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Guest of honor

Alton School Resource Officer honored by DARE program

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — It's one thing to be honored; it's quite another to be taken completely by surprise when being so.

Kristen Guest, an Alton police officer and School Resource Officer (SRO) at Alton Central School (ACS)

and Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS), had both happen to her last month in Concord when she was named the state's DARE Officer of the Year.

Guest has been a police officer for four and a half years and SRO for two. She completed her two week DARE officer training course

while working for the New Hampton Police Department in 2015, "and has been teaching DARE ever since."

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program has been around since the early 1980s, beginning in Los Angeles. Initially, its focus was on saying "no" to drugs and gangs, but it

expanded to include tobacco and alcohol.

Police officers who instruct the DARE curriculum undergo special training in areas such as child development, classroom management, and communication skills.

They work directly in the classrooms with a wide range of curricula.

In New Hampshire, the DARE Coordinator's Office recognizes one DARE certified individual who demonstrates skill and dedication, and exemplifies what being a DARE officer should be as the DARE Officer of the

Year.

Lois Stevens, Director of Special Services at PMHS, felt strongly enough about Guest's efforts in Alton that she recommended her for the award, based on the tremendous gain in establishing good relationships with students, parents, the school community, and surrounding communities.

"She has had the opportunity to now train fellow officers in the DARE program after only three years," Stevens wrote. "What an accomplishment."

Stevens noted that Guest has worked to

heighten awareness regarding resources on emotional health for students. "She shines a positive light and goes above and beyond for the students."

"Lois sent in the recommendation," Guest said, explaining how the ploy started, "and I had no idea it was happening."

Alton Police Chief Ryan Heath decided to make the presentation of the award a surprise, and concocted a ruse that included ACS Principal John MacArthur and Guest's family and friends.

The problem would
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New Durham sets 2019 tax rate

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — The numbers are in.

Having received new figures from the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration, Town Administrator Scott Kinmond said that selectmen looked at the town's financial needs for the upcoming year and consulted with the town auditor to set the 2019 tax rate.

Prior to doing so, officials also considered a \$400k surplus from the current year budget. Kinmond said part of the funds could be used to "help take the sting out of the tax bill." In the end, selectmen opted to use \$267k to help lower the tax rate, with the remainder to be held in reserve.

The 2019 tax rate will

be \$23.35 per assessed \$1,000. This represents a 1.8 percent increase over the 2018 rate of \$23.02.

In terms of how this rate is broken down, there are separate rates for municipal expenses, local schools, county obligations, and the state-wide education tax. Add them all up, and you get the overall rate.

The municipal rate will be \$5.46 - an increase over the 2018 rate of \$5.02. Kinmond said that the main drivers of the expense are the cost of commodities and staff compensation and benefits. He noted that in the latter category, there are certain legal and contractual obligations, but that the town has become "increasingly lean," having eliminated one full-time position. The other contributor includes things

like oil to heat the town hall, gasoline for town vehicles, and pavement to surface the town's roads.

"There are certain expenditures that are just out of our control," Kinmond said.

He said many of the town departments are being funded near or at the same level as the current year.

The other components that constitute the \$23.35 rate include local schools (\$12.75), the county tax (\$2.78), and the town's contribution to the state education fund (\$2.36).

Residents of the Copple Crown District will see higher rates, however, as a result of their arrangement with the town. Village residents will be assessed a municipal rate of \$7.62 - \$2.16

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Festive feast

Volunteers, former staff, town employees, and community members are invited to New Durham School's annual Thanksgiving Dinner to share a meal and conversation with young students. Here, former school employees Sharon Doherty (left) and Louise Shields catch up on the latest news at their prior stomping grounds.

Blood drive Wednesday at PMHS

ALTON — With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it's time to give to those in need. Sign up today to donate blood at Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday,

Nov. 28, from 2 to 7 p.m. Register soon to lock in your appointment time online at redcross-blood.org, or walk-ins are also welcome. Donors will receive a free t-shirt while supplies

last. Contact 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or 19tchase@pmh-school.com with questions. The blood drive is sponsored by the PMHS National Honor Society.

Legion serving Thanksgiving dinner

ALTON — Alton American Legion Post 72 is hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner from 12 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22, at the post to anyone that comes in the door. American Legion Post 72 is located on Route 28 just north of the Alton traffic circle.

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Baysider at Bryce

Russ and Judy Kelly pose with The Baysider at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah during a recent RV trip around the west. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the picture and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

Memory quilts at Alton Central School

ALTON — The sixth graders in Mrs. Roberge's class have completed their first writing assignment. They spent a few weeks studying the work of Patricia Polacco and really focusing in on the many different characteristics that make her personal narratives so wonderful. Students discussed dialogue and did several mini lessons on that skill. They also talked about "zooming" in on moments and adding detail, developing characters, transition words, and reflective endings.

After reading Polacco's book, Memory Quilt, the students created their own "memory quilt" with six different memories. From those memories came their



COURTESY PHOTO (Left) STUDENTS in Mrs. Roberge's class at Alton Central made 'memory quilts' as part of a writing assignment.

choice for their personal narrative.

They wrote a first draft and Mrs. Roberge conferenced with each student and discussed how they could improve on their writing based on the narrative checklists that they had discussed and the rubrics that they were given.

They wrote a second draft and they conferenced again. Their third drafts became their final copies.

Mrs. Roberge is working hard to ensure that when students hit grade seven next year, they will be "ready to go."

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Give thanks for good healthy by giving blood or platelets

MANCHESTER, NH (Nov. 1, 2018) — The American Red Cross urges people to share their good health this holiday season by donating blood or platelets for patients in need.

A decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. Medical conditions and emergencies that require blood don't stop for the holidays.

Patients like 6-year-old Ava King will continue to need transfusions critical to their care this holiday season. Ava has Diamond-Blackfan anemia, which impacts her body's ability to produce enough red blood cells.

"We are so thankful for blood donors because Ava relies on blood transfusions every month to stay alive and thrive," said Ava's mother, Tina King. "It's truly a gift!"

By giving blood or platelets, donors may give patients more time – and more holidays – with loved ones. Make an appointment to donate blood or platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross is thanking those who carve out time to give Nov. 21-24 with a long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

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Prospect Mountain High School,
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11/23/2018: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Bill
Dube Ford/Toyota, 40 Dover Point Rd

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11/29/2018: 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.,
Leavitt Park House, 334 Elm St.

11/27/2018: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.,
Dover Moose Hall, 45 Chestnut St

11/28/2018: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., ICI
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HOW TO DONATE BLOOD

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Honoring vets

Alton Central School students and staff were honored to welcome more than 90 guests to its annual Veterans Day ceremony held in the gymnasium. They gathered as a school to honor heroes, remember their achievements, their courage, their dedication and their sacrifices. Students from all grade levels created presentations for family, friends, classmates and community members to enjoy. This year also featured a chorus made up of staff to sing "America the Beautiful" and some wonderful patriotic performances by the school's chorus and band. As in past years, they had the honor of having the local Boy Scouts perform the flag ceremony.

Hypnotist show Nov. 29 at PMHS

ALTON — The days of clucking like a chicken are over. Hypnotist Paul Ramsay will bring his unique brand of stage hypnotism to Prospect Mountain High School on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in the high school's theater. Tickets are available in the main office or at the door.

"Our culture today is much more about interactivity, particularly through technology, so I built that into my hypnotism show," said Ramsay.

"Mind Games" uses remote controls and interactive polling software so that the audience can vote on what they want to see happen on stage. Ramsay says this provides an audience experience

unlike any other stage hypnosis show in the world.

Ramsay is a board certified hypnotist and a certified instructor of hypnotism.

Hypnosis has a long tradition as a form of entertainment.

Ramsay hypnotizes more than 1,500 people each year.

"Hypnosis is safe, natural, and effective for a variety of personal growth areas.

If you would like to learn more about Ramsay or his "Mind Games" hypnotism show, please check out his web site at paul-ramsay.com. Thanks to the PMHS Class of 2019 and Vertical Challenge for sponsoring this event.

PIG OF THE WEEK by D.A. Hammond

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Create holiday gifts at Oscar Foss

BARNSTEAD — On Thursday, Nov. 29, the Oscar Foss Memorial Library will be filling the meeting room with crafting supplies so you can create holiday gifts. Join in for crafting, snacks, and conversation from 5 to 8 p.m. Feel free to bring along your own supplies to share as well. All ages are welcome to attend.

Read with Mack

Need a little practice reading or just love dogs? Register to read to Mack, the library's very special reading therapy dog. Mack will be at the library on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 3 to 4 p.m. Sessions will run for 15 minutes per family. Come in to the library or call 269-3900 to sign up for a session.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or visit oscarfoss.org for more information about the library's programs or events. There is always

something happening at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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Library offering morning yoga class

NEW DURHAM — Following the success of a four-week yoga series at the New Durham Public Library funded by the Friends of the Library, another series has been scheduled for Wednesday mornings Nov. 28 - Dec. 19, thanks to the Library Trustees.

