theater. I'm not going to let this be my last play."

Gagne's experience in theater pre-dates her time at PMHS and coincides with that of Rodger. They both performed in The Wizard of Oz, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and Oliver with the Hampstead Stage Company. Among Gagne's other roles are those from performances at Alton Central School where she played Horace the Henchman in 101 Dalmatians, Narrator 3 in Once on this Island, and Narrator 1 in Aladdin.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to play such a big role in my first PMHS show," Gagne says. "I definitely feel the energy for it. People in the Drama Club have a

passion for theater."

About the Cat, Gagne says, "(The Cat's) imaginary so it can mess around with everyone without consequence. It's so many roles compiled into one. The Cat is the narrator. If a character is sad and depressed, the Cat comes along and makes everything better. (The Cat) is in everyone's business. It's a fun role."

Boyce says playing Horton is challenging. "It's serendipitous that I started slowly into the singing roles. Singing is out of my comfort zone. Seussical has made singing more of a comfortability." Boyce played The Wizard in The Wizard of Oz his freshman year at PMHS, which had no singing. Last year he played The Beast in Beauty and the Beast. "Horton is not a dynamic character but he poses some challenges. This is a music-heavy musical. I could barely hit that high note last year, even after weeks and weeks of practice. This year I'm hitting two steps above that note with ease. I feel my singing is vastly improved."

Boyce is thankful for the direction of Bourgeois and Raines. "The directors have put in a herculean effort this year. The cast is made up of a lot of new people and we have Barnstead Elementary students participating, which makes it great."

Show times are March 30, 31, and April 1 at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on April 2. All performances will be at the PMHS auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the PMHS box office and are free for senior citizens 65 and over.

Benefit Dinner:
Cub Scout Pack 859
of New Durham
is holding their
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to help support the yearly costs for maintaining the troop.

In 2015, the money raised was used to cover part of the cost for a sleep over at Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA!

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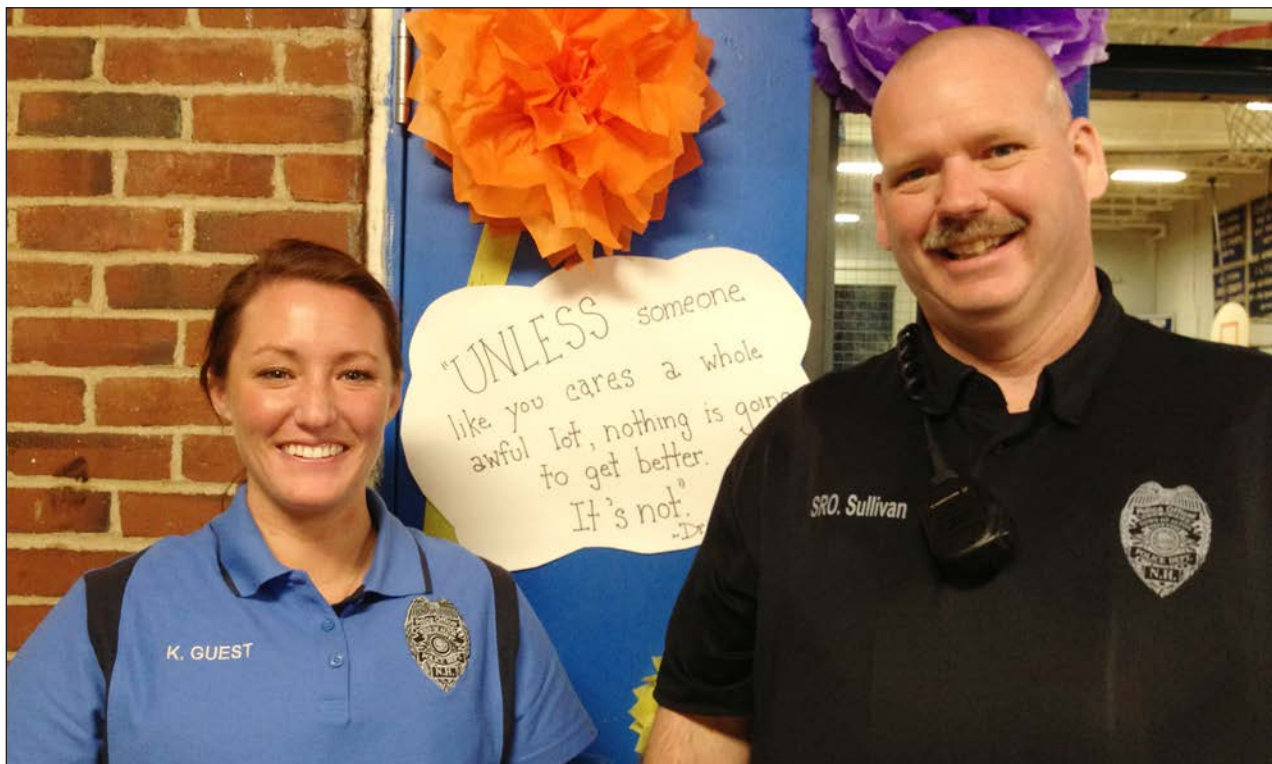
Community involvement supports ACS Wellness Week

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE
Alton Central School Principal

The Safety and Wellness Committee for ACS has mapped out the Wellness Week with an array of events designed to raise awareness about four topics, and has a luncheon punctuating the week, by “spicing it up.”

Ms. Heather Smith, known to the community through her expertise in fitness and nutrition, kicks off the week with a presentation Monday, March 20. Heather Smith was a presenter last year, for a part of an in-service workshop day. Her presentation earned rave reviews from the attendees, and she went on to have several smaller interest groups spin off of that presentation. Thanks continued to roll in throughout last year, to Mrs. Kristi Hikel, (now ACS parent and former faculty member) who was responsible for bringing Heather Smith to school for the in-service workshop session. Heather has become a “go-to” for many residents in our town for advice on health and nutrition – we are fortunate to have her set the stage for the 2017 Wellness Week.

Tuesday, our own Mrs. Natasha Urena is offering a workshop session for adults, on the Drums Alive! program she initiated for Alton students. Mrs. Urena learned about this program during the annual conference in Waterville Valley for physical education professionals and it has been implemented with P.E. classes since then. To see yoga balls repurposed as drums, sitting in large buckets, and to have the teacher giving instructions on how to use the drum sticks for a physical workout as well as pleasing rhythms to listeners' ears, is invigorating. Students across all grade levels have expo-



COURTESY PHOTO

ACS' new School Resource Officer, SRO Guest, seen here with Officer Sullivan, the retiring SRO, after they've enjoyed the 39th Army Band of the NH National Guard. These two respected and greatly appreciated SROs and members of the Alton Police Department, enjoyed the concert, and enjoyed seeing the first door decorated at ACS as a part of the Read Across America literacy activities beginning last week with the PTSA door decorating contest.

Concert will benefit End 68 Hours of Hunger April 1

BARNSTEAD — The Funky Divas of Gospel are teaming up with the community to raise funds to End 68 Hours of Hunger on April 1. As you may know, End 68 Hours of Hunger is a school-based program to provide weekend food for school children in need. Bags of food that are nutritious, child friendly and easy to prepare are assembled and given to children as they head home for the weekend. This weekend food, along with school lunches, ease kid's anxiety, reduces absenteeism and improves attention span and school success.

The Funky Divas of Gospel is a seven-piece

group who perform regularly in the New Hampshire area, sharing their hard rocking, reflective, toe tapping, hand clapping, harmonious gospel and roots music. The Funky Divas' performances are suitable for all ages and the group regularly performs at a variety of theaters, entertainment venues and churches. Recently after attending a Funky Divas of Gospel concert, a reporter wrote, "All bluegrass, soul and gospel fans be forewarned: if you miss this funky group (to paraphrase a line in one of their songs) "...it ain't nobody's fault but yours." The Congre-

gational Church of North Barnstead is hosting the concert at 504 North Barnstead Road, up the hill from Locke Lake. In addition, baskets will be available as you enter the concert for anyone who would also like to bring food donations for the Barnstead Food Pantry.

For more information about the show, to donate to End 68 Hours of Hunger, to reserve tick-

ets, to purchase tickets to donate so others may attend, or to purchase tickets for yourself, please contact Chris Bonoli at my65jazzmaster@yahoo.com or call 340-1468. For information about The Funky Divas visit their web site www.funkydivasofgospel.com or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thefunkydivas.

Scouts hosting spaghetti dinner on April 8

ALTON — Troop 53 will be hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 8, at the Community Church in Alton. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. As in the past they will be offering homemade meatballs and sauce, bread, salad and a variety of desserts, some homemade, and also Blue Bunny ice cream. Tickets will be available through Scouts and at the door. Uniformed Scouts will be waiting tables and assisting. Also available, upon request and while supplies last, are gluten free

dinner items. Proceeds will be going towards the troop's upcoming summer camp. The troop hopes to see everyone there at this important troop fundraiser.

Locke Lake meeting is tonight

BARNSTEAD — The next Locke Lake Colony Association public board of directors meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge.

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Wolfeboro Chamber holds quarterly meeting in Alton

BY THOMAS BEELER

Granite State News

ALTON — The Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce literally took a departure from its usual quarterly meeting locations on March 2 and held the meeting in Alton at J.P. China, the Chinese restaurant in Alton Bay.

For many reasons it was a smart move, not only for the Chamber but also for Alton businesses. As Mary Murphy, owner of J.P. China and host of the meeting, said, "I have noticed a revival of business in the area. We need each other to grow. I joined the Wolfeboro Chamber for a year and have been amazed at the results. We have more business and so does Big Wolf Taxi, which draws 70 percent of its business from Wolfeboro. [The Chamber] is a well-oiled machine and we need it to help us market Alton."

She drew applause from the Alton businesses that attended the meeting.

Chamber President Cindy Melanson of Melanson Real Estate opened the meeting and expressed her appreciation for the large turnout before introducing Executive Director Mary DeVries.

