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Rotary Home and Garden Show returns after two-year hiatus



CATHY ALLYN

Members of the Alton Centennial Rotary Club, with representation from Alton, Barnstead, and New Durham, organize the raffle prizes for the club's 13th Home and Garden Show. This year's show will be held Saturday, April 23 at Prospect Mountain High School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is no admission fee. In addition to more than 50 exhibitors, food trucks, a silent auction, and raffles, there will be scratch tickets valued at \$125. Left to right: June McLaughlin, Cathy Hallin, Bob Regan, Duane Hammond, and David Countway.

Efforts against milfoil continue in Alton

ALTON — The Alton Milfoil Committee would like to announce a successful 2021 year for milfoil control and look forward to another successful year in 2022. With the support of Alton voters and the Alton Board of Selectmen, the committee has worked closely with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) to identify areas of milfoil infestation and implement treatment programs.

Exotic/variable milfoil is an invasive species that first appeared in the Alton Bay area in the late 1960s. Milfoil is a submerged aquatic plant characterized by feathery leaflets surrounding a thick, reddish main stem. It is generally found in relatively shallow (less than 20 feet) waters with a muddy bottom. Fragments that break off the plant and grow roots are the primary form of reproduction. Milfoil is a hearty plant that grows up to one inch per day and even grows beneath the ice during the winter. Variable milfoil is undesirable because of its negative impacts on the recreational uses of the lakes/ponds. It interferes with the natural habitat of fish and poses safety concerns for boating, swimming, and beach use.

To control milfoil, two different methods are used. The first method is called DASH or diver assisted suction harvesting. Scuba divers work from a pontoon boat or directly from shore and physically "pull" the milfoil from the lake or river bottom. The divers are trained on how to remove the milfoil to make sure they get the root system. This method is used in small areas with light infestation. DASH has been used primarily in the Merrymeeting River, and some of the coves in Winnepesaukee such as Roberts Cove in 2021. The DASH contractor is Aqualogic of Johnsburg, N.Y. Aqualogic works for several towns in the Lakes Region and is familiar with the area.

The second, and more effective method, is herbicide treatments. Herbicide treatments have been

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BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — There are trade shows, and then there are trade shows. We like the ones that cater to local tastes and needs, with vendors who know your name and work close by.

The Alton Centennial Rotary Club sponsors one just like that, and after a break of two years due to Covid

concerns, the Rotary Home and Garden Show is back, stronger than ever.

This highly anticipated event showcases the best of home improvement ideas, landscaping, construction, recreation, health and beauty, finance, food, you name it. All of that comes along with expert advice and a big dose of inspiration at

Prospect Mountain High School on April 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Club President Rich Leonard pointed out some of the "cool features" of the show.

"It's free to the public and it's not for profit," he said. "The monies go to Rotary's causes, such as organizations, scholarships, and Meals on Wheels. We don't keep any of it."

The fundraiser is true to one of Rotary's goals to help grow local economies, as local businesses connect with their customers.

Leonard said it was "a little bit of a challenge getting the fly wheels moving again after a two year hiatus, but people are excited about it and we're excit-

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Prospect net boys bounce back from opening loss

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Prospect Mountain boys' tennis team opened the season with a trip to Gilford that found the Timber Wolves playing without three of their top eight players.

In the end, the Golden Eagles proved to be too much for the shorthanded Timber Wolves, picking up the 8-1 win.

The lone win for the Timber Wolves came in the number one doubles match, which was the longest match of the day. Joey DeJager came through with a hard-fought 8-6 win to get the Timber Wolves on the board after the other five singles matches had been decided.

The first match off the court was at number four singles, where

Cam Gagnon dropped an 8-0 decision and Dalton Lawrence finished next, dropping an 8-2 decision in the second spot in the lineup. Asa Guldbrandsen fell by an 8-2 score

in the third spot in the lineup.

Sam Francis moved up to number five and Owen Mahanes moved up to number six, with both dropping 8-0 deci-

sions.

Lawrence and Guldbrandsen were the first doubles match off the court, falling by an 8-0 decision at number two, SEE BOYS, PAGE A14



JOSHUA SPAULDING

JOEY DEJAGER picked up a win at number one singles against Gilford last week.



COURTESY PHOTOS



United in Foxboro

The Revolution United Soccer Club traveled down to Foxboro on April 2, where the players played games on the same field as New England Revolution and Patriots. The club brought down an event-high 10 teams to participate in games. After a fun day for the players, everyone got to watch the New England Revolution play against the NY Red Bulls. Coach Alex Casale was also recognized as the Recreational Coach of the Year by New Hampshire Soccer Association, which is well deserved for all the effort he puts into educating the kids about the game at the club.

Knight baseball brings back tons of experience

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Last season, after a year with no high school baseball, coach Chip Skelley kept a large number of sophomores on his varsity team in their first years.

The hope was that this would get the group some experience and prepare them for the upcoming years.

“Last year, the advantage to playing all the sophomores was that they’d get valuable experience for this year,” said the veteran coach. “They’re that much better than they would have been if they hadn’t had that last year.”

“They can kind of carry that into what we’re doing this year,” Skelley continued. “There’s less time trying to rehash things.”

The team will have three captains in seniors Tyler Sprince and Andrew Keniston and ju-

nior Jonathan Hossack. Sprince was one of the team’s main pitchers last year and will continue in that role this year, while Keniston was used mostly in relief last year and will be counted on to contribute on the mound again this year. Both will also be expected to play in the outfield or at first base.

“We’re asking them to play a field position this year as well,” Skelley said, noting that both mostly just pitched last year.

Hossack is moving to the outfield this year, but is available to play at third base, second base or catcher as needed.

Junior Will Danais returns to man shortstop, while classmate James Yarling moves from left field to anchor the outfield in center and fellow junior Christos Zavas will see time at first base and as the designated hitter.

Senior Jesse Leighton will see time on the mound and will also work as a utility player, while sophomore Kolby Place and junior Shaw Swinerton are both battling to see time at second base. Sophomore Caleb Desrochers will slide in at third base and has impressed with his time on the mound in the preseason. Junior Owen Souza impressed the coaches in the tryouts and will be a utility player for the Knights.

Freshman Ben Libby is expected to see time behind the plate with sophomore Ethan Moshier, who is out injured to start the season, with Hossack available to step in as needed.

The Knights will be returning to a normal Division II schedule this season after last year’s regional schedule, which was put in place due to COVID. Skelley knows that there are plenty of teams to give the Knights a test in Division II.

“I’ve always felt that the Division II schedule is the best of all the base-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

JONATHAN HOSSACK, Tyler Sprince and Andrew Keniston are the captains for the Kingswood baseball team.

ball schedules,” Skelley said. “It’s pretty competitive top to bottom. There’s quite a bit of parity, it’s always been pretty consistent.”

“From what I’ve heard, it’s going to be pretty similar this year,” the Knight coach said. “Souhegan is likely at the top of the division, but there’s a large group of teams who on any given day, anybody can beat anybody.”

He also said that he

sees his team’s schedule as one of the tougher ones, with St. Thomas, Souhegan and John Stark.

“We’ll have our hands full, but we’ll see if the boys are ready to step up to the full challenge,” Skelley said. “The expectation is that we’re going to win.”

The Knights will play two games each with Kennett, Merrimack Valley and Plymouth and single games with John

Stark, Bow, St. Thomas, Sanborn, Souhegan, Coe-Brown, Pembroke, Hollis-Brookline, Oyster River and Laconia.

The season kicked off after deadline on Wednesday and will be at John Stark on Monday, April 18, and at Bow on Wednesday, April 20.

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KENNETT
Girls' Lacrosse at Alvirne; 4:30
KINGSWOOD
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Hollis-Brookline; 5:30
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Tennis vs. Moultonborough; 4

Friday, April 15
KENNETT
Baseball vs. Merrimack Valley; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Alvirne; 4:30
Boys' Tennis at Souhegan; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Souhegan; 4
Softball vs. Merrimack Valley; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Windham; 5:30
Girls' Tennis vs. Milford; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball at Berlin; 4
Girls' Tennis at Gilford; 4
Softball at Berlin; 4

Saturday, April 16
KENNETT
Track at Newfound; 10

Monday, April 18
KENNETT
Baseball vs. Plymouth; 4:30
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Spaulding; 4
Girls' Tennis at Berlin; 4
Softball vs. Plymouth; 4:30
KINGSWOOD
Baseball at John Stark; 4:15
Boys' Tennis vs. Goffstown; 4
Girls' Tennis at Pembroke; 4
Softball at John Stark; 4:15
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball at Newfound; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Profile; 4
Softball vs. St. Thomas; 4

Tuesday, April 19
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Pembroke; 5:30
Boys' Tennis at Hollis-Brookline; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Merrimack Valley; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Hollis-Brookline; 4
Track at Manchester West; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Girls' Tennis at Inter-Lakes; 4

Track at Gilford; 4
Wednesday, April 20
KENNETT
Baseball at Milford; 4:30
Boys' Tennis at Kingswood; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Kingswood; 4
Softball at Milford; 4:30
KINGSWOOD
Baseball at Bow; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Kingswood; 4
Girls' Tennis at Kennett; 4
Softball at Bow; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball vs. Campbell; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Gilford; 4
Girls' Tennis at Berlin; 4
Softball vs. Kearsarge; 4

Thursday, April 21
KENNETT
Girls' Lacrosse at John Stark; 4
Softball at Fryeburg; 4
Track at Coe-Brown; 4
KINGSWOOD
Girls' Lacrosse at Pembroke; 4