Hourly sessions begin at 8:40 a.m., in order to allow time for parents who drop off children at the school to drive just a few feet more to the library for a healthy and relaxing

interlude in what can be stressful days.

Everyone is invited. This is an easy, beginning yoga; you can even use a chair if you'd like. No prior experience is necessary.

There is a discount if all four sessions are purchased. Grab your mat or beach towel and do something for yourself during a hectic season. Registration is requested, but not required. Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.



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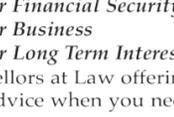
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Opinion

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Shop local

Because these business owners are our neighbors.
Because it strengthens communities.
Because it creates goodwill and friendliness.
Because life is about connections, not transactions
Because your gift will never be inexplicably “In transit” or “out for delivery” for nine days.
Because winter-scented air and snow crunching under boots can’t be matched by hitting “add to cart.”
Because we are meant to be in community with each other.
Because cinnamon-scented pinecones only happen once a year – thankfully.
Because online shopping doesn’t come with a smile, a joke, or an offer to help you carry it out to the car.
Because how else will you get 10,000 steps?
Because holiday seasons are fleeting and moments create memories.
Because if something’s not quite right, you can take it right back.
Because “free candy canes” at the cash register.
Because we model for our children how to ask questions, to use good manners and to be gracious.
Because holiday decorations spark smiles and excitement.
Because in a strong local business community, everyone wins.

Time to be thankful

This paper comes out one day earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We print the paper and deliver it a day earlier so that our employees, both on the editorial and advertising side in our Meredith office and in our printing plant in Massachusetts, can have the day off to celebrate with their families.

As we head to Thanksgiving there are many things to be thankful for.

First and foremost, we are thankful for the many advertisers who purchase space in our newspaper week after week. Without them, there would be no paper for you to read. These businesses step up to the plate and support another local business by purchasing advertising space and we ask that if you are out and shopping on Friday or Saturday (or any day for that matter), you stop at some of the businesses whose advertisements you see in our paper each week. The newspaper business is not an easy one, but great advertisers are what allow us to continue to be successful and to continue to offer you this paper each week. We are thankful for them each and every day.

We are also thankful to the writers who help to make this paper possible. Most of our writers have other commitments and in most cases, other jobs, but still find time to come through with quality stories each week. We are also thankful for the help of writers for our company’s other papers who help us to fill pages each week.

We are also thankful to our columnists, who provide us with regular pieces that we hope you find entertaining or interesting. These folks include Mark Paterson, Vivian Dion and John Harrigan. Most of these folks write because they enjoy it and provide us their content free of charge. Their abilities make our papers better and we are grateful for their contributions each week.

And finally, we are thankful for you, our readers, who continue to help make our paper the best it can be. Submissions from readers are what helps to fill the paper every week. Be it letters to the editor on a wide variety of subjects, press releases from events around the community or photos that you’ve happened to capture in our communities (and beyond), your contributions to your local newspaper are greatly appreciated and we couldn’t do it without you.



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First place

Alton Central School's Team Astro-Bobz participated in the NH First Lego League competition at Hillside Middle School in Manchester this past weekend. The team researched how to improve the sleep of astronauts in space. They worked with a sleep specialist to help them better understand the concept of sleep. The team created a sleep chamber and presented a skit based on their research. They won first place for their project. Their team-designed robot came in third place at the tournament, allowing them participation in the championship elimination round. They will be competing in the state championship on Dec. 2 in Windham. Pictured here is the team (front row, l to r), Logan Jenista, Caitlin Cliche, Logan Cliché. (Back row, l to r) coach Derek Pappaceno, Mason Pappaceno, Kenny Fontaine and Nathan Leavitt.

Letters to the Editor

Selectmen need to be more efficient

To the Editor:

New Durham town government property tax rate will increase nearly nine percent or 44 cents per thousand dollars’ worth of evaluation over last year’s rate. The new rate will be \$5.46 as opposed to last year’s \$5.02.

That far outstrips the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 2.8 percent those on Social Security will receive in 2019 to cover inflation.

In February, I wrote an article (letter) warning voters of an impending increase of 10 percent in the town tax rate if the budget went unchallenged. Voters came three votes shy of reducing the budget by five percent. Hopefully more voters will take notice this year and place our town government on a diet.

The largest amount of surplus funds (aka Undesignated Fund Balance) in New Durham’s history were used during a board of selectmen (BoS) meeting Nov. 15 to reduce the \$6.13 tax rate the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration calculated. That is 75 cents higher than the year before, representing a 14 percent increase.

Selectmen Swenson, Chase and Veisel all voted to apply \$275,000 from savings to reduce the tax rate 67 cents. The most ever applied in the past has been \$175,000 two years ago. At that time, Selectman Swenson voted against reducing taxes with \$175,000, claiming it wasn’t sustainable. The next year all selectmen agreed to use \$150,000. Using this unprecedented \$275,000 of funds could hamper improving roads and replacing worn equipment as has been done in the

past but the selectmen felt this was the right balance given the circumstances.

It would have taken about \$455,000 to reduce the tax rate to what it was last year but the selectmen were fearful that would not leave enough of a balance to cover bills in the near future.

Of benefit would have been the \$150,000 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund that the town voted to discontinue on March 14, 2017. However, Selectman Swenson explained at the meeting they had continued to spend from the fund after it was discontinued.

I find it disconcerting this type of maneuvering is going on. Although selectmen were originally the “agents to expend” they lost that title when the warrant article to discontinue it passed. Unfortunately, it turns out they continued to spend from the fund despite no longer being entitled.

The other three governments reduced their tax rates or stayed below inflation.

The local school tax increased 15 cents, 1.2 percent.

The county government tax decreased 13 cents, 4.5 percent.

The state education tax decreased 13 cents, five percent.

New Durham’s selectmen and budget committee should learn constraint from the other three governments and get back to innovative ways to structure services more efficiently as was done over the last seven years.

David Bickford
New Durham

Heartfelt gratitude

To the Editor:

I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended my retirement party at J.P. China and for the gifts and kind words that came along with it. I will miss all my friends and co-workers who made me smile on a daily basis. Working for the town of Alton has been a very rewarding experience and I will always appreciate the opportunity

that was brought to me. A special thank you to Mary and Stacy for organizing such a great evening. Please come and visit whenever you are in the Hampton area. It would mean so much to me. So far, retirement is wonderful.

Paulette Wentworth
Finance HR Manager
Town of Alton

Alton Community Services continue Mrs. Santa

ALTON — Alton Community Services is organizing 2018 Mrs. Santa and will continue Mrs. Santa in the future. Those Alton residents who need the assistance of Mrs. Santa, please contact Chris Racine at 833-3482 or call Alton Community Services at

875-2273 (please be sure to leave a phone number) or stop in at the food pantry (right next to Subway) on Saturday mornings between 8:30 and 11 a.m. to sign up. Please be sure to leave a phone number, ACS will do its best to contact past Mrs. Santa recipients, however please

be sure to make contact with ACS if in need. Pick up day for Mrs. Santa is Dec. 16 between 1 and 3 p.m. at Alton Community Services.

ACS can not thank the Alton community enough for its continued support and generosity for Mrs. Santa. Mrs.

Santa donations can be mailed to Alton Community Services, PO Box 43, Alton, NH 03809. If residents would like to get involved with Mrs. Santa by being a “shopper” or help with Mrs. Santa, please contact Racine at 833-3482 or ACS at 875-2273.



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Super Knights

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received a Super Knight for the month of September for "responsibility." Front row (l to r), Tianna Porter, Katie Dearborn, Emma Prentice and Spencer Manchester. Back row (l to r), Amber Dolliver, Steven DeFranza, Tyler Hasty and Emerson DeNitto. Missing from the picture is Taylor Reilly.

GWRSD energy savings surpass TRANE guarantees

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — When the Governor Wentworth Regional School District signed a performance contract with the TRANE company, it was promised energy savings. Two and a half years after energy conservation measures were identified and implemented, the district's savings have surpassed TRANE's guarantee.

According to Matt Williams of TRANE, presenting an update

on energy savings to the school board during its meeting in the New Durham Elementary School on Nov. 5, the district has accomplished savings of \$249,220, exceeding TRANE's guarantee of \$196,098.

Williams complimented the staff, and plant supervisor Phil Custeau in particular, for "embracing the concept," a key to the district's ability to enhance the projected energy savings.