DeVries drew attention to the eight new members who joined since December, plus two Alton businesses that joined that morning. She reviewed the many benefits the Chamber offers its members, including use of its bulk rate permit, which reduce first class mail costs to 29 cents from 49 for 200 or more pieces; access to Constant Comment e-mail marketing; connection to the Business and Industry Association, the statewide business organization; ribbon cuttings to celebrate grand openings and anniversaries; adver-

tising in places like the Mills Falls magazine in Meredith, in which the Chamber take a two-page spread; quarterly meetings like this one plus monthly socials that help business people get to know one another; summer rental of space in the Wolfeboro Railroad Station; and workshops on useful topics, such as the upcoming "Measuring Marketing Results" on March 14.

She closed by noting that the next quarterly meeting in June will be held at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough.

Lucy Van Cleve of Wolfeboro Inn, Chair of the Marketing Committee, announced a new event on May 6 called the Decks and Docks Party to kick off the summer season and get early tourists to come to the area by offering specials and fun. Moonlight Madness this year in June will also feature motorcycle rides from J.P. China.

Aaron Morrissey of Morrissey's Front Porch and Morrissey's Steakhouse, spoke for both the Government Relations and Educational Partnerships Committees. Government Relations promotes discussion between business owners and town officials. It most recent event was the 15th Wolfeboro Candidates' Night at the Wolfeboro Public Library that hosted eight candidates and drew 60 people.

Educational Partnerships needs a chair, Morrissey said. It sponsored Career Day at Kingswood Regional High School and it now collecting auction items for the April 12 Member Mingle at Garwoods that raises money for student scholarships. The Chamber gave \$3,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors last year.



THOMAS BEELER

J.P. CHINA OWNER MARY MURPHY welcomed Wolfeboro Chamber members to her Alton restaurant, cited the good results she has enjoyed as a Chamber member and recommended that other Alton businesses join.

Steve Durgin of Goodhue and Hawkins Navy Yard spoke as chairman of the Economic Development Committee, noting that J.P. China was one of his favorite restaurants. The Dock Expansion subcommittee is working with the town to expand the town docks and thus welcome more visitors. Article 15 on the Wolfeboro warrant to be voted on March 14 includes \$90,000 to rebuild and widen the boat ramp as a first step in expanding the docks to accommo-

date wider and longer boats. The rest will be done in 2018. Right now the wait for dock space at 20-30 minutes in season is unacceptable and hurts business.

Cecile Chase of TD Bank, chair of the Fundraising and Sponsorships Committee, said she was a committee of one and was looking for volunteers to join her. She is actively promoting sponsorship activities, which draw attention to businesses, and encouraged members to highlight their busi-

nesses in e-mail blasts from the Chamber.

Wolfeboro Selectman Luke Freudenberg gave the board of selectmen report. He emphasized that all towns in the Lakes Region need to work together to promote economic growth. To that end he attended a meeting Moultonborough of nine towns that plan to get together once a month to identify ways to work together "to survive and thrive."

He then reviewed the Wolfeboro ballot, touching on major items, including the proposed renovation of the old Freight House and its use as a model railroad attraction.

Freudenberg devoted most of his remarks, however, to the opioid crisis, which he said he was passionate about. He said last year there were 550 overdose deaths, including 10 in Wolfeboro and six in Alton. "We are headed for 600 deaths in 2017 and may even hit 1,000...We need to get schools and police working together," he said. He cited a

new Wolfeboro Police program of early intervention modeled after a successful program in Laconia. He said the area needs addiction treatment centers. A new one in Ossipee, White Horse Addiction Center, has five beds for men – not much, but a start.

The meeting ended with remarks from Alton Selectman John Markland, who recommended J.P. China menu item 11 with egg rolls. He said he was a big fan of business development and had a project similar of the Wolfeboro dock expansion going on focusing on adding parking and bathrooms. He said he strong believes towns and businesses can work together and save money, and the Alton Board of Selectmen was open-minded on development. He cited the efforts that removed the white line rumble strips on Route 28 and encouraged those present to get in touch with state officials to get the remaining strip removed.

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Scouts sponsoring table at craft fair

ALTON — Scout Troop 53 will be sponsoring a table at the upcoming Alton Central School craft fair on April 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Scouts will be selling camp cards and offering information on

opportunities for youth in Scouting. The Scouts hope that you will attend the fair in support of the PTSA and while you are there please stop by and see what Scouting offers to young men and women.

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OBITUARIES

Brenda Joyce Boudrow
Admired artist

ALTON — Brenda Joyce Boudrow, 64, of Alton, passed away surrounded by her loving family and close friends on Feb. 10. Brenda was the daughter of the late David and Pauline Morrill and the sister of the late Steven Morrill. She was born in Wolfeboro on May 29, 1952.

A resident of Alton for the last 64 years, Brenda lived her whole life on Roberts Cove, Lake Winnepesaukee. The lake was her home and she dearly loved the town she lived in. Her friends called her "the mayor." Brenda was an artist for the past 20-plus years. She created countless paintings and pieces of artwork that have been gifted, purchased and admired by many throughout the years. Brenda's artistic creativity was often displayed through her paintings of the history of Alton. She has painted scenes such as the Town Hall, The Oak-birch Inn, Busy Corner Store, Blue Jay, Land Ho and Pops Clamshell. Her memory will live on forever through her paintings. Brenda was proud to be a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved spending time with her family and friends playing cards, gathering for holidays, throwing dinner parties, swimming at the lake, boating, and driving to the ocean. Bren had a tough outer shell, but inside had the biggest softest heart. She

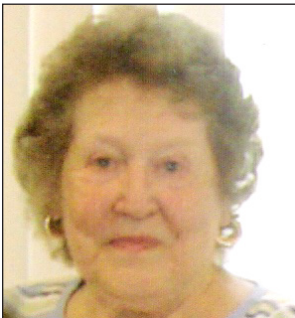


would drop everything she was doing to lend a hand and would give the shirt off her back to those in need. She was loved by all that knew her and will be deeply missed. She leaves behind her two children, Lisa R. Boudrow and Robert D. Boudrow; her sister, Sandra Morrill; her brother,

Allen Morrill; her grandson, Kyle S. Boudrow; her two nephews, Dale Morrill and Eric Morrill; her niece Kate Morrill Porter and her great nephew, Emery Porter. Brenda's celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at her home located at 152 Roberts Cove Road, Alton. She will be laid to rest at Old Riverside Cemetery in early summer. Date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations in Brenda's memory may be made in the form of a board game to be donated to children's hospitals and/or senior centers. Drop off location, Lisa's Dragonfly Gardens 44 Main Street Alton.

Virginia B. Hunter
Raised family in New Durham

BOSCAWEN — Mrs. Virginia B. (Staples) Hunter, 87 of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 6. She was born on Aug. 3, 1929 in Tuftonboro. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Doris Staples. She raised her family in New Durham and worked at the Globe in Pittsfield for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, socializing with her friends at bingo, catching a Red Sox game, and attending to her flower garden.



She is survived by her brother, Charles Staples, Jr. of Farmington; her three daughters, Linda Zarli and husband Marty of Moultonborough, Sandra Lesperance and husband Richard of Punta Gorda, Fla., Diane Pinkham and husband, Alan of Center Barn-

Ruth A. Messier
Founding member of Happy Hobby Doll Club



ALTON — Ruth A. Messier, age 86, of Alton, was called home to be with the Lord on March 12, after a short battle with ovarian cancer. She was born in Laconia on July 3, 1930, to her parents James and Agnes Dionne. "Ruthie" was an exceptional person. Over her life she worked many jobs, but none were as important to her as the job of raising her children. She was a devoted, loving, caring mom who will never be forgotten. In addition she worked as a newspaper reporter in Connecticut for a few years and then she ran The Yarn and Thread Shed (a branch of the American Thread Co.) in Willimantic, Conn. for

about 10 years. As her children were growing up in Connecticut she was elected and served on the board of education for Parish Hill High School in Hampton, Conn. Ruth was very creative and had numerous hobbies, which included the beading and decorating of goose and duck eggs, canning enough food every year from her garden, to feed an army throughout the winter and creating many prize winning recipes that many enjoy today. In 1975, when the family moved to Alton, she quickly became involved in town politics, social events, the Alton Historical Society and many other local committees, where she stayed active until her death. She was employed at NHBB during the late 1970s. She also waitressed at several establishments, including, Dot's Lunch, Foxy Johnnies and Edgewood. Ruth always enjoyed being involved in local politics. She was elected to the budget committee several times. Ruth was a very strong woman who fought for what she believed in and even if you didn't agree with her stance you certainly respected her conviction. For the past few years she has been a trustee for the Gilman Library in Alton, which is a position she enjoyed immensely. Ruth had many passions including her love of dolls. She was a founding member of the Happy Hobby Doll Club of Alton where she remained a member until her death. She loved country music and taught line dancing

at the Community Center in Alton for years. She took ballet her entire childhood and always spoke of the fond memories associated with it. Her husband Bill enjoyed dancing as much as she did and boy, they could really cut a rug. Whenever and wherever they started to dance, everyone else would clear the floor to watch. It really was an inspiring sight. No matter what she was doing Ruth enjoyed life and lived it to it's fullest. She was an amazing loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, daughter, sister and friend who is going to be terribly missed. Ruth has touched and impacted many lives during her years and was fondly recognized for her trademark raccoon hat, in her local community. Ruth was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Bill and her sons, David Walker, Greg and Gene Walker; her sister, Jeannie Brough and parents James and Agnes Dionne. Survivors include her children, Gordon Walker Jr. and his wife Peggy of Belmont, Bill Messier and his wife Shirley of Hooksett, Marie Perkins and her husband Hilton of Laconia, Suzanne Messier of Rochester, Terry Kimball and husband Mark of Laconia and Lynn Atwood and her husband Tom of Alton; 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and countless nieces and nephews whom she loved very much. Calling hours are Thursday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, 12 School St., Alton, with a service at 4 p.m. by Rev. Robert F. Cole. Urn interment will be in the spring at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made, in Ruth's name, to the Gilman Library in Alton. To express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

