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# Gathering brings old-fashioned fun to Barnstead

BY TOM HAGGERTY  
Contributing Writer

**BARNSTEAD** — On the last Saturday of August, the green common of Barnstead Parade was ringed with colorful canopies under which more than 20 town groups and local businesses were offering visitors informative, creative, and even taste-tempting exhibits reflecting their interests and activities. For the last six years, the Barnstead Parade Congregational Church has sponsored this Gathering on the Green community celebration on the church grounds, the proceeds from which go to the foreign and local missions supported by the church, as well as to the Barnstead Food Pantry and other local charities and non-profit organizations.

At one corner of the Parade, the steam engine friends of Lil Miss Witt



**GORDON PRESTON** (left) was honored as Barnstead Citizen of the Year and was joined by his wife, Kati, and son, David, when presented with the plaque.

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puffed away, 19th century mechanisms, which, their operator explained, reduced the number of farm hands during the Industrial Revolution, who then sought factory work. On the other side of the green, cows were being admired, stars of the 4-H display. Also taking part in the festivities were the Cubs and Boy Scouts and the American Legion and Auxiliary displaying handicrafts. Tables of handsome knitted goods, a booth of cleverly constructed bat houses and other small wooden structures fashioned from shutters, and a collection of unique basketry were being admired by strollers on this perfect late summer day.

The Barnstead Historical Society had for sale a booklet entitled "The Last Stories," first printed in 2014, the reminis-

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## That time of year

*Alton Central students and staff embrace opportunities with school set to begin*

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

**ALTON** — Last week's Alton Central School open house was all about the new and the next. Kids met their new teachers. They visited their new classrooms. Greeting them when they arrived were the new superintendent and the new assistant principal.

"This is such an exciting time - not just for the students coming in to get oriented - but for the staff, too," said newly-appointed Superintendent Pamela Stiles during the Aug. 25 event.

A veteran educator who "kind of rose up through the ranks," Stiles transitioned from her one-time classroom teacher duties to become principal at Chichester Elementary; she later assumed the role of assistant superintendent

at the Kearsarge School District. Stiles said she's looking forward to the many opportunities that ACS presents to her as an educator.

She described the opportunity to take the helm at ACS as a potential "capstone" achievement to a career that's spanned 39 years.

"This is where I want to retire from," Stiles said. She added that her four decades as an educator has taught her that, "it's all about kids finding their passion to guide their potential."

She continued, "As a community, Alton has so much to offer - the passion of the parents, the commitment of the business community - there's just so much potential here to build upon." She continued, "My job is to take it to the next level."

Stiles identified some key goals.

"I want to make this school a place that offers the best educational experience possible," she said. "I want to make sure that the community feels that they are part of the process, from parents to local businesses."

For the students themselves, Stiles said, "I want to accentuate the big picture - I want students to connect what they learn to the question, 'How will what I'm learning help me become the person I want to be?'"

She concluded, "We

have so many resources, so many doors to open to kids' curiosity - there's really no limit, and every day holds a handful of promises and possibilities."

Greeting families alongside Stiles in the foyer was new Assistant Principal Paul Roberts. He said the event was a great opportunity for kids to "forge relationships with their new teachers."

He observed that moving up a grade level presents opportunities for growth. "Transition is good," Roberts said. "And something like

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## Board bids adieu to Couch, welcomes LaLiberte

*Barnstead School District finishes year with a healthy surplus*

BY MARK FOYNES  
Contributing Writer

**BARNSTEAD** — The Barnstead School Board's Aug. 23 meeting - the last before classes began - was marked by the presence of a new superintendent, the acceptance of the assistant principal's resignation, and the announcement of her successor. The board also learned that the district closed last year with a half-million dollar surplus.

John Fauci stepped down as superintendent earlier this year and will be replaced by Dr. Brian Cochrane, who most recently served in a similar role in Litchfield for three

years. The Goffstown resident had previously served as an assistant superintendent in the Nashua School District.

After an extensive non-public session that had the appearance of an exit interview, the board accepted the resignation of Assistant Principal Julie Couch. Kathy Grillo made the initial motion "with many, many regrets," acknowledging the many contributions the outgoing administrator made during her tenure, including efforts to revamp the district's assessment program. Principal Tim Rice said Couch will be assuming a role at the DOE where

she'll help measure and track learning outcomes.

Cochrane announced the hiring committee's recommendation that Couch be succeeded by Jennie LaLiberte, who, he said, holds multiple certifications and has experience teaching at multiple grade levels at a K-8 facility. Cochrane said the role represents her first foray into the administrative side of things, but that the six-person recruitment committee was unanimous in its recommendation. He explained, "She knows who she is and what she's about... She has all the tools she needs to do this job [and]

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### The Emerald Isle

Shawna and Corinne Glenney, the summer swim instructors for the New Durham Parks and Recreation took a trip to Ireland and brought along The Baysider. The photo shows the sisters, along with their brother, Ryan, who works at Aubuchon Hardware in Alton, on the beach in Galway. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.com.

# Looking back at Emerson's in Alton

BY TOM HAGGERTY  
Contributing Writer

ALTON — The sign read, "There Are Others' BUT THE PLACE For Satisfactory Dealing in all General Lines of Merchandise W. P. Emerson's Alton Bay, NH Largest Variety in Town," just one of the many artifacts from the Emerson family collection on display on Tuesday evening of Old Home Week at the monthly meeting of the Alton Historical Society at the Gilman Library. Thanks to the generosity of Joseph Emerson, great-grandson of the storekeeper and entrepreneur Willis Parker Emerson, photographs of the various stages of the store were combined with those from the society's archives and personal collection by society treasurer Mary Cornelissen to create a presentation treating that night's audience to a nostalgic look back at one of the town's most notable landmarks of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The structure loomed over the mouth of the bay from the 1880s until, as McGrath's Store, it burned in 1971.

Cornelissen narrated from writings of the times and from her own research the family background and the store's development while her husband, Martin, equally a history buff, kept pace with the computerized pictorial record of its changes and added complementary observations. Mary Cornelissen traced the family mercantile roots back to Willis's grandfather, William Louis, who ran a store in West Alton, which burned in 1840, and, from an account of the times, was rebuilt by 40 "hands." He then purchased land in Alton Bay and erected a brick building that served as both store and post office, as he served as town postmaster. On display was his actual daybook of records from 1844 to 1846. William died in 1857, at the age of 39, and was succeeded by his son, Charles Parker Emerson, who was storeowner and postmaster for 20 years.

Charles Parker extended the brick building, and in a picture from 1870, Cornelissen was amused by a sign in front, "Cheap For Cash Or Ready Pay." Charles'



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EMERSON'S was a fixture in Alton Bay for many years.

wife, Ellor Jane Jones, bore two children, a daughter Marybelle, in 1862, and Willis Parker, in 1866. Charles Parker was elected twice to the state legislature, but when he died, in 1882, when Willis was only 15, he left his son an enterprise that was not thriving. An 1883 photo showed the building as the wooden structure, which Willis would turn into a highly profitable business and to which he would add considerably over the years. A view 10 years later showed Willis proudly with horse and delivery wagon and yet another no-nonsense sign overhead: "Cheap Cash Store." Like his forbears, Willis became postmaster, being replaced during the Cleveland administration and then re-instated, retaining the town post office as part of the building.

Cornelissen noted yet another droll advertisement in the

store window for a sewing machine -- "Trade that ancient machine of thine for a W-W #9" -- and chuckled at the garish display on July 4, 1897, with everything possible draped in flags, including horses and wagons. "He probably had decorated for the Alton Centennial in 1896 and just decided to keep it that way," Cornelissen speculated about the store. By 1901, the porch had been extended for an ice cream parlor, and, in a 1909 photo, a barn, stables, new dormers, and a new post office had been added, with 300 call boxes. As Cornelissen observed, "Willis was always improving."

In January 1908, Willis Parker married Mary Piggott, daughter of Doctor C.J. Blakesley, of Brattleboro, Vt., a divorced 35-year-old, who, according to a newspaper account of the wedding, had been spending summers at Alton Bay. In 1909, Willis Parker, Jr. was born, and in 1910, his brother Leonard Blakesley, whose baby book was on display, as well, including a picture captioned "Out on the piazza in carriage."

Cornelissen pointed out that W.P. Emerson

was a tireless promoter. His entrepreneurial skills were evident in a photo showing the massive building emblazoned with signs for the post office, fish and tackle equipment, dry and fancy goods, stationery and photo supplies, and ice cream. Martin Cornelissen added, there was also a gas station right next to it. A photo at the height of the store's growth showed a side view with added porches and Emerson's painted in huge letters. He owned land across the street from the present Downing's Landing, which, in 1894, he sold to the Alton Fire Company for \$300.

Mary Cornelissen also shared her postcard collection with many views of the Emerson store and other scenes of a bygone Alton. She explained, "In those early days, postcard pictures were processed in Germany, where many were hand-colored. Of course, the artists were not familiar with the area, so in this postcard of the Bay, Back Bay is colored green, assuming it was trees, not another body of water."

Willis Parker Emerson died in 1912 at the age of 45. Eulogized in

a Farmington newspaper account as "a man known statewide," one "without an enemy," of "sterling worth," whose loss was felt by the entire community, he was especially praised for taking over his father's business at 15, and "with a mother's guiding hand and with great integrity" attained what became a "bright spot" for his townspeople.

Following his death, Emerson's widow perpetuated the business, with the help of Louis P. Varney and Fred Ordway, until August 1920, when the business was sold to the Wilson family, who, in turn, sold it to the McGraths in 1932. In 1955, they sold to their son "Pete," and, with his wife Doris, he continued operating it as the well-known McGrath's Store until it burned to the ground on the night of Feb. 27, 1971. Fortunately, McGrath, his wife and their two children, all living on the second floor, were able to successfully escape the burning building.

At this point in the evening, Maureen Parker spoke from the audience and circulated a photograph of the conflagration. Jonathan Downing also spoke about his memory as a young man of helping to fight the fire, "despite frozen fire hydrants and by cutting a hole in the ice for water."

Great-grandson Joseph Emerson, because he is too young to have remembered the building, credited his father, W.P. Emerson II, with saving and passing down the memorabilia of this most notable Alton resident and the landmark that he created, which was so generously shared with the Society meeting's attendees.

The Cornelissens then concluded the evening with turn-of-the-20th century photographs. These included the old train station, which burned in November, 1906, in an arson fire that also destroyed Wentworth Mills and badly burned the box factory, and the Winnepesaukee House, built in 1852, which burned at 3:15 a.m. on May 10, 1905. It was Willis Parker who first noticed the blaze and alerted the fire brigade. Both buildings were rebuilt, and the new train station is the current restored Community Center. The audience was delighted with views of the activity at the station, as people alighted from the train into waiting carriages or onto the sidewheeler Mount Washington.

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# New preschool opening in New Durham

BY TOM HAGGERTY  
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — This Tuesday, Sept. 6, will mark the opening of a new childcare and learning facility in New Durham, Being Cool Preschool, an outgrowth of Being Cool After School, which has been filling a need for the past two years. Manager Lee Newman is excited about providing this expanded service to the town and credits the hard work and generosity of many people in seeing it become a reality. His background in both business and social services, along with his heartfelt concern for engaging youngsters in meaningful activities before they are old enough to enter school and after they have left their daily classes, were the inspirations for both these enterprises. Located next door to the town post office, these adjoining facilities provide a centrally-located and inviting spot for young children now to begin their socialization as older ones have developed theirs in the first space.

