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Improvements continue at New Durham Food Pantry

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — Anyone passing through the downtown area of New Durham has seen evidence of renovations at the food pantry building. Some windows have been replaced, and periodically a small contingent of workers appears, sawing and hammering away.

The renovations are long past due.

“Oh, boy, does it need it,” said Board of Directors President Winnie Berry, referring to the building that has both a long history and, now, a long future with the town.

The white structure, moved some time in the mid-20th century from the Powder Mill area of town to across the street from Town Hall, has been known by several names. It served as the Free Will Baptist Chapel and the Temperance Hall, and as the site of local Grange meetings.

Church services

were held there regularly, and the old horse sheds on the property were converted to an annex for meetings in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Several individuals have owned the picturesque church, but it took on new life in 2009 when the food pantry moved in. Having operated out of a Town Hall closet, the backs of cars, and an auto repair shop, the food pantry volunteers were overjoyed with their new, spacious quarters.

When the building came up for sale, they knew they needed to stay; the goal was to keep the building as a food pantry in perpetuity. Members applied for grants and appealed for donations to cover the \$70,000 price tag.

The purchase was finally completed last year, and the volunteers who have been helping out their neighbors in need since 1970 have jumped on board to make needed improvements to

the building. “We’re starting by replacing the windows,” Berry said, not-

ing the heat loss that occurs with the current panes.

During the week, the

temperature is kept at 45 degrees, but when the doors open for business on Saturday

mornings, the heat gets cranked up.

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PMHS at UNH

Prospect Mountain High School's robotics team 319 competed this weekend at a district qualifying event this past weekend at UNH. The team made its way to the finals but lost in some very close matches. Big Bad Bob did win the Innovation in Control award for developing a mathematical relationship between the robot's arm and elevator to assist in climbing. The team currently ranks sixth out of 210 teams in New England and secured a trip to the District Championships in Worcester Mass. Front row (l to r), Dennis Simpson, Caitlynn Krull, Josh Hanson, Alex Berry, David Kelley, Joe Derrick, Dominic Soucy. Back row (l to r), Brian Hikel, Mike Kelley, Ty Tremblay, Robin Hanson, Dan Hanson, Natalie Cates, Jon Freznel, Devanee Guruge, Ashley Berry, Melissa Catauro, Niko Neathery, Troy Dube, Alex Catauro, Michelle Kelley, Madelyn Kelley, Peter Dowd and Adam Ross.

Girl power

Local Scouts get energized by learning about electricity

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — An energetic group of girls gathered at the New Durham School last week to learn about the distinction between AC and DC currents as part of a Girl Scout enrichment activity. The demonstration culminated with a ballistics demonstration that saw a pink gun propel apples skyward over the swingsets into an adjacent forest.

Coordinators of these weekly activities endeavor to arrange unique learning experiences for members of the Scout's Troop 10475. In recent weeks,



MARK FOYNES

CAITLIN HUSSEY, a PMHS science teacher, demonstrated how fuel and an electrical charge can be converted into kinetic energy with her pink potato cannon before a group of area Girl Scouts. The rear chamber of the vessel is filled with a volatile gas - namely hairspray. Either an apple or a potato is rammed down the shaft. An ignition switch at the base of the chamber touches off the fuel and sends the snugly-loaded produce a-fly for several yards - further than Tom Brady can huck a pigskin downfield. Hussey built her pink spud-fired muzzle loader along with her fiance when they met.

a volunteer came in with a pair of guitars to teach girls some musical basics. For this they received a badge. Scouts also receive recognition for endeavors relating to developing STEM skills, historical preservation, and community service.

Leading Friday's session before 14 Scouts was Caitlin Hussey - a returning presenter who teaches science at PMHS.

Hussey came armed with a big dose of enthusiasm but remained modest about her credentials. She was one of only 50 educators to take part in a recent Siemens Institute. This is a national immersion program that's designed to empower educators to promote hands-on applications of STEM disciplines in the classroom and beyond. As a graduate, Hussey has

advanced her training on how to help educators get their students excited about science and technology careers.

The Scout's goals are right in Hussey's wheelhouse. The national council's web site stresses, “By inspiring girls to discover more of what they really care about. [Such experiences] are an essential part SEE GIRLS, PAGE A12

Spanning the centuries

The unabridged story of a crossway on Beaver Brook

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Traversing the waters over a small tributary of Lake Winnepesaukee, there's a pair of bridges - one was built right on top of the other. One dates to the 1800s, while the superseding concrete structure is perhaps a century younger - dating to the early automotive age.

The earlier span is a dry mason granite structure. One historian says that it dates to the Antebellum Era, likely built between 1820-1840. Located on Roberts Cove Road, the bridge helped early residents cross Beaver Brook with cartloads of goods to and from market. The bridge was also how Cove residents got to church and back.

It was also key in the town's social and industrial development. This was a time when factories were fueled by hydropower. The

brook is not large, but it runs a rugged current, with the occasional whitewater crest.

At the site, the brook streams between a pair of sturdy granite embankments. The Baysider visited the bridges recently with local historian Marty Cornelissen. We stomped down a steep grade through ankle-deep snow to get a view from the down low.

While there was still a considerable pack of the white stuff, the snow melts to date contributed to an aggressive flow. Eyeballing a deep spot near the bridge, it appeared that the brook probably measured a depth of two and a half feet.

“You should see it in a week or so - it'll really be gushing,” Cornelissen said.

He noted that the flow was sufficient to power local mills.

One of these mills manufactured clay smoking pipes. Un- SEE BRIDGE, PAGE A14

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Paving expected on Route 28

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

ALTON — Water bandstand celebratory events, state highway improvements, and craft fairs were among the matters that selectmen discussed in March. Some of these topics are ongoing matters that will require follow-up.

Modifications to Route 28 have been an ongoing topic of discussion.

Speaking via teleconference before presses closed on Tuesday was a representative from the N.H. Department of Transportation. DOT is planning several projects for along Route 28.

In a phone discussion with DOT public information officer Bill Boynton, the Baysider received a preview of the proposed scope of work.

Boynton said that a considerable stretch of

the Route 28 corridor is scheduled for work. These areas include:

In Alton - the Alton Traffic Circle;

In Alton - About eight miles of N.H. 28 from the traffic circle to the Wolfeboro town line (half-inch leveling course and one-inch wearing course);

In Wolfeboro - 7.3 miles of NH 28 from Willow Street to the Ossipee town line (3/4 inch paver shim).

The DOT did not mention if centerline or white line rumble strips would be part of the plan.

Unfortunately, the DOT's most recent presentation earlier this week did not coincide with deadlines. A future article will note details, relating to the timing of the work schedule. In the interim, residents can call the DOT for details at 271-3734.

Last month, Nancy

Merrill and Paul LaRochelle of the Water Bandstand Committee approached the BOS about events that are being planned to celebrate the restoration of this architectural icon. A celebration is planned for June 22 and will involve a water ski show. The BOS approved a \$1,250 allocation to engage with a water skiing troupe from Sanford, Me.