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Marion R. Davis
Enjoyed traveling, gardening, boating

ALTON — Marion R. Davis, 88, passed away on March 9 at her home in Alton Bay after a period of failing health. Born in Saugus, Mass., on July 6, 1928, she was the cherished daughter of Irving and Charlotte Oliver and loving sister of Irving Oliver Jr. Marion grew up in Saugus, Mass. and graduated from Saugus High School, class of 1946. She lived in Saugus until 1966, moving to Wakefield, Mass. and then retiring to Alton Bay in 1988. Marion was the childhood sweetheart, love

of his life, and wife of 66 years to Richard C. Davis. Together they married, raised two children, and were blessed to welcome six grandchildren and five great grandchildren into their family. Marion loved her family, her home, and always put her family's needs first. She was an excellent cook, seamstress, knitter, crocheter, and continually created a variety of crafts. She made holidays magical. Upon moving to Alton Bay, Marion joined the Community Church of Alton and many other local organizations, such as the Women's Christian Fellowship, the Garden Club, the Wolfeboro Senior Club and the Doll Society. Marion and her husband Richard enjoyed traveling extensively throughout the United States and Europe. When in Alton Bay, she enjoyed gardening, working on house projects, feeding and learning about birds, playing bridge with friends, swimming, boating, listening to the loons, and enjoying every minute of visits from family and friends. The younger generation remembers Nana

riding her sea-doo with Papa on the back holding on for dear life. They remember her spending warm summer days floating in her rubber raft, watching them jump off the dock or ladder, and they remember her big smile and the many congratulations she gave to them whenever a big fish was caught, a swim stroke was mastered, or a fun tubing ride was completed. Marion is survived by her husband, Richard C. Davis; daughter, Jane Davis of Laconia; son, Alan Davis and his wife Deborah of Hollis; and grandchildren, David Young, Debbie Young Albergo and Brina Young (raised in Plymouth), Michelle, Emily and Elizabeth Davis (from Texas and Hollis) and five great-grandchildren, Ki-ersten and Bryan Slater, Michaela Young, Keith Albergo and Grayson George. A graveside service at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen will be held on March 22 at 1 p.m. In memory of Marion R. Davis, donations may be made to NH Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, 125 Airport Road, Concord, NH 03301.

Questions and answers at Barnstead church Sunday

BARNSTEAD — People say "Every person or culture has to define right and wrong for themselves." But if you ask them, "Is there anyone in the world right now doing things you believe they should stop doing no matter what they personally believe about the correctness of their behavior?" Invariably people would say yes. So the question needs to be answered who has the right to tell me how to live my live. Who determines who is right and who is wrong? Why are there so many different rules? If you are looking for the answers to these kinds of life questions come and join the conversation as they discuss the New York Times bestselling book "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller. This week's conversation begins Sunday, March 19, at 4:30 p.m. The classes will be held at the Center Barnstead Christian Church, located across from the Barnstead Town Hall. Any questions, please call the church at 269-8831 or visit CenterBarnsteadcc.org.

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Mark on the Markets

Black Monday



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Couple of weeks ago, I was listening to the financial channel on the radio in my car when the commentator said “the markets have closed a record 13 days in a row into record territory, the last time this happened was in 1987.” My ears perked up when I heard that statistic because I remember that October 19, 1987 was a devastating day

for equity markets not only in this country but around the world.

First off let me state that I am not trying to scare anyone into believing that the parallels I am drawing between 1987 and almost 30 years later are going to repeat. I like history and I like statistics, so consider this nothing more than food for thought.

In the mid-80s we were involved in a very fast economic recovery with a president who expanded the economy after the recession of the 70s and early 80s. If you wanted to work in this country, there was a good paying job for you. The US dollar strengthened, inflation picked up, which in turn created a higher in-

terest rate environment. In August 1987, the Dow Jones industrial average peaked, and multiples, otherwise known as price earnings ratios were expanding. When you get multiple expansion, you need the actual earnings to keep up or you’ll have contraction in the markets. Many of these earnings are based on forward-looking numbers.

October 15, 1987, Iran hit our supertanker “Sungari” flown under a Liberian flag and then hit “Sea Isle city” with a silkworm missile. These events in conjunction with equity markets (stocks) that had gotten

ahead of itself, a strong dollar, which makes exports more expensive, program trading in the markets, and market participants (you and I) having become very complacent, all contributed to the not so perfect storm.

We are much earlier in the economic cycle of expansion currently, however the dollar is strengthening, interest rates are rising, we have multiple expansion in the equity markets, compounded by the fact that we have not had a meaningful market correction in over eight years.

A swift meaningful correction is not neces-

sarily a bad thing. It allows new money to get into the markets at better pricing, and if you do not panic and sell your positions near the bottom, hopefully the equity markets can continue to move up.

If you were in a position needing to count on this money for retirement income, then I may rethink my position if I am in stocks or stock-based mutual funds. If the markets were to retract and go flat such as the period between 2000 and 2011, you could potentially exhaust your money if you are relying on that money for income.

If you are in stocks or stock funds, and you are in the “red zone” for retirement you need to familiarize yourself with the theory, “sequence of returns risk.” The “red zone” for retirement is roughly 10 years until your planned retirement date. There are ways to protect your capital that still may allow your money to grow. Contact my office if you would like to hear more about these concepts.

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Church hosting St. Patrick’s Day pancake breakfast

ALTON — A “Saint Patrick’s Day pancake breakfast” benefiting charity will be offered on Sunday, March 19, by the Saint Katharine Drexel Parish volunteers who provide breakfast for students and their parents on Sunday mornings during Faith Formation classes.

Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, March 19, in the Parish Hall beneath the Saint Katharine Drexel Church on Route 28 in Alton. Advance tickets (at a discount) are available at the church after Mass or at the parish office. Tickets will be available at the door as well.

Proceeds benefit the parish’s Coat Rack program, which provides warm coats, boots, and other clothing to approximately 500 local children, and the Parish Relief

Fund, which assists neighbors in need with emergency food, shelter, fuel, transportation and other costs.

Lise Patrick, director of the breakfast program, said “Our volunteer chef, Arthur Vignola, is working with family, friends and other volunteers to serve a delicious breakfast complete with green pancakes. The food will be good, and the time spent with friends and neighbors will be enjoyable. A shared meal is a wonderful way to bring a community together.”

In addition to breakfast, the Saint Patrick’s Day pancake breakfast will feature a 50/50 “Pot of Gold” raffle, a “shamrock gift card” raffle, and a Stonewall Kitchen gift basket raffle.

For more information, please call the parish office at 875-2548 or e-mail office@stkdrexel.org.

NEW DURHAM — If you’re on the lookout for a timesaver as well as a way to contribute to your community, look no farther than the Friends of the New Durham Public Library’s fundraiser dinner at Johnson’s Dairy Bar, Seafood and Steak restaurant.

The Friends of the New Durham Public Library is the fundraising arm that allows the library to provide “extras” that normally would be impossible.

On Wednesday, March 22, from 4 to 8 p.m., 10 percent of sales at Johnson’s on Route 11, excluding alcohol, will go to the Friends and their efforts to support the library.

“We like to provide a wide variety of opportunities in our programming,” Library Director Cathy Allyn said, “and it’s a good feeling to know that we can plan big because the Friends group augments our budget. It makes a huge difference in what we can offer the public.”

The event’s proceeds

will go directly to the Summer Reading Program, one of the most popular and well-attended programs.

This year the theme is Building a Better World and the library will be taking that literally and figuratively. Lots of building with materials will be going on, as the kids create their own community, deciding what services are needed and what kinds of buildings there should be.

“We’ll be instilling the idea of how planning and zoning works,” Allyn said.

Children will use wood, card stock, cardboard, Legos, pipe cleaners, Magic Sand and all sorts of recycled objects

to build the community.

Because building a better world can start within, self-esteem and team-building exercises, and thinking about how to improve relationships with others will be a major focus. Crafts and even food will be tied in to those concepts. The Friends supply the majority of materials used.

The Summer Reading Program serves not only to encourage children to read during non-school hours but also brings to them a variety of new experiences.

One of the largest expenses for a program like this is entertainers, and the Friends help foot the bill. This year the library will bring in three professional performers; all performances are open to the general public, as well, expanding the number of people who can benefit.

“Younger and older siblings can attend the shows, as well as children who aren’t participating in the program,” Allyn explained. “We have a lot of adults come in to see them, too. It’s great, free entertainment.”

Building a Better World runs the four Wednesdays in July from 1 to 3 p.m. Children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to attend and there is no charge for the program.

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Greg Parker bringing Eugene Jerome back to life on Village Players stage

WOLFEBORO — The Village Players’ production of Neil Simon’s *Biloxi Blues* will see the return of Greg Parker to the stage in Wolfeboro. Parker will reprise his role as Eugene Morris Jerome in this second of Simon’s autobiographical plays. In this installment, Jerome goes through basic training during World War II in the sweltering heat of Biloxi, Miss.

Parker first played Jerome in Brighton Beach Memoirs while a student in middle school back in 2001.

“When I was in middle school I thought of The Village Players as one level below Broadway,” he said. Jerome was his first role with The Village Players, and one in which he became enamored with the theater. “The goal at the time was to do the whole trilogy (Brighton Beach Memoirs, *Biloxi Blues*, and *Broadway Bound*) a couple of years apart. That didn’t exactly happen.” Parker reflected, “It is interesting to see the character’s story arc continue in the same theater. It’s cool to play the same character with a whole new cast.”