"For many years," Newman recounts, "I was a self-employed single parent raising my two children, now long-since adults, and my focus was business. At about the age of 40, I joined Americorps and then became involved in the New Hampshire Reads initiative and worked for Head Start in Manchester, where I was known as 'Mr. Lee, the Reading Guy,' visiting two or three schools a day. With this mid-life turn to social services, I became

a domestic violence advocate and founded the Violence Intervention Agency, which joined with Step Above For Everyone (SAFE) to form VIP SAFE NH, of which I was executive director.

He was contacted by Child and Family Services to conduct supervised visitations for families in danger of losing their children. "Because of my long black car and my ability to intervene in family problems, I then became 'Supermanny,' a take-off on the TV child behavior specialist. I traveled 500-700 miles per week, the meetings were stressful and sometimes potentially explosive, and the goodbyes were always hard."

When the after school program at New Durham School ended, he became concerned about his and his wife's now-14-year-old son, Caleb, and what activities were available for him and others. He contacted the board of selectmen, and when the space became available, he leaped at the opportunity, opening Being Cool After School on Sept. 2, 2014, as a licensed K-7 facility. When Samantha's Styles vacated the adjoining premises, Newman saw the perfect location for his expanded services, which are now registered as Being Cool After School and Preschool.

The area has been totally redone to convert from beauty shop to child care facility, and Newman credits the diligence and kindness of contractor Bill Holway, not only for the work in preparing the first location, but in readying the adjoining



COURTESY PHOTO

**LEE NEWMAN, Manager of Being Cool After School and Preschool, located next to the New Durham Post office, takes a rare moment to relax in the preschool's Reading Rocker. It was given to Director Laura McCarthy as a gift, which she painted a bright red, welcoming children to enjoy a book. The new preschool will open on Tuesday, Sept. 6.**

space for next week's opening. "Bill was born here, lives right over the line in Alton, and has been incredibly supportive of our kids, our town, and our enterprise," says Newman. "When he came to look in the other day, he beamed with pride. I told him, 'If not for you, it wouldn't have happened.' Bill and his son worked here tirelessly, and refigured areas, put in new windows, and recarpeted throughout. When I asked for the bill, he said he would wait for payment until we had gotten on our feet with this new project."

After many years spent working for non-profits, Newman decided, with his earlier business background and with that of his wife, a network engineer for a local business, this would need to be a for-profit to insure its success. "Since

I combine that with my social services mentality," he says, "I have the resources to help folks apply for state subsidy scholarships and can direct them to web sites that can help them with financing. As it is, our prices are the lowest in the state, \$175 per week. For the preschool, our 9:30 - 12 program on Tuesday and Thursday will be \$30 per week, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday \$45 per week. Of course, we will be open at both facilities for family convenience from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. We have special storage places with double-hinged shelving units that can be used by preschoolers in the morning and the older kids after school. Despite the cost of preparing the new facility, I can't say enough about the generosity of people donating toys, equipment, and whatever

is needed to both sides."

He adds, "We are open every school day, even on snow days and early dismissals, and we all live nearby, including Audrey Sullivan, a recent college graduate who's joining us this fall."

With Newman as manager and his wife as owner, Laura McCarthy, who worked for 19 years in the New Durham School after school program, is director of the service. She laughs, "I thought I was retired until Lee told me I didn't want to be." Looking back over very happy years, she reflects, "I still love it when the 21-year-olds come back to visit me and assure me that I helped make a difference in their lives. As one put it recently, when she was in a stressful situation requiring a cool head, she told herself, 'Just channel Laura.' We even had teen-aged volunteers Jacob Jensen and Sara Delaney, who used to be in the program, helping out this summer."

"I still love doing this. I worked years ago in a New York nursery school, and when my husband was transferred, I began at the New Durham School, where I was also an in-house substitute. I feel it is my calling, just as my work with church and Girl

Scouts." She smiled, "I'm like a grandma or an old auntie. Particularly for children whose parents are divorcing, I'm a go-to person. My husband supports me and this activity, running for anything we need and bringing treats in for the children daily." At this, student Mary Anne Haun, playing nearby, whooped, "Billy Bob Doughnuts."

At last Saturday's open house, Lee had encouraged Mary Anne's mother, Jennifer, to set up a table at the entrance to receive donations for special candles that she sells to support cancer research. McCarthy says this is typical of Newman. "He is such a good, kind person. And I enjoy being here in this bright, shiny facility." Newman sums up his personal mission for these pre- and after school services this way: "Doing something this good has brought families together. Love is really in it. Our common denominator is our kids. This is what a small town should be."

An anonymous message written on the memo board in the new wing says it all. "This place looks and feels amazing. Thank you Lee and Laura for all that you do for our community."

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ALTON

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alton Town Hall, Depot Street, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 7-7:30 p.m. to accept voter registrations for the State Primary Election. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until election day.

### Alton Supervisors of the Checklist

Anna Griffin  
Sharon Kierstead  
Mary Murphy

## PUBLIC HEARING ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Alton School Board will hold a Public Hearing Pursuant to 198:20-b

**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2016

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Alton Central School Music Room

**Purpose:** To hear public input on the expenditures of monies to be withdrawn from the Safety and Security Expendable Trust Fund established 3-13-01 and the Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund established 3-10-09.

**Safety & Security:**  
Asbestos Abatement & Flooring  
**Bldgs. & Grounds:**  
Fencing along Athletic Fields  
Security Cameras (interior & exterior)

## Public Notice

Notice to local business in the area of New Durham, N.H., labor unions and private individuals. Lions Camp Pride intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program. The assistance will include, installation of metal roofs on several buildings, minor electrical work and excavation of grounds around buildings to shed water away from foundations, to support building and land improvements, for the continued operations of a special needs camp. The proposed assistance will take place at 180 Lions Camp Pride Way, New Durham, N.H., in 2016-2017. Local business in the area of New Durham, N.H., labor unions and private individuals who have questions or wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this projects may contact Peter LaPointe President Lions Camp Pride Board of Directors at 978-479-0454 or email Peter Lapointe hampstead.lions@gmail.com, no later than 30 days after publication of this notice. Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for this project.



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# Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

## Back to school

September has arrived, which means it is time to go back to school. Those students who haven't started school yet (we're looking at you Kingswood), will be heading back in the coming week.

This is always an exciting time of the year, for students, for parents and for the educators who we entrust with our children each and every day. The thought of fresh starts and new ideas is always exciting and we look forward to seeing some of the great things being done by the educators and students in our local communities over the next school year.

Of course, there is always the inevitable change that comes with a new school year as well. Alton School District has a new superintendent in place and the elementary school has a new assistant principal to kick off the new school year. Barnstead School District also has a new superintendent and a new assistant principal and New Durham School has a new principal. All schools have a few new staff members in place as the year begins.

We would be remiss if we didn't take a moment and praise the work that Julie Couch did in her time as Barnstead Elementary Assistant Principal. A Barnstead resident who had children go through the local schools, she was always mindful of what was best for the kids and we wish her nothing but the best as she moves on to the state Department of Education, where hopefully she'll have the ability to touch the lives of even more children.

As the school year begins, we remind residents and visitors alike that they should be extra careful out on the roads. Those big yellow buses are out and about again, carrying their valuable cargo and we urge everyone to use caution around the buses and to look out for children entering and exiting the buses. It's illegal to pass a school bus that is dropping off or picking up students and we urge anyone who sees such behavior call the police to report it immediately. The local bus drivers work hard to ensure the safety of the students and drivers should do the same on their end.

We also extend a hearty thank you to the many teachers who inhabit the halls of the local schools. As someone with a parent who was a teacher, we know the long hours that go into teaching, often without the extra pay people associate with overtime. Teachers volunteer to lead clubs, coach sports and generally be there for the students at seemingly all hours of the day and for that, we as a community should be grateful. Teachers often go above and beyond the call of duty, purchasing supplies with their own money, taking extra time after school with a student who might need help or simply giving of their knowledge to lead a special interest club at the school.

Whatever the case may be, we offer our thanks to those that choose to teach.

As another school year begins, there are wonderful possibilities ahead and we hope that each student, teacher, administrator and parent gets what he or she is looking for out of this fresh new year.



MARK FOYNES

### Back to school

New Alton Central School Assistant Principal Paul Roberts (in tie) posed with the DeJager family and new Superintendent Pamela Stiles last Thursday at an open house. Pictured (l to r), John DeJager, Roberts, newly-minted sixth grader Joey DeJager, mom Charla DeJager and Stiles. See the story on the event on page A1.

## Letters to the Editor

### Poster available to view in Town Hall

To the Editor:

The Barnstead Historical Society would like to thank the Baysider and its reporters for covering two very successful events sponsored by the Barnstead Historical this summer, the cemetery preservation workshop and the ballot box presentation. Bringing history to life is a very important aspect of the work of the society and featuring both articles so prominently in the paper has played a pivotal role in this effort.

Missing from the article on the ballot box presentation was the reason for Secretary of State Gardner's presentation. Cynthia Treadwell,

Barnstead's Town Clerk/Tax Collector, as well as a member of the Historical Society, donated a framed copy of the poster created by Secretary Gardner to the society. The artwork was unveiled following Secretary Gardner's presentation and will hang permanently in the Town Hall, directly behind the Supervisors of the Checklist.

We encourage all who visit the Town Hall to stop in the hall to see this poster, which features Barnstead's original Ballot box.

Denise Adjutant  
Co-President  
Barnstead Historical Society

### Trump is the right choice

To the Editor:

As a New Hampshire State Representative, I've seen the impact the Obama administration and Hillary Clinton have had on our state's middle class and business community. The path to growth is not through the tax and spend policies Hillary Clinton is advocating. Mr. Trump is right. We need lower taxes and a simplified tax code. I applaud his new tax bracket proposal of 12, 25 and 33 percent. There's no reason why the middle class should be forced to pay for a high-priced accountant in order to reduce their tax burden.

With the Granite State having the third highest energy costs in the continental United States, small businesses need all the capital they can get. Mr. Trump's proposal to reduce the corporate tax rate to 15 percent, will give small business owners the capital they need to reinvest in and expand their business. If there was ever a time to not raise taxes on the middle class and small businesses, that time is now. I hope you will join me in voting for Donald Trump on Nov. 8.

Peter Varney  
Alton

### Comtois seeking state rep seat

To the Editor:

Dear Barnstead voters, my name is Barbara Comtois and I am running for State Representative in Belknap District 7. I grew up in Pelham and moved to Barnstead in 1998, where we started our family farm and raised our boys. I have my BSBA from Northeastern University with a major in Accounting.

I am running for State Rep, because we need to bring back the NH advantage for our next generation. We are the second oldest state in the nation (aging population) and we need to address the serious problems on the horizon. We must be mindful of the next generation and plan for their future.

We need to stop putting band aids on our problems and start looking at real solutions for our state. As a legislator, I will ask two questions: 1. Is this Constitutional? and 2. How will it affect us years down

the road? As legislators, we need to ask ourselves, what will the unintended consequences be - are they positive or negative? A vote for my candidacy will be based on honest reflection of the problems at hand and a Constitutional solution to address the challenges we face.

With my background in accounting, I will enjoy researching, analyzing and solving problems. I would appreciate the opportunity to be your state rep., to help solve our problems, while honoring my oath of office to our New Hampshire and U.S. Constitutions.

If you have any questions I can be reached at 776-8989, or bcomtois2016@gmail.com.

Please vote on Sept. 13. Thank you.  
Barbara Comtois  
Barnstead



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## Calendar submission deadline is Sept. 6

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 2017 calendar photo contest. Photos will feature Alton landmarks, scenic views, parks and

places of interest in the town of Alton. Submit your digital photo to parksrec@laton.nh.gov. For more information see the 2016 summer brochure. Deadline to

submit photos is Sept. 6.