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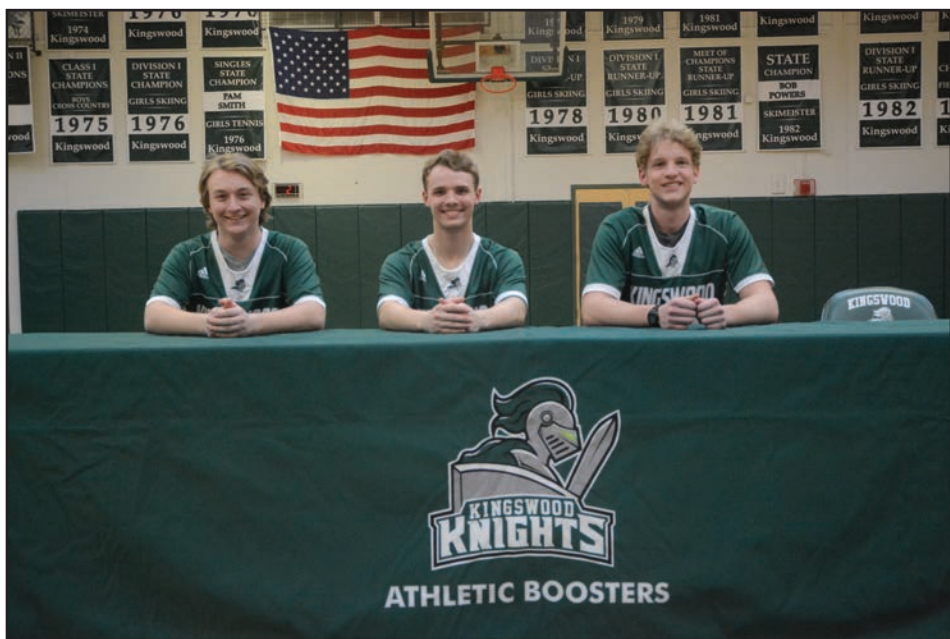
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Knight lax boys look to large senior group to lead way



JOSHUA SPAULDING

GAGE LAMONTAGNE, Quinn Lucas and Carter Morrissey are the captains for the Kingswood boys' lacrosse team.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' lacrosse team returns to a regular Division II schedule after last year's COVID-impacted regional schedule and coach Mike Manning is aware

that his team will have some work to do against some very strong teams. "It's a big topic of conversation with the players, we are moving back up to play in the division where we usually finished from sixth to eighth," Manning said.

"We will not be the big dog, we have to keep upping the expectations of ourselves and our teammates. "We've been ready to go for quite some time," the Knight coach continued, noting the team played a scrimmage

with Gilford and took part in a jamboree in Manchester. "This is the first preseason I remember doing this many scrimmages.

"But the coaches and the players are enjoying the chance to play against other teams as opposed to just ourselves," he added.

The Knights will be led by a group of 11 seniors, though some of them will be moving into bigger roles after the team graduated a lot of seniors from last year's team.

The Knights have the rare luxury of having three seniors goaltenders, all of who will be vying for the chance to get playing time. Garrison Hendrickson, Josh Paraskos and Robbie Hotchkiss will all be looking to make their mark.

"It's a lovely problem to have," Manning said.

"To have depth at a position we usually don't have."

In front of the keepers, Carter Morrissey and Cullen Davey are both back to provide defense for the Knights, while up front, Myles Mayhew and Cody Emerson return to the attack and they are joined by Gage Lamontagne, who is moving up from midfield, to form a senior top line. In the midfield, Declan Sluss, Quinn Lucas, Tristan Taatjes, Will Crane and Keegan Russo have done a lot of work and taken strong steps in their development.

The Knights will also be looking for some newcomers to provide some key backup to the more experienced group. The second attack line will feature a trio of freshmen in Jackson O'Keefe, Austin Emerson and Grayson Gilpatrick.

"It's a young group

that has shown they will be fighting for time on the field," Manning stated. "And we have a few kids who have moved up to varsity from JV."

The Knights will be playing a schedule that includes two games with Kennett and single games against Windham, Pembroke, Winnacunnet, Spaulding, St. Thomas, Timberlane, Merrimack Valley, ConVal, Portsmouth, Manchester Memorial, Derryfield and Oyster River.

The season was scheduled to open after deadline against Kennett and continues on Friday, April 15, against Windham at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. against Pembroke.

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Knight net boys drop opening decision to Kennett

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' tennis team opened the new season by hosting Carroll County rival Kennett on Monday, April 4, at the Foss Field tennis

courts. While the Knights got a win at the top of the lineup, the Eagles were able to get wins over the rest of the lineup and took the 8-1 win over Kingswood.

The first match off the court was at number four, where Jackson Hall, in his first varsity tennis match, dropped an 8-2 decision, while Aidan Kelley fell by an 8-5 decision in a strong

match at number two. Aidan Thompson rallied at number three, but dropped an 8-6 decision.

The lone win for the Knights came at number one, where Tim Lucia picked up an 8-5 win over former teammate Dax Rivera. Charlie Stipo at number five and Spenser Kelly at number six, both playing in their first varsity tennis matches, fell by 8-0 scores.

In doubles play, Stipo and Spenser Kelly were the first off the courts, falling by an 8-0 score in the third spot, while Thompson and Aidan Kelley dropped an 8-5 decision at number two and the match finished with an 8-3 loss at number one by Lucia and Hall.

The following day against Portsmouth, the Knights dropped an 8-1 decision, with Hall and Lucia getting the only win of the day for the Knights in the top doubles spot.

On Friday, the Knights traveled to Amherst and dropped a 7-2 decision to Souhegan.

Lucia got the win at the top of the lineup, finishing with a 9-7 win at number one and Aidan Kelley came through with a 9-8 (7-2 in the tiebreaker) win in the second spot in the lineup, getting the Knights off to a good start.

Thompson dropped

an 8-2 decision at number three, Hall fell by an 8-1 decision in the fourth spot, Stipo lost 8-0 at number four and Jackson Boudman fell by an 8-0 score in the sixth spot.

In doubles play, Lucia and Hall lost 8-3 at number one, Aidan Kelley and Thompson lost 8-4 in the second spot and Stipo and Boudman fell in the third spot due to an injury default.

The Knights are slat-

ed to return to action on Monday, April 18, at home against Goffstown, then head to Hollis-Brookline on Tuesday, April 19, and then hosts a rematch with Kennett on Wednesday, April 20, all with 4 p.m. starts.

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TIM LUCIA picked up the win at number one singles for Kingswood in the season opener.



AIDAN KELLEY circles in on a shot during action against Kennett last week.



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Opinion

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Legends of spring

The first day of spring just passed us by on March 20. Now that we are over the hump and into the rainy/muddy season, we thought we would share some fun myths surrounding this blooming time of year.

The first story begins with Persephone and Demeter. Persephone was the goddess of spring and holds the most well known story of the season to date. Persephone is the daughter of Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and Zeus, the king of the gods. Persephone married Hades who kept her hidden against her will. Demeter set off to find her daughter and for every minute she was lost, not a crop would grow. Zeus then ordered his daughter to remain in the underworld for half of the year because she ate all of the fruit (pomegranate seeds), the other half of the year she spent with her mother. The idea is that every time Persephone goes into the underworld, winter arrives and the crops die, when she is with her mother, crops bloom.

According to Cherokee legend, the reason trees lose their leaves in the fall is because of the communication between animals and humans. Apparently, animals were able to communicate with humans and the world was utopian. Every year the birds would fly south for the winter. During one particular year, a Sparrow who was injured was not able to fly south, he sent his flock ahead without him so the would not freeze, meanwhile he sought shelter. The bird flew to an old Oak tree and was told that he could not seek shelter in its branches, the same thing happened with every tree the bird visited until he was finally granted permission to stay in a pine tree. The pine tree, not popular with the others because of its hard, sharp leaves welcomed the little bird. The Sparrow was forever grateful.

The Sparrow survived the winter and welcomed his family home during the warmer months. Because the other trees, turned on the Sparrow during a most vulnerable time, the creator cursed their leaves to die during the winter except for the pine tree.