In the intervening years between the shows, Parker has made his mark in theater. Graduating from Brewster Academy in 2006, he attended college at Keene State, where he studied history education and later earned a master’s degree at University of New Hampshire. He is a history teacher at Hollis-Brookline High School. He also co-directs the arts department there. For the past couple of years, he has been involved with the New Hampshire High School Theater Festival, a group Scott Giessler, multi media teacher at Lakes Region Technology Center, invited him to join. Parker also works

with two companies, Lend Me a Theater and the New Classics Company. “Lend Me a Theater is a roaming theater troupe. We have performed a couple shows at the Hatbox in Concord. Marjorie Prime had its debut in New Hampshire,” Parker says.

New Classics Theater is located at Guyer Art Barn in Hyannis, Mass., where there are performances year-round. According to CapeCod.com, “New Classics prides itself on its commitment to communication between art forms, seeking to create a large network of artists across a vast range of disciplines, embracing the theatre’s nature to inspire collaboration between all art forms.” Parker wrote an adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* that was performed at Guyer Art Barn during the summer of 2015.

Parker has never forgotten his roots. He is very happy to be back on the stage at The Village Players’ Theater. “I grew up in this theater. We are very fortunate here in Wolfeboro to have this building and such great community support. I have been places that don’t have that. We are very lucky. This is a fun group to work with. Come see the show.”

Please note, *Biloxi Blues* contains some language and sexual situations that may not be suitable for children.

The show is co-directed by Russ Ellis and Bob Tuttle with assistant director Kaylin Dean.

Tickets are available at Black’s Paper and Gifts in downtown Wolfeboro or online at village-players.com. Show times are March 31, April 1, April 7, and April 8, at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on April 9.

Biloxi Blues is sponsored by Bruce and Kris Gurall.



GREG PARKER as Eugene (left) and Vinny Amico as Carney rehearse a scene from Neil Simon’s *Biloxi Blues*, which opens March 31 at Village Players.

A lunch date at the Chinese restaurant

BY VIVIAN LEE DION
Contributing Writer

The Chinese restaurant is open for business and we are seated before the noontime crowd comes. Many patrons are senior citizens waiting for the staff to signal that it’s okay to go to the buffet tables. Meanwhile, we gaze at the steam rising from the hot chicken wings, beef and broccoli, and Happy Family assortment. The stuffed mushrooms, crab rangoon and other mouth watering selections are piled high in their usual locations.

Our hands feel the warmth of the petite cup of Chinese tea as we relax among our peers. These are the same hands that built homes, held babies, and felt the heavy weight and responsibility of military gear in battle. They are old and wrinkled but sensitive to a warm embrace, an old-fashion handshake, and helping others. Here at the restaurant, we forget our grocery lists, unmade beds, and the expensive new tires required for the upcoming annual vehicle inspection. Ray and I are comfortable among the “early birds,” and our mantra is, “enjoy this time together

because you never know what tomorrow will bring.”

Finally, everyone gets the green light to go to the buffet tables.

I say, “You go first; I’ll just sit here a few minutes.”

That’s when I overhear a conversation in the next booth. I can tell the lady is quite elderly, and says to her male lunch companion, “I think of Harry often, and even dream that we are together again.”

The man replies, “That’s okay, because I do the same about my wife. There is nothing wrong with that. You had many good years with your husband; I was married a long time, too.”

As we eat lunch, I tell Ray, “I think the couple in the next booth are on a date, or really enjoy talking to each other.” Smiling, he shakes his head “yes” and says, “It’s nice having lunch with you and seeing others enjoying themselves.” Our conversation drifts to other things.

Writer Thornton Walker of Senior Planet explains, “We need social interactions and people in our life who care about us but living

alone doesn’t always lead to loneliness, just as living with others is no guarantee of happiness. We can maintain our independent lifestyles as we go and build strong social connections at the same time.” Enjoy the company of others, stay connected, and enjoy yourself.

The final conversation at the next table is lovely and genuine. When the waitperson brings their bill, the elderly lady says, “I’ll pick up the bill this time because you paid for Thanksgiving dinner.” After a little back and

forth bantering, her male companion says, “Okay, thanks.” Three months have passed since their last lunch at a restaurant, and both contribute in maintaining a caring, tender relationship.

Lastly, I open the most amazing fortune cookie, and read it to my husband, “A kiss makes the heart young again, and wipe out the years.” After paying our bill, Ray and I walk to the car happily holding hands on this bright winter’s day.

Vivian Lee Dion of New Durham is a writer and speaker.

Alton Dance Academy offers numerous classes

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy has some offerings it would like the community to be aware of. They have senior citizen classes on Mondays and Thursdays. With two different classes, senior stretch and senior exercise, these classes are a great way to keep healthy and stay involved. Argentine Tango is being offered Sunday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Having a partner is helpful but not required.

New for fitness are Cize classes. Cize is an adult dance fitness class that is broken up into sections making it easy to learn the choreography. It’s broken down to make sure anyone can dance.

In addition they also

offer Zumba, Barre, Yoga and Pilates Mat classes. Come join in the fun they offer in Alton.

New for student dance class is “Come Dance with Me,” a four-week dance sessions for ages 18 months to 2.5 years of age with an accompanying adult. Class meets Wednesday mornings 9-9:30 a.m.

There is a few for all classes and you can get more info on the Alton Dance Academy’s Facebook page or by calling 875-3623 or e-mailing ashley@altondanceacademy.com Also, coming out soon will be summer camp information.

The web site, www.altondanceacademy.com is online but under construction.

Kingswood Youth Center hosting dinner and movie

WOLFEBORO — On Wednesday, March 22, Kingswood High School and Middle School students and their families are invited to the Kingswood Youth Center (KYC) for dinner and a movie night. The program will begin at 5 p.m., students are encouraged to attend the KYC’s regular after school program and then stay late for this evening event. Participants will vote on a movie, which will be shown on the KYC’s new 55” flat screen television, recently purchased through a grant from the Cate Fund. A hot meal will be prepared with food donated by the NH Food

Bank and local individuals.

This program is part of the KYC’s BTAS (beyond the after school) series. Through BTAS, the KYC fulfills its mission to provide a safe and positive place for youth through offering programs in the evening, on weekends, in the summer and during school vacations. These programs help keep teens safe by providing a place where they can spend time with peers.

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



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Eat your hearts out

Charlie the waiter, center, portrayed by Jonathan Flower, tries unsuccessfully to get the attention of two amorous lovebirds, played by Tony Pfaff and Alexis Keyes, in rehearsal for the upcoming play “Eat Your Heart Out” at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield. The comedy production by The Pittsfield Players, showing March 24, 25, 31, and April 1 at 7:30 p.m. and April 2 at 2 p.m., is directed by Mike Hobson and depicts a waiter’s relationships with numerous customers in six Manhattan restaurants. An opening night dinner and show offer is available for a three-course dinner at Main Street Grill, 32 Main St. in Pittsfield, for one price. Reserve tickets at the box office number at 435-8852.

Accident claims life of Barnstead man

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — A Barnstead man was killed in a fatal car crash last Wednesday on Pea-cham Road.

Stephen J. Bognar, 51, of Barnstead, died after his car rolled over into a brook as he was commuting to work from his Bow Mills Road home.

According to Barnstead Police Chief Paul Poirier, the accident like-

ly occurred sometime shortly after 5 a.m. He noted that there had been a couple of other minor accidents around that time, before road crews were out to treat town toads.

Poirier said there were slick conditions along that portion of the road. He said that the section of the street is well-monitored by the highway department, but that conditions were

such that some slick spots prevailed between treatments.

Before Bognar’s car was found, another driver had flipped her vehicle on the opposite side of the road.

Poirier said that this driver had been assisted by a highway department employee, who was dropping salt and sand on that section of road. That motorist is believed to have avoided major injury.

While the accident occurred during the pre-dawn hours, it wasn’t until after 9 a.m. that Bognar’s accident was reported to officials. Once on site, they found that the car was upside-down and submerged in perhaps two feet of water.

Poirier said that emergency personnel responded and were successful at recovering the body from the wreck. He noted that CPR was administered at

the scene.

Bognar was later pronounced dead at Concord Hospital.

In addition to slick conditions, frost heaves compromise a driver’s ability to negotiate the roadway. Poirier cautioned drivers to drive slowly to avoid losing control of their vehicles with frost heaves

so prevalent.

That said, Poirier did not definitively say that this was the cause of the accident - though he confirmed that no other vehicles were involved.

Anyone with any information relating to the accident should contact the Barnstead Police Department.

The Winnepesaukee Talkie

*Thinking of buying a home?
Search yourself, part II*



BY RANDY HILMAN
Contributing Writer

Last week I urged prospective homebuyers to first search themselves for answers to important housing questions before getting into cars with real estate agents to go home shopping. This week, the self-survey continues.

Buying a home requires much more preparation than making showing appointments. Real estate agents who don’t prepare you to walk the housing path will very likely lead you on a frustrating, disappointing or disastrous journey.

Conventional wisdom holds that the home buying process is all about improving credit scores, deciding what’s affordable, saving for down payments, creating “rainy day” savings accounts and getting approved for mortgage loans. These steps, while necessary, do not answer the most important first question, however: Why do I want to acquire a house?

Think about it. Why do you want to buy a house? Did someone tell you homeownership is a great wealth building investment; that it’s more affordable than rent; or that profit awaits you at the far end of the tunnel? Beware. Homeownership is rarely profitable in the sense of a return on investment.

You can rent and still have access to good schools or proximity to work. So, what’s the motivation to own versus renting?

Let’s assume you’ve concluded that homeownership is the right move for you. The self-examination doesn’t end with an understanding of your big “why.” Before you look at the first house, you should have a good idea of what you need in a house as opposed to what you want or would prefer? The world isn’t Eden. Can you live with less? Are your housing needs and lifestyle choices affordable, relative to your household income?

Think about your monthly costs. Will you really be comfortable making payments on a loan for which you’ve qualified? Would you still be comfortable if you lost your job tomorrow, or suffered a major medical setback?

Is it likely that you’ll move in less than 10 years?