### Yoga class

A new Yoga class starts Saturday, Sept. 10, with Sheila Marston at the Alton Bay Communi-

ty Center from 8 to 9 a.m. All level class. Students should be familiar with basic sun salutations. Modifications will be offered. Class will be held on Saturdays.

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# Alton Central's Scoop

# Lynn Lyons presenting a workshop, oh my!

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE

Principal – Alton Central School

Save the date. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6-8, Alton Central School is pleased to host an informative evening with Lynn Lyons. Ms. Lyons is a licensed social worker, and experienced as presenter of many workshops locally and regionally. Her topic for ACS in September is, "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents – How to Stop the Worry Cycle." Lynn's presentation style is filled with humor, is highly interactive, and poses how to break that cycle.

Alton Central School's full-time social worker, Ms. Kelly McPherson, has a key role in bringing this presentation to Alton. Ms. McPherson served as a liaison between Barnstead Elementary and ACS last spring, when Lynn Lyons was a guest at Barnstead Elementary School, and Alton families were invited to attend. This year, ACS is fortunate to have Ms. McPherson join the staff full-time. With her background being a part of Alton Central School part-time the past several years, and background knowing social workers throughout the Lakes Region, ACS is pleased to have her on board daily. The program also represents the collaboration between the Special Education Department and general education side of the school's budget process and a mindful approach to bringing the full inclusion model to school. The Sept. 27 evening is sponsored by the two departments with an eye on mutually focusing on topics shared by each and every family in the school.

Attending the presentation on anxiety in children and families, you will join the audience members in some whole-hearted laughs, as well as time to think a bit about the language and vocabulary you use when working with an anxious child. The presentation offers insights and suggestions you can

implement immediately to help lower stress and put the focus on active, meaningful ways to alleviate anxiety. The Alton Central School faculty will have continued opportunities to learn these techniques, too, so the students can have some consistency in the approaches they see all the professionals using to help navigate through their school days with the best results possible.

Watch for more information on the presentation coming home with students. All members of the Alton community



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ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL Social Worker Kelly McPherson (left) and Nicole Poland, guidance counselor grades PreK-4, (right) are working on various events for the public and in-house presentations this year.

are welcome to attend – please consider this an open invitation to the home-schooled families and families with children attending private, charter, or parochial schools. Home daycare providers are welcome to attend. We would like to see Lynn Lyons' presentation shared in as many ways as possible. She has several books and DVDs available, too. Sept. 27, these materials will be available for purchase, or you can review her web site, lynnylyonsnh.com to learn more about her, and see what is available in

## Letters to the Editor

### Response to charges

To the Editor:

To the citizens of Belknap county. Reading the Laconia Sun today, I felt some sort of response was deserved. I came across an unflattering account of my business and professional life. That's politics.

The writer may even have been guided by concern for the voters of Belknap County and not, as I suspect, a political plant.

Let me set the record straight. I have not cheated anyone. My bankruptcy was rooted in severe medical problems affecting my father and my wife. My interest and knowledge of the health delivery system is not only professional but deeply personal as well. From a comfortable life to a mountain of debt, there

are many who have experienced the upside down effect, which severe illness can cause. My wife and I go to work every day to support our family and to continue to pay down what we owe.

As to businesses with which I have been involved, the inaccuracies in the letter to the editor about me are many. The problems with a subsidiary company of a parent company with which I helped to run are but one example of bias on the part of the writer. As to my signs being on state property, I wish that the writer would take a look at all political signs before pointing a finger at me. Temporary signs on state right-of-ways are a six-week fact of life and half of them should

be removed within a few days of the primary election.

Please vote on Sept. 13.

Jonathan Smolin

Candidate for Belknap County Commissioner

### Still fighting

To the Editor:

At a recent political event in Colebrook I spied John Amey, whose bright eyes seldom betray the long hours of scratching out a living on his Indian Stream farm.

The political attraction was Jeanie Forrester, who's running for governor and who has opposed Northern Pass from the start. But when I looked at John, I thought, How long have we been fighting this thing now? Six years? Seven?

We are people who love the landscape and rose up out of the sod when someone got wind of this insulting proposal and ran up onto a ridge-

top and blew a bugle. Who this person was is unknown and mythical. The important thing is that so many people came running. We could beat this horrendous thing, we believed, and still do.

Sometimes it may seem that our opposition has faltered or lost its way in the face of billion-dollar backstage energy deals and the juggernaut of what passes for progress. Fear not. But it's not easy fighting a for-profit foreign "crown corporation" that considers gambling \$45 million on New Hampshire real estate chump-change, and the New Hampshire we love nothing more than a doormat.

Too often I get the question on whether Northern Pass is a done deal. It is anything but. As the lawyers would say, "They don't own the dirt." And from the High Road, we need to remember the bumper-sticker slogan, "It's not about need, it's all about greed."

The other bumper sticker would be "No eminent domain for private gain." That would be the law we all piled into cars and buses to go down to Concord and packed Legislative Hall to get passed, back when we began fighting this thing tooth and nail, which we still do.

John Harrigan  
Colebrook

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# Oscar Foss wraps up summer reading

BARNSTEAD—The 2016 Summer Reading Program at Oscar Foss Memorial Library was a great success. They had a total of 101 children and teens participate in the program, with 78 of those participants completing the program's requirements, and more than 1,000 books read. The program started with two exciting kickoff events, a comedy juggling assembly at the Barnstead Elementary School with Bryson Lang on June 2 and a "Rock and Read-A-Thon" at the library on June 30. The children and teens really en-

joyed all the "fitness" and other "health" themed activities during the six weeks of the program. The weekly summertime songs and stories and arts and crafts programs were enjoyed by all and Toddler Time continued throughout the summer as well. Children of all ages had a great time listening to stories, singing and creating many different projects relating to the "fitness" theme.

To end the "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" Summer Reading Program, participants enjoyed a wonderful

concert given by the "ABTs" children's music group and everyone who attended also enjoyed an ice cream treat. The children who completed the program received their awards, free books, and surprises. The teens also celebrated the end of the program with a late night at the library party. If participants were unable to attend these celebrations, please stop by the library to pick up your ending packets and free books by Sept. 30. The library offers congratulations to all for doing such an incredible job reading

this summer.

The library would like to thank all of its generous sponsors for helping to make the 2016 Summer Reading Program such a success. The Jack and Dorothy Bryne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, the NH State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services,

and the NH State Library for the grant that assisted with the kickoff event at the Barnstead Elementary School. The OFML Friends of the Library for donating the funds for the "ABTs" performance and providing prizes for our raffles. The Woods at Beauty Hill Disc Golf, Children's Museum, Fischer Cats, Chuckster's, Gunstock, Ogunquit Playhouse, Funspot,

Bead-It, Canobie Lake Park, Water Country and Crazy Kids for all of the w raffle prizes. Pizza Hut and You're Fired, for all the certificates in the children's ending packets, and Wal-Mart for the gift card for supplies. The library staff would also like to thank John Hanley for donating an Ipad for the raffles and Jerissa Brown for helping with the new children's garden.



BY JACK MILLER  
Contributing Writer

Here we are at the end of summer, where did it go? Most of it got burnt up by the high temperatures. Fishing is at its slowest right now, but hunting seasons are about to begin.

Sept. 1 is the beginning of the seasons for the largest and the smallest game animals, bear and squirrel. Practice on gray squirrels to prepare for hunting bigger game. Although bear season starts Sept. 1

throughout the state, the ending date varies. Be sure to check the rulebook for the WMU you hunt in. Our J2 area ends Nov. 22, which happens to be the longest season in the state. There seems to be a good acorn crop this year, berries have been dried out from the drought, so look for the oak trees while hunting.

Sept. 1 also opens some of the furbearer hunting seasons. Gray fox, red fox, opossum, skunk, weasel and raccoon may all be hunted

through March 31. The resident Canada Goose season runs Sept. 1 through Sept. 25.

For the bow hunter, archery deer season opens Sept. 15, and archery turkey opens the same day. The Fish and Game Department is urging hunters to not use urine-based deer lures. These products can potentially spread Chronic Wasting Disease that kills deer and moose. Synthetic lures are recommended.

What a great time of year to be out in the woods. See you there.



## ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 148 calls for service during the week of Aug. 21-27, including nine arrests.

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

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

One male subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

One female subject was taken into protective custody of an intoxicated person.

One male subject was arrested for driving after revocation or suspension and misuse or failure to display plates.

One female subject was arrested for driving/operating under

influence of alcohol and open container.

One male subject was arrested for operating without a valid license, transporting alcoholic beverage by a minor and possession of controlled/narcotic drugs.

There were two motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were two motor vehicle accidents.

There were three suspicious person/activity reports on Henry Wilson Highway, Suncook Valley Road and Main Street.

Police made 39 motor vehicle stops and handled four motor vehicle complaint incidents.

There were 100 other calls for services that consisted of the following: One neighborhood dispute, one

fraudulent action, three assist other agencies, one intoxicated-DWI, five pistol permit applications, five animal complaints, one juvenile incident, one domestic complaint, one general assistance, one protective custody, one drug offense, three alarm activations, two noise complaints, four lost/found properties, three highway/roadway hazard reports, two general information, one untimely, one trespass, one sex offender registration, two civil standby's, three wellness checks, one criminal mischief, one dispute, 28 directed patrols, two 911 hang-ups, three medical assists, 21 property checks and one paperwork service.

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# Spots still available in "Stories Sung in Clay"

NEW DURHAM — Slots are still available in New Durham Public Library's six-week art program "Stories Sung in Clay."

Open to second and third graders, the program is partially funded by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

It runs Wednesdays after school beginning Sept. 14. Library staff will walk participants from the school to the library, and a small snack will be served.

Each child will receive a copy of the book "When Clay Sings," by Byrd Baylor, which explores how the personal stories of Native Amer-

icans of the southwest are reflected in the pots they make from clay.

Susan Berry, a long-term instructor at the Libby Museum of Natural History in Wolfeboro and leader of the Earthkeepers program at New Durham School, will describe the use of symbols, and participants will design their own

to tell their individual stories.

Those symbols will be inscribed on clay pinch pots the children make with local potter Sarah Burns. After the pots are fired, the kids will string necklaces with beads they have made.

Community members are also invited to

take part in the project by making beads when they come into the library during the time-frame of the program.

At a celebratory assembly at the school, participants will present their experience, display their work, and share the bead necklaces with peers and teachers. A public display of

the pots will also be held at the library.

The entire experience will be captured in photographs and videos, which will be shown in the form of a brief movie at the assembly on Nov. 4.

The program is free, but registration is necessary. Please call the library at 859-2201.

## Project Backpack donations due by Monday

ALTON — Alton's Project Backpack, now an annual event, is in full swing. The Alton PTSA, along with the generous help of the folks from the Gilman Library and Profile Bank, is asking for the community's help in gathering new backpacks, lunch boxes or totes and water bottles to help families and students in Alton struggling with the burden of back to school expenses. Sup-

ply lists are on the Learning Tree at the library.

The drop-off bin is, once again, at Profile Bank. It is requested that all donations be dropped off at Profile Bank by Sept. 5. Can't get to the library? You can still help out. The stores are full of wonderful price leaders these days. Water bottles and lunch boxes are always great and though the school is supplying the students

with necessary pencils and notebooks this year, any back to school items donated will be used.

If you are not a shopper, consider a donation to ACS PTSA c/o Project Backpack, PO Box 910, Alton, NH 03809. Organizers offer a heartfelt thanks, in advance, to those who will contribute to Project Backpack. Everyone remembers those first days of school and how exciting it was to have a new back pack. Donations to the annual drive mean so much to the parents and students who are feeling the stress of the current economy. Any questions, call Kelly Sullivan at 875-2725.