The performance contract focused on

improvements in the six district elementary schools located in Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro and allowed the project to be funded with savings from current budgets. There were no new capital expenses.

Energy savings came from a reduction of 447,198 kWh of electricity, 2,168 gallons of propane and 10,686 gallons of fuel oil. The most significant conservation measures were boiler plant and lighting retrofits.

Walking program starts Saturday in Alton

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a new program on Saturday mornings led by Ruth Arsenault. Join community members on a walk or snow shoe walk each week from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walk locations will be announced the week before the Saturday. Walks will be held in local parks and will be easy to moderate. The free program starts on Nov. 24. Meet at the Alton Bay parking lot next to the west side public restrooms (in front of the Welcome to Alton Bay sign). Participants can car pool to the selected trail location. For more information and/or to register for this program, e-mail your

name and contact information to Ruth at bernieruth1977@aol.com.

Light Up Night

The town of Alton is celebrating "Light up Night" on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Events include kids' craft at Town Hall, visit with Santa, caroling, holiday hayride, tree lighting and much more. Santa will arrive at the Alton Town Hall at 5 p.m. by fire truck and will be meeting with children in the Heidke Room. The PMHS Chamber Singers will perform "A Holiday Celebration" at the Community Church of Alton at 7 p.m. The performance will feature the music of Alfred Burt, Stephen Foster and Russ

Robinson. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston focuses on breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment. Geared toward participants who know basic postures, the class ends in seated meditation and savassana. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m.

Plaza hosting holiday open house Dec. 8

ALTON — The Plaza at the Alton Auto Wash will be hosting a holiday open house on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. The plaza is located at 166 Wolfeboro Highway (Route 28) in Alton.

The businesses in the plaza will be opening their doors to spread holiday cheer for a good cause. They will be selling raffle tickets with 100 percent of the proceeds

benefitting the End 68 Hours of Hunger program, a program that helps provide food for children in the 68 hours between lunch at school on Friday and breakfast on Monday. More information can be found at end68hoursofhunger.org or contact Pam at Alton@end68hoursofhunger.org.

Businesses in the plaza include Bella Winni Salon, Breathe

Yoga, K-9 Kreation by the Bay, car detailing and the Alton Auto Wash and they will be raffling off some awesome items for people to win. They will also have giveaways, appetizers and beverages to enjoy. Stop at Bella Winni for the raffle tickets and then tour the businesses and say hello was you choose gift baskets to drop your tickets in.

PMHS class, dance academy show is Nov. 30

ALTON — The PMHS Class of 2020 is looking forward to partnering with Alton Dance Academy on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the PMHS auditorium to host their winter show. ADA will be presenting selections from the well-loved classic White Christmas, along with

other holiday favorites. Tickets will be sold at the door (kids three and under are free). All proceeds will go to the class of 2020. They hope you can join them to kick off the holiday season, because the best things happen while you're dancing.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 189 calls for service during the week of Nov. 11-17, including seven arrests.

One female subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

One male subject was taken into protective custody for intoxication.

One female subject was arrested on a warrant.

One male subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

One male subject was arrested for domestic violence assault, second degree assault and criminal threatening.

One female subject was taken into custody for involuntary emergency admission, resisting arrest or detention and simple assault.

There were five motor vehicle accidents. There were three suspicious person/activity reports on Main Street, Kent Locke Circle and Nutter Drive.

Police made 25 motor vehicle stops and handled four motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 152 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One background/record check, one neighborhood dispute, one fraudulent action, six assist other agencies, two animal complaints,

four juvenile incidents, three general assistance, one miscellaneous, two wanted person/fugitives, one protective custody, eight alarm activations, two noise complaints, one lost/fund property, three highway/roadway hazard reports, six general information, one vehicle ID check, one harassment, one sex offender registration, two civil standbys, one civil matter, two wellness checks, one abandoned motor vehicle, two community programs, 74 directed patrols, one 911 hang-up, two motor vehicle lockouts, three medical assists, 13 property checks and six paperwork services.

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Streetcar Company presents "Macbeth"

BY ERIN PLUMMER
mnews@salmonpress.news

LACONIA — "Something wicked this way comes" to the stage at the end of the month, when Streetcar Company presents "Macbeth," its first ever serious foray into the works of Wil-

liam Shakespeare. The classic tale of the Scottish nobleman who is pushed to murderous ambition by a prophecy and the manipulation of his scheming wife will come to the stage at Laconia High School Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2.

Streetcar has never done a Shakespeare play before. Director Paul Ayer raised the idea of doing "Macbeth" during the board's annual "pitch" meeting, where members are welcome to pitch their show ideas for the following season.



ERIN PLUMMER
Brendan Berube (standing) as Macbeth and Frank Stetson as Macduff rehearse their climactic sword fight for the Streetcar Company's upcoming production of "Macbeth."

The fact that the Bard's works are in the public domain convinced the board to take a chance on the show, provided Ayer agreed to direct it.

Ayer has been in six different Shakespeare plays, both in college and professionally.

He said he has been working to make the play as audience friendly as possible, especially the language. Any words or phrases that might be too arcane to come across to modern audiences have either been changed to something more understandable or cut.

"We are trying to capture the flavor of Elizabethan theater without baffling people," Ayer said.

Overall, he said, audiences will still get the story and emotions of the play.

He said the rehearsal process has been going really good.

"A lot of people who

came to audition, they came with misgivings," Ayer said. "Now they say, 'Thank God I came,' because they're having a blast. These people will definitely try another Shakespeare play."

Brendan Berube of Laconia, whose name readers might recognize as a former Baysider writer and current Salmon Press editor, plays the Scottish King himself.

"As a character, Macbeth is an interesting guy to play," Berube said.

He said calling Macbeth "henpecked" would be an understatement given his relationship with his wife. Played by Gilford High School alum Cordelia Penney, Lady Macbeth famously goads him into murdering Scotland's king early in the show in order to expedite the fulfillment of a witches' prophecy that Macbeth himself will one day be king, but

Berube says there is also a side of him that deeply wants to achieve greatness.

"What makes it interesting is that as the play develops, [Macbeth and Lady Macbeth] switch places more and more, and he becomes the schemer and the bloodthirsty one," Berube said. "The question becomes, was it really all her, or was this paranoia and savagery part of his inner nature from the word go? And what, if any, redemption does he find in the end?"

Berube said he took a college course on Shakespeare, and came in quite familiar with the language. He said he has always wanted to do Shakespeare.

"This is a no kilts, no accents show," he said, "so it's basically using my normal voice, getting accustomed to the metric configuration of the lines."

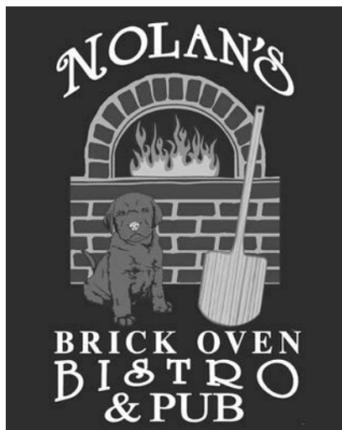
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Camp Sno-Mo

"Annually we provide to 170 disabled and special needs children and young adults eight weeks of residential caring at our Easter Seals Sno-Mo 3,600-acre camp located in Gilmanton Iron Works," said Robert Kelly (left), the Regional Director of Camping to members of the Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary club at its weekly Thursday morning meeting. "We include young clients with disabilities from all over the world who'll spend their time here in partnership with over 2,500 Boy Scouts who work with them to overcome their handicaps by assisting them in a variety of physical activities," he added. The Easter Seals Camp raises money through fundraising by students from local schools and other sources to help pay for the \$1,800 to \$1,900 for each attendee. Rotary Club President Rick Fogg (center) thanks Kelly and camp volunteer Chris Ellis for their presentation.