If you believe you will be in a home less than 10 years and your debt-

to-value ratio is high, chances are you will lose money in our Lakes Region market. Home purchases are heavily front-loaded with expenses, such as down payments, closing costs, loan, inspection and appraisal fees, pre-paid items like property tax and insurance escrows and even home owners association fees, in some cases. You will, more likely than not, have to pay these expenses up front with cash or add them to your loan amount, if allowed.

Moreover, you can expect to pay selling costs of 4-6 percent of the sale price of your home. And, while you live in your house, you’ll pay lots of interest on your mortgage loan, with most of your payment applied to interest in the first few years. Despite the benefit of an allowable deduction of interest from income taxes, the lion’s share of interest is real money paid from your pocket.

It is doubtful, that your home will appreciate sufficiently in the first 10 years to overtake all expenses associated with ownership. Take away? Get expert financial advice that’s specific to your particular situation before committing to the purchase of a major capital asset.

If you’ve searched yourself and concluded that homeownership makes sense, by all means, go for it. But, if you’re basing your home buying decision on a best-case-lifestyle-scenario, or the belief that homeownership is financially profitable, consider housing options that will allow you not only to initiate and grow a retirement portfolio but give you “room to breath” on a daily basis as you build or improve upon your financial future.

Meanwhile, you can always contact me directly for help getting mortgage pre-approval and loan counseling. And if you’re a homeowner who’s thinking of selling, remember you can hire a full-service realtor® pro for as little as 1.5 percent. Ask me how.

Thank you for reading The Winnepesaukee Talkie.

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The Maltese Falcon screens at Village Players Theater this weekend

WOLFEBORO — The monthly movie series at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro continues this coming weekend with the screening of The Maltese Falcon.

The film, starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor, was released in 1941 and was nominated for three Oscars the following year, including Best Picture and Best Writing.

Spade and Archer is the name of a San Francisco detective agency run by Sam Spade (Bogart) and Miles Archer (Jerome Cowan). The two men are partners, but Sam doesn’t like Miles much. A knockout by the name of Miss Wonderly (Astor) walks into their office and by that night everything’s changed. Miles is dead and so is a man named Floyd Thursday. It seems Miss Wonderly is surrounded by dangerous men. There’s Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre), who uses gardenia-scented calling cards. There’s Kasper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet in an Oscar-nominated role), with his enormous girth

and feigned civility. Her only hope of protection comes from Sam, who is suspected by the police of one or the other murder. More murders are yet to come, and it will all be because of these dangerous men and their lust for

a statuette of a bird, the Maltese Falcon.

The Village Players Theater present movies each month with screenings this month on Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. The theater is lo-

cated on Glendon Street in Wolfeboro and the ticket window opens an hour prior to the screening.

Tickets for the movies remain the same price and concessions can be purchased as well.

Learn about maple syrup at NH Farm Museum

MILTON — Learn about how maple producers make tantalizingly-delicious syrup from the sap of the native sugar maple tree on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The highlight of the day will be a sap boiling demonstration where visitors can learn about the lengthy process that’s involved in rendering large quantities of liquid into a few sweet ounces of viscous goodness.

Maple sugaring has a rich history in New Hampshire. Early European colonists learned about maple sap from the Native American tribes that lived here. At the time of the Maple Moon in late February, the Abenaki people

tapped sugar maples using hand-carved sumac spiles, allowing the sap to flow into birch bark containers. Excess moisture was evaporated by heating rocks in the fire and placing them in the sap, which was contained in a hollowed out log.

New this year is the addition of Abenaki storyteller Anne Jennison of Lee, who will recreate the native origin story recounting how maple syrup first came to be. Jennison’s 30 years of storytelling experience includes appearances such as venues such as Portsmouth’s Prescott Park and the University of Southern Maine. Her performance will begin at noon.

Another of the event’s

activities will involve the making of spiles. These are the actual taps themselves. Today, most are made of metal, but originally, they were carved from wood.

In the farmhouse, visitors will be invited to taste some johnny cakes with local maple syrup and learn how to make donuts.

There will also be a special maple-themed barn hunt for children of all ages.

At the end of the day, once the maple syrup is ready, visitors can enjoy the sweet confection on shaved ice.

There is an admission fee, though museum members are admitted free.

For more information, call 652-7840.

Friends of Music bring Portland Vocal Collaborative to town

WOLFEBORO — Winter will fade on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. when Anderson Hall bursts with operatic arias and scenarios staged by the polished voices of the Portland Vocal Collaborative. In this, the sixth concert of the Wolfeboro Friends of Music’s 2016-17 season, artistic director Luette Saul presents Molly Harmon soprano, Jazmin DeRice mezzo-soprano, George Eisenhauer tenor, Joshua Miller baritone, with narrator and pianist extraordinaire Mark Rossnagel. Performers were invited from Saul’s retinue of some dozen professional friends who merged in 2013 while pursuing their individual careers in New England and New York.

The Sunday afternoon program is not a continuous story, put a potpourri of 11 selections from famous operas starting with “Mir ist so wunderbar” (quartet from Beethoven’s only opera, Fidelio). Moving historically through the romantic era of Verdi and Puccini, the program will close with two modern America staples, Leonard Bernstein’s Trouble in Tahiti (morning argument scene) and Aaron Copland’s quintet from The Tender Land. Stage action, along with minimal props and costume depiction, is expected.

Solo arias will be rendered by Saul (“Stridono lasso” from Pagliacci/Leoncavallo; DeRice (“Nobles Seigneurs” from Les Huguenots/Meyerbeer); Eisenhauer (“Kuda, kuda” from Eugene Onegin/Tschaikovsky) and Miller

(“Aprite un po quegli occhi” from Nozze de Figaro/Mozart). Librettos in English will be available for these four arias.

Classical opera finds audiences in city centers, by radio, TV, CD and hi-definition screening, but never more readily than by a unique opera troupe that is prepared to tour to a local stage to perform for a live audience. David Belcher writes for International Arts magazine, “concert versions take opera to a more personal level.” Requiring no amplification in Anderson Hall, Luette, Molly, Jazmin, George and Josh will project the personalities of their characters, moving ever so adeptly from scene to scene, taking the cue from Mark’s narration during scene changes and his orchestral introduction at the Yamaha grand piano. The program contains further ensembles as follows: “La ci darem” from Don Giovanni/Mozart, “Un di se ben rammentomi” from Rigoletto/Verdi, “Dunque a proprio” from La Boheme/Puccini, and the opening scene from Hansel and Gretel-Humperdinck.

Saul and DeRice, each on the vocal faculty at Bates College, were recently together with Miller when they performed as featured soloists in Beethoven’s choral Missa Solemnis. DeRice, a recipient of the Lillian Nordica Award, earned her Artist Diploma from Mannes Conservatory in NYC, and while in the Big Apple she performed with Bronx Opera and was frequently engaged as oratorio soloist. Miller

is from Maine’s Southwest Harbor and trained at the University of Southern Maine’s vocal performance program as did Harmon. Miller finds himself in NYC winning roles in La Traviata, and as John Wilkes Booth in Sondheim’s Assassins. Harmon has performed at Lyric Music Theater in Sweeney Todd. She has been soprano soloist in oratorios for example Haydn’s Creation, Britten’s A Ceremony of Carols and Orff’s Carmina Burana.

A Pittsburgh, Pa. native, Eisenhauer with his masters in vocal performance from USM, offers “subtle dramatic sensibility” (Allan Kozinn) as heard with the Portland Symphony Orchestra in The Dialogues of the Carmelites. He filled the tenor solos in Messiah at the White Mountain Bach Festival and with Penobscot Bay Singers. He is presently teaching music at Monson High School in Warren, Mass. as he continues to accept singing engagements.

Rossnagel holds both a BMus in organ performance from Binghamton University and a master’s in piano performance from the Southern Maine University with Laura Kargul. He is now an adjunct faculty member there and well-established piano soloist and collaborator, as well as conductor who researches his programs musically speaking to underpin the concert series he mounts at the First Parish Church in Portland where he is organist and choir master. Saul together with Rossnagel at

the keyboard performed Schubert’s epic song cycle Winterreise, which received a laudatory review by Allan Kozinn, the prominent New York Times music critic who in 2014 had removed to Portland as home. Luette is a native of Pomfret, Vt., and holds degrees in vocal performance from the San Francisco Conservatory and from Southern Maine University. Her vocal collaborative presents yearly at the Rossini Club (America’s first music club-1869) where Saul serves as program coordinator for the September-May concert series.

Wolfeboro Friends of Music is pleased to bring Saul, Rossnagel and ensemble to the people of the greater Lakes Region during its 81st season, which runs from September through May. This concert is made possible, in large part, to sponsors for this concert Taylor Community, Green Mountain Communications and the Law Offices of V. Richards Ward, PLLC. WFOM also thanks season sponsors: Benefit Strategies, LLC and Paul and Debbie Zimmerman. Tickets for the Portland Vocal Collaborative are available and may be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert. Advance tickets may be purchased at Black’s Paper Store and Avery Insurance in Wolfeboro and Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith or by calling 569-2151. All high school students with ID and all children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.



SUMMER CAMPS '17

Things to consider before choosing a summer camp

Though February does not often elicit images of youngsters building campfires or playing games in the pool, the month more synonymous with the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day is a great time for parents to start thinking about summer camps for their kids.

Summer camp is often something kids look forward to, and something they will fondly recall long after they reach adulthood. For many kids, summer camp provides a first taste of independence, as youngsters spend significant time away from home without their parents for the first time in their lives. But as great an experience as summer camp can be for youngsters, it can be just as difficult an experience if parents don't find the right fit for their children. That's why it behooves

parents to start thinking about summer camps for their kids in winter, before camps start filling out their rosters, which tends to happen in early spring. The following are a few things parents should take into consideration when seeking a summer camp for their kids.