## Medicine, hazardous waste collection in Alton Sept. 10

ALTON — For the convenience of Alton residents and taxpayers, the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) will hold a satellite medicine and household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Alton Transfer Station.

Medications can only be accepted on special collection days as a pharmacist and police officers must be present to identify, isolate and secure controlled meds for destruction. All medications are incinerated. Please leave family and pet medications in their original containers. Do not mix medications. Do not obscure name and

strength of medicine. Sharpie markers are available at the collection to cross off patient name if desired.

To ensure safety of all other household hazardous waste, please leave products in their original sealed containers. Grouping containers in cardboard boxes will assist in shortening the unloading time. Oil-based paint is collected. Latex paint is not a hazardous waste and not collected.

LRHHPF green flyers are available at the transfer station with details about which hazardous products are accepted. Items include automotive fluids, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, poisons, etc.

Prior to the collection day, visit the transfer station to get a numbered business card pass (not a dump sticker), which will have the member town name (Alton) and the current year. There is no charge for the pass, which is good for up to 10 gallons counting the cans (not the ounces left inside). This speeds up your time in line at the event. Another pass can be issued for larger quantities, if necessary.

Got questions? Call Sarah Silk, site coordinator at 651-7530. The Wolfeboro facility will be open the third Saturday of September and October before closing for the season.

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## Evelyn Grace Portigue Loving homemaker and mother

ALTON — Evelyn Grace Portigue, age 88, of Suncook Valley Road, Alton, died quietly at home, Tuesday evening, Aug. 23.

Born Oct. 31, 1927 in East Stratford, the daughter of Arthur and Emma (Stone) Pervere, she resided in Stratford and Dalton for some years and resided in Alton since 1944.

A loving homemaker and mother, the widow of Francis Portigue, who died April 21, 2016, she was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in New Durham.

Evelyn was known for the 100 afghans and also the 40 shawls she crocheted.

Her prayer and devotion time was an important part of her morning.



She especially loved her family and included prayer for all.

Survived by her son Mark and wife Tanya Portigue; and four daughters, Jane and husband David Howe, June and husband Paul Bragdon, Gloria Hanscom, Gail and husband Tom Mann; 19 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren; a sister, Josephine Humes; a brother, Roger Pervere; also several

nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Rodney Portigue; two granddaughters, Jessica and Amy; and four sisters, Virginia Potter, Millie Burrows, Natalie Linscott and Mary Felch.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Aug. 27, at First Free Will Baptist Church on Depot Street in New Durham, with Rev. James Nason, pastor, officiating. A calling hour was prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 1pm.

Arrangements by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit [www.peasleefuneral-home.com](http://www.peasleefuneral-home.com).

# Mark on the Markets

## Moving parts



There are certain times that I will invoke the use of a fixed index annuity or indexed universal life policy that have a certain crediting strategy that appears to be almost too good to be true. The indexed annuity or the indexed universal life fits certain portfolios for a portion of an overall strategy. If a client is looking for income or wants to place an amount of their money in a vehicle that can grow without equity market risk, a fixed indexed annuity may be a good fit. An indexed universal life policy may be a great addition to a portfolio if you want a death benefit, with cash accumulation and may be some chronic illness benefits. What most fixed indexed annuities and indexed universal life policies have in common is a crediting strategy that allows for growth that is in relation to an equity index, i.e. the S+P 500 that is

capped on the upside but usually has a floor of zero for losses. The client has no market risk for losses. When I explain this to clients, the next question is "How can they do that?" The answer sounds very technical, but is really quite simple. First off, all this is done in the insurance companies "Hedging" office or whatever firm they use to hedge for them. Typically, not always, the insurance company takes your premium dollars, let's use \$100 as an example. Using approximate dollars, the first \$95 is invested in investment grade corporate bonds for the insurance company. Another \$2 is paid in expense for the policy, like administrative, commission to agent, para-med exams if it was a life policy. The last three dollars goes toward an option contract that will go towards the index cap and crediting strategy that you chose.

Having been a manager and trader of a fund that uses options and futures hedging strategies, I can guess that they are using a spread strategy and buying a call option at the strike price of where the in-

dex is when you fund the policy, and selling a call at the limit of your index cap. The sale of this call option funds a portion of the purchase of the more expensive "near the money" call. It sounds confusing, but when you do that on a regular basis, it is one of the simpler option strategies that portfolio managers employ while managing money.

The insurance company is invested very conservatively; the client gets the capped upside to the index that they have chosen with no market risk. But there are many moving parts that must be evaluated that makes a policy good for the policy owner vs. the agent.

This part seems simple, and it is. An annuity that has "income" features or a life policy with its death benefit is the part of the insurance company's strength and expertise that involves actuarial science and the law of large numbers along with proper assets in reserve to pay these death benefits.

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# Don't mess with Mother Nature

BY LES TURNER  
Merrymeeting Daylilies

A few years ago I tried to bring back Oriental lilies. These had been long-time favorites of many gardeners until a tiny red beetle came in from away and ate all the oriental lilies. I had heard of a systemic insecticide, which would deliver justice to the little red devils. Simply put "you eat you die."

Theory was just that. In fact the remedy included that the pollen also carried the poison and I was horrified the next year when my bee friends were few and far between. I stopped using systemics, went back to insecticides, which did not include nicotinoids. BTW-daylilies do not need insecticides-ever.

Last year and this I have worked on atonement of my sins by planting as many bee- and bird-friendly flowering plants as I can - anise, cleome, black-eyed Susan's, chives, petunias, lettuce-leaved annual poppies, marigolds, phlox, gladioli, tiger lilies, heliopsis, sedum, portulacas, echinacea. Anise is the honey pot.



COURTESY PHOTO

Clancy and the giant sunflower.

All day, every day bees are there. And surprisingly, the bees also are very happy with my 400-square-foot of sunflowers, which I planted for the birds.

(Please accept my invitation to drop in to see anise in action.)

I am very pleased to report that my bee population has recovered. I thank Mother Nature for her forgiveness and promise I will sin no more. And that I will share anise seed and lettuce-leaved poppy seed with all who can use them. See [merrymeeting.com](http://merrymeeting.com) for details re: free seeds.

relationships, offer opportunities for study, prayer and ritual and providing youth with a safe and fun place to explore who they are becoming, Gertrude Hammond, Director of Religious Education at St. Katharine Drexel Parish will be hosting Junior High Youth Group overnight "lock-ins." These will be held once a month, begin at 8 p.m. Friday evening and end at 8 a.m. Saturday morning and they will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Church in the Parish Hall.

# Friends of Oscar Foss hosting raffle

BARNSTEAD — The Friends of the Oscar Foss Memorial Library are holding a raffle. Tickets are available in the library, located at 111 South Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead. Prizes include two drawings for the White Buffalo Trading Post, two drawings for a pair of tickets to OSG Paintball and a handmade yoga bag, which includes a yoga mat and yoga block. The proceeds from the raffle will help provide special resources, equipment and materials, support programming and assist in funding special events throughout the year. Donations are always ap-

preciated. The drawing will take place on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. Winners will be notified by phone. The library hours are Mondays 2-5 p.m., Tuesdays

and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursdays 5 - 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please call the library with any questions at 269-3900.

# Dinosaur discussion Sept. 9-11 in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — Have you heard of Sodom and Gomorrah? Jericho? And David and Goliath? Did these stories really take place in history? Join in on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., as Paul Veit, founder and director of Declare God's Wonder and The Dinosaur Encounter, will prove that they really did

take place. This will be the second of three meetings Veit will be speaking at. The first one is on Friday night, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. talking about creation vs. evolution. Then he will conclude the weekend on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. with a Kids Dino Fest. This will also be the Center Barnstead Christian Church's Rally Day, the kick off to a new Sunday School year. There will be a bunch of dinosaur themed carnival games. The time together will end with a free cookout lunch. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this "dino-mite" weekend Sept. 9-11. This will be a fun and exciting time for the whole family. All events will take place at the church. The Center Barnstead Christian Church is located on Route 126, next to the Town Hall. For more information, please contact the church at 269-8831.

These meetings will consist of a main session in which organizers will present a movie, book, or activity for discussion and engagement. They will also have time for prayer and/or worship, snacks, games and other activities. Lights out will be at midnight.

These "lock-ins" are open to all young people in grades six, seven and eight and the first one is Friday, Sept. 9. High school students are welcome to participate as peer leaders for the lock-ins. If you are interested in registering or have any questions about the program, please go to the St. Katharine Drexel web site [www.stkdrexel.org](http://www.stkdrexel.org) or e-mail Gertrude Hammond at [gertrudenh@metro-cast.net](mailto:gertrudenh@metro-cast.net).

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# Lots of road talk in Barnstead

BY DAVID ALLEN  
Contributing Writer

**BARNSTEAD** — The Aug. 24 meeting of the Barnstead Board of Selectmen included significant discussions with the road agent and the building inspector.

The board and road agent discussed the current status, upcoming work and cost of highway department roadwork. The primary focus of the department at this time is Varney Road. Work on Varney Road moved up the ladder of priorities when Pennichuck Water, the company that owns and manages the water system for Locke Lake Colony, decided to install hundreds of yards of new main piping along the road.

The road agent, with selectboard support, decided to work in coordination with Pennichuck to do the upgrades identified as needed for Varney Road, instead of leaving the road with patchwork pavement for 2-3 years and then digging it up again to do its own work.

Road Agent Jim Doucette has discovered that the road base for Varney Road is in much worse condition than he expected. In many places the side of the road away from the lake has clay deposits several feet deep. The clay was dug up from the swamp to create Locke Lake and pushed up the hill to its current location.

The clay inhibits good drainage, so water that collects on the south side of Varney Road puddles and then runs onto the road, and drains following the road, rather than the planned drainage into the lake. A few years ago a couple of heavy storms carried all the runoff to the northwest corner of Varney Road and North Barnstead Road and completely washed out the intersection.

Selectman Rick Duane challenged Doucette that the cost of creating drainage under the road should have been included last fall in his budget request for 2016. Doucette countered that when he started work on Varney Road this year and discovered the extent of the problem he immediately informed the select board that he would need an additional \$100,000 for the underdrainage. He added the town could not afford a top of the line underdrainage system, so he proposed replacing

the clay on the south side of the road with sand and loam, and the installation of perforated drainage piping underneath the road in a limited number of locations.

Selectman Ed Tasker asked how long the work on Varney Road would take, and expressed concern that it might interfere with other projects in the work plan for this year. He wants to see any other projects that have been started finished before new projects are started. Doucette said he expected to finish Varney roadwork by the end of September, but cannot promise an exact finish date because the duration of the work depends upon the specific conditions that are discovered as the side of the road is dug up.

Chair Priscilla Tiede reviewed the work plan for this year with Doucette and said it appeared to her the highway department was right on schedule, and not behind.

Tasker asked Doucette if there would be any advantage in grinding up Bow Lake Road this year in preparation to work on it next year. Doucette said the next stage of work on Varney Road would be his priority for next year, and if he ground Bow Lake Road this year and it had to sit two or three years before completion it would become a mess.

Tasker then spoke of a culvert on Gray Road that is damaged and asked Doucette to "please do something immediately" to fix it before there is a problem. He described the detailed location of the culvert.

Tiede noted that individual selectmen do not have the authority to direct a manager's work. Only the board as a whole can do that. Tasker countered that it was his obligation to take care of his constituents. He

asked Doucette if he had checked out all the school bus routes to make sure there were no problems for the buses.