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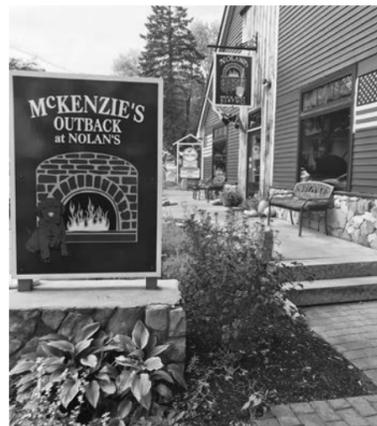
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Alton	245 Black Point Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,925,000	Mark A. Fecteau (RET)	Laurence E. Reid and Caroline E. Donnelly
Alton	34 Chickadee Lane	Mobile Home	\$17,000	James H. Davis	Robert V. and Deborah J. Cunha
Alton	9 Lancer Lane	Mobile Home	\$49,000	Thomas McCarthy and Diane St. Germain	Philip D. Browne
Alton	224 Powder Mill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$71,000	George Morgan	John Huckins
Alton	135 Roberts Cove Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$355,000	Lynn S. Nemer (RET)	Stephanie N. Dreyer
Alton	N/A (Lot 56-39)	N/A	\$1,300,000	Sylvia F. Goodrich (Trust)	Louis Lamarca (for Lamarca Fiscal Trust)
Barnstead	66 John Brown Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$220,000	Nicholas Beck and Theresa Authier	Troy D. Cram
Barnstead	42 Maple St.	Single-Family Residence	\$185,000	Jessica E. Lozier	Bradley Yasika
Barnstead	288 Peacham Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$139,933	Connie Bailey (for Katie Mae Thomas Estate)	Donald E. Russell (for RAF Fiscal Trust)
Barnstead	Province Road (Lot)	Residential Open Land	\$23,000	Russell J. Richmond (RET)	Mark J. and Ronald L. Deangelis
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New Durham	Middleton Road	N/A	\$28,000	Tina Ballantyne	Anthony and Deann Eldridge

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

In 1934, the Roosevelt administration put forth the "New Deal," which included the entitlement we

know as Social Security. Originally Social Security was not accessible until the age of 65. Now SS can be started at the age of 62 or even younger if disabled. When we started SS, there were 42 people paying into the system for every one person taking from the system, making it very

solvent. A generation of people born in the 1920s and 30s, some who fought in World War II and were later referred to as the Henry Ford generation but named the greatest generation by Tom Brokaw. Those soldiers who returned from WWII created the "Baby Boom" generation that is defined

from 1946 through 1964. During that 18-year span there were 78 million people born in this country. After this generation, we have had Generation X and Gen Y blending in with the Millennials, all who have not had nearly as many children as that Baby Boomer genera-

tion. The Baby Boomers are now retiring at the rate of 10,000 per day driving the ratio from 42 contributors to one recipient of SS entitlements and Medicare/Medicaid to only three contributors to one recipient. Within the next 10 years the ratio will be one to one.

a slowing in the housing market because of interest rates and the "wealth effect" wearing off with the stock market pull-back.

David Walker is comptroller of the US until 2008 and has stated that we must double tax rates just to stay solvent. Cutting spending would obviously help, but Washington cannot seem to accomplish this. Just after WWII our highest tax rate was 94 percent, in the 1970s we had a top tax rate of 70 percent. In 2012, our highest rate went from 35 percent to 39.5 percent, last year the tax reform act went into place creating even lower rates and bigger standard deductions. So, we are close to historic lows for our tax rates, yet we still defer taxes until a later date. Tax diversification is extremely important and if you are not taking advantage of some methods for paying taxes now at these low rates for tax free money in the future, I believe you will regret this.

Let's estimate an individual's annual SS and Medicare entitlements at age 66, which is full retirement age currently. Maybe 24,000 in SS and 15,000 in Medicare, not to mention any additional veterans' benefits. My high-powered calculator tells me that in 10 years, every working person will have to support roughly \$40,000 worth of entitlements annually that we Baby Boomers are collecting.

Our national debt is over 20 trillion dollars and will accelerate exponentially in order to just service the existing debt. With interest rates climbing, more pressure is applied on that debt repayment.

The most recent downturns in the equity markets have been triggered by a spike in rates. You see, the equity (stock) traders love cheap money. In my opinion, the next recession will be brought on by the Federal Reserve raising interest rates too aggressively. We are already seeing

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OBITUARIES

Alfred T. Poirier PMHS and ACS coach

ALTON — Alfred "Al" T. Poirier, 68, passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 9, following a battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends.



He was born in Hamilton, Mass. on June 6, 1950, the son of Mary Francis Cahillane and Omer Joseph Poirier. He graduated from Hamilton High School and Wentworth Institute of Technology, where he earned a degree in Architectural Engineering. Al held a number of engineering positions throughout his career, working in manufacturing. His last position before his retirement in 2013 was with Velcro USA.

Al served in the Air Force Reserves from 1970 to 1976. In 1971, he married Elena Pelletier, and they had four children: Leigh, Mary, Alfred Jr., and Christina. They raised their family in Farmington. Al and Elena divorced in 1995, but would always remain friends.

In 1996, Al married Juliette D'Empaire. They had a daughter, Gabriela, and made their home in Alton.

One of Al's great loves was sailing, and in recent years he was happiest on the water in his 41-foot sailboat, Susurros,

with Juliette and Gaby. He also enjoyed hiking, skiing and woodworking, and he was an avid Patriots fan. He coached softball and Odyssey of the Mind/Destination Imagination at Farmington High School while his older children were in school, and more recently, he coached tennis at Prospect Mountain High School, and volleyball at Alton Central School. Earlier this season, the PMHS volleyball team, made up of many of the students he had previously coached, dedicated a game to him. He was also a member of the Masons.

Al was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother. While Al will be greatly missed, his family will find peace in their many wonderful memories of him, including sailing together, cooking and sharing holiday - and everyday - dinners, his Tuesday night "dates" with granddaughter Madyson, evening cribbage games

with Juliette, and seeing him on the sidelines during sporting events, cheering for his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Al was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Poirier.

He is survived by his wife, Juliette D'Empaire-Poirier of Alton; children Leigh Poirier of Irvine, Calif., Mary Ferris of Rochester, Alfred Poirier, Jr. and his wife, Amy, of Deerfield, Christina Fuller and her husband, Jeremy, of Wolfeboro, and Gabriela D'Empaire-Poirier, of Alton; grandchildren Madyson Ferris, Samuel and Jonathan Poirier, and Ellie and Charlotte Fuller; siblings Phyllis O'Brien and her husband, Harry, of Hamilton, Massachusetts, Bernie McNally of Wilmington, Mass., and Jim McNally of Reading, Mass.; his first wife, Elena Poirier of Rochester; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

There will be a memorial mass scheduled in the coming weeks, and a celebration of life scheduled at a later date.

Memorial gifts in Al's name may be made to the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, PO Box 7047, Gilford, NH 03247, www.lwsa.org.

Norman Walter Hillsgrove



ALTON — Norman Hillsgrove passed away in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Nov. 6. He was a lifelong resident of Alton, having grown up on a dairy farm the eldest son of Fred and Ella (Goodwin) Hillsgrove. He attended Alton schools and Manchester Technical Institute.

He worked as a machinist in Concord before starting his own business, Hillsgrove Machine, in 1979. After his retirement in 2003, Norm spent many enjoyable summer hours riding his Honda Goldwing motorcycle. Winter time found him riding his snow machine locally and in northern NH. Perhaps his greatest automotive joy and accomplishment was the restoration of his 1949 Chevy panel truck.

Norm was a hospice volunteer for Southern Carroll County VNA and Hospice as well as occasionally filling in at The Center for Grieving Children in Portland, Maine. He also volunteered for the Kingswood Youth

Center in Wolfeboro. He was very active in the Sterling Men's Institute and served as the first district coordinator for the state of NH.

Norm was a man of great warmth and kindness with many talents, skills and interests but perhaps what was most notable about his character was how he lived with the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease, showing admirable courage, humor and acceptance.

Norm's family is most grateful for the care he received for the last four months as a resident of the Inn at Deerfield, to the psychiatrists at the Gero-Psych unit at Frisbie Hospital, to Concord Regional VNA and for the hospice care given during his final days at

Epsom Health Center.

His bereaved family members include his wife, Catherine Barritt; his children, Susan Hillsgrove, Deborah Snell and husband Tom, Daniel Hillsgrove; the mother of his children, Cathy Hillsgrove; grandchildren Kate Hillsgrove, Dakota Hillsgrove, Jack Laramie, Kara Laramie and Lily Hillsgrove; brothers Al and Judy Hillsgrove, Hayden and Mary Hillsgrove and sister Eunice Gerlach. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Tom and son Kevin Hillsgrove.

A celebration of Norm's life will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Still Oaks Funeral and Memorial Home in Epsom. A brief service will be held at 2 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to begin gathering at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.stilloaks.com.

Christmas tea, concert on tap for Barnstead church

BARNSTEAD — Christmas is in the air and the Center Barnstead Christian Church would like to invite ladies to join them for a time of peaceful reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. The church will be hosting a Christmas tea on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. This will be a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Please join in for delicious food, wonderful company, beautiful decorations and a reverent reading of the Nativity Story. This is an event planned with every adult lady in mind, so feel free to bring a friend. They are the church located

next door to the Town Hall and they look forward to your being with them for this Christmas tea.

Center Barnstead Christian Church will also be hosting "All is Bright," a Christmas show created and performed by students from the Word of Life Bible Institute, the following Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. This show is for the whole family and is free. Join in at Prospect Mountain High School for a night of festive worship as they sing your favorite Christmas songs, tickle your funny bone and present the true meaning of Christmas. For more information on these events, the link

to reserve free tickets for "All is Bright" and Sunday worship and Kids for Christ program, please visit www.centerbarnsteadcc.org or call 269-8831.