Staff

The right summer camp staff can make all the difference. Many children are understandably shy when arriving at a summer camp, as their friends from back home might not be joining them. That can make kids hesitant to participate in activities or less enthusiastic about those activities. But a good staff will know how to make kids feel welcome, which should help them come out of their shells and make the most of their summer camp ex-



periences. The quality of staffs can vary significantly depending on the camp, so it's important that parents ask camp representatives about their staffs before making any commitments. Ask how long the staff has been together and the types of training new and even veteran staff members undergo before the start of camp season? Does the training include first aid and emergency medical training and certification?

It's also good to ask about the vetting process the camp employs before hiring new staff, including the extent of its background checks. Are criminal background checks conducted? How many references must potential staff

members supply to be considered for employment? A good camp will be forthcoming with answers to all of your questions, so eliminate those that appear hesitant to share information about their staffs.

A day in the life

When vetting camps for kids, parents should ask what a typical day is like once the season hits full swing. Many parents want their youngsters to have a well-rounded experience, while others might want their kids to attend a more specialized camp, whether it's a sports camp focusing on a particular sport or a music camp devoted to helping kids become better musicians. Regardless of the type of

camp parents are considering for their kids, they should ask about what daily life at the camp is like. Ask to see schedules and how strictly camps adhere to those schedules. When considering specialized camps, ask the staff representative if kids will have the chance to simply have a little fun and which types of recreational activities are planned to give kids a break from what are often rigorous schedules.

Camp goals

Another thing parents must consider before choosing a summer camp for their kids is the goals of each individual camp. A camp should be dedicated to ensuring kids have fun, even when kids are attend-

ing more specialized camps that tend to be more strict. In addition, parents should look for a camp that wants its attendees to foster relationships with their fellow campers. Camp can be lonely for some youngsters, especially those attending summer camp for the first time, but a summer camp that strives to promote friendship among its campers can reduce, if not eliminate, any feelings of homesickness.

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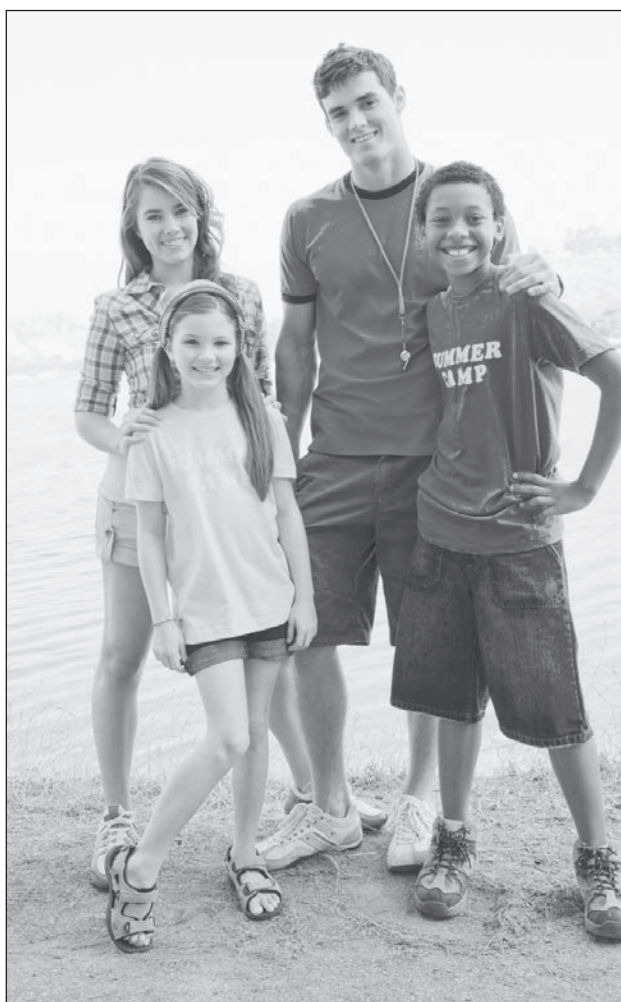
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Barnstead	106 Winwood Dr Lot	Res Open Lnd	\$19,533	Frederick Layman	R Fortgang RET & Robert Fortgang
New Durham	206 Birch Hill Rd	1-Fam Res	\$46,333	Michael A. Shipman	Megan E. McIntire
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New Durham	43 Davis Crossing Rd	1-Fam Res	\$176,000	Solon Realty Co LLC	Jared Barnes and Emalee Merrihew

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Movie screening at Oscar Foss on Friday night

BARNSTEAD — Join in at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library on Friday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. for a showing of Moana on the big screen. Popcorn will be served and pajamas are always welcome.

Library improvements

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library is excit-

ed to introduce its newly improved library to the community. They have changed the layout and added some new items to make everything more user

friendly and welcoming. Come in anytime during open hours to check out all the wonderful changes!

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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 Tues-

days and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.

LIBRARY

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hundreds of kids have taken part in the summer reading program. The Friends issue a warm invitation to parents and grandparents of children who will be attending this summer and those who have attended in the past.

Members are hoping

to see town employees and other businesses support the fundraiser by choosing to eat out that evening, too.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

"All of us have a chance at building a better world," said one. "This is an opportunity for our kids to build on

our community for the future."

Friends President Heather Wingate thanked residents for supporting the group in the past and urged people to spread the word about the fundraiser.

"You don't even have to wash the dishes," she joked.

University of Maine Singers at PMHS tonight

ALTON — The University of Maine Singers will embark on a four-stop tour, from March 13 through March 17, including a stop in Alton.

The annual spring tour will include a stop in Alton on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m.,

at Prospect Mountain High School. The concert is free and open to the public.

The University Singers is the premier vocal ensemble in the School of Performing Arts at the University of Maine. Selected by audition,

the group is comprised of both music majors and students studying other disciplines across campus. The group tour throughout New England every spring and to Europe every four years.



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ELECTION

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term as moderator, Linda Roy received 485 votes for a one-year term as clerk and Jean Stone received 494 votes for a three-year term as treasurer.
Because of internet outages, Barnstead was not able to send in results on Tuesday evening. Those results will appear in next week's edition.
New Durham postponed its voting until Thursday, March 16, and those results will appear in next week's paper.

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

WARRANT

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eral Provisions, Section 333 Criteria for a Home Business, Section 333 D. to clarify that if a zoning district contains a different size sign provision, the section containing the more restrictive sign size shall prevail. This passed by a vote of 401-164.
Article eight was to amend the necessary definitions, add a new section 363, and amend Sections 400 and 500 as necessary to add a new section regarding solar energy systems. Voters approved this 395-171.
Articles nine through 17 were minor house-keeping amendments and all passed easily.
Article 18 was to see if the town will vote to extend the current veteran's property tax credit to all veterans who have served not less than 90 days, have been honorably discharged and have established full-time residency effective April 1 of the year in which the applicant is seeking the Veteran's Tax Credit. This was the article with the largest margin of victory, passing 511-83.
Article 19 was to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of funding Old Home Week events such as the barbershoppers, band concerts, magic shows and other forms of activities. This passed 49-106.
Article 20 was to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of constructing an historic gazebo on the Western side of Route 11 in the Bay, which will provide historical information and show the history of Alton Bay. Voters approved 342-251.
Article 21 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund and this passed 417-180.
Article 22 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,000 for the purpose of creating parking and sidewalk areas on the west side of Route 11 in Alton Bay. This passed 334-262.
Article 23 was to see



CANDIDATES greeted voters at St. Katharine Drexel Church on Tuesday morning.

if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and it passed 492-98.
Article 24 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund and it was approved 484-112.
Article 25 is to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This was approved by a 459-127 vote.
Article 26 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund and it passed 326-263.
Article 27 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the Transfer Station. The vote was 388-186.
Article 28 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2010. This was approved 458-118.
Article 29 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading the Alton Bay restrooms to provide handicap accessibility and voters approved 420-156.
Article 30 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This passed by a 374-202 vote.
Article 31 was to see if the town will vote to establish an A.V.A.S. Public Park Building Property Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improvements and repairs to the A.V.A.S. Public Park Building property (Parks and Recreation - Grounds and Maintenance Department Building and property) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in

this fund. This was approved by a 313-261 votes.
Article 32 was to see if the town will vote to establish a Mount Major Community Center Property Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of improvements, maintenance and repairs to the Mount Major Community Center property (known as the West Alton Community Center), and further to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in said account. This article was the closest margin on the ballot, passing by just seven votes, 291-284.
Article 33 sought approval for the town to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$51,520 for the purpose of leasing and or purchasing one vehicle for the building department and one vehicle for the assessing department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,866 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This failed by a 321-249 vote.
Article 34 was the operating budget and default budget. Operating budget totaled \$7,131,959. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,124,908. The budget passed with a 383-186 vote.
Article 35 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168,149 and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$168,149 from the Ambulance Operation Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of funding the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies and equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This passed by a 482-97 vote.
Article 36 was to see if voters would raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Alton Fire Department Building Improvements

Capital Reserve Fund and it passed 391-190.
Article 37 was for the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to said fund. This passed 387-193.
Article 38 was to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$850,000 for the purpose of leasing and or purchasing a new aerial ladder fire truck and equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This failed by a 317-263 vote.
Article 39 was to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$127,122 for the purpose of leasing and or purchasing 15 sets of SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) units for firefighter purposes and appropriate the sum of \$37,616 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The article passed 430-162.
Article 40 was to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$52,000 from the Ambulance Operation Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of two cardiac monitors. This passed by a 474-112 vote.