Doucette replied that he had driven all the school bus routes with a representative of the new school bus company. Together they had identified a few minor problems and those would all be fixed before the start of school.

He returned to the question of culverts on Gray Road and said there is a larger one on the road that is on the state's "red list" meaning it is dangerous for heavy vehicles. That culvert has an unusually large drainage area and will need a much larger culvert and bridge. It will be as large a project as the Peacham Road Bridge that was done a couple of years ago, and the plans will need to be developed together with the NH Department of Environmental Services.

Doucette reported he had bids for salt for winter road maintenance that were \$3 a ton cheaper than the \$62 per ton paid last year. The board approved the purchase of 900 tons of salt. Only one company bid on sand sealing for parts of Parade Road, Wes Locke Road, Beauty Hill Road and Wes Locke Road. The board approved the bid.

Doucette said he has solicited bids for a new loader and a used heavy road roller, which he would like to include in the Capital Improvement Plan as future purchases.

Fab Cusson appeared for an appointment,

scheduled at his request. He described the dilemma of a building permit request on Danbury Road. A recently completed survey shows that the actual location of Danbury Road is 45-75' north of where it was laid out in the original plans for Locke Lake. This reduces the usable area of the lot by almost half. The applicant for the permit has moved the house location to the back of the lot, and it meets all setbacks required by Barnstead Zoning Ordinance.

Cusson said he is aware there is controversy about the propriety of building on this particular lot. He wants the board of selectmen to be fully aware of the situation so there are no surprises for the board. He wants to be sure they are 100 percent behind him before granting the permit. Although he can see no legal reason for not granting the permit, if the board is not convinced, he will not grant the permit.

The board asked for public input on the question. Bruce Gray introduced himself as the abutter immediately across the road from the proposed permit. He said he believed the lot was not eligible for a permit. He said if you compare the survey submitted with the building permit to the original Locke Lake survey, the new survey has added many feet of frontage on Danbury Road, and width to the lot, by taking it out of a right of way that goes from Danbury Road into

the adjoining property, which is a farm field.

Gray said the developer is trying to rush through the building permit because the existing septic system design expires in October. He believes the owner does not want to spend the money to get a new permit, and in fact might not get a permit because of tighter regulations, and the fact that at least two septic systems on Danbury Road have failed in the last couple of years. Grey said the general septic capacity along Danbury Road is inadequate because of the soils and drainage, and predicted additional septic problems if the building permit is granted.

Selectman Sean Dunne said if the permit application meets the town standards, then there is no legal basis to deny it, and the applicant could sue the town for not granting it. The issues raised by Grey are between him and other parties, and therefore should be addressed in a civil suit against the permit applicant or other responsible parties. He said he saw no legal issue for the town and felt the permit should be granted. Others on the board agreed. Grey said he would in fact be filing suit.

Wayne Simoneau appeared on behalf of the Library Board of Trust-

ees. He and Suzanne Alison had reported serious problems with the library water system at an earlier meeting. Their plumber has advised them they can isolate the water coming directly out of the well from the plumbing in the library and then flush the well by running the system for several hours into the catch basin. Then they can test the well water and find out if the problem is coming from the well itself or some other part of the system. The library trustees are hopeful that the well system itself is in good condition. Knowing that would allow them to move forward with less expensive fixes for the problem. The selectboard approved hiring a plumber to do the work to isolate the well water and test it. The library trustees will report back to the board of selectmen with the results of the test and their plans for next steps.

The board recessed to swear in Dan Shapiro as a new full time member of the Barnstead Police Force. Shapiro has served for several years with the Webster Police Department. The board then went into non-public session with Doucette regarding personnel questions.

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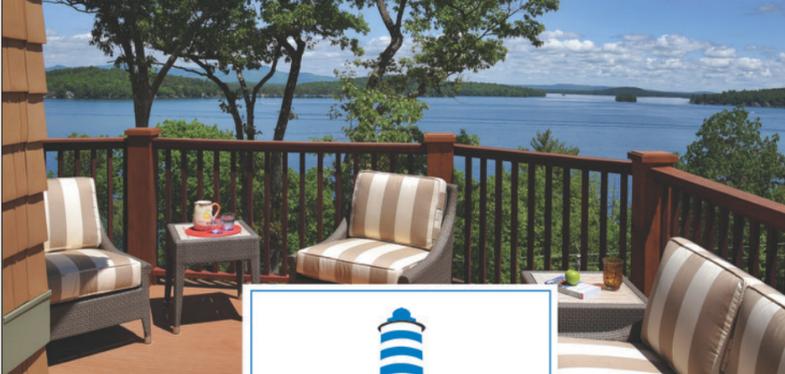
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# Blackstone appointed to national board

ALTON — The National Association of Elementary School Principals is pleased to announce that Cris Blackstone, Principal of Alton Central School, has been appointed to a position on the association's Editorial Board. Blackstone has assumed a three-year term for the NAESP, 2016-2019.

"This involves a pas- sion of mine," Blackstone commented enthusiastically. "I love to write, I have been a member of the Education Writer's Association for several years, and also do my own creative writing, and participate in spoken word events." Blackstone will be involved with NAESP for the three-year term with nine colleagues from across the

U.S. In this capacity, she will be writing book reviews, and other articles to be included in The Principal, which is the professional journal of the NAESP. She will also be writing articles and suggesting themes for the journal, based on trends she sees as a school principal.

Based in Alexandria, Va., the NAESP sponsors numerous confer-

ences and workshops regionally and nationally throughout the year. Blackstone will be attending the national conference, and is eager to meet the other members of the editorial board.

"It's a great opportunity for me to give back to the educational community," she said when asked what meant the most to her about the

appointment. Citing the opportunity to give recognition to people she knows professionally when she can write about their contributions to education, and the opportunity to meet more people with whom she can share what's going on in the PreK-8 world of Alton Central School, she has already submitted one column pertinent to communi-

cation between families and teachers of students in the ten-year old through teen years of middle level education. Blackstone is grateful to Joshua Spaulding, editor of the Baysider newspaper for her weekly column, "Alton Central Scoop" which is another important way she enjoys writing about education and Alton, in particular.

## GATHERING

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cences of local legend G. Malcolm Locke. His recollections were recorded on paper by Robert Kar-eff, an air traffic controller, who came to visit the Greenbriar Health Terrace in Nashua, where Locke's daughter was a nurse and Locke was spending his final days, and found a fascinating friend, and good cribbage player. According to society member Ken Pitman, Malcolm Locke was a renowned trapper and hunter, a mason, a boxer, and, for 19 years, chief of police. As Pitman and society co-president and church deacon Jean-nie Terry agreed, and Locke corroborated in his memoir's conclusion, he was "world record fox and fisher [cat] trapper. 200 red fox in 26 days. 207 fisher one fall and winter season in 1966," with a photo on exhibit showing the array of hanging foxes. "Old Barnstead Photos from Ron Di Perri's Collection at Mountain's Store" depicted landmarks and buildings from the town's rich his-

tory.

Under a bright yellow canopy, on a table with vases of vibrant flowers, Kim Bickford displayed her Turnout Treasures, colorfully decorated heat- and water-resistant kitchen pads, pot holders, coasters, and even a reflective Halloween bag, fashioned of surplus thermal materials from the making of firefighting turnout gear. Bickford, a Strafford firefighter who works at Globe Manufacturing in Pittsfield where the gear is produced, markets her creations under the name "Crazy Daisy," and has them for sale at Ady's One Stop Gift Shop, named for her granddaughter. Having herself explored new avenues of interest at mid-life, Bickford is happy she has set an example for her daughter, who is now pursuing a career as fire investigator. A good portion of the proceeds of her sales are donated to the Terry Farrell Fund (www.terryfund.org), started by his brother in honor of a New York fireman who perished

during Sept. 11. About her life and work, she says, "When you have a passion, it's a lot of fun."

At the Friends of the Foss Library booth, Debra Lamontagne, the new president, and Julie Marston, former president, now secretary and treasurer, were eager to show pictures of what the Friends purchased recently, including a Wii system for youngsters' use, an oriental rug for the meeting room, blinds for the reading room, and a wrought iron butterfly chair for the grounds. They also brought in a band for the end of the summer reading program celebration. Both women are looking forward to increased participation in their organization and need volunteers for the book sale to be held on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12. As for their involvement in the Friends, "We love it. It is worth it to us to do the fundraising necessary to buy new materials."

Enticing aromas lured visitors to a table offering hamburgers, hot dogs

and cold drinks, and a neighboring one set up by the Tiede Farms Smokehouse featuring sweet and spicy sausage grinders and French Fries served by Dorina and Brett Tiede, who donated their sales to the American Legion Earl B. Clark Post 42. The Tiedes are very grateful for the generosity of their customers, which benefited the Legion Post handsomely.

The pastor of the 211-year-old Parade Congregational Church, which sponsored this event, Sandy Pierson, is pleased that it can "keep on reaching out to the community in this way. When Old Home Day stopped a few years ago, we stepped in, and now we're glad that Old Home Day will be back again on Sept. 19. It is all about people meeting people and to make sure people know that, as a church, we're here. During the month of October and right up until Veterans' Day, we will have veteran-centered services, and we celebrate Founder's Day with a special service on the history of the church." In a tour of the church Pastor Pierson

graciously provided, he pointed out among the glorious stained-glass windows one dedicated to the founding Bunker family of the church and one to a Hoitt descendant of Revolutionary hero General John Stark, whose two daughters both married Hoitt cousins. Pointing out the impressive chandelier in the center of the tin-embossed ceiling, Pastor Pierson commented, "They were ordered from Sears long ago, and when the church in Derryfield was quoted the price for one, it was decided that 128 would be ordered, to illuminate Congregational churches throughout the state." He also noted, "The last military gathering on the Parade itself was in 1917, as young Barnstead men paraded here, then boarded the train for Boston and embarkation as part of the AEF, the American Expeditionary Force, vital to the outcome of World War I."

A highlight of the day was the annual announcement of the Barnstead Citizen of the Year. According to Historical Society member Nancy Carr, requests for nom-

inations were posted in The Baysider and the Suncook Valley Sun, after co-president Denise Adjutant, Carr, and another person made the decision for the recipient of the honor. This year it was 30-year resident and current selectman Gordon Preston, who has served the town in many capacities. With his sons, he was instrumental during the ice storms, flood, and tornado in keeping the roads open, and donated the felled wood to the Welfare Department so that folks would have firewood. As Carr summarized, "He has definitely lived a full life of helping quietly."

Coordinating the Gathering on the Green this year was church deacon and mission committee chair, Robin Tallent. "This was my first time in charge," she said, "and it certainly made me appreciate my predecessors." Echoing the comments of the pastor and his wife, Christina, who referred to the day as "a wonderful family event," Tallent wished to "thank all involved, vendors and visitors alike. We all pitched in for a wonderful time."

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## BARNSTEAD

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is ready to step in to be an excellent administrator.”

Cochrane described the search process as “extensive,” saying that LaLiberte was selected from among a pool of some 30 applicants - and that she was among a handful of candidates the committee spent a whole day with during follow-up interviews. He added that her references were “impeccable.”

While not questioning the committee’s recommendation directly, Grillo observed that while LaLiberte has extensive K-3 experience and impressive reading instruction credentials, she has little experience with kids in the upper grades.

Cochrane acknowledged this, predicting “there will be something of a learning curve.” But he was quick to add, “She has the right attitude, temperament, and basic tools” to be an asset to BES. Grillo said she appreciated the work of the hiring committee, and that the board will be willing to provide any necessary supports LaLiberte requests in her new role.