The Water Bandstand Committee also expressed an interest in holding seasonal monthly concerts. Selectmen and town administrator Liz Dionne urged that the bandstand committee coordinate efforts with the town recreation department. Meeting minutes noted that they applauded the group's initiative but added that recreational activities are beyond the scope of the original mission of restoring the bandstand. Striking

a supportive tone, the BOS encouraged any efforts that don't overlap on other town-planned activities.

"It's above and beyond, and it's great to see that kind of enthusiasm," Dionne said later in the month. "We just need to make sure everyone's on the same page."

Event coordination would involve ensuring that bandstand events don't coincide with other town-sponsored events. Additionally, adequate dock space would need to be reserved so performers could ferry their gear out to the performance space. The BOS moved to approve the use of the bandstand, pending any conflicts.

There was also discussion about the appropriate use of the bandstand and the town docks. According to Dionne, last summer, a commercial enterprise conducted private business from the town-owned docks. The police department intervened to deal with the matter. Dionne suggested that enhanced signage might be a positive preventative measure.

There was also some discussion about the town's agreement with Castleberry Fairs,

which runs a craft event a few times each year at the Bay. The fair typically consists of some 60 booths per event. It is a high-traffic affair that requires traffic and security details by local police.

The BOS discussion involved the total dollar amount required, the demanded deposit, and a comparison with a similar agreement with Wolfeboro. (Castleberry also mounts events on Brewster Field).

Alton is requesting that a total of \$3,000 be paid to the town. \$1,500 would represent a refundable security deposit. \$1,100 would be dedicated to a grounds and facilities fee, with the remainder devoted to ancillary expenses.

At a subsequent meeting, Dionne said Castleberry agreed to the \$3k number. Selectman Reuben Wentworth recommended that the town assess impacts to grass areas that visitors trod upon during the festival; he suggested that there might be post-event landscaping expenses that the town should capture to inform future discussions with Castleberry.

Selectman Cydney Shapleigh said that the event is a positive one that engages local resi-

dents and draws in visitors.

At a later meeting, the BOS announced that weight limits on local roads are in effect until further notice. Vehicles of a certain weight are banned from selected town roads that exceed official limits. These limits range between four and eight thousand pounds, depending on a given road's carrying capacity.

Also, April is dog licensing month. Tags are available at the town clerk's office through April 30. A rabies clinic is scheduled at the fire station for April 13; the clinic will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Shots for dogs and cats will cost \$20. Microchipping will be available for \$40. Dog licensing will be available for Alton dogs.

The BOS also reported that the town auditor noted that the town's financials, as of Dec. 31 2017 are clean. The town's audit was issued last December.

As part of a consent agenda, six veterans were granted tax credits ranging from \$500 to \$1,400. A pair of \$500 requests were denied.

The BOS next meets on April 15. They met prior to deadline earlier this week.

Take a stroll through Alton High School history

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society will kick off its 2019 season on Tuesday, April 16, with a trip down memory lane or more appropriately a stroll through the halls of Alton High School in the later 1960s thru the 1970s. You would have been greeted by the cheerful smile of Mrs. Stevens outside the principal's office, heard Mr. Weeks recount the latest boys' varsity soccer game in his science class and seen Mr. Bucher trying to conduct a serious English class as the sweet

aroma of ink from the mimeograph machine drifts thru the air. The guest speaker for the evening will be David Smith.

David Smith was a respected teacher and coach at Alton High School from 1967 through 1980. He will speak about his experiences in the classroom and coaching the Alton Apaches. He is currently the Headmaster of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. If you

were lucky enough to have Smith as a teacher and/or coach, come join in as they share some fond memories of good old Alton High.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Room in the lower level of the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., downtown Alton. All society programs are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Barnstead School District institutes childfind

BARNSTEAD — In an effort to comply with state and federal laws governing special education, to maintain eligibility for federal funding, to engage in sound long range planning and to provide evaluation and programming where appropriate, the Barnstead School District is making a conscientious effort to identify any potentially disabled individuals residing within its jurisdiction.

Parents of children up to 21 years of age who suspect that a child may be

educationally disabled, are invited to contact their special education director. Assessments will be performed to determine if children qualify for special education programs and services. Areas to be screened will include hearing, vision, communication and motor functioning.

For further information, parents should contact Barnstead Elementary School and ask to speak to special education secretary Jackie Therrien at 269-5161 ext. 304.



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Library art

The Cartier family came in to the New Durham Public Library to appreciate artwork done by New Durham School students. Note that they are looking at the skeleton at the top, rendered by one of their own. Two banners display examples of art done throughout the school year. The public is invited in to see the exhibit.

Next Barnstead Game Night is April 12

BARNSTEAD — Barnstead Game Night organizers have decided to schedule their game nights on a regularly remember-able date. They came up with the second Saturday of every month. So now all you need to do is remember

Second Saturday Game Night at Sticks and Stones Farm.

Game Night at Sticks and Stones Farm, located at 107 White Oak Road in Center Barnstead, which is on the right side, not too far from the top of the hill when

coming from Route 28. There will be snacks and hot chocolate and cider as well as other goodies. You never know what someone might bring. Bring a friend, bring your family, and bring any beverages you'd like to drink. Bring a new

game for everyone to try out. It'll be April 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. This event is brought to you by the Barnstead Agricultural Association. For more information, call 776-8989 or e-mail info@sticksandstonesfarm.net.



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Gelinas named New Durham Citizen of the Year

NEW DURHAM — At their meeting on Monday, March 25, the New Durham Board of Selectmen honored Mike Gelinas as the Citizen of the Year.

Fred Quimby was the presenter and introduced Gelinas. Following is Quimby's introduction.

"It won't be two minutes into this introduction before everyone here will recognize who this year's Citizen of the Year is. Born and bred in New Durham and a life long resident this person has been involved in this community as a volunteer for over 40 years. Known to many through his extensive Facebook contributions, his love of kayaking; the awardee has worked tirelessly to make the town's fresh water bodies open to recreation and its countryside open to all for snowmobiling.

"Mike Gelinas has served as a volunteer on the town's conservation commission, zoning board of adjustment, planning board, ethics committee and Cocheco River Advisory Committee and currently spends up to 20 hours week in the spring summer and fall sampling the Merrymeeting River as part of a working group interested in saving the river from such problems as milfoil, phosphorus pollution, and cyanobacteria. By now most of you know that Mike's sampling of the river helped to demonstrate that phosphorus discharged from the Powder Mill Hatchery was polluting the Merrymeeting River, causing blooms of toxic cyanobacteria and contributing this pollution downstream into Alton and Lake Winnepesaukee.