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388-199 vote.
Article five was simply to allow a second meeting if article four had failed.
Article six was to see if the district would raise \$65,000 to add to the security and safety expendable trust fund for the purpose of maintaining the safety of the school buildings. This is for the removal of asbestos. The article passed by a 420-163 vote.
Article seven was to raise \$20,000 for the Alton Professional Development Fund and it passed by a 351-232 vote.
Article eight was the raise \$76,000 for the boiler capital reserve fund for the purpose of

replacing or repairing water heaters, boilers and ventilation systems. This passed by a vote of 408-171.
Article nine was to raise \$20,000 to be added to the Prospect Mountain athletic field capital reserve fund, which is Alton's share of the \$40,000 requested. Barnstead will vote on March 25.
The final article was to hear the report of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and it passed 472-97.
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Article 41 was to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500 and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$14,500 from the Ambulance Operation Special Revenue Fund for the purchase of two medication infusion pumps. The vote was 477-109 for the article.
Article 42 sought to establish a Rock and Asphalt Crushing Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of contracting with a vendor who has a crusher to crush town owned recyclable materials and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in this fund. This passed 356-230.
Article 43 sought the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and it passed 357-226.
Article 44 sought the sum of \$950,000 to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve Fund. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$191,000.

This was passed 397-190.
Article 46 was to discontinue the Highway Garage Expansion Capital Reserve Fund created in 1998 and it passed 491-93.
Article 47 was seeking \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Buildings Improvement/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund. It passed 395-196.
Article 48 was looking for \$5,000 to be added to the Gilman Library Improvement/Repair Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 2013 and it passed 477-113.
Article 49 was looking for \$75,000 to be added to the Town Beach/Park Capital Reserve Fund. This passed 312-275.
Articles 50 through 61 were all requests from non-profit groups for funding from the town of Alton. Each of the articles passed by a margin of at least 100 votes.

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Time to ease off the moose hunt and the creation of ever more pets

New Hampshire's moose population seems to be about half what it was in its heyday. There is no way to be sure about any wildlife population, of course, because wild animals don't exactly line up to go through turnstiles to be counted. But the estimate back in the early 1990s was about 8,000. Today it's about 4,000. Owners of tourist destinations--cabins and lodges and motels and inns--will tell you that guests driving north to see moose along the roads around Berlin, Errol or Pittsburg often go home disappointed.

At one time, more than 12,000 people were coughing up \$10 each to enter the moose permit lottery, in which more than 500 permits were chosen. This year, Fish and Game announced that it would issue only 51 permits for next year's hunt, the lowest since the season was first established in 1988. Although I'd never argue that New Hampshire's moose population is endangered, hunters have long held that they would never be part of a hunt that would bring a wildlife population anywhere near such a condition. Hunters believe, and often state

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



emphatically, that any decision should always be made in the best interests of the resource, not hunting. In the public's mind, I think, New Hampshire's moose hunt has become pathetic. It's time to pull the plug.

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The Caledonian-Record is a feisty and well-edited daily newspaper out of St. Johnsbury, Vt. I say "feisty" because the Caledonian, along with the Keene Sentinel, the Union Leader and the Concord Monitor, can always be counted on to jump right in with court appeals or lawsuits whenever government bureaucrats try to suppress the people's news.

The Caledonian runs a very good pet care and animal rescue column, titled this past week "It's Hip to Snip." The month's topic was the drastic need to reduce new litters of cats and dogs, because there are already so many hapless and helpless pets tossed to the winds by their uncaring, unfeel-



ROGER IRWIN - COURTESY PHOTO

GUILDHALL'S Roger Irwin took this fine head shot of a bull moose on a typical mist-shrouded North Country day.

ing, and in my book just plain cruel owners.

Anyone in any kind of farming has stories about cats and dogs just "dropped off" in a box or sack along rural roads in the dark of night, as if they will magically go into some sort of limbo safe haven. On working farms, there is often no more room for any more abandoned animals; and the best the dropped-off cat or dog can hope for is surviving a territorial fight.

Local vets typically

jump through hoops to cooperate with animal shelters for periodic low-cost neutering clinics. You grab your dog or cat and stand in line, which is to say the least an interesting event. As dogs and cats get to know each other by nose and butt, so do their owners (not necessarily via nose and butt).

From time to time I get a bit of pressure to have my dog bred, because puppies of her certain breed and type are hard to find. But I will not, because there are already far more dogs and cats than society cares enough to care for, and too many

"surplus" pets dying horrible deaths.

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Finally, this headline in the Union Leader a couple of weeks ago caught my eye: "State Library, first in the nation, celebrates 300 years."

Now, 300 years is a long time. Subtracted from now, it brings us back to 1717, almost half a century before the Revolution.

New Hampshire is first in so many things. For a long time we were first (i.e., lowest) in the nation in unemployment, and may still be. Of course we have the first in the nation presidential primary, and may it ever be thus. We were first in the nation with a workable Current Use property tax strategy to conserve forestland and open space, now copied by 25 other states.

Now it turns out that we were first in the nation with a state library. In 1717, the state's General Assembly, meeting in Portsmouth, approved an act providing that certain reference books be maintained for use by the Legislature and the Governor and Council. This was the beginning of the great State Library we have today.

Michael York is the acting commissioner of

the state's Department of Cultural Resources, and is a familiar face I seek out whenever I have the chance. He and the library crew have helped me out with research strategies for a book about my crazy time on the planet that I'll probably never get the chance to write.

The State Library is a great institution, one that I worry is off the radar for many visitors to the Concord scene, which itself is wonderful for its rebuilt and pedestrian-friendly downtown.

So I encourage one and all to traipse up the stairs of the State Library's marvelous building, immediately north of the State House, and swing open the doors, because you'll find a wealth of documents and history, and a warm staff within to help find what you're looking for.

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A season to remember

Prospect coach reflects on year, community's support of girls' hoop program

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — A few days after his team's heartbreaking quadruple-overtime semifinal loss to Monadnock, Prospect Mountain girls' basketball coach Rick Burley had recovered enough that he was thinking of going to a basketball game that night.

But more importantly, he wanted to take some time to reflect on the season and thank all the people who helped to make the team's season a successful one.

Burley noted that over the years, while the boys' basketball team had a couple of trips to the finals that resulted in large groups of fans supporting the team, the girls' program had struggled to get the recognition, mainly because they weren't making deep runs in the playoffs.

Prior to last year's first-round win over Stevens, the last time the Timber Wolves had won a postseason game was in the 2011-2012 season when the Timber Wolves won a play-in game over Monadnock.

"I told them, start win-



COACH RICK BURLEY praised the support from the fans throughout the season.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

ning and it will come," Burley said of the atmosphere his players were hoping for.

"The fans are important to the program's success," Burley said. "They want to play in that type of atmosphere."

That atmosphere was

never more prevalent than it was in the Division III semifinals, when Prospect fans packed their side of the Southern New Hampshire University. As the teams got prepared for the game, the Timber Wolf fans easily outnumbered the

Monadnock supporters by a two-to-one margin and kept up the cheering and noise throughout the game, erupting with each big shot that hit the net.

Burley said that atmosphere was impressive and he hopes that the

kids coming up in the local hoop programs will see that and want to take part in that.

"Those younger girls coming up, they see that and they want to play in that," Burley pointed out.

While the semifinal

game was on a large stage, even the crowds at the team's regular season games and first two playoff games in their home gym grew consistently.

"You saw the same people, many with kids who are out of school, at

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BOB MARTIN – GILFORD STEAMER
HUNTER LEWIS drives to the basket as Jacob Colby of Gilford defends in playoff action last week.



BOB MARTIN – GILFORD STEAMER
KATIE COVE (5) and Gerry Robson (7) play defense against Gilford's Andrew Nelson in unified tournament action last week.

Unified Timber Wolves fall in playoff opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — In the program's first year, the Prospect Mountain unified basketball team fought its way into the state tournament. As the 19th seed, the Timber Wolves went on the road in the first round on Tuesday, March 7, making the short trip west on Route 11 to Gilford to take on the 14th-seeded Golden Eagles. The Timber Wolves defeated Gilford in their lone meeting of the season back in January.

In the playoffs, however, it was the hosts that came away with the win, as they got out to an early lead and withstood a frenetic Prospect rally in the fourth quarter for a 28-24 win.

The Timber Wolves got out to a 6-2 lead after one quarter, as the two teams both struggled to score. Prospect's defense was able to play well in the first quarter.

The Golden Eagles came back and held the Timber Wolves scoreless in the second quarter and then went on a 14-0 run in the frame to make it 16-6 at the halftime break.

The hosts hit a hoop to start the second half but Prospect went on a 6-0 run to cut the lead to 18-12 and then the teams exchanged baskets to send the game to the fourth quarter with the Golden Eagles up 20-14.

George Hodgman was the star of the fourth quarter for the Timber Wolves, as he put up 10 points in the frame, including a pair of three-pointers. However, the Golden Eagles held the rest of the Timber Wolves in check and held on for the 28-24 win.

"I thought we had a really good season," Prospect Mountain

coach Richard Fortier said. "It was our first basketball season for unified and it was super fun. "I thought all the teams had great sportsmanship and it was fun for all the kids," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "I'm glad to see some of our kids get a chance to participate in high school sports, to get on the court and have some fun." Hodgman led the way for Prospect with 18 points on the night.

Prospect finished the regular season at 3-3. Bob Martin of the Gilford Steamer contributed to this report. Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 569-3126 or sportsgsn@salmonpress.com.

BOB MARTIN – GILFORD STEAMER
(Right) GERALD ROBSON takes a jumper in the face of Gilford's defense in action last week.



Knights bring home another banner *Sarah Peternel collects two top-10 finishes at Division II State Meet as Knights finish second*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PINKHAM NOTCH — Even with the best skier in Division II, the Kingswood Nordic ski girls were going to have a tough time knocking off the juggernaut that is the Kennett Nordic ski team at the March 7 Division II State Meet.

Without the best skier in the division, the Knights held off a strong Lebanon team and claimed their third banner in five years, finishing as the Division II runners-up.

Coach Tom Merrell's troops traveled to Great Glen Trails in Pinkham Notch on March 7 for the meet, which was a few weeks later than it has been in the past. After last year's Nordic season was a struggle due to lack of snow, the season was bumped back a few weeks to try and take advantage of snow.

As it turned out, warm weather and rain the previous week had done a number to Great Glen's snow pack, particularly in the field where the race finished and ended. However, Great



JOSHUA SPAULDING
THE KINGSWOOD Nordic girls celebrate their Division II runner-up finish at the State Meet on March 7.