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ALTON — George Edward Von Dohlen, age 86, of Stonehall Road in Alton, died Nov. 14.

Born May 12, 1932 in Brighton, Mass., son of Lewis and Florence (Watson) Von Dohlen, he resided in Hudson, Mass. for 22 years and resided the past 16 years in Alton.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, he served during the Korean War.

George was a retired fireman with the city of Newton, Mass.

He loved to exercise,

enjoyed reading, was a sports enthusiast, enjoying boxing and was an avid Red Sox fan.

Survived by his wife Marie (Toomey) Von Dohlen; two sons, George Von Dohlen, Jr. and Gerard Von Dohlen; two grandsons, Nicholas and Gilbert Silva and Doris Cote; also several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by two sisters, Joan Noble and Barbara Champagne.

Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Peaslee Alton Funeral

Home, 12 School St., Alton. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Community Church of Alton on Church Street in Alton, with Rev. Dr. Samuel Hollo, pastor officiating. Interment will be in the spring at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association. To express condolences, please visit www.peaslee-funeralhome.com.

Advent family event Dec. 2 in North Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — Looking for a new activity to get into the Christmas spirit? The Congregational Church of North Barnstead is offering a Sunday afternoon Advent family event on Dec. 2.

Stop in anytime from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be craft stations to create cards, an advent wreath, and other Christmas decorations. There will be music, cider and Christmas snacks and cookies.

Everyone is welcome.

The Congregational Church of North Barnstead, UCC is located at 504 North Barnstead Road in Center Barnstead.

Worship is every Sun-

day at 10 a.m. with programming for children and youth followed by coffee hour.

CCNB is open and affirming (LGBTQ+) and accessible to all with physical challenges.

Christmas concert in Pittsfield Dec. 7

PITTSFIELD — Plan to attend the annual Christmas concert coming Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. at the First Con-

gregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield. This special concert entitled, "How Great Our Joy," will be a return to

favorite lovely Christmas carols. The concert will feature the church's Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell

Choir. Add this family event to your holiday plans. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.



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GUEST

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be getting her to Concord the day of the presentation on a credible pretense.

Guest said it just so happened that on the Friday before the presentation she had spoken at an SRO training block in Concord, speaking to trainees about different areas of DARE and rules that apply to a school.

"It was an opportunity to talk to them about being an SRO and how that differs from patrol work, how DARE can be intertwined, and how it can help you with investigations."

Several days later, as part of the ruse, she received a request to return to the training as the students had additional questions for her.

Guest suspected nothing. "My chief told me to go, and said that I could stay for the DARE graduation, so it totally made sense."

When she arrived, her family was hiding in a back hallway, but there was one glitch. "I saw John. I walked into the auditorium where they do the graduation presentations, and there he was. I asked him what he was doing."

MacArthur took the logical course. "He ran away," Guest said. "So I knew something was up but I didn't know exactly what it was."

The award presenter was Trooper Dick Perreault, state director for the DARE program, who also had served as Guest's DARE mentor. "When he started talking, he looked at me. I was shaking my head because I knew something was going on."

Perreault read Stevens' recommendation,

and the game was up.

"I was really honored and taken by surprise," Guest understated. "I remembered what it was like when they presented that award the year I graduated and I'd thought how cool to be recognized for hard work that often goes unnoticed. It's very humbling."

DARE does not resemble what it did in the 1980s. "The program has grown and transformed through the years," Guest said, "from 'just say no' to making overall healthy choices."

Goals include empowering students to respect others and teaching kids good decision making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. Topics covered range from cyber bullying to dealing with peer pressure.

Guest is at either ACS or PMHS Monday through Friday, working with students from kindergarten through the 12th grade. Different curricula have been created to address each age group appropriately.

Being at a school is a good fit for her. "I have always had a passion for working with kids in order to form a relationship and help them advocate for themselves."

She definitely sees herself as someone "kids can trust be on their side and have their best interest in mind."

She recounted that growing up she had friends with insecure home lives or missing parents. "My family was together, my parents were involved in my life, and we always had family dinners. Those friends came to my house because

they didn't have that. Some of these kids we see don't have a stable home. So, I can provide them a stable school environment and be on their side and make a change in their lives."

Currently she's teaching DARE with second graders. "It's an eight-week program that goes over bike safety, pedestrian safety, where to safely store items from grocery shopping, and how to call 911."

Simple things that we might overlook are a big part of her teaching. "The kids get really excited when they memorize their mothers' phone numbers."

MacArthur said Guest was the perfect candidate for Officer of the Year. "She always puts kids first and she's



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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER and good sport Kristen Guest, left, proves how involved she is with Alton youth by volunteering to get soaked by students of the homeroom that collected the most money to benefit the ALS Foundation. The National Junior Honor Society sponsored the "Drench Us for Dollars" event earlier this school year.

passionate about making a difference in the lives of our students."

He deems her the R in SRO. "She's a resource for us," MacArthur said, "because she establishes positive relationships with our students. If there is an issue, they trust her. She's someone they can go to in a crisis."

Having an outstanding SRO makes an administrator's job easier. "We're a team," MacArthur said, "and she's a valued member. We couldn't do what we do without having her here."

If asked what an SRO does, Guest will say she wears many different hats. "Counselor, teacher, and law enforcement officer; those three intermingle every moment of every day."

She makes it clear, however, that what is most important to her is that students and community members know her intent is never to discipline kids or to get them in trouble.

"The relationship between the school, police department and community starts young. We're building trust."

She considers children the "prized possession of a town. If we can form these relationships early, we can prevent things happening in the future."

Like most American kids, she went through DARE at her Sandwich, Mass. school, but her background has an interesting twist. Her uncle, a police officer, started the DARE pro-

gram at her school system.

"It was cool to be in a classroom in a program my uncle started and now, not only am I a DARE officer, too, but I have this incredible honor of being recognized as Officer of the Year."

As part of her new "position," she confers often with Perreault and will speak at future DARE trainings. "I'm a resource now to DARE officers in New England. Officers will call and ask for advice."

DARE officers form a group that actively shares experiences and guidance.

Guest and Casey Brennen, the DARE officer in Gilmanton, have discussed visiting each other's schools to sit in on what the other is doing.

"We could get new ideas, plus it's an opportunity for students to meet an officer from another town. There may also be a need to have that officer substitute for us."

Officers work steadily to develop what they do for students. "It's constantly evolving," Guest said. "There is a yearly DARE training and we do a conference that everyone in the state attends. We're a tightknit community dedicated to improving the program."

This is MacArthur's first time as principal with an SRO. "As an administrator, I always worked closely with the local police department, but this experience of having an SRO makes our relationship that much better. We can provide a lot more to our students. Kristen is truly a role model and advocate for our kids."

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per thousand higher than folks in other parts of town, bringing their overall rate to \$25.51.

The new Copple Crown rate actually represents a decrease in the municipal rate. Last year, the amount was \$9.75, so 2019's number represents a \$2.13 cut in local taxes for municipal services.

"They might not be jumping for joy, but it should take some of the bite off of it," Kinmond said referring to the semi-annual tax bill.

And speaking of which, Kinmond noted, "The girls in the business office will be stuffing the envelopes and heading to the post office this week."

In other business, Kinmond noted that Izzy, the NDPD's K-9 unit, has received her USPCA patrol duty certification. While Izzy has been at

work for several months, her duties have been limited mostly to tracking. Kinmond said this new certification will enable her to be deployed for other tasks including chasing down escapees and to serve more autonomously without the direct oversight of a handler.

Kinmond also said that the town is implementing new security upgrades for town buildings. These will include closed circuit video cameras and badge-enabled entry points to the town hall for employees.

There are also two RFPs for which the town is accepting bids. On the IT side, officials are looking to upgrade the town's municipal software. The deadline for proposals in Dec. 6. On the infrastructure side, the town is seeking a contractor to replace culverts on South Shore Road. That deadline is Dec. 14.

Additionally, selectmen revised the town parking ordinance. There will be a no parking zone along about 440 feet of Old Bay Road, stretching from the entrance to the fish and

game club to the intersection with Brackett Road. Kinmond said that safety was a major point that was considered. He also said the area will be clearly marked with signage in the near future.

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Kingswood students work to raise awareness of plastic's effects on oceans

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood Regional High School Less Plastic club recently hosted an assembly in the Kingswood Arts Center for their peers featuring a movie clip from "Plastic Ocean" that provided a glimpse of the problems suffered by marine life resulting from plastic contamination of their ocean home.