"Mike, who previously acting as a member of the conservation committee, helped to create the town boat access on the Merrymeeting River. In the past year, the watershed management consultants identified a major erosion site next to this access (caused by years of wear and tear plus tornado damage) and Mike wanted to correct this problem. He traveled to Concord several times to meet with the wetlands people in NH DES and, after surveying the site, designed a remediation for it. Next, he completed all the permitting necessary to gain NH DES approval to work in this area. He estimated all the materials and labor necessary and from that he estimated the cost for completion. He then started a local campaign to raise the funds necessary to but all the materials and achieved this in 24 hours. After several meetings with



MIKE GELINAS WAS named Citizen of the Year. Pictured (l to r), Selectman Chairman David Swenson, Gelinas, presenter Fred Quimby and Selectman Dorothy Veisel.

the board of selectmen, he gained their permission to use highway department personnel and equipment on the project. The materials were delivered to the site and using a combination of highway department employees and local volunteers the entire site was restored.

"One amazing characteristic that Mike has is the ability to look at a problem, educate himself on the causation, and come up with a practical solution to end the problem. To this end, Mike developed some unique ideas for reducing the discharge of phosphorus from the Powder Mill Fish hatchery and after he met with the NH F&G and the NH DES and State Representatives Howard, Varney and Harrington and he twice met with Governor Chris Sununu we learn in the past two months that the state plans to build a temporary disposal site on hatchery grounds

for the retention of all waste water solids.... adopting a plan similar to the one Mike pitched for the past eight months; and furthermore, that the state has taken the first step to develop a permanent waste water treatment facility at the hatchery to remove phosphorus from the waste water. This is a much needed action in order to restore the recreational value of the river and prevent a disaster from affecting Lake Winnepesaukee.

"Mike had a long career as a member of the Carpenters Union but many are unaware that he also donated not only his time but encouraged other union members to donate their time to construct facilities for Camp Pride at the east end of Merrymeeting Lake. In the past year, they rebuilt an extensive wooden bridge, which had gone into disrepair. Like so many of his volunteer works, Mike measured the existing structure,

calculated the materials needed, arranged for its transport to the work site, organized all the volunteer laborers, and spent a week-end constructing a new bridge so that campers could easily and safely move around the Camp Pride complex. He did this in the same year he undertook the remediation of the town boat access on the Mer-

rymeeting River where he, once again, oversaw the entire process.

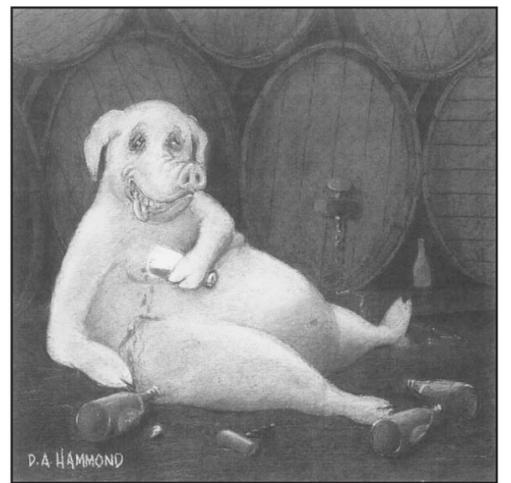
Snowmobilers in this community are all aware of Mike's constant involvement with the Powder Mill Snowmobile Club, from building and maintaining trails, lobbying for state funding to maintain these trails and operating the groomer to open the trails after snow storm events. This past year Mike and another resident, Russ Weldon, got approval to go into the recently logged area on Birch Hill and restore all the damaged trails there before the season opened this winter (this is the same year

he built the bridge for Camp Pride and restored the town boat access). He has been in constant communication with both the loggers and the South East Land Trust to preserve the rights of snowmobilers to continue to use this area for recreation.

Whether it's volunteering to keep the Merrymeeting River clean or hosting New Durham Parks and recreation maple syrup weekend, I could go on about Mike's contributions but I will stop here and just say it is my pleasure to not only know Mike Gelinas but to present to him the New Durham Citizen of the Year Award."

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Moving slowly in the fast lane

The world is moving at a faster pace than anyone living 20 or 30 years ago could have imagined.

In 1989, computers were the things teachers warned we'd never be able to "carry around in our pockets," so we still needed to learn advanced math functions. To see the weekly forecast, we had to either watch the 6 o'clock news or trust the printed version in the daily newspaper. To access facts and information, we visited the library. That was all fine with us. That was life.

In 1999, there were more and better computers, and the Internet (known then as the World Wide Web) was expanding steadily. Our access to this vast body of knowledge was through dial-up modems, waiting patiently for the ringing-static-beeping signal for a connection, and then waiting further for the page to "load." We'd scroll through the content and click on a hyperlink – repeating the process, as our desktop computer slowly accessed the new information. We were pretty happy with that. People with modems were cool. And it was so much faster than a trip to the library. Now we had instant info at our fingertips.

In 2019, our perception of "fast" and "instant" has taken on new meaning.

We are inseparable from our phones, our Kindles, our watches and our Fitbits. Need to know tomorrow's forecast? Glance at your Android. Did the Celtics win? Google it. When is the next band concert for the middle school? Check your calendar...on your phone. Need a new book to read? Download it. Could our 1999 selves ever have conceived of these things? Could we ever go back to our old perceptions of what constitutes "a long time?"

There are still things in life that cannot be rushed: long-simmered soups and stews; a hike through the forest; a conversation with a beloved friend; a long drive on a Sunday afternoon. In those moments, life slows down again. Where once speed was a luxury and a reason to be excited, now we crave the leisurely, unhurried pace of a day without our gadgets. We unplug and chill out. We remember to look up and around and take in our surroundings. Life slows down... for a while. Or at least until the alarm on our phone reminds us that it's time to get going again.



COURTESY PHOTO

Meeting Willy

Carli Locke meets Willy Wonka (Erin Kelley) after the Prospect Mountain's presentation of the show. Willy Wonka ran at Prospect Mountain High School March 28-31. Nearly 1,000 people saw the show over the weekend.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to the wonderful people

To the Editor:

The families of Lizette and Jim Eckert would like to express a deep appreciation for the widespread prayers and support, which have been extended to our families at this time of unbearable grief.

The peoples of Alton, New Durham, Wolfeboro, Pittsfield, Gilmanton, Chichester, Barnstead and Farmington and other surrounding towns have been helpful and supportive beyond all expectations. To their patients from New Hampshire and Maine, the home school community, the soccer community, the various church communities, their farming friends and the Alton Police De-

partment, we thank you. You have surrounded us with prayers and support in so many ways. There are so many people that we have come to know by name, but there are a great many more that have supported us, but we do not know your name. To all of you, we thank you. We hope you all know that you live among the nicest and the most considerate people in the world.

We ask that you continue to keep us and especially the children in your prayers. You certainly will remain in our prayers as well.