LaLiberte was unanimously appointed as the new BES Assistant Principal. Couch said she’s invested in ensuring a “smooth transition” for her successor.

The board also approved a handful of all SPED hires.

The board next debriefed the “extended

learning” activities that took place over the summer.

The four-week program was funded by a Title I grant, according to SPED director Emily Reese. Couch explained that the program’s goal is to “prevent regression” in key content areas such as reading and math. She said about 50 students in grades one through four were invited to participate in the four-week program, which consisted of three-hour sessions equally divided between math and reading.

Of the participants, a small group subsequently continued to in an additional two-week program where students received one-on-one instruction.

A highlight of the program was “Camp S’more,” following which participants were given supplies to take home where they could make their own treats with their families.

Reese updated some “early transition” activities around a group of 16 kindergartners focusing on motor, language and conceptualization skills.

Rice observed, “This was a very busy building.”

He also described a third subset of the student population, which he described as “betwixt and between,” with needs not quite qualifying for Title I. He said the group of 25 students was divided up into three differentiated grade-level segments spanning grades one through seven.

Going forward, the district anticipates continuing the programs. Rice said a potential tweak might involve doing away with a requirement that kids commit to the program’s full duration. He said parents’ work schedules and vacation plans are barriers to fuller participation.

For the 2016-17 school year, Rice said he anticipates an uptick in the student population. Some months back, the district anticipated a decline in enrollment with a large eighth grade class moving on to PMHS. However, a larger-than-predicted kindergarten class of 60 is incoming. District leaders also observed a steady inflow of students swelling the ranks of the other grades. Enrollment projections have increased from an anticipated 454 students to an actual count of 471.

Rice was asked about the number at which this increase might warrant the addition of additional classes. He said it varied on the needs of the individual students in the classes under consideration.

“We’re not quite there yet,” Rice said of the need to add classes, but noted that some are edging toward historical size limits.

The group also acknowledged that with

such a small sample size, the numbers are subject to considerable volatility, recalling one recent year when 10 first graders moved into the district.

On another subject, Rice informed the board that a representative from Homeland Security visited recently. He said the official conducted a walk through to inspect the facility and to take notes on how emergency personnel might most effectively navigate the school in the event of an emergency.

The board was next updated on the status of several projects. D-Wing painting is now complete, and a bid process to make the kindergarten section ADA compliant is in place. The parking lot has been restriped, and a metal roof will be installed on the modular used for music instruction; the installation should take one day in mid-September. Additionally, health and art instruction are being moved into the main building.

Improvements to the newly-relaunched web site are continuing apace. The major modules and design elements are in place, and the revision of some specific content-level elements is progressing.

On the finance side, Donna Clairmont report-

ed that the district ended the fiscal year with a considerable surplus. As a result of some fortuitous developments and an overall frugal approach, Clairmont said the district’s strong financial position will allow it to provide \$549K in tax relief to Barnstead property owners.

The board also discussed the possibility of partnering with COPsync, which markets itself as an information clearinghouse to connect schools with law enforcement resources - and for which grant funding is available. Rice said the new police chief stopped in to make him aware of the opportunity. Rice said the program has some promise but added that the intermittent wi-fi connectivity in the facility might limit its usefulness. He also noted that PMHS discontinued its relationship with COPsync.

The board also learned that the new

transportation vendor has been very responsive to district and parent concerns in determining new routes. To expedite student transport, some stops may be consolidated, or “clustered.”

Rice said that the vendor has been “diligent” in how it responds to parent and administrator inquiries. He also reported that Bosco Bell will allow the bus to use its parking lot to reverse direction, which will make that particular route more efficient.

Distributed to the board was a schedule of early release days, which are as follows: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Oct. 20, Dec. 7, Jan. 26, Feb. 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, May 17, June 7 and June 14. The last is the tentative final day of school.

The board next meets on Sept. 27.



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this really reinforces that idea and helps smooth the way,”

Roberts was a long-time social studies teacher at Farmington High School before he was recruited to teach overseas at Seoul's Korea International School. An avid chess player, he said the game can teach kids a lot. Roberts said he hopes to infuse chess into the school culture and support teachers and students to sustain a vibrant learning environment.

While Stiles and Roberts relished the opportunity to officially introduce themselves to the ACS community, Roberts insisted, “It's great for me to be here and meet the students, but this night is really about the kids.”

A steady stream of families filed into ACS over the hour-and-a-half event. Although the kids will soon be saying goodbyes to late mornings and carefree days filled with summertime pursuits, most seemed eager to return.

Joey DeJager is entering sixth grade this week. “I'm excited to see all my friends and to see where I'll be this year,” he said as his parents John and Charla listened on.

While the night was about the new and the next, it also provided kids with a chance to reconnect with past teachers while visiting classrooms they've left behind.

About half of the kids visiting fifth grade teacher Pamela Forbes were new students, with the remainder being former students popping by with their families to say hello.

Grinningly, Forbes told one of her students from last year, “You get to tell all the new fifth graders just how mean I am - can I count on you to do that?”

Of another former student, Forbes observed, “You've gotten so tall, but you're just as handsome.”

Shortly thereafter, a new student and his family popped in. Through a wicked smirk she said, “Don't believe what the other kids say about how mean I am - I'm a lot meaner than that and I can't wait to show you.”

Riffing on the same theme, Forbes told another incoming student, “Homework. You are going to have soooo much homework.”

When the child was momentarily distracted by some of Forbes's classroom decorations, she winkingly reassured the parents, “I'm



MARK FOYNES

**PAMELA FORBES (right) greeted a steady parade of families at the ACS open house last Thursday. Nathaniel Thomas (white t-shirt) will be one of Forbes' new students. Half of the visitors were new students, half were old students stopping by to see their old classroom to say, "hello." Pictured (l to r), Jason Thomas, Riley Rothvoss, preschooler Owen Thomas, Mary Thomas (holding and being hugged), Nathaniel and Forbes.**

not too big into homework.”

Forbes said that her class will be part of a soon-to-be-launched initiative where students will have personal electronic devices that she described as a “wave of the future.” She said specialized applications loaded on the devices “will lend them to differentiated instruction,” allowing educators in grades five through eight to

“customize educational experiences to the learning styles to each individual student.”

Forbes said she “isn't any kind of a tech wizard” and therefore knows little about the specifics of how the devices will operate. But she said that communications from the administration made her feel optimistic about the change - particularly in tailoring instruction to students with special

needs and non-traditional learning styles.

An especially popular feature of the event was a hot dog barbecue held out on the playground. There, volunteers staffed the grill, while the PTSA gave out free popcorn.

Amidst the dozens of parents, PTSA volunteer Andrea Caruso was fundraising for the organization, selling stacks of pre-printed forms that parents can give to administrators to explain why a child might be tardy or absent. Available in pads of 100 for \$5, Caruso explained that their checklist format is more convenient for parents and aids administrators who need to do data entry.

“It's a win-win - and the funds go to projects to help the kids,” Caruso said.

Also helping out at the hot dog barbecue was PTSA president Kristin Thomas. She said the volunteer organization has several events planned for the school year, including Exercise for Education. Thomas said the concept is similar to a walk-a-thon or a charity 5k. The way it works is that participants pledge to exercise for a certain amount of time and collect pledges in support of the promise to engage in a stated amount of physical activity.

“We're raising funds and promoting healthy behaviors - so everyone benefits,” she said.

Thomas added that

other fundraisers include a fall Bingo for Books event, as well as daddy-daughter and mother-son dances.

“They build the community and help raise funds,” she said.

As she spoke, about 10 kids crowded onto the playground's newest piece of equipment. The new roundabout proved to be a big hit as students spun around and got progressively more dizzy as the evening went on. Peals of joy filled the early evening air.

Thomas motioned to the roundabout and said, “That's why we do what we do.”

She said that new volunteers or other folks interested in getting involved are always welcome to stop by the PTSA meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of each month.

“We have a dedicated group, but there's never a lack of things for things to do,” Thomas added.

Alton School Board member Peter Leavitt talked with parents and watched the kids enjoys the new playground equipment.

“This is just such a great thing to see,” adding that he was pleased to see the return of the open house event after a brief hiatus.

“A school is the hub of a community, so it's satisfying to see so many of our neighbors coming together to celebrate learning in our community,” Leavitt said.

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# A "maybe" creature in the woods that's big, stealthy and hungry

## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



There's a pile of stuff on a corner of my desk that has a life of its own. No matter how often or much you take out of it, it remains the same, a pile of stuff. Call it the 100-Year-Old Soup of writing.

In the pile was a recent note about a mountain lion attack in Idaho.

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One of my oldest friends, hailing from coastal Maine in warm months and Georgia when the sun goes south, was in the territory for a couple of days, and for his going-away breakfast I said "Let's go to the Spa."

This longtime restaurant is in West Stewartstown, roughly an hour and a half north of Littleton, and another half hour from Berlin. Colebrook-area readers will roll their eyes at this obvious fact, but I have to put it in here for the benefit of downstate readers, some of whom think New Hampshire ends at Franconia Notch.

Breakfast conversation never ceases at the Spa, and the particular reason I love it there, aside from the great food, is that it's usually a steady patois between English and French, French and English, with habitués slipping back and forth with ease. We had the catbird seat, and friends from my Beecher Falls Factory days stopped by to say hello. So did two of my favorite people, Paul and Cheryl Cote, who for a very long time owned and ran one of the region's last two full-service gas stations.

We were discussing this and that when somehow the topic turned to

the Canaan cougar. This was a little drama that unfolded earlier this summer when a mountain lion appeared in the back yard of a Canaan Hill woman, who had the alacrity to grab a camera in the kitchen and shoot two frames, one of which was reportedly good enough for a Vermont Fish and Wildlife officer.

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A note about photos, as per the one above:

There are thousands of trail-cams set up all over New Hampshire, but so far what I've been sent has been mostly garbage, very poor images under bad conditions, or worse, images most definitely not even from anywhere around New England, as is easily determined by terrain and vegetation.

Surely there are some better and verifiable trail-cam images out there, and if requested I'll not reveal anyone's identity or precise location. Ergo, I'm waiting.

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I've been keeping track of cougar sightings in New Hampshire for more than four decades, investigating and publishing only the very



COURTESY PHOTO

IF YOU caught an image of a verifiable mountain lion on your trail camera, it'd look like this one, caught on a trail-cam in Saguaro National Park, Arizona.

best, the encounters that are beyond any reasonable doubt. Thus I'm carrying around in my head about a dozen reports that I consider unassailable.

Among them is the Canaan Hill mountain lion, which has been seen by several residents and passersby. It appears to be a young adult, and appears to pose no threat.

But ah, there's the rub. Adult cougars can weigh almost 200 pounds, and need a lot to eat.

We're all presumed to adore such top predators as symbols of the wild, assigning them the same kind of lofty emotional perch we've reserved for the wolf.

But mountain lions out West have been known to take children, and even adults of small stature. I remember a

story about a five-year-old (or so) in Colorado dragged off in front of his horrified parents, and a widely reported incident in California a couple of decades ago when treperched cougar killed a slightly built woman jogger with a bite to the neck.

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One of the old saws about traveling in far-flung forests is that there is nothing in the woods of the Northeast that'll kill you but your own stupidity. If you think

about it, it's true. Absent grizzly or brown bears, and (in theory) absent a viable cougar population, about the only threat is not checking or being ready for the weather, or forgetting some crucial item for your pack.

Earlier this month, a family camping trip to Green Canyon Hot Springs in Idaho nearly turned tragic when a four-year-old girl, supposedly put to bed for the night, went outside the tent looking for a shoe and was snatched up by a cougar, which her mother had caught a glimpse of earlier. When the nearby parents heard screams, the mother, who was closer, ran at the cat, which dropped the child and left the scene.