Another clip of a movie focused on a massive cleanup of the Great Pacific garbage patch with a machine designed by a Dutch student.

Students with cell phones were able to participate in an electronic quiz separating fact from fiction pertaining to recycling with their an-



ELISSA PAQUETTE
KINGSWOOD Regional High School alumnus Aiden Pipkin and senior Gillian Thorsell-Cary recently accepted a map of the Ossipee Watershed on behalf of the school's Less Plastic club from Green Mountain Conservation Group Education Coordinator Tara Schroeder.

The group meets just once a month, says advisor Karen Payne, but they've been able to accomplish the replacement of styrofoam lunch trays with reusable plastic trays by means of a well-coordinated fundraising appeal. The move to washable trays has meant that if the kitchen staff is down by a person on a given day, volunteers have to step forward to help clean them. Payne says a subcommittee is researching final costs for more trays to have enough to get

through all four lunches.

Green Mountain Conservation Group Education Coordinator Tara Schroeder, whose group has been a resource to the Less Plastic group, called alumnus Aiden Pipkin and senior Gillian Thorsell-Cary to the stage to accept the gift of a map of the Ossipee Watershed for the school.

Payne is joined by teachers Gordon Lang, art teacher Tresa Livernois and environmental science teacher Billy Palmetier dedicated to the Less Plastic group.

Village Players in rehearsal for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

WOLFEBORO — While shepherds bruise their flocks by night; And angels cry in pain;

The awful Herdmans have arrived at church; The Christmas Pageant will ne'er be the same.

After an 11-year hiatus, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever returns to The Village Players stage for a one-weekend run, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. The story tells the travails of a predictable, happy Christmas Pageant derailed by the Herdman children who come to church simply for the

snacks.

Full of hilarious tangles and unexpected twists on the traditional Nativity, the play also brings serious reflection. As Director Kathleen Hill says, "It carries the message of Christmas into the 21st century." The cast includes people across four generations and a number of family teams.

The cast hails from around the Lakes Region, including Wolfboro, Moultonborough, New Durham, Ossipee, Manchester, Tuftonboro, Barnstead, Sanbornville and Center Harbor.

Coming off the successful run of The Wizard of Oz with Kingswood Theater, Kingswood drama director Scott Giessler returns to acting in the role of Ben Bradley, husband to the show's

protagonist, Grace portrayed by Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, who also happens to be Scott's wife as part of her day job. Daughter Beth Bradley is played by the multi-talented Rebecca Connelly, just completing her role of Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. Her younger brother Charlie is Elliot Giessler, seen as Winthrop in last fall's Village Players' The Music Man.

Described by Beth as "the most awful kids in the world," the Herdmans are brought to life with gleeful meanness by Ryan Long, seen in a variety of shows with Children's Stage Adventures; veteran Village Players actor Jeanne Puglisi; Kingswood Summer Theater stalwart Carly Davis; Austin Gibbs, who was also seen as Winthrop last fall at

Village Players; the very talented newcomer Jack Berry and Julia Alie, who has appeared in numerous productions at Rochester Opera House and with Garrison Players.

Children of the church who suffer through the Herdmans' hijinks are Charlotte Johnson, Anna Smith, Ryan Reed, Laura McKenna, Alicia Johnson, Molly Vignola, Elizabeth Gagne, Hannah Long, Roxie Hale and Gabe Giessler; while the "grown-ups" of the story, who don't always act so grown up, are played by Barbara Wilson, Bree Schuette, Jenn Gagne, Mandy Ferriman, Linda Schuette and Gary Schuette.

The large number of cast members, holiday theme and single weekend of performances predict The Best Christmas Pageant Ever will sell out. Tickets are available now at www.village-players.com and at Black's Gift Shop and Paper Store. Prices are \$8 for children (12 and under) and \$15 for adults.

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Vaping presentation Tuesday in Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — other questions. The Breathe NH is coming to Pittsfield to present on vaping, and organizers will have school, town and health representatives to answer the event is called "Vaping Unveiled." It is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, evening, Nov. 27, at Pittsfield Middle High School.

Legion Riders coat drive runs through Christmas

ALTON — The American Legion Riders of Chapter 72 Alton are holding their sixth annual "Coats for Kids" drive. The Riders will be collecting "new" coats for children in the local community in need. Coats can be dropped off at the post home on Route 28 Alton, in the coat donation drop-off box located in the post foyer. The American Legion Riders of Chapter 72 will be collecting coats Nov. 1 to Dec. 25. Donations will also be accepted toward the purchase of new coats. Contact Russ at 776-2968 or Lisa at 520-0672 for more info.

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Black Friday Shopper's Guide



Black Friday is a holiday season phenomenon that entices shoppers out of their homes, sometimes in the wee hours of the morning. Many stores begin their Black Friday promotions on Thanksgiving night, while others may wait until midnight to open their doors to deal-hungry holiday shoppers.

Thanks to the crowds, some shoppers may be intimidated by Black Friday and opt to avoid stores entirely on the day after Thanksgiving. But there are a host of benefits to shopping on Black Friday that can compel hesitant shoppers to join the festive fray.

- **Deals:** Black Friday is a consumer-friendly day on which savvy shoppers can find great deals on big-ticket items. Big-ticket items like electronics, including televisions, smartphones and tablets, are often heavily discounted on Black Friday. Such deals may only be for a certain period of time or until a predetermined amount of inventory has been sold, so shoppers should do their research and prioritize which items are most important to them in advance of Black Friday.

While Black Friday occurs during the holiday season when many people are busy looking for gifts for their loved ones, shoppers who need new big-ticket items can save money by shopping for themselves as well as their friends and family members in the initial hours after Thanksgiving.

- **Shopping done early:** Shoppers who tend to procrastinate during the holiday shopping season may find that shopping on Black Friday increases the chance they'll get their shopping done early. Getting shopping done early leaves more time to celebrate with family and friends throughout December.

- **Giveaways:** Many stores offer giveaways to Black Friday shoppers. Such giveaways may include gift cards, free entries into raffles or totes bags full of goodies. Such giveaways make great stocking stuffers, enabling Black Friday shoppers to get some shopping done without spending a dime.

- **Budget-friendly:** Budget-conscious holiday shoppers may find that Black Friday allows them to give great gifts without compromising their personal finances. In its second annual holiday debt survey, MagnifyMoney found that consumers who took on debt during the 2016 holiday season were poised to begin the new year with an average of \$1,003 worth of new debt. Shopping on Black Friday might help many shoppers reduce the amount of debt they take on during the holiday season.

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Fisher (cats) and wild turkeys: A saga from New Hampshire's past

It is true, insofar as the history-minded are concerned, that Benjamin Franklin lobbied for the national symbol to be not the eagle but the wild turkey. Well, sort of.

Leave it to Smithsonian Magazine to dig out the facts. What happened is that Franklin, shown a mockup of the proposed Great Seal of the young United States, remarked that its bird looked more like a turkey than an eagle. This, combined with letters to his daughter, is how the turkey legend was born.

Here is part of what Franklin wrote:

"I am not displeased that the Figure is not known as a Bald Eagle but looks more like a Turkey. For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character."

Franklin went on to cite thievery of other birds' prey as chief among the eagle's bad habits. Also, he said, it is often loaded with lice, "generally poor" in health and appearance, and is an apparent coward, Franklin having once seen one driven off by a kingbird.

Besides, Franklin maintained, the turkey is a true native of North America. It is also a bird of great courage, he said, "and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards."

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Although I was already on the outdoor writing scene when New Hampshire received its first wild turkeys for res-

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By JOHN HARRIGAN



toration, and in my time have hunted just about all things legal, I never really got into hunting turkeys. This proved to be a wise move, because they are notoriously difficult to hunt. Wait, let me re-phrase that. They're easy enough to hunt, like anything else, but can be damned hard to get.

Yet hundreds of hunters in New Hampshire do just that each fall, and they take a few more in the spring Tom season. All the New England states now have permit-only hunting populations. And how the worm turns here: Hunters, through license and equipment fees, helped fund the restoration.

The restoration of turkeys is to me a not-so-minor miracle, and I feel lucky to have been alive and on the planet when this and many other old wildlife wrongs were righted. Just a quick look at the list gladdens the heart, and somehow makes all those chicken dinners and annual meetings and raffles and auctions worth it: moose, loon, Peregrine falcon, bald eagle, pine marten, even deer, even beaver (yes, beaver, which were almost trapped and developed to oblivion, whereas today every bit of New Hampshire's beaver habitat is full.)

To this already grand list, just to stir the pot a bit, let us add the lynx and the Eastern cougar (which I am by no means alone in thinking may



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BALD EAGLES are invariably depicted as soaring, fierce, and proud, although they have been known to frequent dumps.

have hung on in northern Maine, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, and is now regaining its ancestral range), and of course the wolf.