The families of Jim and Lizette (Kennedy) Eckert

Don't rush the mascot decision

To the Editor:

I am very upset about the need to change the school mascot as I do not view the current mascot of Alton Apaches as disrespectful, but quite the opposite. My opinion is that the mascot should not be changed. However, I understand that there has been a lot of debate over each side of the issue and I'm guessing that at this point I'll be talking to deaf ears supporting my position.

My greater concern at this point is the options given. What kid on a sports team is going to be proud of a Baysider, and how do you even draw a picture for that? Mountaineer, really? Engineer... that may be historic, but is it even remotely relevant to today's student? How do the students even relate? And what kind of mascot is that? At least give the students a mascot that they can be proud of. Kids like animals, and aren't most mascots animals anyway? Think of who is really affected by the mascot. Is it the adults in town? No. It is the kids. If ridiculous amounts of money are going to be spent over this change, it should at the very least be something the kids can be proud of. What is the rush, if the options are not satis-

factory? I'm sure with time a more appropriate mascot can be chosen. These poor kids are going to have to live with the consequences made concerning a new mascot for a very long time. Sometimes starting over at the drawing board leads to the best results and is the wise choice.

Alton School Board members, please do not rush this decision. I implore you to take more time and come up with a more suitable mascot. Fellow Alton residents, I know many of you are greatly disturbed by this proposed mascot change. I personally was not thrilled about a mascot change, but I was ready to cast my vote for one of the proposed choices for a new mascot. That was until I saw the options. I was not able to vote as there was not one suitable option. Please let the school board know your thoughts. I have sent them an e-mail, maybe if enough people send them an e-mail or a phone call they will take notice. I encourage everyone to use your voice. How will they know, if people do not speak out?

*Pamela Dyer
Alton Central School Apache 1994*

Democracy at work

To the Editor:

Alton voters recently said no to a proposed town budget, which had an increase of approximately \$250,000. Given all of the fraud, waste and abuse of public funds taking place in the town, I applaud and fully support this decision. Incomprehensibly, however, these same voters

approved more than \$500,000 in expenditures for items not included in the budget. Personally, I see no logic in these votes; but this is democracy at work.

*Jeffrey Clay
Alton*

LIFE Ministries provides valuable service

To the Editor:

As a resident of Alton I was shocked to read warrant article 30, which stated the deliberative session denied the request from LIFE Ministries asking for \$3,000 support and reducing the amount to \$1. When I read the minutes of the deliberative session, I discovered that the representative from the Alton Food Pantry provided incorrect information to those attending the session when she stated that the request from LIFE Ministries was 50 percent higher than the previous year. The request was for the same amount as requested and approved by the voters in 2017 and 2018. In 2018 LIFE Ministries provided for

the needs of 94 individual residents of Alton and served 9,975 meals to those residents.

The speaker also stated that it is redundant to have two entities that provide similar services. I would disagree with that statement and suggest that it is beneficial to the community since it allows the consumer to choose which entity best meets the needs of the individual and their family. Based on the speaker's logic it is redundant to have more than one bank, one insurance agency, one real estate broker, one gas station, or one restaurant etc. in our town.

*Malcolm Cook
Alton Bay*

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PMHS FBLA brings home gold at States

MANCHESTER — March 21 and 22, Prospect Mountain High School Future Business Leaders of America Club (PMHS FBLA) attended the annual NH State Leadership Conference and Competition at the Doubletree by Hilton in Manchester. Twenty of Prospect's chapter members attended and came home with 27 awards. Out of the 20 members who competed, 12 qualified for Nationals in San Antonio, Texas at the end of June.

Chapter awards were received for Opioid Awareness, Membership drive of new chapters, and Gold Seal Honors Chapter. Isabelle Huggard won Future Business Achievement Award and fourth place in Business Ethics, Aidan Conrad won Future Business Achievement Award and fourth place in Spreadsheet Applications, Jordan Ingoldsby won Business Achievement Awards for Future, Business,



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PMHS FBLA members earned awards at the state competition. Back row (l to r), Aidan Conrad '22, Aryana Warner '21, Skylar Presbrey '21, Emily Feinberg '19, Madeline Kreite '21, Jordan Ingoldsby (President) '20, Isabelle Huggard (Secretary) '20, Jarrett Moline '21, Hannah Racine '20, Jiana Kenerson '21, Alexa Carpenter (Treasurer) '20. Front row (l to r), Gabrielle Fossett (Vice President) '19, Natalie Cates '21, Anna Francis '19, Alina Hardie '20, Reilly Gray '20, Grace Hardie '20, Tessa Carter '20

and Leadership and fourth place in Business Ethics, Alexa Carpenter won Business Achievement Awards for Future, Business,

Business, and Leadership, second place in Sales Presentation, Gabrielle Fossett won Business Achievement

Awards for Future, Business, and Leadership, first place in Job Interview and Who's Who in FBLA, Anna Francis

took second place in Job Interview, Grace Hardie and Reilly Gray took third place in Broadcast Journalism, Tessa

Carter took third place in Healthcare Administration, Emily Feinberg earned second place in Healthcare Administration, Natalie Cates won first place in Healthcare Administration. In Impromptu Speaking, Jiana Kenerson took second place and Madeleine Kriete took third place.

Prospect FBLA had members complete levels of the Business Achievement Awards, which are made up of FBLA's four pillars: Future, Business, Leader, and America, with three members, Ingoldsby '20, Fossett '19, and Carpenter '20, on track to be awarded the fourth level of America at nationals. Only one student from the State of NH has ever received this award, former PMHS FBLA President and graduate, Tiffany White. For the chapter awards, PMHS FBLA once again was labeled a Gold Seal Chapter, with Fossett being labeled among Who's Who in FBLA.

Letters to the Editor

Education funding forum in Wolfeboro May 8

To the Editor:

We are so fortunate that we live in a state with high educational standards. NH ranks fourth in the nation based on a variety of criteria (<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/education>).

But who pays for this education? Judging by the major concerns of fellow taxpayers during our March elections, it's obvious that many feel we have to dig too deeply in our pockets to fund our local schools.

Since the 1990s the NH Supreme Court settled the state's responsibility to fund an "adequate" education. Now it's 2019 and that funding has primarily shifted from the state level on to our towns through our local property taxes with large variation between each town. This variation is not just within GWRSD but the entire state. For example, in 2015-2016, Rye School District spent \$19,535 per student while Pittsfield spent \$14,723. Yet Rye's tax rate was \$6.20 while Pittsfield's was \$18. These kinds of disparities are statewide <https://www.nhsaa.org/>

The stabilization grants that were intended to help "property-poor" towns offset their tax load have been reduced over time. This hits hard, so it's understandable that individuals and groups try to come up with solutions to keep taxes down. We saw that earlier this year with an attempt to create an "oversight" committee to monitor

and advise our school board's budget committee, as well as a proposed cap on budget increases.