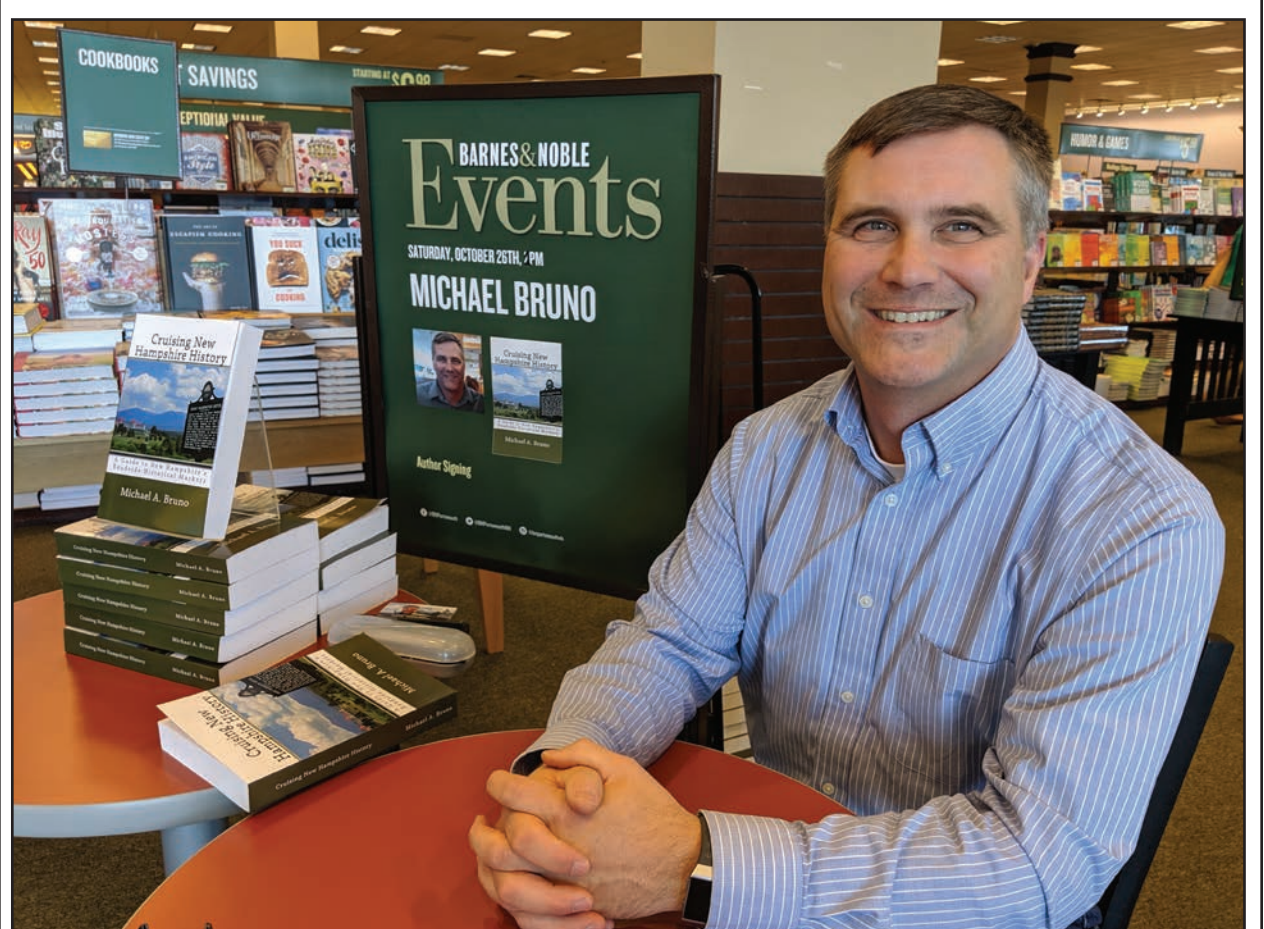
The Shinto Sun Goddess and Bringer of Light, Amaterasu, according to legend, is in control of the sun's movement to insure rice and other crops will grow. This goddess is well known for her ability to spin satin. Her fame caused her brother Susanoo, the god of storms, to become extremely jealous. The angry deity destroyed his sister's weaving loom and wrecked her rice fields. The rampage caused one of Amaterasu's closest friends to parish, as a result she locked herself inside a mountain resulting in the disappearance of light. Because of this, crops would not grow. Uzme, the goddess of laughter traveled to the mountain where Amaterasu was hiding. She placed a shiny necklace on a tree, then began to dance causing the other gods to laugh. When Amaterasu heard the laughter she peeked out of her cave and slowly began to walk towards the necklace. At this, Uzme had the cave blocked and light was restored to the world.

Some actual facts concerning the spring season are as follows; in 1582, if Pope Gregory XIII would not have established the Gregorian calendar, then every 128 years the vernal equinox would have come a full calendar day earlier, which would put Easter in the middle of winter.

The famous myth about being able to balance an egg on its end on the spring equinox is not true. Attempting to balance an egg on its end is no easier on the spring equinox than on any other day.

During the springtime, birds are louder as they sing to attract mates and to warn enemies to steer clear.

The term "spring fever" refers to the psychological and physiological symptoms that go along with the arrival of spring, which include, daydreaming and restlessness. Over the years, scientists surmise the cause in the hormone shift could be due to the increase in sunlight and increased physical activity.



COURTESY

Alton Historical Society kicks off 2022 season with author Michael Bruno

The Alton Historical Society is pleased to present its first program of the 2022 season on Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Gilman Library on Main Street. Michael Bruno will be our guest speaker for the evening. New Hampshire history is uniquely on display along the highways of the Granite State. The New Hampshire historical markers commemorate significant events, individuals and places in New Hampshire history. Michael Bruno will share with us his journey which began in 2015, as he traveled the country roads of New Hampshire, visiting, documenting and researching New Hampshire's 255 markers. He also likes to include the back story to some of the markers and other interesting points of interest. His book is titled "Cruising New Hampshire History" and will be available. Our programs are always free and open to the public. Our museum will also be open at this time.

Letters to the Editor

Putin is a war criminal, not a genius

To the Editor:
The images coming out of Ukraine are horrifying! A pregnant mother being carried out of a bombed out maternity hospital. She and her baby died. A young man grieving for his mom who lies dying in the street. A six year old boy in Mariupol whose hair has turned gray because of the terror. Millions of Ukrainians, so many

children, have fled to the relative safety of other countries with only the clothes on their backs.

Meanwhile, the cowardly Russians continue firing death dealing rockets from miles away. The Ukrainian town of Bucha has now been taken back from the Russian army. Bodies of dead civilians line the streets. Many have hands tied behind their

backs and were shot at close range. There are terrible stories of torture and rape. All this to innocent people whose only hope was to live in a peaceful democracy. The world should be aware. This invasion is not only about Ukraine. Democracy is under attack.

The United States nearly lost its own democracy on Jan. 6, 2021. Insurgents were

threatening to kill Vice President Mike Pence if he refused to overturn presidential election results. Why, why do so many Republicans support Donald Trump? He admires Putin and has called Putin a "genius." There is no genius in a totally inhumane war criminal.

John Goyette
Nerw Durham

Sitting in a tree

To the Editor:
Stalin was killing people in Ukraine before 1945, so when the Soviet Union joined the United Nations, also in 1945, and Stalin was still a murdering dictator, as have all but a few of the Russian leaders throughout, so far, all of my life. The worst is Putin, in my opinion; it continues. To you who say it is not the people of Russia, I won't excuse them; they know. Just as we knew our country was wrong to keep killing in Vietnam. People on the streets of Russia, are slowly hearing the truth, and I do not think we are doing enough to inform them. Whatever happened to radio free Europe? What about dropping flyers (paper) via manless hot air balloons or drones. Light 'em up and let them go right over the boarders everywhere around that

country.

Yes, the vast members of the public in Russia cannot change the channel and must listen to the Russian version of Fox News 24/7. My sources of news tell me the majority of the population in Russia support Putin's slaughter because they are under the impression that they are under attack. A very masterful lie play on them by Putin.

Speaking of a masterful liar who learned his craft from the best, is there anyone in doubt at this point that Trump is a traitor, and those who have political power also supporting Trump are traitors, traitors to democracy and this country? Since his complete and most sincere endorsement of Putin, and what Putin is doing in Ukraine. All vocal support aired for Russia by traitors in this coun-

try do nothing but hurt the cause for freedom everywhere. What I believe Trump wants is his Proud boys, Right guard, and the Neo-Nazis, to be doing here with the people he thinks are his enemies, is what Putin thinks he has the power to do to Ukraine. Once, if, and only, if Trump regains power. Elections in America, will go the way of all puppet Republics you vote but they win. Do not say it can't happen here! Do not fall for that! 'January 6th' comes to mind when it almost happened here. Just ask Ginni Thomas and a whole bunch of whacko QAnon lunatic's who are itching to see heads roll, this is, just in my opinion of how bad it will get if we don't stop Putin / Trump in November 2022, here in America and in Ukraine as soon as possible, If not sooner.

When I was in 2nd grade often at recess if there were a boy and girl holding hands, or off by themselves others in the class would often chime in with the nursery rhyme 'name, other name, sitting in a tree, k-i-s-s-i-n-g' well you know the rest, somehow that has come back to me this week. A little different but the tune got caught in my head, if I could remember all of it I might finish it.

"Putin and Trump, sitting with Xi Jinping planning the end of Democracy." Scary, sad thoughts; by no means do I wish to diminish the valiant effort put forth by the Ukrainians who I believe are fighting for my freedom, Creator bless them and give them strength.

Respectfully,
John Q. Henderson
Barnstead

Thank you to our new selectmen


To the Editor:
New Durham residents overwhelmingly voted in two new Selectmen, Marc DeCoff and Rudy Rosiello. Within

the first month of their tenure, they re-appointed Fire Chief, Peter Varney, who was in limbo for over a year put there by our past Selectmen.

Our residents wanted new leadership and positive results and we are now seeing this in our new Selectmen. Kudos to Marc and Rudy!

Gregory Anthes
New Durham

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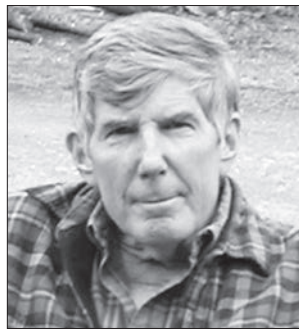
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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Foxes, coyotes, weasels, wolves: In my mind, they all run together



By **JOHN HARRIGAN**
COLUMNIST

“But in cutthroat Washington fashion, he saw weakness and took advantage. Now he rests and plays uninhibited at the seat of power.” —Carol E. Lee, in the April 17, 2014 Wall Street Journal.

This is the beginning of a story on a red fox that showed up on the White House grounds in the spring of 2014—and stayed. Barak Obama, among others, saw it cavorting around. A rare photograph showed the fox trotting along, fountains in the background.

But last week’s story, in the New York Times and other papers, was different. It was, after all, eight years later. The story now was that the resident fox had been acting strangely, and had nipped at several people and bitten at least nine. It was suspected of being rabid.

It was captured after a good deal of trouble, and animal control officers euthanized it. So too were its pups from its den. Brain tissue affords the only reliable test for rabies.

Questions remain. Was it the same fox? Foxes can live three or four years in the wild. This one was seen by President Obama and lived through the Trump administration to Joe Biden’s first term.

And how did the current resident fox get rabies? Well, all manner of wild and domestic animals can carry rabies. It’s a long list, from skunks to raccoons.

Staffers cornered the fox in a bunch of shrubbery around some big rocks and used a long-handled net to capture it. It was in the wrong place, at the wrong time, and had to go.

There is no shortage of red foxes, nationally or in New Hampshire. How we treat them, however, is dreadful, and a shameful stain on what passes for society. And yes, I’ve lost chickens to foxes—“my bad,” as the

kids say, because I failed to provide an effective coop.

If there is a convenient time for a red fox to be put down, early springtime is it, especially a lactating mother with kits. There are enough connecting green spaces—cemeteries, parks, golf courses, conservation areas, and such—to provide a path to the White House, and it was only a matter of time until a fox showed up.