So okay, our already larger Eastern coyote is demonstrably morphing into a timber wolf, able to hunt in packs and all. Still, one sort of hopes that the Old Boy will somehow show up, and, you know, howl in silhouette on the horizon or something equally poignant. Think: Wolf as "All-Things-Wild" Poster Child. And then think: How come we treat close-cousin coyotes like rats at the dump?

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There are many refreshingly odd things about New Hampshire's turkey story, not the least of them being Mr. Turkey Man himself, Ted Walski, who for most of the turkey project's life has worked out of Fish and Game's southwestern regional office.

Ted never gave up, despite two failed reintroduction attempts in the southeast during the early '70s, and finally persevered, tirelessly live-netting and transplanting until turkeys attained a solid foot-

hold across the southern tier. This set the stage for their rapid expansion into the entire state, even into the far northern reaches of the Connecticut Lakes and Hall's, Indian, and Perry streams.

Another odd thing, one that many people don't know about, and why would they? is that New Hampshire obtained its first batch of turkeys in a trade with West Virginia for fisher (cats), which they once had and wanted back.

Finger-waggers, please go away. I'm fully aware that fishers technically and otherwise have absolutely nothing to do with cats, other than most fishers being about the size of a big housecat, and sleek and cat-like in the way they move, and having even been known, according to Wobanaki legend and lore, to catch fish, this undoubtedly occurring at the head of tiny little streamlets here and there in the high country. I mean, can't we just envision it, a fisher (cat) sitting there on its haunches, ready to pounce as soon as it can spot a fin, while the mists and fairies and (for all we know) selkies swirl around?

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WILD TURKEYS are most always depicted as ungainly and (somehow) stupid. They are anything but.

We are getting way off track here.

In my book, hunters should eat what they shoot or should not hunt, and I am happy beyond words when I can come home with a couple of partridges (in some loftier quarters, grouse) and eat them for supper.

Ergo, turkey hunters are always saying with a straight face that they eat what they kill, and the print media are always full of the latest recipes on how to cook wild turkey so it doesn't

come out tasting like a spare tire.

I've been to more than my share of annual meetings and club banquets and game dinners, and woe betide the man who says that wild turkey cannot be cooked into something close to toothsome. And in fact and fairness, I've had some far beyond.

Some of you out there are no doubt featuring, as the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving table, a wild New Hampshire turkey. Eat with gusto, says I, and then maybe go out for a drive along the river, where (thanks be) you'll have a pretty good chance of seeing a bald eagle.

This column runs in a dozen newspapers covering the northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, are welcome via campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Library friends plan holiday celebration

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library will host its annual holiday celebration at the library on Friday afternoon, Dec. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. Santa will be there to greet the younger guests. A program of holiday entertainment will be presented by professional storyteller and musician Steve Blunt. There will be lots of goodies for all the guests. Everyone in the community is invited to the celebration, it will be a great opportunity to enjoy the holidays and to see all the wonderful resources of the New Durham Public Library.

Again this year there will be raffles, which include many wonderful

prizes. Among the prizes are an Apple iPod, 100 gallons of fuel oil, ski tickets, theater tickets, gift cards to local stores and restaurants, tickets to sporting events and many more. Raffle tickets are being sold at the library and at the event and you don't have to be present to win. Stop in to the library to see the display of the many prizes.

Guests are encouraged to bring food items to donate to End 68 Hours of Hunger as a way to help others in need. This program needs peanut butter, pasta, mac and cheese, tuna, soup, cereal, crackers and oatmeal. There will be decorated containers at the door in which to deposit your food.

Clearlakes Chorale Christmas concerts Dec. 9 and 10

ALTON — For more than 30 years, as the winter holiday season approaches, music lovers in the Greater Wolfeboro area have looked forward to attending a performance of the annual Clearlakes Chorale's Christmas concert. Among other works, the program will include Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols, performed by the chorale's soprano and alto sections and accompanied by guest harpist Shaylen Joos. This holiday program will be presented twice, Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

Britten composed A Ceremony of Carols in 1942 while he was on-board ship, traveling



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SHAYLEN JOOS will be the guest harpist for the Clearlakes Chorale Christmas concert.

from the US to England. It had originally been conceived as a series of unrelated songs for SSA children's choir, but was later unified into one piece, with processional and recessional

chants sung in unison at the beginning and at the end. Many of the other movements are written as rounds, or as call-and-response pieces, which are lyrically simple for SSA children's choirs.

To complement this SSA treble voice piece, the tenor and bass sections of the Chorale will be featured in a set of three ancient English carols in a TTB arrangements written by director Andy Campbell.

Among the other works on the program will be "What Sweeter Music" by John Rutter, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" arranged by Campbell, and "A Dream of Christmas" by Gustav Holst.

These Clearlakes Chorale performances will take place at St. Katharine Drexel Church in Alton. Tickets can be purchased in Wolfeboro at Black's, online at <http://clearlakeschorale.org/tickets.html>, and at the door.

MACBETH

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Ayer, he added, insisted from the outset that the cast not employ Scottish or British accents in order to make the dialogue more accessible to audiences.

He said this is one of the best experiences he has had in theater.

Macbeth's ultimate enemy, Macduff, is played by Frank Stetson, who comes from Meredith and currently lives in Concord. He said Macduff is a vengeful father and husband look-

ing for justice for his family and his country.

"His motivations and his drive are pretty simple," Stetson said.

Stetson studied Shakespeare in college and has done a few Shakespearean shows.

"When we had the opportunity to finally do it I was really excited," Stetson said.

Stetson said Shakespeare's language can be understood.

"It's a matter of sitting down and understanding what you're saying," Stetson said.

Kristine Snow of Alton, Evelyn Taylor of Gilford, and Melanie Perkins of Middleton play the witches. Perkins once played Lady Capulet in a production of "Romeo and Juliet."

"I like it because it's poetic and it all rhymes," Perkins said.

Snow and Taylor had never done Shakespeare before.

"It's on my bucket list," Taylor said.

All three said they have been having a lot of fun playing the witches. Perkins said the three

have some choral lines together and that the text gives flexibility to play with the lines.

Taylor said everyone has been awesome to work with.

"Macbeth" will be performed at the Lacoconia High School auditorium Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2. The Friday and Saturday night shows begin at 7 p.m., and Sunday's performance will be a 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets are on sale at the Streetcar Company web site at www.streetcarcompany.com.

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SPORTS

Locals shine in Wolfeboro's Turkey Trot

Snow cover makes for unique take on annual race

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Judy Drew and Kathy Rankin, two of the longer serving members of the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department, remember a Turkey Trot 5K held during a massive snowstorm more than 15 years ago.

So technically speaking, Saturday's race that featured snow covered trails for much of the course, was not a first, but it was certainly unique.

It's also possible that the snow kept some runners away, but the field that did show up to run put on a great race.

In the end, Joseph Young of Berlin came through with the victory, finishing in a time of 18:56, besting Gilford's Duane Oftedahl, who finished in a time of 19:22. Konnor Blake of Laconia in 20:04, Aaron Hayward of Laconia in 20:13 and Mike Griffith of Waterbury, Vt. in 20:37 rounded



JOSHUA SPAULDING
FORMER ALTON resident George Stevens had a top 10 finish in Saturday's Turkey Trot in Wolfeboro.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
JOEY HOWLETT of Barnstead runs in Saturday's Wolfeboro Turkey Trot.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
KRIS HOWLETT of Barnstead was third among women in Saturday's Turkey Trot in Wolfeboro.

age group for girls, Aliena Urquhart of Wolfeboro finished in second place in 41:46. For the boys in the same age group, Barnstead's Joey Howlett was first in 24:55 and Wolfeboro's Jacob Varney was second in a time of 31:23.

In the 18-29 age group for women, Kimberly Bilodeau of Wolfeboro finished in second place in 27:07, Megan Pollini of Wolfeboro took fifth in 33:52, Jordan Libby of Wakefield was seventh in 38:33 and Kaela Plante of Barnstead was ninth in 42:57.

Former Alton resident George Stevens was second in the 18-29 age group for men with his time of 20:58.

For the girls in the 30-39 age group, Wolfeboro's Sarah McCarthy finished in third place in a time of 28:03, Christina Fuller of Wolfeboro was fourth in 31:28, Kristin Schepici of Wolfeboro was fifth in 31:55, Stacie Flanagan of Alton finished seventh in 36:34 and Becky Spencer of Wolfeboro placed eighth in a time of 42:32.

In the same age group for men, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki of Barnstead finished in third place in 21:44, Joe Faragher of Wolfeboro was fifth in 28:53 and Alex Sargent of Tuftonboro was eighth in 39:18.