How can we come up with possible solutions to this funding crisis while maintaining the high level of education we have here in NH? We all may have our opinions, but it is also important that they are based on factual information, and not some of the suggestions that I have read recently. Someone mentioned that it was time teachers started paying towards their health insurance for example, when they have been doing this already for at least the past 14 years. Solutions need understanding of different perspectives, and healthy discourse. This is exactly the contribution to civic discussion that education provides. It needs to be a bipartisan approach that brings all ideas to the table. Yes, it's a lofty goal, but why not try?

Paying attention to our legislators and also the media is a start. The House is beginning to address

some of these issues and HB 177 is a small step, which would reduce the phasing-out of stabilization grants. NHPR has already begun a series that examines how we fund education: <https://www.nhpr.org/topic/adequate-how-state-decides-value-public-education#stream/0>.

You can also become a more informed community member by attending an education funding forum right here in Wolfeboro at the Great Hall on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. Here's an opportunity to get the facts on how NH funds our schools, exactly how the state contributes, and how this impacts our property taxes. Come to the presentation created by Andru Volinsky and John Tobin and learn. This way we can all be accurately informed and bring ideas to the table. Surely we all value education, so let's use these facts to problem solve and help each community flourish with a more fair system.

Jill Duffield
Wolfeboro

Boys' State and Girls' State around the corner

To the Editor:

It is the time of year that parents start thinking about summer programs for their children.

I would like to tell you of a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls that have completed their junior year of high school.

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary have a program for each (girls and boys) called ALA Granite Girls' State and Granite Boys' State.

Boys' State and ALA Girls' State is a mythical state where the young men and women learn town, city, county and state government by active participation in the running of their town, or city, and county and then they all go on to learn how to write bills and in the later part of the week they actually go into House and Senate sessions to discuss the bills they have prepared. They learn by actually running for the various offices, holding elections, and holding mock meetings. It is a very intense week of learning for both the boys and girls. There are some differences in the two programs but the learning is the same. Two from each program will be selected to attend Boys'

Nation and Girls' Nation, with all expenses paid by the National Organization.

We know that most programs cost parents a lot of money, however, ALA Girls' State and Boys' State is funded by the American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units across the state. There is a process fee of \$50 for the girls and \$25 for the boys that might have to be paid by the parent. Some posts and units might pay that or reimburse it after the boy or girl attends the sessions.

There are scholarships that are given out. Some are for small amounts, however, when seeking a higher education, every penny adds up. The most important of which is the SamSung Scholarship. There is one given by the national organization for approximately \$1,000 to a Boys' State and ALA Girls' State citizen from every state. Those go on to be judged by the National American Legion Education Committee and they award up to six scholarships of up to

\$20,000 each year.

This year's session of ALA Granite Girls' State is being held at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge and Granite Boys' State is being held at St. Anselm's College in Goffstown. Both are to be held the week of June 23.

Interested parents/students can go online to legionnh.org and click on the appropriate box to get the applications. If you don't know of an American Legion Post in your area, you can mail the application, with the process fee to our department headquarters, which is listed on the application.

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Selectmen present governor's commendation to Bickford family

NEW DURHAM — At the March 25, select board meeting, the select board presented the Bickford family, "a commendation" issued by Governor Chris Sununu, to George Everett Bickford for his community service to his country and New Durham, with his US



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NEW DURHAM Select Board Chair David Swenson, Barbara Lemire, David Bickford, G. Tom Bickford, Fire Chief/State Rep. Peter Varney, Autumn Lee Bickford, Amelia Bickford and Selectman Dorothy Veisel.

Navy Service, during which he was part of D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach, 42 years of fire department service, with 10 years as the town's fire chief, three years as deputy forest fire warden. Bickford also served as President of the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid Association. He also served as the Trustee of Trust Funds and the Supervisor of the Strafford County Soil Conservation District. New Durham Fire Chief and State Rep. Peter Varney made the request to Governor Sununu for his consideration in the commendation.

Learn new things with Alton Parks and Recreation

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual egg hunt for children up to 10 years old at B&M Railroad Park on Saturday, April 13. The Easter Bunny will be at the hunt handing out surprises. Bring a camera for great photo opportunities. Rain location is inside at the Alton Bay Community Center. Bring a container to collect your eggs in, and arrive at the following times: ages infant-three years - 9 a.m.; ages 4-7 - 9:30 a.m.; and ages 8-10- 10 a.m. The event is free to all Alton residents. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

name, phone number and complete physical address. Free yard sale maps will be available after May 24.

Cultural programs - Learning new things

Lake Scene Paint Night

Join community members for a fun painting event on Thursday, May 23, at the Pearson Road Community Center, 6 p.m. Fee includes all supplies and instruction. Make your own painting of an outdoor lake scene. Step by step instructions will be provided for all levels of abilities, especially beginners. Ages 18 and up. Bring snacks if you'd like. No alcohol please. Registration is now open and is limited. Registration forms are available online at www.alton.nh.gov. Deadline to register is May 1.

course knowing basic techniques that will allow them to thrive on their own. Teen class for ages 12-17 is from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Adult class for 18 years and older is 5:30-6:15 p.m. Lessons are held on Thursdays, June 27-July 25 (no class July 4). Registration forms are available online at www.alton.nh.gov.

Beginner ukulele lessons

Looking to play an instrument that is fun and easy, try the ukulele. Lessons will be held with Mr. Neveu at the Pearson Road Community Center for ages 10 and up on Tuesdays, June 25-July 23 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Learn easy chords, simple strumming and play entertaining songs that will make you smile. Registration forms are available online at www.alton.nh.gov.

ty Tree Park Tennis Courts, Aug. 5-8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of tennis during this four-day camp. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov.

Exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston is Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

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

Weight Training class, free classes in May. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Class starts May 13. Bring a yoga mat and one set of free weights between three and eight pounds.

Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its 22nd annual town wide yard sale on Saturday, June 1, rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to participate by having a yard sale at your house contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov before May 6 with your yard sale location. When calling please include your

Beginner guitar lessons

Learn how to play the guitar with Mr. Neveu. Lessons will be held at the Pearson Road Community Center and will feature instruction in basic and common chords applied to simple, classic rock songs. Also, single note melodies and strumming patterns. Students will finish the

Specialty camps-teaching life skills

Archery camp for ages 6-14 at Prospect Mountain High School, June 26-28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn the basics of archery in this hands on class. Sign up by May 24. Registration forms available online at www.alton.nh.gov. Tennis camp for ages 5-14 at Liber-



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 139 calls for service during the week of March 24-30, including five arrests.

One male subject was arrested for simple assault.

One female subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

Two subjects were arrested for possession and use of tobacco products by minors.

One male subject was arrested for felonious sexual assault.

There was one mo-

tor vehicle accident.

There was one suspicious person/activity report on East Side Drive.