The girl escaped with bite marks, punctures and slashes, and will be all right. Idaho Fish and Game officers enlisted a hound hunter to track and tree the cat nearby, and killed it.

"It could have gone the other way so easily," the girl's grandfather told the East Idaho News. "She could have been gone and we would have never seen her."

So as the New Hampshire cougar story expands and evolves, we supposedly pine for the creature's return to its ancestral territory, as one more symbol of all that's wild and free, and of righting old wrongs (moose, turkey, falcon, marten, and wonderfully on and on). But in the cougar's case, would we be able to live with the consequences?

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## WHAT'S ON TAP

More teams get into the fall sports fun this week, as the new season hits high gear.

At Prospect Mountain, the golf team opens the season today, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m. at Laconia, is at Sanborn at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and visits Kearsarge on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m.

The Prospect Mountain cross country team also opens the season today, Sept. 1, running in Gilford at 4 p.m. The team is at Sanborn at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The Timber Wolf volleyball team will officially open the season on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at home against Raymond at 6 p.m.

The boys' soccer Timber Wolves will be at Inter-Lakes for a 4 p.m. game today, Sept. 1, will be at Berlin on Tuesday, Sept. 6, also at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Gilford at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The Prospect Mountain soccer girls will be hosting Raymond on Friday, Sept. 2, at 4 p.m. and will be at Campbell at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

At Kingswood, the football team opens the season at home on Friday, Sept. 2, taking on Plymouth at 7 p.m.

The Knight volleyball team begins its season on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at home against Coe-Brown at 6 p.m.

The Kingswood golf team continues play with a match at North Conway Country Club today, Sept. 1, followed by a home match on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and a match at Pembroke Pines on Thursday, Sept. 8, all at 3:30 p.m.

The Kingswood cross country team will be at Sanborn for a 4 p.m. meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The Knight soccer boys and girls will both be at Plymouth on Tuesday, Sept. 6, with the girls playing at 3:15 p.m. and the boys at 5 p.m.

The field hockey Knights will be at St. Thomas on Friday, Sept. 2, at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Kennett at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

## Kingswood Alumni Golf Tournament is Oct. 15

WOLFEBORO — The third annual Kingswood Alumni Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15. Alumni, teachers, staff and coaches that have ever attended or worked for the high school are eligible to participate. Sign up SEE KINGSWOOD, PAGE B5

# Numbers up for Prospect Mountain golf team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The last two years coach Peter Long has had a hard time getting his Prospect Mountain golf team in place, with numbers taking a bit of a hit.

This year he's found himself in a different situation.

"While the last two years have been a struggle getting a team in place, I am pleased to report that we have 14 players this year," the Timber Wolf coach said.

Prospect Mountain will have an influx of freshmen, with five members of the class of 2020 on the team, while also putting five sophomores on the roster. There will be three seniors and one junior to round out Long's lineup.

Sam Reynolds, who spent most of last year at or near the top of the lineup for the Timber Wolves, is back for his



JOSHUA SPAULDING

SAM REYNOLDS will once again be counted on for the Prospect Mountain golf team.

sophomore year and will be expected to card some solid rounds.

Joining him as sophomores on this year's team are Maggie Fontaine, Anna Francis, Tim Clifford and Max Tuttle.

The trio of seniors at the top of the board for the Timber Wolves will be Sam Borelli, Daniel LaBelle (returning) and Cameron LaChance.

The lone junior on the team is Zachary MacLaughlin.

Rounding out the roster will be the five freshmen, including Joel White, Ryker Burke, Mykel Whitehouse, Kyle Smith and Aaron Haynes.

"A good contingent of freshmen and returning players will make this our most competitive year with me at the helm," Long said. "While I don't see any state championship this year, I am hopeful that we can

win a few matches and build the team for continued success over the next few years."

In Long's first year the Timber Wolves were unable to get in the win column while last year they picked up a win in a match at Pelham.

The Timber Wolves will once again be playing all of their matches on the road, with a couple of nearby matches coming in Laconia and Gilford.

Matches on the schedule include tee times at Monadnock, Gilford, Plymouth, Laconia, Sanborn, Kearsarge, Bow and Campbell.

The season opens today, Sept. 1, at 4 p.m. at Laconia and continues on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Sanborn and Thursday, Sept. 8, at Kearsarge.

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# Prospect boys win season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain soccer boys got coach Cory Halvorsen's head-coaching gig off to a good start, with three players getting

goals in a 3-1 win over Sanborn on Friday, Aug. 26.

"I think it's helpful for the kids to get that off their back," said Halvorsen of the first win and three goals out of the gate.

The Timber Wolves got the scoring started in the first half, as Nolan Sykes scored his first goal for the Timber Wolves with about 10 minutes to go in the first half to make it a 1-0 game heading to halftime.

Then, 15 minutes into the second half, Jonah Dudzik converted on a penalty kick to push the lead to 2-0.

The third goal came from Jesse DeJager with about 13 minutes to go to make it a 3-0 lead for the Timber

Wolves.

Sanborn was able to get on the board with three minutes to go, beating Prospect keeper Drew Nickerson on a penalty kick for their lone goal.

"The guys moved SEE SOCCER, PAGE B10

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# Prospect girls net 2-1 win in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**SOMERSWORTH** — The Prospect Mountain soccer girls controlled the pace of play in the opening game but struggled to get the ball in the net.

In the end, Ali Brown made the difference, as she launched a free kick from about 40 yards out over the head of the Somersworth keeper in the final three minutes, giving the Timber Wolves a 2-1 win over the 'Toppers on Friday, Aug. 26.

"It's always good to get the first one," coach Matt Locke said. "They have a small field and it's always causes me problems, but we played well."

"We controlled about 70 percent of the game, but we just couldn't get it in the back of the net," the veteran coach continued. "We had two goals, we probably should've had six."

"But I attribute that to first game jitters," Locke added.

The Timber Wolves got on the board first in the first half, as Kasey LaCroix sent a nice cross in front of the goal and freshman Tessa Carter was waiting at the far post to tap the ball in and put the visitors on the board with a 1-0 lead, which held through halftime.

Somersworth took advantage of the sun in the second half, as the 'Toppers launched a high shot on net that Prospect keeper Mackenzie Burke was unable to follow with the

sun in her eyes and it tied the score at one.

However, the Timber Wolves battled back and with three minutes to go, Brown got the winner.

Locke noted that this year's Timber Wolf squad has about

20 kids on both the JV and varsity teams, with solid numbers out for the program.

"It's just a matter of if we can put together the right mixture on the field," Locke said.

Division III has shrunk a bit this year,

with three teams leaving the division and one team, Derryfield, moving into the division. With the NHIAA implementing a 70 percent rule for the playoffs, fewer teams will be in the tournament this fall.

"I think we should do well," Locke said.

The Timber Wolves will have a pair of senior captains in Brianna Burley and Melissa Stowell.

The team will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 2, at home

against Raymond at 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, Sept. 6, they are at Campbell for a 4 p.m. contest.

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# Leonard excited for first season at Kingswood

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**WOLFEBORO** — Change is the name of the game for the Kingswood football team this fall, as new head coach Justin Leonard takes over for veteran coach Chip Skelley.

"The improvement from day one is unreal right now," said Leonard, just more than two weeks into the preseason. "They're definitely grasping it and if we continue on that, we'll be a pretty solid ball club."

"They seem to be responding very well," Leonard continued. "It's a great group of kids who I love being around. It was very easy to like this team right away."

Leonard will have two familiar faces on his coaching staff, as Tom McCullough and Charlie Hossack, who both served under Skelley, are back. Additionally, Andrew Szendre and Steve Gosselin will be the new coaches on the staff.

The new coaches will be running a new offensive scheme, as the Knights will run a spread offense out of the gate this season.

"We're going to



ALEX MATAROZZO will be a key in the Kingswood backfield this season.

KATHY SUTHERLAND

throw the ball," Leonard said. "But we're going to run the ball more than people might expect out of the spread."

On defense, Leonard anticipates a base even front, though he notes that things will vary on a game-to-game basis.

The spread offense depends on the quarterback and Leonard pointed out that the Knights had a quarterback battle heading into the final week of the preseason.

Seniors Ramsey Goslin and Evan Lavoie are locked in the battle to be the team's starting quarterback.

"Great competition is always a good thing," Leonard said. "It definitely pushes them as individuals."

Senior Alex

Matarozzo returns in the backfield and will be counted on to carry the ball as he did last year.

"We have one running back, he's the back," Leonard stated. "He's definitely a tough runner."

The spread offense will also rely on receivers, with Mike Kelley and Cam Mann earning shots in the slot along with Jay Warthen, who has looked solid at tight end. The receivers will include Jake Beaudet Nick Baston and Cole Johnston, who is out for football for the first time as a senior and brings a lot of energy to the field, according to his head coach.

"They've shown this preseason that they're able to do things," Leonard stated.

On the line, senior Jake Dearborn returns and will anchor the line at left tackle, while junior Nick Chapman will be the other tackle. Drew Connelly and Jake Merrill will be the starting guards and Eddie Wims will be at

center.

"There's also kids pushing them as well," Leonard said. "We have three or four kids, varsity ready, the future looks good there."

On the defensive side of the ball, Chapman will be a defensive end, while Dearborn will serve as a defensive tackle. Warthen will also be on the defensive line and has shown he will be a vocal leader of the group. Freshman Aiden Penenga has also earned a starting slot on the defensive line, likely at nose tackle.

"He's easy to coach and he's learning that if he does what coach says, I can do things," Leonard said.

At linebacker, Matarozzo and James O'Leary will be on the inside, providing key minutes.

"Having two seniors there is a nice thing," Leonard said. "And James is one of the most intelligent football players I've known."

Mann and Kelley

will be getting the start at outside linebacker.

In the defensive backfield, Baston, Beaudet, Johnston and Goslin will all be leading the way, while Leonard noted that there is a solid rotation of more players who could step in and play.

"We do have a rotation, so when a kid needs a break he can get one," Leonard said.

The first-year head coach, who came from Epping-Newmarket, points out that his group has really grasped the defense.

"The kids are definitely grasping the defense, they're getting the concept," Leonard said. "So it's pretty easy to slide someone in."

The Knights will also be welcoming back senior Mark Chrysafidis as the team's kicker.

"He has a very strong leg," Leonard said, noting he had a field goal over 50 yards during the jamboree. "He can boot the football."

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OWEN GWIZDALA rounds a corner near the start of Saturday's race at Great Glen.

# Stinchfield, McKenna lead Knights in opening race

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**PINKHAM NOTCH** — For starters, it was a solid showing for the Kingswood cross country team.

After two weeks of preseason, the Knights jumped right into the fire, heading to the Paul Letarte Invitational at Great Glen Trails in Pinkham Notch, where they met up with the likes of Nashua North and South, Pinkerton and numerous solid Division II and III squads.

"We had some unexpected things, some good stuff," said coach Paul Harvey. "Everybody ran at least slightly faster than what they did last year.

"That's definitely a positive," he added.

The Knight boys finished in sixth place overall while the girls finished in seventh place.

For the varsity boys, Cam Stinchfield led the way for Kingswood in a time of 18:22 for 20th place overall.

Owen Gwizdala was second for the Knights and 24th overall in

18:57, while Brodie Deshaies ran to 42nd place in a time of 20:03.

Brent Coope was the fourth Kingswood finisher, placing 47th in a time of 20:11 and Adam Richardson rounded out the scoring for the Kingswood boys with a time of 21:03 for 62nd place.