Murray's time of 24:52 was tops for the women in the 40-49 age group, with Kris Howlett's time of 25:06 in second and Jen Do-Carmo of Wolfeboro in third in 25:57. Melissa Lawlor of Wolfeboro was fourth in 27:30, Shannon Donovan of Ossipee was sixth in 28:13 and Bree Schuette of Wolfeboro was seventh in 30:14.

For the men in the same age group, Greg Roark Jr. of Wolfeboro finished second in a time of 21:34, with Mike Jacobs of Wolfeboro in third in 23:31 and Thaddeus Lavelle of Tuftonboro in 26:20 for fourth.

Melody Pitman of Wolfeboro was second among women in the 50-59 age group in a time of 33:17 and Wendy McHugh of Wolfeboro placed third in 33:58.

Wolfeboro's Tom Zotti finished in third for the men in the same age group in a time of 25:39 and Daniel Murray of Wolfeboro was fourth in 45:00.

For the men in the 60-69 age group, Wolfeboro's Jamie Meyers finished in first place in a time of 21:55, followed by Robert Mathes of Wolfeboro in 24:46, John Hammond of Wolfeboro in 25:38 and Kent Cromwell of Tuftonboro in 27:46.

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Jacobs captured the top spot among women with a time of 23:27 for 11th place overall. Rounding out the top five for women were Valerie Murray of Wolfeboro in 24:52, Kris Howlett of Barnstead in 25:06, Ellienne Planchet of Concord in 25:16 and Morgan Griffith of Waterbury, Vt. in 25:38.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
STACIE FLANAGAN of Alton (right) and Hollie Greene of Moultonborough take the final corner in Saturday's Turkey Trot.

A number of local runners came through with solid performances to place in their age groups. In the 12 and under

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Eastman and Pelletier top kids' race field

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Prior to the Turkey Trot 5K on Saturday morning, kids had their chance to run on a shorter course.

Overall, the top finisher was Hayden Eastman of Wolfeboro, who finished in a time of 8:31.

Norah Pelletier of Wolfeboro was the top girl in the race, finishing third overall with a time of 10:02.

In the four and under age group for girls, Charlotte Fuller was second in a time of 24:45 while for the boys, Jonathan Crowell of Wolfeboro was first in 15:32 and Malachi Edmunds of Wolfeboro was third in 21:54.

For the 5-6 age group, Olivia Ridings of Wolfeboro was first for the girls in a time of 10:58, followed by Paige Crowell of Wolfeboro in 11:47 and Amelia Custeau in 20:36. For the boys in the same age group, Owen McCarthy of Wolfeboro was



JOSHUA SPAULDING

HAYDEN EASTMAN (11) breaks from the start on his way to winning the Turkey Trot kids' race.

first in 11:25, followed by Archie Pelletier in 13:50, Nathaniel Edmunds of Wolfeboro in 14:02, Jackson Webb of Brookfield in 16:03, Nolan Webb of Brookfield in 16:08 and Bryer Cain of Tuftonboro in 18:00.

In the 7-8 age group, Kate McCarthy of Wolfeboro took first place in 10:25, followed by Stella Friesen of Wolfeboro in

11:04, Audrina Crowell of Wolfeboro in 11:46, Ellie Fuller of Wolfeboro in 12:03, Bristol Richard of Wolfeboro in 12:05 and Ellory Lovering of Wolfeboro in 12:23. For the boys, Eli Pelletier was first in 10:49 and Brinley Tetherly of Wolfeboro was second in 14:36.

Maddy Howlett of Barnstead was first in the 9-10 age group for girls in

a time of 10:07 and Ella Eastman of Wolfeboro was third in a time of 10:57. Ebon Morrison of Wolfeboro was first for the boys in the same age group in 9:36 and Benjamin Wright of Wolfeboro was second in a time of 17:26.

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NORAH PELLETIER was the first girl to finish the Turkey Trot kids' race on Saturday.



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MADDY HOWLETT of Barnstead finishes the Turkey Trot kids' race in Wolfeboro on Saturday.

Numbers point to an unpopular opinion (at least around here)

As the Major League Baseball season drew to a close with a fantastic ending (at least for Red Sox fans), post-season awards started trickling in and one in particular seemed to get on the nerves of said Red Sox fans (at least as of early deadline).

The fact that Alex Cora didn't win American League Manager of the Year had all sorts of callers on sports radio and fans online screaming about how he was robbed and

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

there was no question he should be the winner. I took a deep breath and then did a little research before going crazy about it.

First things first, I know that we here in New England are biased toward Cora, as we should be. He just led the team we love to a World Series cham-

ampionship. And as such, we are more focused on what he did this year and less so on what other candidates in the American League had on their resumes. One should not assume, just because the team had the best record in baseball that the manager was the best manager in baseball.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think anyone would argue if Cora did receive the award, but looking at the American League, there are probably two other

managers who could also lay a claim to the award, including the one who actually did.

Bob Melvin, the manager of the Oakland As, was the actual winner of the award. Cora finished in second place and Tampa Bay's Kevin Cash finished in third place. In my mind, both Melvin and Cash could make a case for the award alongside Cora.

The Red Sox entered the season as favorites to go deep in the playoffs and possibly win a title. Once the team signed JD Martinez to shore up the offense, it looked like they would be the team to beat in the American League. Yes, it takes a special manager to manage a lot of talented players, many of who come

with egos the size of their paychecks. And Cora deserves credit for managing the team well, working in days off when needed and setting the team up for postseason success (the award is based on regular season only).

But simply looking at the numbers, there is another story to tell. The Red Sox had a total payroll of \$227,398,860, the highest in Major League Baseball by more than 20 million dollars. The Oakland As had a payroll of \$80,315,288, which ranked them 28th and the Tampa Bay Rays had a payroll of \$68,810,167, which put them dead last, 30th out of 30 teams (sportrac.com).

The Red Sox finished with a record of

108-54, the best in the Major Leagues. Oakland was fourth in the American League at 97-65 and Tampa Bay was sixth at 90-72. In other words, the Red Sox had a payroll that was 147 million more than Oakland and got 11 more regular season wins. The As had one player (Khris Davis) making more than 10 million last year. The Red Sox had six (David Price, J.D. Martinez, Rick Porcello, Craig Kimbrel, Chris Sale and Mookie Betts). Tampa didn't have a single player making more than six million dollars.

I love the Red Sox and like Alex Cora a lot, but it seems to me that Bob Melvin and Kevin Cash accomplished a hell of a lot with a hell of a lot less talent. And that's the sign of a good manager.

If Alex Cora had won the award, I wouldn't be complaining, but when looking at it from a neutral point of view instead of from a Red Sox fan point of view, Melvin's win makes sense.

Plus, I'm sure Cora will take the World Series ring over the Manager of the Year any day.

Finally, have a great day Paul Landry.

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Bretton Woods gondola to be complete this winter

BY TARA GILES
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BRETTON WOODS — We aren't quite sure when the snow will start being made by the snowmakers at Bretton Woods, that of course depends on Mother Nature. One thing we do know is that the construction on the new gondola is progressing rapidly. The new 'lift' will hold eight skiers and riders at once and will consist of 17 towers. The gondola will have just over two miles of cable when all is said and done. With a speed of 13 mph, it will bring skiers and riders to the top of the mountain in just under five minutes.

Construction began mid-summer by the Austrian-Swiss Doppelmayr Garaventa Group. This will be the only eight-passenger gondola in New Hampshire. Loon Mountain and Wildcat run gondolas that carry four people.

Those eager to ride the new lift can expect to do so this winter. From start to finish the gondola is 6,000 feet in length and will carry riders 1,300 vertical feet. This will be the 10th lift Bretton Woods will offer. An event lawn will be created for weddings, concerts and events so that the gondola can be utilized 365 days out of the year.



The new eight-passenger gondola at the Bretton Woods Ski area is slated to be completed for this ski season.

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New additions to the mountain will also include a new restaurant and coffee shop, which should be completed by next winter.

This season snow-making will begin on the West mountain to give builders more time

to complete the gondola. The base area of Bretton Woods will forever be changed, however a five-minute ride to the

top is a small price to pay for more cruisers.

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the mountain offered just seven intermediate trails with one trail for beginners.

CORRECTION

ALTON — In the article on the Prospect Mountain sports awards in last week's paper, the two golfers who competed in the state meet should have read Sam Reynolds and Max Tuttle. We apologize for the error.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
NEW DURHAM'S John Babcock heads to the finish line of Saturday's Turkey Trot in Wolfeboro.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
JORDAN TIRRELL-WYSOCKI of Barnstead had a top 10 finish in the Turkey Trot in Wolfeboro Saturday.

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Randy Zimmerman of Wolfeboro as seventh in 34:24 and John Bab-

cock of New Durham finished in eighth in a time of 36:15.



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