Police made 34 motor vehicle stops and handled five motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 98 other calls for services that consisted of the following: Two assist fire department, one fraudulent action, two employment fingerprinting, two assist other agencies, three animal complaints, four juvenile incidents, two

domestic complaints, two general assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, three alarm activations, two lost/found properties, two highway/roadway hazard reports, four general information, two harassment, two untimely/suicide/homicide, one civil matter, one wellness check, three community programs, one drug destruction, 35 directed patrols, one motor vehicle lockout, 13 property checks and nine paperwork services.

NHEC announces summer rate decrease

REGION — Driven by a decrease in the seasonal cost of energy, summer period electric bills will be going down by nearly six percent for most members of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC).

Effective with bills rendered May 1, the Co-op Power portion of members' bills (the cost of actual energy) will decrease by 13 percent, while the Regional Access Charge (the cost of transmission grid services) will decrease by four percent. The result for the typical residential member using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month will be an overall bill decrease of 5.7 percent, or \$6.33 per month. The typical residential member using

1,000 kWh per month will see a total bill decrease of 6.6 percent, or \$12.65 per month. The new summer period rate is less than one percent higher than the 2018 summer period rate.

The rate reductions were approved on March 26 by the NHEC Board of Directors, continuing an annual pattern of higher power costs in the winter months and lower power costs in the summer months. One of the main reasons for this is the seasonal variations in the regional wholesale price of natural gas, which is used to generate approximately half of the electricity produced in New England.

Over the past several years, electric rates during the six-month summer period (May 1 - Oct. 31) have been substantially lower than the winter period. Natural gas demand in-

creases sharply during the winter months due to its use as a heating fuel. This increased demand drives up the cost of generating electricity. This can also lead to constraints in the region's natural gas pipeline infrastructure leading to price spikes during cold spells, further impacting the cost of electricity.

The May 1 rate change results in a 13 percent decrease in the Co-op Power rate, from \$0.09256 to \$0.08088 per kilowatt hour (kWh) and a four percent decrease in the Regional Access Charge, from \$0.02501 to \$0.02404 per kWh. A complete list of NHEC rates and fees is available under the Rates and Tariffs menu at www.nhec.com.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 85,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.



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Mock trial team

Area homeschoolers recently completed a mock trial class with Carroll County Attorney Michaela Andruzzi. After studying witness statements and evidence about a fictional case, students prepared cases for the prosecution and the defendant, taking on various roles such as trial attorneys and witnesses, and held a mock trial. Students learned about the basics of evidence, how a case proceeds through the justice system, and the various components to a trial. Lawyers from the county attorney's office assisted the group, and students had an opportunity to learn from guest speakers Superior Court Judge Amy Ignatius and Court Clerk Jean Banks about their roles. Pictured, front row (l to r), Elsa Kantz, Caeli Drumme, Anna Mansfield, County Attorney Michaela Andruzzi, Anya Nicoll. Back row (l to r), Alice Kappes, Madeline Barcelona, Beth Marsh, Cora Nicoll, Abbi VanBrun, Nathan Barcelona, Luke Cassidy. Not in photo is Cody Claus.

ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020

Registration for the 2019-2020 Alton Central School kindergarten class will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 from 8:00 to 1:00pm for SAU #72, please call for an appointment.

Students must be 5 years old by September 30, 2019. The child's birth certificate and immunization records should be brought to Kindergarten registration. If your child has had her/his physical recently, please bring it to the registration. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call Sonya Kelly, Administrative Assistant to the Special Education Director, at 875-9302.



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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	43 Chickadee Lane	Mobile Home	\$200,000	George W. and Joyce K. Murphy	Alan Kopka
Alton	22 Frohock Brook Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$205,000	Rori M. Boyce-Werner	Bryana A. and Zachary T. Granquist
Alton	85 Larry Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$160,000	Joseph R. Marquis and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	JP Morgan Chase Bank NA
Alton	N/A (Lot 5b)	N/A	\$260,000	Timothy Quick 2010 Trust	John A. Farrer RET
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$185,000	30 Brady Way LLC	Keith J. Bousquet
New Durham	254 Ridge Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$295,000	Patricia M. Luckern	Derek M. Clough

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.

Mindfulness session at library on Saturday

NEW DURHAM — "One thing common to all of us is stress in our lives," said New Durham Public Library's Director Cathy Allyn. "It's become a mission with us to provide a variety of ways to reduce emotional and physical tension. When stress lessens, there can be a major positive effect on our health."

Mindfulness builds the skills of self-awareness and brings your attention to experiences occurring in the present moment. This can help you find resilience, a form of emotional self-defense.

Liz Korabek-Emer-

son, who led a series of mindfulness sessions at the library last year, returns this Saturday at 1 p.m. for a free two-hour workshop that will include a guided meditation and discussion of how to use our thoughts to respond to our lives, even under difficult conditions.

"We'll explore topics such as putting things in perspective, discerning between avoidable and unavoidable stress, and accepting change," Korabek-Emer-son said.

No experience is necessary and participants are welcome to ask questions.

Learn how to take

a real break to reduce stress and improve well-being at this workshop. Registration is not necessary, nor is membership in the library.

"We want as many people as possible to take advantage of this opportunity," Allyn said. "Liz has a proven track record with us regarding making small changes that make a big difference."

Tai Chi is another form of stress reduction that is offered at the library on Wednesdays at noon. No experience is necessary and anyone can join the

classes at any time.

Yoga returns on Wednesdays at 8:40 a.m. beginning April

17. The class is for beginners, those with health issues, or who need to do chair yoga.

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information on these programs.

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Carpenter School
(603) 569-3457
Tuesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 9, 2019
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
please call for an appointment

Effingham Elementary School
(603) 539-6032
Friday, May 3, 2019
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
please call for an appointment

New Durham School
(603) 859-2061
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
please call for an appointment

Ossipee Central School
(603) 539-4589
Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19, 2019
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
please call for an appointment

Tuftonboro Central School
(603) 569-2050
Thursday, April 11, 2019
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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OBITUARY

Babette Ann Mercier-Stealy

School bus driver

ALTON — Babette Ann Mercier-Stealy age 53 of Bowman Road, died March 30 at her home.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y. on Feb. 20, 1966, she was the daughter of Douglas D. Mercier and Carol Ann (Oberle) Hall. She was raised in Sandown, graduated from Calvary Christian School of Derry. She also resided in Wilton and recently in Alton for 10 years.

Babette was a school bus driver for First Student of Belmont, a member of the Teamster Union Local 633 of Manchester. She enjoyed crocheting and snowmobiling along with "back-



packing" on her snowmobile.

Survived by her parents Douglas D. Mercier of Lyndeboro, and Car-

ol Ann Hall of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; her other half, Jon P. Temple of Alton; son Tyler A.L. Stealy and significant other Ashley Emery of Northfield; daughter Pilar and husband Jacob Goodell of Troy; brother Brandan W. Mercier of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; three grandchildren, Emily, Hannah, and Lucas, several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, 12 School St. Alton. To express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

S A G A M O R E BEACH, Mass. — Kimberly Ann Crowley (Breen), 51, of Sagamore Beach, Mass. passed away unexpectedly at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston on March 23. She was born to Bill and Judy (Woolridge) Breen in 1967 and grew up in Burlington, Mass.