And wouldn’t that have been something, cute fox kits cavorting around on the White House lawn? It would have been a media sensation.

And we can’t have that kind of thing with an opportunistic predator, can we?
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In Japan, one of four extinct species of wolves has been making news because it may, in its obscurity, offer the most direct evidence of the evolution of the dog.

They are all dogs, after all—domestic dogs and dogs of the wild, including jackals and today’s persecuted coyotes, as well as that photogenic family of foxes in that side-hill just down the road. We just call them by different names.

The Japan wolf-dog story drew people steeped in wolf history, wolves lost in the mists of time. The fate of two Siberian wolf populations (unto Tibet and China, et al) is unknown.

“Wolves are the key to understanding dogs,” commented Laurent Frantz, evolutionary geneticist at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.
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Some predators are infamous for killing many more chickens, for example, than they or their siblings or young can possibly eat. The weasel and mink are known for this.

What makes certain predators succumb to this strange behavior? Oddly enough, there’s not much literature on minks being a danger to poultry, but plenty on weasels. Perhaps this is because minks are prone

to other descriptive analogies.

The only way to weasel-proof a chicken coop, as I learned early on during my time with all things chickens, is to enclose the entire coop in half-inch wire (commonly known as hardware cloth, although it isn’t cloth at all).

To do this, you have to start with the coop’s floor laid down on wire, with enough spare wire around the edges to place up over successive construction. Or you could have a tractor with a bucket loader, which I did. Bucket loaders, by the way, are great for challenges like this. They can also get you into a heap of trouble; so as the refrain to the old sea chanty “Asleep in the Deep” goes (in deep baritone), “Beeee-ware.”
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One of my conclusions from all this is that minks have way better press agents than weasels. Weasels are far more infamous than famous, mostly for sucking eggs dry or sucking the blood out of chickens (they don’t have the jaw muscles for either, although they can lap at blood). Minks seem known mostly for cleaning out fish hatcheries (otters equally so) and becoming coats and stoles.

Weasels have their defenders, including some lawyers, who themselves are among the several species often accused of using weasel-words, with apologies to the weasels. Others include lawmakers, some fishermen (I once accused Congressman Louis Wyman of this, after his alleged trip to Perry Ponds), some judges, some government bureaucrats, and members of the Fish and Game Commission (not to be confused with the actual Department).

In defense of weasels succumbing to bloodlust killing, a.k.a. frenzy, and killing every chicken in sight, which they do with two quick bites to the neck, and then dragging the dead birds to the corners of the coop, the experts tend to quote Ma Barker, mother of the infamous Barker Gang of the 1930s: “Lies, lies, they’s all tellin’ lies about my boys.” c



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To paraphrase a movie quote, build a habitat and a fox will come. The White House grounds, with an abundance of food (squirrels, etc.) and an absence of competing predators, proved ideal for a red fox. (Courtesy Getty Images, the Wall Street Journal)



A ca. 1800s illustration of the extinct Japanese wolf, thought to be the most likely link to today’s family dog. (Carl Hubert de Villeneuve, courtesy Wikimedia Commons)

The experts say the weasels do it because they think they’re going to come back to eat their fill (and more), and because all that flapping and squawking makes them go berserk (who can blame the chickens?); and because they are hot-wired to kill whatever whenever they can.

Post-chickens, I’ve had the welcome mat out for weasels. When I had my last cat, a skilled killer of rodents and all manner of moles and voles and other creatures, some quite large, I never noticed a weasel because there weren’t any, out of fear of the cat.

Post-cat, I’ve somehow known when weasels were around. I can sense them through the absence of mice, and other things I notice because I’m always looking at the ground, and always have. Tiny tracks in sand or loose dirt or snow, for instance. I can somehow feel a weasel out there, somewhere. “Hmm,” I’ll say, peering down. “What made those tiny little tracks?” (answer: a weasel).

Currently, I’d guess that I have a weasel, or it has me. My trap-line, set up in an endless procession of barns and sheds and the shop and working steadily toward the warmth and comfort of the house, hasn’t been

necessary at all. And once in a while, I’ve seen a weasel pop its head up in a woodpile.

Cute as the dickens, I think, as long as I’m not keeping chickens.

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This is the advisory that a Midwest journal ran with a story on why weasels succumb to what keepers of chickens call blood-lust killing. (Courtesy Countryside & Small Stock Journal)

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Letters to the Editor

I have never been in favor of secession

To the Editor:
Shortly following the publication of last week's (April 7) issue of The Baysider, I received a text message from a friend informing me that, "You are becoming famous." Upon inquiry, I learned that this new notoriety is to be credited to Ruth Larson's and Emmanuel Krasner's letters to the Editor in the aforementioned edition. So, given my upbringing, thanks are due to Ms. Larson and Mr. Krasner. (I trust these titles of courtesy do not offend either person's choice of gender. If so, I sincerely apologize for being hopelessly unwoke.)

Both Ms. Larson and Mr. Krasner chastise me for having voted in favor of CACR 32. Of course, neither of these individuals bothered to contact me for an explanation for my vote. I am particularly disappointed with Ms. Larson for not having done so in view of my last letter to the Editor, in which I made it clear that I was disappointed that Ms. Larson had not considered it important, let alone courteous, to contact me and request an explanation before launching her missiles. Utilizing an analogy Ms. Larson is sure to love, I'm beginning to think that Ms. Larson prefers to shoot first and ask

questions later (if at all).

While I suspect Saul Alinsky would heartily applaud both Mr. Krasner and Ms. Larson for their tactics, Ms. Larson's second most recent attack has prompted me to recall a response employed by former President Reagan as he found himself placed in a similar situation during a Presidential debate. Ms. Larson, "There you go again..."

I do commend Ms. Larson for demonstrating her proficiency in mathematics (indeed, 2 divided by 13 is .15), her reason for doing so seems to have gone beyond impressing us with her skills of calculation. Indeed, it's clear she, not unlike an unscrupulous prosecutor, intended to publicly shame. Nevertheless, to her as well as Mr. Krasner who expressed shock, I am delighted to take this opportunity to explain my vote even though in so doing I realize that I have little hope of them admitting that they jumped the gun and offer apologies.

New Hampshire is a state that, regrettably in my view, severely limits voters from directly expressing their views, positions and will at the ballot box on matters of public importance. Neither does New Hampshire's Con-

stitution provide for the direct election of "our" Attorney General, as is the practice in 43 of our states; nor, can we in New Hampshire petition to recall bad judges, appointed by the Governor and confirmed not by our State Senate or House, but a mere five members Executive Council. I do not digress with these examples, but illustrate the unusually limited (compared to many other states, including Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island here in New England) ways New Hampshire voters can directly express their choices for state officeholders and preferences on issues of statewide consequence.

I voted in favor of CACR 32 because I believed that the voters of New Hampshire ought to have the right to discuss, debate and decide an issue of enormous public significance. Ms. Larson and Mr. Krasner may believe what they wish about my intention, but that does not make them any less reprehensibly incorrect than both were in charging me with favoring secession from the United States. Apparently, I have more respect for the intelligence of our citizens than do these two persons. And, according to both, apparently, I was wrong to believe that

New Hampshire would have been well served to provide our people with a tremendous opportunity to engage in a grand exercise of both our cherished freedoms and our marvelous civic duties.

For the record and in fact, I am not in favor, nor have I ever been in favor, of New Hampshire or any other state(s) seceding from the United States. And to Mr. Krasner, never once in my entire life have I not recited the Pledge of Allegiance when requested to do so. Yet not so for Ms. Larson! I simply cannot refrain from pointing out Ms. Larson's truly shameful hypocrisy and disrespect, who, attending the last meeting of the Gunstock Area Commission shocked me by pointing her phone at and presumably recording Representative Sylvia when all in attendance—including Ms. Larson, were asked at the beginning of the meeting to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Larson not only did not face the flag, but also did not utter even a phrase or word of the Pledge while engaged in recording her subject. But alas, "There she goes again..."

Rep. Paul Terry
Alton

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Beatles

I took my old late '60s Beatle bass to my gig this weekend. I thought that I'd revive some old memories. I took it out of regular use back in the '80s. It still plays fine, and its sound punches through like it always did.

Being a Beatles fan, I always wanted one. A friend of mine had one, and I remember listening to him playing at gigs back in the '60s. It had that hard driving, in your face, this note's for you attitude. It's not what you would refer to today as high fidelity, but bass doesn't really need all those high frequencies, does it?

One of the places that I would walk to on my lunchtime adventures around the city was to this pawn shop that specialized in musical instruments. One day, they got in a Hofner Beatle. I think I paid \$180 for it used. Now I could probably get ten times that. I also bought my cornet at that same shop. I picked that up to play the solo in Traces, a pop hit at the time. I didn't think that excursion was very successful because when the horn solo came in, the bass went out, and what's a song without a bass? Brass rock was in, but I wasn't going to take part in it.

The problem with bass is that it takes a lot of power to make it project, and back in the sixties, the best amps had about 60 watts. Yes it was tube watts, but still quite limited. Today's bass players easily use ten times that or more. All these new amps have incredible amounts of power. It's ridiculous.

I remember the first concert I ever went to. It was Aug. 18, 1966. I was 13 years old. My sister was a Beatle maniac, and she was driving a couple friends to Suffolk Downs for their concert and there was room in the car for me and my other bass playing friend to tag along. They had previously bought their tickets and we figured that we could easily purchase ours at the door. The tickets were only \$4.75.

I had a little battery powered three-inch reel to reel tape recorder that I spliced on extra tape to extend the recording time. Since my sister had good seats, I gave her the recorder. We all split up and would meet back at the car after the concert.

My friend and I split up too; our seats were terrible, so we just wandered our way up as close to the stage as we could. We still could barely see what was happening never mind hear much. Remember that all the amplifiers had about 60 watts each, including the PA system. There was no way the sound from the stage could compete with a thousand screaming teenagers. What a scene. Girls screaming, girls fainting and getting carried off by cops to get revived. Wall to wall kids, all at this race track partaking of the phenomenon that was The Beatles. After that, all future concerts were somewhat less sensational.