Glen Trails staff hauled in snow and made sure that there was plenty of the white stuff for the kids to ski on.

The change in schedule also left the Knights without their top skier, senior Mary Kretchmer, who qualified for the Junior Nationals in Lake Placid, N.Y., being held the same week.

Without their top skier, the Knight girls still fared pretty well, finishing with a total of 724 points, which placed them well ahead of Lebanon's 702. The Knights had a 13-point lead after the morning classical race and increased that lead to 22 in the afternoon freestyle.

Merrell noted that had Kretchmer been available and won the races (she was the defending champion), his team would've been 19 points behind Kennett. As it was, the Eagles finished 59 points ahead of the Knights.

In the morning classical race, the Knights were led by Sarah Peter-

nel, who skied her way to 10th place overall in a time of 14:18.

Emma Bellefleur was next, finishing in a time of 14:45 for 12th place overall and Becky Peternel was the third Kingswood finisher, placing 16th in 14:57.

Sarah Bean rounded out the scoring for the Knights with a time of 15:02 for 17th place overall.

The Knight grouping continued with an 18th place finish for Sarah Bellefleur, who crossed with a time of 15:02, while Sarah Huckman rounded out the field of Knights in the regular scoring race in 22nd place in 15:37. Allison

Bean finished in 28th place in 15:58 and Hannah Demain finished in 45th place in 22:00, with both skiing for Skimeister points. Skimeister competition includes a skier's performances in both alpine and Nordic State Meets.

The Knights got the needed breathing room in the afternoon freestyle race, again led by Sarah Peternel, who skied her way to a fifth place finish in 11:23.

The Knights again had a solid grouping of athletes in positions 14 through 19.

Becky Peternel was second for Kingswood and 14th overall in 12:19, SEE NORDIC, PAGE B8

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PMHS sports awards rescheduled to Tuesday

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain winter sports awards will be held on Tuesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium, rescheduled from a week earlier. The accomplishments of the basketball and skiing teams will be celebrated. Athletes, parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

Lindsay makes Assumption softball team

WORCESTER, Mass. — The Assumption College Department of Athletics has announced that Shelby Lindsay of New Durham has earned a coveted spot on the 2017 Assumption College softball team. Lindsay, class of 2020, will compete during the Greyhounds' spring season, which began with a 12-game series in Claremont, Fla., March 5-12. "It is always exciting for the challenge that a new season presents. We ended last season on a great note

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the games," Burley said. "They community is really a huge part of it all. "Our fans, we loved them," Burley said. "They were excited." The Timber Wolf coach noted that the support his team found all year long wasn't lost on him or on the girls. "We appreciate all the support throughout the year," Burley said. "As we were going through the season, the stands started getting fuller and fuller." Burley pointed to the Newfound and Sanborn games as key moments in the season when the crowds backed his team in a big way. Both games featured matchups of undefeated teams. "There's a lot of family, but not just students or parents, it was individuals from the community," the Timber Wolf coach said. Additionally, Burley wanted to state the pride he felt for his team, the girls that fought on the court for the past few years to get better and to reach a point where they were playing in the Division III semifinals. "It's not easy being a student-athlete," Burley said, noting he could speak not only as a coach, but also as a parent whose daughters have played sports. "Late practices, college-level courses, late nights, early mornings. "There's a lot of stuff behind the scenes that goes unnoticed," Burley continued. "And I had not issues with any kid with grades this year." Burley also said that there were a lot of things


to take from the season, despite what was a tough ending. "I told them, don't focus on what happened here tonight," Burley said of his speech in the locker room after the game. "Think about the whole season and what we accomplished. "There's a lot to be proud of," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "That's the best any girls' team has done at Prospect Mountain. "You're all a big part of the program getting better," Burley said to his team. "I felt for the girls," the Prospect coach continued. "Obviously I want to win and do well as a coach." However, he also pointed out that in the beginning of the season, some of the girls' goals were just to get to the Final Four if for no other reason than to get a Final Four sweatshirt. That changed as the team started its magical run throughout the regular season. "Our goal was to bring home a banner," Burley said. "They've



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making it through to the second round of conference playoffs," said second-year head coach Katie Betten-court. "I am excited to see how we grow from those experiences. We have a tough non-conference schedule that will prepare us for the battle in the NE-10. This schedule will help us get ready for the postseason. I know we can do it and it'll be fun to watch and see how everyone steps up to the challenge. We are excited to get the year going and to open the

season in Florida in March." Last season, the Hounds went 19-21 overall and 15-10 in conference play, earning them a spot in the Northeast-10 Tournament. Assumption hosted Merrimack and defeated the Warriors 3-2 to advance to the second round, where they were defeated by Le Moynes, ending the Hounds' season. For more information on Assumption sports, visit www.assumptiongreyhounds.com. been trying to instill that in them." Despite losing a number of seniors to graduation, Burley expects that his team will be a force in Division III next year too. "We lost a lot but we have some returning players and some good players coming up," Burley said. "Hopefully those younger kids see that and it's what they want to be a part of. "Hopefully this helps all things, the summer program, putting work in during the offseason," Burley said. "This is the best group of girls I've ever coached in basketball," Burley said. "I thank the girls for really working extra hard. I knew we had the talent, they just had to put in the work and we did that. "They really stepped up our program," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "Hopefully a lot of things started this year will continue with the younger girls." Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 569-3126 or sportsgsn@salmonpress.com.



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A new season of Survivor (and some pleasant TV surprises)

After a week that featured a lot of traveling (Nordic State Meets in Great Glen, two nights of hockey in Plymouth and one day of hockey in Manchester), I got a chance to catch up on a little bit of television that had backed up on my DVR on Friday and Sunday.

Of course, the big television event of my week came on Wednesday night when Survivor premiered its 34th season and aired its 500th episode. I had a pair of hockey games in Plymouth that night and by the time I returned home it was pushing midnight. However, there was no way I wasn't watching the two-hour premiere, so I sat down and watched it and didn't get to bed until 1:30 a.m.

Nonetheless, it was a great episode of Survivor, though I was sad to see one of the show's best characters leave in the first two hours. However, it's a season full of interesting people and no matter who goes home, it's bound to make someone upset.

It's also hard to believe that Survivor has now been around for 500 episodes. I didn't start watching until the eighth season, which was the All-Star season, which saw its premiere air after the Patriots were in the Super Bowl in 2004. Since then, I haven't missed an episode

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and I've gone back and watched the previous seven seasons at least once and it has become one of my favorite television shows of all time, ranking up there with ER, The OC, Friends, Cheers and Lost. And I am incredibly excited for another season and to once again be heading to New York this coming Wednesday for another Rob Has a Podcast Survivor event.

I also got to thinking about the new shows that have aired this season and there are a few that I have really enjoyed.

Chief amongst those are two shows I was very wary about when they began, mainly because they were "reboots" of either movies or old television shows. MacGyver airs on CBS on Friday nights and Lethal Weapon airs on Fox on Wednesday nights, coincidentally opposite Survivor.

I used to enjoy the old MacGyver, though looking back on it, it was a pretty cheesy show. But it was always enjoyable and I wondered how they would remake the show when it was announced. To date, I have been pleasantly surprised, as there have been some

great storylines and good character development over the course of this first season. And I loved that they did a crossover with Hawaii 5-0, another one of the shows I enjoy, last week.

Lethal Weapon was such a great movie, even the second one was good, though the third and fourth kind of took steps in the wrong direction. The new show, however, has shown great chemistry between the new Murtaugh and Riggs as well as some exciting action and while I rarely watch it on Wednesday nights, it's been a show I've enjoyed in its first season.

That being said, none of the new shows appear to be taking the mantel from Survivor as my current favorite show.

Finally, have a good day Mike Lane, Justin Frechette, Joe Murphy and Mike Deyak, and congratulations on the championship.

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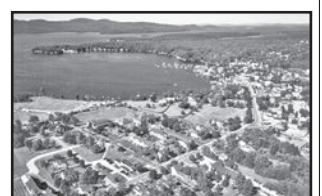


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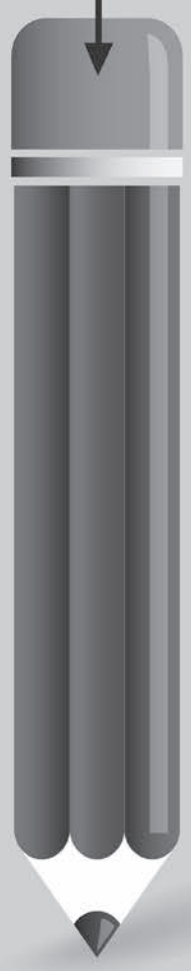
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with Emma Bellefleur finishing in 15th place in a time of 12:27.

Sarah Bellefleur

rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 12:30 for 16th place overall.

Skiing for Skimeister points, Allison Bean finished in 17th place in 12:31 and Sarah Bean

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was 18th in 12:39. Mary Peternel finished in 19th place in a time of 12:43 and Demain finished in 45th place in 18:03.

The Bean sisters were both skiing for Skimeister points, however their failure to finish

runs in alpine put them out of the running for the award, which went to Kennett's Jordanna Belle-Isle.

The Kingswood boys only had three athletes competing, so they were out of the picture in the

team score.

In the morning classical race, Jim Huckman led the way with a 19th place finish in a time of 13:04.

Axel Plache was second for Kingswood and 31st overall in 13:46.

Adam Richardson rounded out the field of Knights with a time of 14:05 for 34th place.

Huckman again led the way for the Knight boys in the afternoon freestyle race, as he placed 16th overall in 10:49.

Richardson was second for Kingswood, finishing in 11:51 for 27th place.

Plache rounded out Kingswood's crew with a 29th place finish in 11:53.

Sarah Peternel, by virtue of her top-10 finishes, earned a place in the Meet of Champions, which was scheduled to take place earlier this week.

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