Kim attended Burlington High School, and attended Worcester State College. She was in the banking field for over 20 years; most recently, she was the assistant manager at TD Bank in Sandwich, Mass. Kim loved spending time at the

Kimberly Ann Crowley

Enjoyed the lake



beach with her family and friends. Another favorite activity was visiting family and enjoying the lake in New Hampshire. She recently took up golf and ran in local road races with friends and colleagues. Kim's smile was a gift for all to see, and its beauty was matched only by her incredible kindness.

Kim is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Robert Crowley, and their two children, Colin and Breanne Crowley, all of Sagamore Beach;

her parents, Bill and Judy Breen of Alton; a sister, Shirley Breen; nieces, Ashley Breen, and Shelby Saunders, all of Plaistow; mother and father-in-laws, Kitty and Bob Crowley, Sr., of Sagamore Beach; and brother-in-law Tim Crowley of Sagamore Beach. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Visiting hours were held on Saturday, March 30, at Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, Bourne, Mass., with a funeral service following at noon in the funeral home. Burial followed at Oakland Grove Cemetery in Bourne, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Kimberly's name to the Special Olympics at <https://give.specialolympics.org> or at Special Olympics, 1133 19th Street NW Washington, DC 20036.

For directions and online condolences, please visit www.nickersonbournefuneralhome.com.

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Inverted



BY MARK PATTERSON

A Phenomenon has occurred within the fixed income or bond market. It is not that this has not happened before, because it has on several occasions. Not always, but it is thought to be a precursor or indicator of a slowing economy. This phenomenon is known as an inverted yield curve.

A typical yield curve has short term

rates lower than longer term rates. For instance, the one-year treasury note may have an interest rate of 1 percent and a 5 year at 2 percent and a ten year at 3 percent — in other words, the longer you commit money, the more it pays you.

In an inverted yield curve, you have the opposite, like now, the one-month note is 2.45 percent, the 2 year note at 2.26 percent, the 5 year at 2.23 percent and the ten year at 2.41 percent. While this is slightly inverted, one could say it is flat. So why does this happen?

The Federal reserve bank controls interest rates on the extreme short end of the curve. They can control the overnight lending rate, bank to

bank. However, this bleeds over to the very near-term rates like the one-month rate, or rates that your credit card charges you.

Once you get farther out on the curve, like the two year through 30-year bond, which is then traded based on economic outlook and potential inflation. That is why the, if interest rates are moved up too quickly by the Federal reserve bank, it can stall an economy and push our business cycle output negative which is really the essence of a recession.

Like I said earlier, a recession is not guaranteed by a flat or inverted yield curve, just a potential indicator by the bond traders that the economy may be slowing, traders then start to buy bonds which drives interest rates down. Bond prices and interest rates are inverse to each other.

Housing prices and refinancing had begun to slow awhile back due primarily to higher rates. So may-

be with longer term rates, like the ten year note down to about 2.4 percent from a recent 3.25 percent high, we may see housing pick up again along with some refinancing of existing mortgages.

The Federal reserve bank raises interest rates to quell inflation and lowers to increase liquidity and stimulate growth, but it is all a balancing act to attempt a not too hot or too cold economy.

Servicing our national debt of over \$22 trillion becomes more expensive when rates are higher, so these lower rates may be a good thing on the longer end of the curve.

If we do go into recession it doesn't mean that it would be a deep recession like 2008-2009. It could be a shallow trough that leads to the next peak!

Mark Patterson is an Advisor with MHP Asset Management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark @mhp-as-set.com.

Kenneth Lloyd Graf

Huggins Hospital volunteer

WOLFEBORO — Kenneth Lloyd Graf 89, of Camp School Road, died March 26 at his home in Wolfeboro.

Born in Huntington Station, N.Y., Jan. 26, 1930, he was the son of the late Richard A. and Frances (DeStefano) Graf. He lived in Huntington Long Island for many years while summering in Wolfeboro. After his retirement, he wintered in Naples, Fla. and summered in Wolfeboro moving to Wolfeboro permanently four years ago.

Ken owned the Graf Insurance Agency in Huntington Station for more than 40 years. He was a past president of the Huntington United Fund, he founded the Huntington Insurance Agents Association and was one of the founding members of the Huntington Station Kiwanis Club. He volunteered handing out beach passes for the Naples, Fla. Police Department and also at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro. Ken was a parishioner at St. Katharine Drexel Church in

Alton.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Barbara (Karp) Graf of Wolfeboro; a son Kenneth L. Graf Jr. of Lanesboro, Mass.; two daughters, Mary M. Graf-De Los Reyes of Huntington, N.Y., Anne F. Jamie-son of Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.; a sister, Muriel Baze of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; three grandchildren, James L. Graf, Thomas F. Graf, Robert Jamie-son Jr. and his beloved dog, Max.

A Memorial Mass was Wednesday, April 3, at St. Katharine Drexel Church, Alton.

Burial will be in South Wolfeboro Cemetery later this spring.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Central NH VNA and Hospice.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home in Wolfeboro is in charge of arrangements. To leave the family a brief message, a note of condolence and sign an online guest book, go to www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

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PANTRY

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have made a noticeable improvement already," said a volunteer.

The main concern, however, is with the outside. "The clapboards are in terrible shape," Berry said. "Once the siding is on, that will help with the heat loss, too."

The food pantry will be installing vinyl on the main building. "The less care, the better for us," Berry said.

Volunteers have their hands full already with the work they do supplying food. Although feeding those in need began on a small scale about 50 years ago, the formal establishment of the New Durham Food Pantry as a state charitable organization took place in 1994.

In 2009, it was designated as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and is currently a member agency in good standing with the New Hampshire Food Bank, following its guidelines regarding food distribution and income.

Through the years, the New Durham Food Pantry has served hundreds of families, and volunteers handle every aspect. No matter the weather, drivers pick up at Hannaford's in Alton twice a week, at Barrington every two months to load up government food, and at the NH Food Bank in Manchester several times a year, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Clients receive canned and fresh food, paper products, and toothbrushes and toothpaste. When there are new additions to a family, the pantry provides diapers and baby food.

New Durham School, the PTO, and Cub and Boy Scouts hold food drives to supplement the donated, federal surplus, and commercially purchased food the pantry distributes every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Food donations can be dropped at the pantry Saturday mornings or by calling Berry at 817-0372.