The tape is like 99 percent screaming with an occasional song intro comment by John or Paul, that's all. We all made it back to the car alright and out through the tunnel heading toward home. The generator light came on and we pulled over to check it out. We didn't want to have to call dad to come get us. The fan belt hadn't broken, it had just slipped off. I knew that we'd be in business if I could just slip it back on, but there were no tools on hand and I couldn't make it happen. So I just routed the belt around the generator pulley and the fan shaft. It was loose but it worked, and should work for a while, and if needed, we could just put it back on.

The loose belt made it all the way home. The generator wasn't charging terribly well as the lights kept getting dimmer, but the water pump was sufficiently circulating the water so that we didn't over heat.

Maybe that's why I always keep tools in my vehicles. Just in case. It was fun playing the old classic, I may continue doing "swap the bass" at gigs. I could also bring out some other relics from the past. The first bass I ever bought still works too. I might as well, while I still have the opportunity.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Coco

Looking for a fun, outgoing pup to keep you on your toes? Coco is your gal! This silly, active girl is the life of the party you never knew you needed. She's social and spunky, with the energy and smarts to back it up! Due to a few insecurities, Coco is in our behavior program. Check out what she's working on below!

Coco's strengths: smart, social, and motivated by food and toys, this little pup has a lot going for her!

What needs some improvement:

Coco can be nervous about her resources being taken from her such as food and toys. We have been working to teach her that people approaching her food bowl and other high value items means that good things happen and we aren't there to take her stuff away. So far, she is making great progress!

What Coco is working on: Coco is learning that she does not have to fear her resources being taken from her. She can also get a little uncomfortable with restraint, so she is working on building positive associations with handling.

What Coco needs in an adopter: Coco is looking for someone who is patient and has lots of love to give! She's a really sweet girl that needs to be shown that her fears in life aren't so scary after all. Through an adopter willing to continue down the path of positive experiences and training, Coco will grow up to be a lovely dog!

Adoption information-

Kids: no kiddos

Cats: no feline friends

Dogs: Coco may do well on some supervised doggie playdates, but is not ready to go home with another dog due to her insecurity around food and toys.



Lina

Miss Lina. She is an adorable little cat looking for a quiet home where she can learn to trust and accept attention from her human friends. She might benefit from having another cat to help her warm up, but with the right patient human she should flourish.



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Knight tennis girls drop opening matches



JOSHUA SPAULDING

PEYTON SEIGARS returns a shot in action against Souhegan last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood girls' tennis team ran into a couple of strong teams in the opening days of the new season.

The season opened on the road at Portsmouth on Tuesday, April 5, dropping a 9-0 decision.

"Tough matches, they outplayed us," said coach Pete Llewellyn. "Their service was awe-

some, they had top spins and placement down."

The Knights fell by 8-0 scores in all but one of the singles matches. Amber Dolliver fell 8-0 at number one, Macy Letoille lost 8-0 in the second spot, Addison Lawlor lost 8-0 in the third spot and Isabella Bush lost 8-0 in the fourth spot.

Peyton Seigars fell by an 8-1 score in the fifth spot and Alivia Blaney lost 8-0 in the sixth spot

in the lineup.

In doubles play, Dolliver and Lawlor played at number one and fell by an 8-0 score, Letoille and Bush played at number two and also fell by an 8-0 score and Seigars and Riley Stevens lost 8-2 in the third spot.

"All in all, the girls did a good job," Llewellyn said. "And they did well with rallies."

On Thursday, April 7, the Knights welcomed



AMBER DOLLIVER charges in to return a shot during action last week against Souhegan.

Souhegan to town and also fell by a 9-0 decision at the windy and chilly Foss Field tennis courts.

Lawlor was the first off the court, dropping an 8-0 decision at number three, with Dolliver following with an 8-0 loss in the top spot. Letoille finished next, dropping an 8-0 decision at number two.

Bush dropped an 8-0 decision in the fourth spot and Blaney was

next off the court, falling by an 8-1 score in the sixth spot in the lineup.

The singles match of the day was in the fifth spot, where Seigars eventually fell by an 8-4 score in a back and forth battle.

In doubles, Dolliver and Lawlor lost 8-1 in the top spot, Letoille and Bush fell 8-2 at number two and Blaney and Gianna Borelli lost 8-4 in the third spot to finish

out the match.

The Knights are slated to host Milford on Friday, April 15, visits Pembroke on Monday, April 18, hosts Hollis-Brookline on Tuesday, April 19, and visits Kennett on Wednesday, April 20, all with 4 p.m. scheduled starts.

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Softball Knights have high expectations in new year

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood softball team has a lot of good pieces to the puzzle and coach Mike Shaw is working to figure out just where each piece fits in order to make the puzzle whole by the end of the season.

"We're trying to figure out what we're doing, we've had a couple of girls who have surprised us," Shaw said. "Though we had the benefit of fall ball to see how they're doing."

The Knights lost a lot up the middle, losing their catcher, shortstop, second baseman and center fielder to graduation, but Shaw likes the pieces that he has in place to help fill the gaps.

And, the Knight coach is also fortunate to have a plethora of pitchers with varsity experience who are willing to chip in with innings.

Morgyn Stevens is

likely to get the bulk of the innings, but senior captains Lindsey Desrochers and Audrey Daggett are also likely to see time in the circle and Abbie Heald offers even more depth for the Knights when they need it.

The pitchers will have a new catcher, with Adrian Teves and Danica Chominski battling for playing time. Teves has worked with Stevens on the same team outside of the school team and Chominski has been tearing the cover off the ball in the preseason, with either of them able to handle the duties well.

"We have a well-balanced team, the girls are really hitting the ball," Shaw said. "And the strikeouts have been minimal."

"They looked good in the cage," Shaw continued. "But then they got on the field and they were just crushing the

ball."

Daggett will be expected to work in the outfield when she's not pitching, while Carley Johnson has secured a spot in center field with her strong work in the preseason.

Senior captain Emilia Galimberty is once again slated to slide in at first base and brings a bunch of speed to the infield, while Reegan Swift, Lexie Wallbridge and Sara Hyde all have a chance to chip in at second base. Shaw noted that Hyde in particular has looked strong in the preseason. Sophie Ford and Sadie Erwin are both likely to see time at shortstop, but Shaw notes that Erwin could also be a valuable piece in the outfield with her speed. Desrochers saw a good deal of time at third base last year and will likely be seeing time there again this season.

The Knights will be



JOSHUA SPAULDING

LINDSEY DESROCHERS, Audrey Daggett and Emilia Galimberty are the senior captains for the Kingswood softball team.

returning to a Division II schedule after last year's COVID-related regional schedule. Shaw points out that it is tough not knowing much about many of the other teams on the schedule.

"We didn't see a lot of teams last year, so it's tough," Shaw said.

The Knights will play two games each with Laconia, Plymouth, Merrimack Valley and Kennett and single games with John Stark, Bow, Sanborn, Souhegan, Coe-Brown, Pembroke and Hollis-Brookline.

The season was slated to kick off after deadline

on Monday and Wednesday and will continue on Monday, April 18, at John Stark at 4:15 p.m. and at Bow on Wednesday, April 20, at 4 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur James Duffy, 87

Mr. Arthur James Duffy, 87, of Ctr. Barnstead, New Hampshire, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the Courville at Manchester rehabilitation facility in Manchester, New Hampshire.



Born in Lynn, Massachusetts on November 3rd, 1934, to John and Helen (Talbot) Duffy. Arthur graduated from St Mary's High School of Lynn, where he lettered in football, in 1952. His career as an electrician began at Duffy Electrical, also in Lynn, and later at Polaroid Corporation where he worked in Cambridge, Norwood and Waltham. Arthur was pensioned from Polaroid Corporation after 26 years. He was also a member of B Battery, 102nd Field Artillery Battalion of the Massachusetts National Guard where he was Honorably Discharged at the rank of Sergeant in 1956.

Arthur's many notable accomplishments include the marriage of 66 years to his life's love, Patricia and their 7 children, 15 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He was an industrious man who built a summer get-a-way home in New Hampshire, with the help of family and many friends. This

eventually became their permanent home in 1995 when he and Patricia relocated from Maple Street in Lynn to Center Barnstead.

Arthur's many loves include golf where he was a member at Tony C's (Conigliaro) in Nahant, Massachusetts, and later Loudon Country Club in Loudon, New Hampshire. Arthur and Patricia were regular fixtures and members of the "Year Rounders" bowling league at Boutwell's Bowling Center in Concord, New Hampshire, and he enjoyed the many informal card playing leagues that bridged the inclement winter months until summer when he could get back out on the golf course. The fondest memories will undoubtedly be the large family gatherings during holiday's or the BBQs and lobster bakes at the

lake where the food and drink flowed and the many cards and other games were played well into the evening.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Patricia (Langan) Duffy and his children, Arthur J. Duffy Jr and his wife Kathleen of Swampscott, MA; Michael P. Duffy and his wife Silvia of Cherry Valley, MA; Theresa A. Mitchell and her husband Robert of Georgetown, MA; Maureen A. Golding and her husband Christopher of Lynn, MA; Gerald O. Duffy and his wife Elizabeth of Wilmington, MA; Kevin J. Duffy and his wife Laura of Wolfeboro, NH; and Joseph W. Duffy of Ctr. Barnstead, NH.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 20 River Road, Pittsfield, NH, on Saturday April 23rd, at 11:00am, followed by a graveside ceremony at Riverview Cemetery on Parade Road in Center Barnstead and a reception at the Pittsfield Community Center.