Wyatt Pooler finished in 64th place in 21:27 to provide some insurance for the Knights, while Jim Huckman finished in 92nd place in 24:12.

"Cam is strong, he's getting there," Harvey said. "Owen's been battling a little something.

We know how he'll be going forward."

He pointed to solid starts for Pooler, Richardson and Coope as a solid sign for the Knights.

"There's a lot of possibilities," Harvey said.

On the girls' side of things, Eileen McKenna was the top finisher for Kingswood, as she finished in 22nd place in 23:29.

Grace Trites came through with an impressive performance to finish as the second Knight in a time of 25:33 for 39th place, a three-minute improve-

ment over the previous year. Hannah Chatigny finished in 26:11 for 43rd in her first cross country race.

Sarah Huckman was the fourth Knight scorer in a time of 26:17 for 46th place and Sarah Bellefleur finished in 51st in 27:28.

Emma Bellefleur rounded out the field of Knights in the varsity race with a time of 28:04 for 56th place overall.

In the JV girls' race, Zoey McLain led the way for Kingswood in a time of 29:06 for 33rd place while Elizabeth Morrison finished in

54th place in 34:03 and Molly Newbury was 58th place in 34:28. Rebecca Dow finished in 66th place in a time of 37:03 to finish out the Knights in the JV race.

For the JV boys, Dana O'Blenes led the way in a time of 21:42 for fifth place overall.

Josh Haines was next for Kingswood in 21:49 for ninth place and Max Gilpatrick took 15th place in 22:12. Sheldon Billings finished in 38th place in 23:41, Rian Russo finished in 47th place in 24:28, Jack Zarse was

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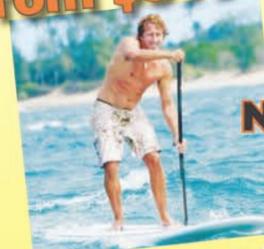
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# Reilly feeling good about field hockey Knights

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The past few years, numbers have been a problem for the Kingswood field hockey team.

But coach Kaitlin Reilly knew she could be patient and wait out the drought and things would come out just fine on the other side.

And after a few years of struggling to keep the JV team alive, the Knights are looking at some healthy numbers heading to the new season. And Reilly is feeling pretty comfortable about the team she's putting on the field.

"It's looking great," Reilly said after a few weeks of preseason work. "We have two full teams.

"We've worked hard to keep the JV program going and now we have a full team," the veteran head coach continued. "We have a great slew of new players who decided to come out and be part of this group."

Additionally, the Knights have a solid core of returning players with plenty of varsity experience, which Reilly noted really showed in the team's play in a jamboree in Dover, where



EMILY SKELLETT is one of two senior captains for the Kingswood field hockey girls this fall.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

the Knights beat Exeter, Salem and Goffstown.

"It's evident that this is a team that's got experience," Reilly said. "That's given us a jump start, we're already farther along."

The team got an anonymous donation from the community and used the money to take an excursion to the Brown Center at UNH, where the Knights bonded

even more as a team, going through numerous team-building activities.

"It couldn't have gone more perfect," Reilly said. "The facilitators were all impressed with how our group already communicated like a team."

The Knights will be led by a pair of senior captains, players who have played key roles during their first few years with the program.

Emily Skelley will once again anchor the defense for the Knights.

"Her level of communication has really elevated," Reilly said, noting that she was already a leader back there before being named a captain. "She has such a confident presence."

Brooke Seigars will be the other captain and she will be seeing time in the midfield and at forward.

"She worked really hard this summer, her fitness is strong," Reilly said, noting her great level of intensity. "She's been showing the kids

how this team goes."

Another key returning senior is keeper Jess Distler, who has been a rock in the net for the Knights. Distler went to goalie camp over the summer and comes back even stronger for her final season.

"She has a new fire,"

Reilly said. "She's our backbone and she's rising to that as a senior."

Kayla McEvoy returns for her senior year and Reilly notes that her versatility will be key, as she's able to move all over the field.

"She can do a little bit SEE FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE B10

## Wolfeboro Lions Club hosting annual golf tournament

OSSIPEE — The Wolfeboro Lions Club is sponsoring its 12th annual fundraiser golf

tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Indian Mound Golf Club in Ossipee.

The format is a scramble with a shotgun start and men's, women's and mixed foursomes are encouraged to participate. If you don't have a foursome the Lions Club will arrange to place you in a friendly group.

The tournament is designed to encourage golfers of varied groups and abilities to get involved, as the scoring system creates a level playing field. So, regardless of your group make up: men, women or mixed, expert or novice, there is an equal opportunity to be competitive within your category.

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## Decades of music squeezed into one fun night

Over the last few years, I've cut down on the number of concerts I've been attending.

I used to go to multiple live shows a year, including the New England Country Music Festival at Gillette Stadium. In an effort to save money, I began to cut down on those shows.

Over the past year, I've seen Garth Brooks and Taylor Swift, but I did that without having to purchase tickets, as I had friends who had seats for each show and invited me to come along. I count my blessings that I have some awesome friends.

However, I decided earlier this year that I wanted to see Billy Joel when he came to Fenway Park this summer. I was able to get a ticket and the big day was Thursday, Aug. 18, just a few days after I returned from vacation. In the midst of all the vacation stuff, I almost forgot that I had the concert tickets, but Thursday proved to be a great day and I headed south to Boston after work.

I've been to Fenway many times but this was the first time I was going

### SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

for something other than a Red Sox game. I was unsure of what to expect, but I was able to park in the same spot I usually park in a Boston University garage for the same price I usually pay for Red Sox games.

I was determined to try Wahlburgers for dinner and knew that they had a restaurant near Fenway Park. However, seeing the long line at the restaurant had me a bit disappointed. The good news was the line was for tables and by simply ordering take-out and eating outside across the street, I was able to cut the wait down to a manageable time and enjoyed the food.

As for the show, I had a decent seat, right near the Pesky Pole along the right field line. I was about four rows back, just high enough that when the people on the field stood up, I could still see the stage.

And for a guy who hasn't put out an album

in more than 20 years, Billy Joel truly delivered with a fantastic show. I was surprised that he played one of my favorite songs, We Didn't Start the Fire, which came as the first song in his six-song encore. He also gave the audience a chance to choose a song and one of my other favorites, Summer, Highland Falls, was among the choices. However, it didn't win the crowd poll, so it didn't get played.

That being said, with the many, many hits he has under his belt, there was no way he was going

to play everything he has ever recorded. For any fan, it had to be a truly solid performance because it included stuff from just about every album he's ever recorded. It was a solid all-around effort and a very enjoyable concert.

Additionally, the traffic heading out of the park wasn't all that bad, with the one exception of the idiot who cut me off on the turn heading to Storrow Drive, but I guess that's to be expected amongst drivers from the Boston area.

Finally, have a great day Crystal Lauer.

*When not singing all the words to We Didn't Start the Fire, Joshua Spaulding is the Sports Editor for the Granite State News, Carroll County Independent, Meredith News, Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Plymouth Record-Enterprise, Littleton Courier, Newfoundland Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at [sportsgsn@salmonpress.com](mailto:sportsgsn@salmonpress.com), at 569-3126, or PO Box 250, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896.*

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### FIELD HOCKEY

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of everything," Reilly said. "And we can put her anywhere and have confidence in her."

Lianne Zhuang, who did not play field hockey last year, returns to the sport for her senior season and will be looking to make her mark on her return.

The other senior is transfer student Ali House, who Reilly notes has fit right in with her new team.

"It's like she was meant to be part of our team," Reilly said. "She stepped right in and works her butt off. She's learning the system and

is willing to take it all in."

Three juniors also return to the fold in Meghan Lapar, Sofia Marshall and Sarah Bean.

"As upperclassmen with experience, they're pushing everybody to the next level," Reilly said.

The Knights have a large group of returning sophomores in Bridget Coughlin, Mackenzie Doran, Amanda Lapar, Mariah Craigue, Raena Perkins and Kiera Conrad.

Reilly noted it will be nice to have a full JV team so that much of the varsity roster doesn't have to do double duty,

as was the case last year. And it gives everybody the chance to get some good minutes as well.

Overall, Reilly is feeling pretty good about how things are panning out.

"It's a good energy happening," she said with a smile.

Kingswood opened the season after deadline on Tuesday at Sanborn. On Friday, Sept. 2, the team is at St. Thomas at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Kennett at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the home opener.

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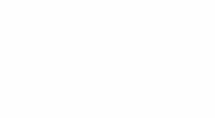
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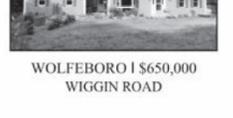
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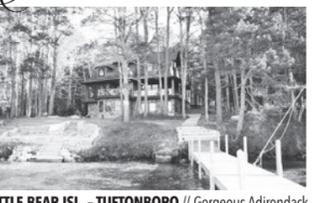
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## Word Find

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| ANIMALS | FEEDING | LOVE    |
| BIRD    | FISH    | PETS    |
| CAT     | HEALTH  | RABBIT  |
| DOG     | HOME    | SHELTER |

P H R P J Q S N G Q U E  
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## Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase  
 TPE REFDILYN

Answer: Pet Friendly

## ANIMAL FACT:

TRUE OR FALSE?  
 DOGS ONLY HAVE SWEAT  
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ANSWER: TRUE, WHICH IS WHY  
 THEY WANT TO HELP COOL DOWN

## Did You Know?



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*New*  
**word**

## COMPANION

person or animal  
 with whom  
 one spends time

## GET THE PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE  
 BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: CAT

## How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Care
- SPANISH:** Preocuparse
- ITALIAN:** Interessare
- FRENCH:** Se sentir concerné
- GERMAN:** Sich interessieren

**SOCCER**

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the ball and had some good chances on goal," Halvorsen said. "And it was another solid performance by the defense and Drew.

"He deserved that clean sheet," Halvorsen said of his keeper. "Unfortunately we couldn't quite close it out."

Halvorsen was happy to see numerous people get in on the scoring.

"I was excited by the fact that it was three different goal scorers," the Timber Wolf coach said. "We're going to see a lot of that this year.

"We have multiple people who will put the ball in the net," he added.

The Timber Wolves will be at Inter-Lakes for a 4 p.m. game today, Sept. 1, and will be at Berlin for a 4 p.m. game on Tuesday, Sept. 6 and hosting Gilford for a 4 p.m. game on Thursday, Sept. 8.

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**FOOTBALL**

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Leonard is also getting used to new opponents in his first year in Division II.

"I have the utmost respect for the coaches in this division," Leonard said. "It's going to be a fun opportunity, I take it as a challenge."

The Knights will open against Plym-

outh, a team that Leonard notes was a powerhouse when he was playing high school football. Plymouth is returning to Kingswood's schedule after a few years away.

"Plymouth is a well-coached team, they run the ball exceptionally well," Leonard said. "To have that much sustained success is a great thing."

The schedule will

also include Laconia, Con-Val, John Stark, Bow, Merrimack Valley, Hanover, Pembroke and the traditional season finale with Kennett.

Plymouth comes to town for opening night on Friday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m.

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**X-COUNTRY**

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50th in 24:54 and Devin Holt finished 56th in 25:25. Alex Gehl finished 59th in a time of 26:16, Patrick Murphy ran to 61st in 26:24 and Jeff Manson was 62nd in 26:26.

"For the girls, we

had it right for the varsity level," Harvey said. "That was the first time for some, just knowing they could get the distance.

"In the JV race, they all worked really hard through it," Harvey said, praising the work of Haines and O'Blenes in particular for their battle to the end.

"There's a good chance they could move up to varsity."

The Knights will be back in action on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Sanborn at 4 p.m.

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