If you wish to express a condolence or leave a fond memory please visit, www.lordfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie "Marj" McDermott Wiebe

Marjorie "Marj" McDermott Wiebe was born on November 21, 1929 in Saranac Lake, New York to John J. and Pearl (Sweeney) McDermott. She lived there until the deaths of her parents, at which time she moved to Washington, DC, where she lived with her guardians, Cortland and Elizabeth Cole.

Marj graduated from Eastern High School in Washington, and attended Syracuse University, where she was a proud member of Delta Delta Delta. While at Syracuse she met William Cool Wiebe, and they married on June 24, 1950.

Marj and Bill lived in Summit, New Jersey for more than 30 years, raising three sons and several dachshunds. Marj held several part-time jobs and many volun-

teer commitments, and could often be found in the bleachers of various fields and pools, cheering on her sons as they competed.

Upon Bill's retirement they followed their love of skiing and lakes to Wolfeboro Falls, New Hampshire, where they built a home on Crescent Lake. They were active in the Wolfeboro Community for more than 20 years. Marj was a member of First Congregational Church, Wolfeboro Garden Club, PEO, and a rug-hooking group.

She has lived at the Taylor Community in Laconia for several years. Bill Wiebe died in 2018, and Marj is survived by three sons - John (Joyce) Wiebe of Glenburn, Maine, Tom (Lori Murray) Wiebe

of Asbury, New Jersey, Chuck (Anne Millar) Wiebe, of Shelburne, Vermont; six grandchildren - Kate (Nick) Bergmann, Molly (Robert Rhee) Wiebe, Travis Wiebe, Lindsay (Nate) Wagenhoffer, Kit (David) Cahill, Sally Wiebe; and five great-grandchildren - Lola, Harper, and Percy Bergmann, Nellie Wagenhoffer, and Atticus Wiebe Rhee.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the family with the arrangements.

To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolences or for more information go to: www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com



ALTON POLICE LOG



The Alton Police Department responded to 179 calls for service during the week of April 3-9, including two arrests.

-1 Male Subject was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

-1 Male Subject was arrested for Misuse of Power.

There was 1 Motor Vehicle Accident.

There was 1 Theft reported on Muchado Hill Road.

There were 3 Suspicious Person/Activity Reports on (2) Main Street & School Street.

Police made 90 Motor Vehicle Stops

and handled 5 Motor Vehicle Complaint-Incidents.

There were 79 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 1 Fraudulent Action, 1 Stolen Property, 6 Employment Fingerprinting, 2 Assist Other Agencies, 2 Animal Complaints, 6 Juvenile Incidents, 2 General Assistance, 2 Miscellaneous, 4 Alarm Activations, 1 Lost/Found Property, 1 Sexual Assault, 4 General Information, 4 Vehicle ID Checks, 2 Trespass, 1 Civil Standby, 1 Destruction of Property, 1 Civil Matter, 5 Wellness Checks, 1 Dispute, 23 Directed Patrols, 2 Motor Vehicle Lockouts, 2 Medical Assists & 5 Property Checks.

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Arsenault excited about Knight track program's new season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Coach Mick Arsenault is excited to see what this year's Kingswood track team can do, as a solid stable of returning athletes and some strong newcomers give the team a good mix of talent.

"I think both the boys' and girls' teams have a chance to make some big things happen on the track this season," Arsenault said. "We're really excited to see the season kick off."

On the girls' side of things, returning juniors Marcella DeNitto and Lauren MacPhee will be leading the way, with Arsenault anticipating them being big parts of the relay teams and in the short and middle distances.

Freshmen Kylie Rapoza, Sierra Rose and Rowan Donovan-Laviolette are also expected to make a big impact on the season.

"I expect these young ladies to round out the



JOSHUA SPAULDING
LOU ARINELLO, Gabe Arinello, Marcella DeNitto and Lauren MacPhee will be key contributors to the Kingswood track team this spring.

relays and also tackle the 100 hurdles and other short distances," Arsenault said.

For the boys, Lou Arinello, Gabe Arinello, Matt Perkins, Warren Blaney, Cam Kean, Michael Wainwright, Casey Arsenault and Tyler Olkkola are all expected to once again play large roles in the success of the team.

Senior Ethan Arnold is out for the team for the first time and brings great athleticism to the team and should make an impact right away, along with freshman Caden Laing.

"I am really excited about this season," Arsenault stated.

After last year's COVID-impacted season that cut out many of the

usual large invitational meets, the Knights are back to a more normal Division II schedule. The team has one home meet on the schedule, along with a trip to Manchester West, a couple of trips to North Conway for meets at Kennett, a trip to Bow, a trip to Oyster River and a trip to Pembroke before the Wilderness Meet, which takes place at Gilford and the Division II State Meet, which takes place at Pelham.

The Knights officially kicked off the season after deadline at home on Tuesday. They will be at Manchester West on Tuesday, April 19, at 4 p.m.

Dean College announces Spring 2022 Honor Societies inductees

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students who have been inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society, National Honor Society for Dance Arts, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, including:

Janis Walker of Alton: Golden Key
Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

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ALTON

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used for over ten years in Alton. In 2020, at the recommendation of the NH DES, a new herbicide, Procellacor, was used in Alton. Procellacor is the most often used aquatic herbicide on variable milfoil in New Hampshire since 2018. This material is in a reduced risk classification compared to previous products. The contractor for herbicide treatments is Solitude Corporation.

While the treatments for milfoil take place primarily in the summer months, the planning is a year-round process. In December of each year, the town applies to the NH DES for grants in the following year which are typically awarded

in January. In 2021, the DES grant for Alton reimbursed the cost of milfoil treatments at a 40 percent level, allowing for town dollars to go further. The most recent grant for 2022 will be at the 50 percent level.

In March of each year, Solitude applies to the state for herbicide permits for potential herbicide treatment areas. Permits are received in the May/June timeframe. In May/June, the NH DES performs a survey of the waters within Alton to ascertain where treatments are recommended and the type of treatment that should be applied. The Milfoil Committee reviews the recommendations and approves treatments consistent with the milfoil annual budget. In 2021, based on

the DES survey, recommendations were made to perform herbicide treatments in the Parker Marine area, the north-west half of Minge Cove, and the lower end of Alton Bay in the vicinity of the town beach. This was completed on June 28. In 2020, herbicide treatments were performed in the W. Alton Marina area and Rand Cove.

DASH work in 2021 was recommended for Roberts Cove, and the Merrymeeting River from Parker Marine to the dam. In July, 10 days of DASH work was completed in these areas. In late September, another five days were completed around Roberts Cove, Woodmans Cove, and in the river above and below the dam. After the treatments, the DES completes a follow-up

survey to assess the effectiveness of the treatments.

Looking forward, 2022 looks to be a very active year. In addition to work in the lake and lower Merrymeeting River, the plan is to begin herbicide treatments above the dam in Wentworth Pond, Mill Pond, and the river. The DES has reported significant milfoil infestations in these areas and the Alton selectmen approved the committee's request to begin permitting for future herbicide treatments above the dam. Treating these areas is important and should help with milfoil efforts further downstream. When there is less milfoil overall, the rate of spread and regrowth is slower/lower.

The town of Alton

established the Milfoil Committee in 2009 to work with the state in coordinating the town's efforts to identify areas of infestation and recommend treatment programs. The committee currently has four members who meet every month from May through October and occasionally online in the winter. Kellie Troendle, the Alton Director of Parks and Recreation, attends all meetings and is the liaison between the committee and the town administration. The committee provides verbal reports to the BOS at various times of the year and prepares a written yearly summary for the BOS in early January each year. The NH DES also prepares a milfoil management plan for Alton. A copy

of the most recent plan is located at the Gilman Library.

The committee continues to appreciate the support of the Alton voters and will continue to spend the approved milfoil treatment funds wisely for the benefit of the town. Milfoil cannot be eliminated completely but can be controlled with yearly treatments. Significant progress in both the river and lake have been made with milfoil over the past 10 years and longer. The committee would like to thank the support and guidance of Kellie Troendle, Director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Alton, and Amy Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator New Hampshire DES.

SHOW

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ed. We're glad to do this for the community, and we're getting lots of cooperation from the town and school."

The secret behind the show's success is multi-fold. The location is spacious and the atmosphere is fun, what with vendor give-aways, raffles, and interesting non-profit exhibitors. There is always a wide variety of vendors, so attendees will find a lot to discover.

President-elect Aimee Terravechia has enjoyed connecting with vendors from years past to invite them back. She said the club is "ecstatic" to host the show again.

"This year, the club has welcomed back some of our returning vendors, but also invited many new businesses. We'll have vendors that span across many industries, including the financial sector, real estate, maintenance and repair, home décor, construction, and more," Terravechia said.

Past President Bob Regan inherited designing the layout of vendors about five years ago.

"I made a grid of the gym," he said, "and I space exhibitors appropriately and based on their physical needs."

It can get complicated, especially when there are more than 50 vendors.

"We're filling the gym this year," Regan added.

There's a tremendous amount of effort that goes into the club's biggest fundraiser of the year. The workload is distributed among members.

"I think of myself as the ring master," Leonard said. "We have

some new members who are taking on new roles."

He said some of the jobs include upgrading the postcards that go out, keeping social media up to date, distributing posters, and being on top of payments that are due.

"It's a team effort, without a doubt," he added.

Some extra help comes from a group of workers in a different age group. Students in Prospect Mountain High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), a career based, student-run organization, will assist with the show for the seventh time.

Advisor of the group, Jennifer Cove, said she was looking for community members to connect with eight years ago, noting "I'd heard about Rotary and reached out to them."

An immediate connection was formed, as the club invited the FBLA to attend a meeting and speak.

"Ever since then, they've been involved with the students and incredibly supportive," Cove said.

The club asked the kids to help out at the show.

"That involvement has grown each year," Cove said. "We ran a pizza stand and sold snacks. Going into 2019, I proposed the concept of getting food trucks to come."

Despite rainy weather the day of the show, the food trucks did extremely well.

"The kids had a lot of fun," Cove said. "Assisting with the show is fabulous because it allows them to have a real hands-on experience with the community. They learn how

to fundraise and write contracts, with the Rotarians as mentors."

The FBLA students will be working the show from beginning to end, directing the food trucks, setting up, breaking down, and cleaning up. At lunch time, they will deliver lunch to vendors who pre-ordered from the food trucks.

"The kids are running," Cove said. "They are very busy."

She said the show is one of the group's favorite events.

"They absolutely love helping. They are so enthusiastic about having that connection to the community and making a difference and feeling productive. There's an immediate response to what they're doing, so it has an impact on students," she added.

Cove said working with the club is among FBLA's greatest highlights.

"The lessons, mentoring relationships, and friendships between these experienced community leaders and our students extend far beyond high school. The Rotarians deserve an enormous thank you. I like to tell my students that good people do finish first. You don't have to look at celebrities or on social media to find that; it's right here in our community," she said.

Other high school students are involved in the show in a different capacity. Rotary member Cathy Hallin has been in charge of a silent auction that will take place.

"I invited eight talented high school artists to create works based on the theme 'What Brings You Joy,'" she said. "The resultant pieces will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go toward

these budding artists."

Show attendees can walk off with some loot of their own. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle are one dollar apiece.

Tickets for raffle prizes are five dollars for a sheet of 10, which includes a ticket for the door prize. Tickets can be put toward whichever raffle prize(s) the holder wishes, and the prizes this year are major: a 43-inch Samsung TV, pellet grill with smoker, 75 gallon deck box, cobalt blue Kitchen Aide mixer, Keurig Coffee/Latte machine, and a wide collection of outdoor games.

All in all, the thirteenth rendition of the show promises to be a sensation.

"It's one of our great events of the year," Rotary Club Director Duane Hammond said.

Usually hard at work the day of the show, this year Hammond takes on a different function as an exhibitor with a table of

his artwork.

Leonard said there is still room to sign up; anyone interested can sign up on the Rotary club's website, altonrotary.org. Internet will be provided for exhibitors.

Those who have already signed up include: AAA of Northern New England, Aflac, Alton Business Association, ArborTech, Bernier Insurance, Carmella's Tupperware, Catchpenny, Color Street - The Painted Turtle by Denise, Cornerstone VNA, Dore Holland Home Group, Edward Jones, Epping Well and Pump, Granite State Solar, H&H Exteriors, Halls Clean Air Solutions, Horizons Counseling Center, Invisible Fence, Irwin Automotive Group, Jackie's Joy Farm, Janet Sienko, Realtor,

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Irwin Marine of Alton Bay will have boats on display in the parking lot.

New Hampshire food trucks Dueling Chefs, Mak'n Ends Meat, and the Good Eatz will be in the bus loop.

"We're really looking forward to doing this," Leonard said. "It's going to be a fun day."

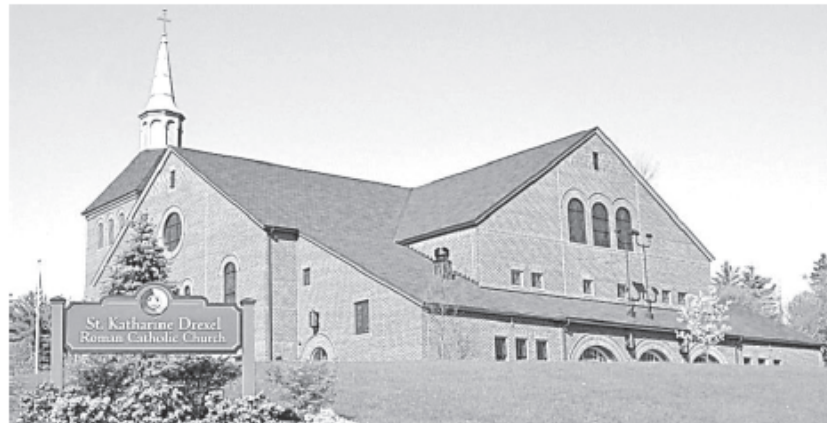


COURTESY

Budding artists strive for Rotary scholarship

A highlight of the Alton Rotary Club's, Home, Garden and Recreation show, Saturday, April 23, Prospect Mountain High School, is a silent auction featuring artwork by eight seniors. All entries are juried, and each will be displayed on easels at the show. The easels were donated by the Alton Centennial Rotary Club. A silently auctioned to 'win' a work of art will be awarded to the highest bidders at the conclusion of the Home Show. All proceeds from the auction will be used to help fund the Rotary Scholarship. Recipient of the scholarship will be selected by PMHS art teachers and Rotarians. Judging will be based on who best met the challenge reflecting the subject, "What brings you joy?" Each entry will include an attached background statement written by the artist detailing their future plans and dreams. The Alton Rotary Home, Garden and Recreation Show, opens its doors 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It'll feature more than 50 local and area businesses, both inside the school's gym and outdoors. Included are food trucks and raffles. Admission is free and a great opportunity to see and support eight really amazing and talented senior students.

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- April 14, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15, Good Friday, The Passion of Our Lord, 7:00 p.m. (Ecumenical Service at All Saints Church in Wolfboro at Noon)
- April 16, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- April 17, Easter Sunday Masses, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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Gubernatorial candidate Karen Testerman to appear before Tri-County Republicans

REGION – Announcing the Tri-County Republicans’ next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m., 129 Main St., Alton. Due to limited parking, please plan to arrive at least a few minutes early.

Please join us as we welcome guest speaker, New Hampshire gubernatorial candidate Karen Testerman. Testerman is a former City Councilor in Franklin, and served as chair of the Police Committee and member of the Fire Committee. A known coalition builder she founded and served as Executive Director of Cornerstone Policy Research and various other non-profit

organizations, Presidential Campaign Manager, Vice President of School District Governance Association, Vice President of New Hampshire Federation of Republican Women, Chair of Merrimack County Republican Committee and certified K-12 teacher.

Testerman was raised in a modest home in a small California farming community where she developed her core beliefs as a social and fiscal conservative. Her grandparents immigrated from Japan and Poland. Although her grandparents were prevented from becoming naturalized citizens until their sunset years,

they raised their children to be proud Americans. Her father was a member of the 442nd Combat Regiment Battalion, the most highly decorated unit in World War II.

Born in Colorado, her parents moved to California, where she attended public funded schools in the Central Valley. To help pay for college school supplies, she worked as a nurse’s aide and lab assistant. She met her husband David Testerman at college. While David served in the U.S. Air Force Karen devoted herself to the most important job of providing a nurturing home for

their children. Their sons flew combat missions over Kosovo and Iraq for the Air Force and Navy. Their eldest daughter is a Coast Guard veteran. In her spare time Karen volunteered with the Officers’ Wives Clubs in community outreach to disabled children, hospitals and nursing homes and served as the Marine Mom for the US Marine Embassy Guard Unit in Australia, before coming to New Hampshire in 1993. They currently live in Franklin.

In addition to keeping up-to-date with state legislation and events happening at the county and local levels, Tri-County

Republicans support local candidates, volunteer in our communities, and supply critical information to make informed choices. We encourage you to become an active member of our group, even if you can only spare an hour or two a month. Every contribution, no matter how small, has a positive impact! This is an important meeting and we encourage members and friends to attend. Given the political landscape, this is a great opportunity for you to take an active role to strengthen our efforts as we face the challenges ahead.

Tri-County Republicans is a conservative

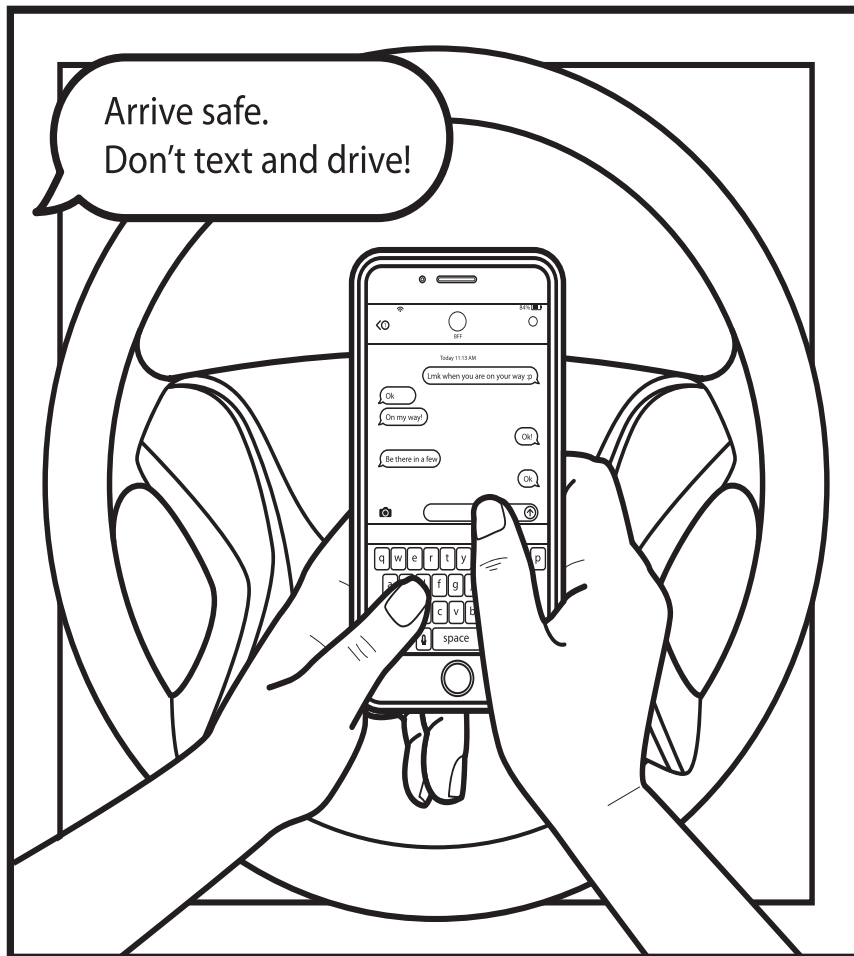
political group that believes in limited government and the interpretation of the US and NH Constitutions as written. All freedom-loving Republicans, Libertarians, independents and undeclareds from surrounding towns in Belknap, Carroll and Strafford Counties are welcome to participate in our group meetings and events.

For inquiries or more information, please contact Beth Varney or Priscilla Terry at: tricontyrepublicans@gmail.com.



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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Alton	15 Marsha Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$110,000	McGeoghean Fiscal Trust and P.K. McGeoghean, Sr.	Lisa O'Flynn
Alton	232 Suncook Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Daniel C. and Victoria Q. Howard	Adam S. and Cassie Webber
Barnstead	147 Georgetown Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$616,733	James A. and Patricia A. Minor	Sebastian Kraves and Lisa M. Zakhary
New Durham	N. Shore Road	N/A	\$50,000	Shane Garrett	George W. and Tammy J. Robertson

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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

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

BBQ road trip a success at Barn at Pickering House



WOLFEBORO — On Wednesday, March 30, Burnt Timber Brewing & Tavern made the final stop on their nearly six-week BBQ Road Trip at The Barn at Pickering House in Wolfeboro. Sold out in a matter of days, the event brought together the talents of Executive Chef Jonathan Hudak

at Pavilion and Eddie Michno, brewer and owner of Burnt Timber.

"Burnt Timber's framework of 'ferment, salt, smoke' aligns very well with our cooking style, which is a little bit more refined and ingredient-driven, so it seemed like a perfect fit," said Hudak.

For Michno, the opportunity to work alongside Hudak and his staff is a turning point for his brewery restaurant. "We want to be known for more than just our beer, so this was a chance for us to showcase our cooking philosophy alongside an established, award-winning chef," he said. "I think the night turned out great."

Served in four courses, the event featured Tartare of Maine Yellowfin Tuna, Bacon-Wrapped Saddle of Rabbit, Spice-Cured Smoked Beef Shortrib, and Banana Cream Pie. The appetizer and dessert were paired with a cocktail from Pavilion, while the middle courses were served with beer

from Burnt Timber.

According to Hudak, the dinner helped illustrate his simple, technique-driven cooking approach at Pavilion.

"We are trying to showcase the best that our region has to offer — whether it's seafood off the coast of Maine or vegetables grown a few miles down the road," he said. "In a world geared towards high yield crops and labor saving products, we are still doing things the long hard way in the quest of better flavor."

Citing his own quest "to master the art of slow cooked food," Michno said he also appreciates the camaraderie both restaurants have developed since Pavilion opened in 2020.

"We enjoy working with Jonathan and the Pavilion staff," he said.

Hudak expressed similar sentiments, citing Michno and the BT crew as "great neighbors."

"We don't get a chance to hang out much in the summer, so it was a perfect opportunity to cook together and have some fun," he added.

Regarding the future, Michno said he looks forward to similar collaborations with Pavilion in the future.

"It's great to work with another local business to deliver a dining experience that will keep people coming back to Wolfeboro," he said.

A family-friendly brewpub that features live music, catering, and an extensive food and rotating beer menu, Burnt Timber is located at 96 Lehner St, Wolfeboro. To learn more about Burnt Timber, visit burnttimbertavern.com.

Open since December 2020, Pavilion provides an upscale dining, wine, and spirits experience in the heart of Wolfeboro. To learn more, visit pavilionwolfeboro.com.

Timber Wolf tennis girls sweep past Lakers in first match

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team returns five players from last year's ladder, giving coach Tom Stevens an experienced group as the new season begins.

That being said, the team is still pretty young.

"We still have a young team made up of mostly sophomores and juniors," Stevens said. "These girls work really well together and we

look forward to seeing what they can do."

The Timber Wolves bring back the top two players in the lineup in Madilyn Neathery and Erin Rawnsley, while Ella Misiaszek and Shannon Kelley are also back in the fold for the Prospect girls and will likely be moving into the top four in the ladder.

Stevens notes that Aijah Thoroughgood and Sarah White are working their way up through the ranks in the preseason and will like-

ly be contributing to the team along the way.

Stevens noted that he will be joined on the sidelines again by Justin Carloni and both of them are excited about the season ahead.

The Timber Wolves will return to a Division III schedule this year after playing a regional schedule last year due to COVID-19. The schedule includes two games each with Inter-Lakes, Berlin, Gilford, Pelham and Trinity and single matches with Profile,

White Mountains, Moultonborough and Wilton-Lyndeborough.

First match

The Timber Wolves opened with a big win, sweeping Inter-Lakes on Monday, April 4.

Neathery got the 8-4 win in the top spot in the lineup and Rawnsley picked up a win at number two by an 8-1 score.

Misiaszek played at number three and got the 8-0 win and Kelley slid into the fourth spot and got an 8-4 win.

Thoroughgood won by an 8-0 score at number four and White won by the same score in the sixth spot to sweep the singles for the Timber Wolves.

In doubles play, Neathery and Rawnsley played at number one and got an 8-1 win, Misiaszek and White played at number two and won by an 8-1 score and Thoroughgood and Abby Breuer finished with an 8-0 win at number three to close out the sweep.

The team's other game for the week, at Berlin, was postponed by rain until Wednesday, April 20.

Next up, the Timber Wolves will be at Gilford on Friday, April 15, at Inter-Lakes on Tuesday, April 19, and then the rescheduled match with Berlin on Wednesday, April 20.

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Strong returning core means high expectations for PMHS softball

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team returns a large group of players and there are some lofty aspirations for this year's team.

"It's a lot of softball players, not just kids who play softball," said second-year head coach James Christie. "Most of them play year round and the kids coming in as freshmen are looking good too."

"It's been a good spring so far," he continued. "We're returning seven of nine starters from last year, so only

two jobs to fill and lots of talented kids to fill those spots."

The Timber Wolves bring back three seniors, with Mackenzie Renner back behind the plate, Michaela Gates back at shortstop and Megan Burnette returning as an all-around utility player.

The team has just one junior, as Maren Rayno returns to play third base.

The remainder of the team is freshmen and sophomores, with the sophomores returning seeing plenty of time as freshmen.

Ella Bernier was

First Team All-State as a freshman pitcher last year and she is back this season expected to carry the pitching load again. Mariah Gates is back at first base with a big bat and Gwen Christie returns to play second base. Eve Roberge saw time in the outfield last year and returns this year to anchor the defense in centerfield.

Amongst freshmen, Alexis Wilson is expected to be the team's backup pitcher, Victoria Christie will see time in the outfield, Olivia Noyes is expected to back up Renner behind the plate

and is also able to move around and Juliet West will be chipping in as well.

Christie also pointed out that he is expecting contributions from sophomore Reese Burke and freshman Abby Fischelli in the new season as well.

The struggle in the preseason was getting out on the field, but the team did get outside for a big 18-4 scrimmage win over Nashua South last week.

The Timber Wolves will be back in a traditional Division III schedule after last year's

COVID-related regional schedule, meaning the squad will see a lot of teams they haven't seen since the pre-COVID season in 2019.

"Looking at the schedule, there's some really good competitive teams with strong pitchers that will give us a test," Christie stated. "That helps us build up throughout the season."

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Hopkinton, Gilford, Hillsboro-Deering, Bishop Brady, Trinity and Conant.

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Francis and Mahanes lost 8-1 at number three and DeJager and Gagnon played at number one and dropped an 8-4 decision to close out the match.

The Timber Wolves got back on track two days later when they beat the rain and played a doubleheader against Bishop Brady and won both games.

In the opener, Gulbrandsen got an 8-5 win at number three, Gagnon won 8-1 in the fourth spot and Connor Meehan won 8-0 in the fifth spot. Mahanes picked up a forfeit win at number

six and Prospect led 4-2 after singles. DeJager and Lawrence fell 9-7 at number two.

With the automatic forfeit at number three doubles, the Timber Wolves clinched the 5-2 win.

The results were the same in the second match, with Prospect's third through sixth players getting wins in singles. Gulbrandsen won 9-7 at number three, Gagnon got the 8-0 win at number four, Meehan won 8-3 in the fifth spot and Francis got the forfeit win at number six. DeJager and Lawrence both dropped their de-

isions at the top of the lineup.

Again, the Timber Wolves got the forfeit win at number three doubles to clinch the second 5-2 victory of the day.

Prospect's match with Moultonborough on Friday was postponed until today, April 14.

Prospect is scheduled to host Profile on Monday, April 18, at 4 p.m. and Gilford on Wednesday, April 20, at 4 p.m.

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Experience back on the diamond for Prospect baseball

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — The returning experience for the Prospect Mountain baseball team should be a bonus as the new season gets under way.

“Of the returning eight players, all of them saw time as starters last season,” said coach Richard Fortier. “The team should be strong at the plate with the five returning full-time starters combining to hit .310 last year.”

The lone returning senior is Chris Cox, who will see time at first base and in the outfield. The juniors returning to the lineup include Bruce Rawnsley, Nathan Archambault and Sam Caldwell and the returning sophomores are Na-

than Leavitt, Spencer Therrien and Kenny Fontaine.

Rawnsley will see time on the mound and also at both middle infield positions, Archambault is back behind the plate and Caldwell will see time on the mound, at third and in the outfield. The All-State selection from a year ago was also the team's leading hitter at .454 last season.

Leavitt will see time on the hill and at shortstop, Therrien will pitch and play at both corner infield positions and Fontaine will see time at second and third and on the mound. Leavitt held Somersworth to just two

hits and three runs in six innings during last year's playoff game.

The key newcomers to the team include Wyatt Brownell in centerfield, Glidden Martin in the outfield and at first base and Ethan Kenerison on the mound and in the outfield.

Last season, the Timber Wolves played a regional schedule that saw them play teams around the area, but this year the team will return to a regular Division III schedule. The schedule includes two games each with Berlin and Somersworth and single games with Raymond, White Mountains, Nefound,

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