The volunteers do not stop at supplying physical sustenance, though. They also or-



CATHY ALLYN

VOLUNTEERS work on renovations to the New Durham Food Pantry building at 5 Main Street in New Durham. Now that the charitable organization owns the structure, donated funds are being used to replace the windows and siding. New doors and insulation will be the next step. The weekly food pantry provides ongoing food assistance for an average of 118 residents monthly and operates the Wish Upon a Start Christmas gift program.

ganize the Wish Upon a Star Christmas gift program, a town-wide effort that this past holiday season provided toys and warm clothing to 80 children and senior citizens.

The pantry was also one of several sponsors of the Senior Holiday Luncheon in December.

There is no doubt that the agency is a vi-

tal component of the community, but without the building, the program was in jeopardy. The pantry needed the space to store food and accommodate the number of people it serves. Some space needs are government mandated; government food cannot be mixed with any other food and must be kept off of the floor.

Support for the building fund established to buy the building was so considerable that the funds for the new windows and siding are coming from that.

"It's all from donations," Berry said.

Tax-deductible checks can be sent to the New Durham Food Pantry, PO Box 156, New Durham, NH, 03855. Berry added

that if people want to donate specifically to the building improvements, they can note that as a memo on their check.

New doors and insulation are next on the list, and eventually interior painting will be done.

For now, it's a small team of men that is working periodically. Dave Austin doesn't

even live in town, although he is "good buddies" with another volunteer, and he's pitching in.

"It's my civic duty to help out," he explained.

Resident Frank Alden said he is giving his time because "it's the right thing to do. The food pantry does a lot for the community, so it's the least I can do."

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Children of all abilities love and thrive during a summer camp experience. Summer camp allows for time away from home, meeting new people, creating lasting friendships, sleeping under the stars, and the endless opportunities to try something new! For some children this can be a challenge. Children with special needs are not always



able to attend camp because their unique needs make it difficult. However, at Easterseals Camp Sno-Mo, campers with special needs are able to have a truly amazing experience is a

safe, adaptive, and caring environment.

Additionally, our campers participate in activities offered by the Boy Scouts. These activities are those you



will find at many traditional summer camp programs throughout the country and include aquatics (swimming and boating), riflery, archery, hiking, ecology, first aid, high and low ropes courses with a zip line, camp crafts, and more.

Sno-Mo Campers participate alongside Scout campers to complete requirements to earn their badges. They form friendships and memories while working together. This partnership allows our

campers to enjoy a traditional camping experience where the possibilities are endless.

Our caring staff receive extensive training on therapeutic crisis intervention, medical/water safety and first aid/CPR ensuring our campers enjoy a safe and meaningful camp experience. Sno-Mo staff hail from many countries and bring their culture and experiences with them. By providing a safe environment, we enable our campers to challenge themselves to learn and grow, develop confidence, and discover how much they can achieve.

A perfect example of this is embodied in Alex's story. Alex is a long-time Sno-Mo

camper who uses a wheelchair and walks with a crutch. He is also living proof that you are only limited by the limits you place on yourself.

Once summer Alex has a conversation with his one-on-one camp staff Jessica. Alex had indicated that he wanted to hike Mt. Shannon while at camp. Given his mobility limitations, we knew this would require some creative thinking but brainstormed the possibilities because Alex was adamant about doing the hike with his crutches! Mt. Shannon is 1,400 feet above sea level and, at certain points, can be a little tricky to navigate especially near the summit.

After much discussion **More on page 2**



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For more information about Easterseals NH Camp Sno-Mo, please contact Camp Director Robert Kelly at rkelly@eastersealsnh.org.

sion, we determined that if we could come up with a plan that would allow Alex to safely do this then we would make this dream come true. Within a matter of hours, we devised a well-thought-out and concise plan for Alex to tackle the climb.

Not only did Alex climb up and down Mt. Shannon unaided, he has repeated the feat each summer thereafter with staff nearby for support. When we recognized Alex's accomplishment at the dining hall during our next meal, his fellow Camp Sno-Mo and Boy Scout campers, gave Alex a very well deserved

standing ovation. It was one of those moments in time where you remember where you were when it happened. It was simply inspirational.

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Preschool open house in Wolfeboro April 13

WOLFEBORO — A community-wide preschool open house will be held Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon in Wolfeboro. Families will have the chance to tour the classrooms and meet the teachers at the Wolfeboro Nursery School, Magic Moments Preschool and The Children's Center.

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Wolfeboro Nursery School will offer a program for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon; they will offer a program for ages 4-5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Full day

options will also be available.

The program is under the direction of Alison Hutchins, who took on the role of lead teacher and center director in 2015. Hutchins earned her associate degree in early childhood education from the University of Tampa and continued her education in Colorado. Before coming to the Wolfeboro Nursery School, she worked in early childhood education for seven years. She is certified in CPR and first aid.

The Wolfeboro Nursery School is located at 258 South

Main St. (in All Saints Church), Wolfeboro. For more information, visit wolfeboronurseryschool.org.

Magic Moments Preschool is a collaboration between The Lakes Region Technology Center's Careers in Education Program and The Children's Center. For 2019-2020, the lab preschool classroom will operate Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Technology Center during the Governor Wentworth Regional School District school calendar year. Children ages 3 to 5 may attend anywhere from

two to five days. Child care will be available in the classroom from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The program is under the direction of Tanya Mills, an experienced Children's Center teacher, who has worked at the center since 2001. Mills earned an associate degree in behavioral studies from Granite State College, and her Early Childhood Master Teacher level from the NH Child Development Bureau. She is certified in CPR and first aid.

Magic Moments is located at 396 South Main St., (in the Lakes

Region Technology Center) Wolfeboro.

The Children's Center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and offers a full preschool curriculum built into a child's day. The center also has a special education team that provides services including speech and occupational therapy. For 2019-2020, the center will have five preschool classrooms divided by age. Children may attend anywhere from two to five days. Meals and snacks are provided.

The Licensed Plus, center-based program is under the direction

of Jana Bush, who first started at the center in 1995. Bush has taught children in the preschool and kindergarten programs as well as in the infant/toddler program. She earned an associate degree in early childhood education from the College of Lifelong Learning. She is certified in CPR and first aid.

The Children's Center is located at 180 South Main St., Wolfeboro. For more program information about the center or Magic Moments Preschool, call 569-1027 or visit thechildrenscen-ternh.org.

PANTRY

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of Girl Scouting. Girls explore a wide range of interests along their Journeys - everything from the arts to the outdoors and, of course, STEM."

Hussey came packing - with batteries.

Hussey explained that batteries, and solar cells all produce what's called direct current (DC). The positive and negative terminals of a battery are always positive and negative. Current always flows in the same direction between those two nodes.

"So it's like a loop," suggested one of the scouts.

"Exactly, and it's called a circuit," Hussey noted.

To demonstrate how electricity works, she brought in Christmas tree bulbs. In small groups, the girls attached wires to either end of a battery. As the bulbs went alight, the girls' faces began to glow.

Shortly thereafter, Hussey gave the scouts sections of two bulbs. She asked the girls to perform the same experiment. But before doing so, she asked them to form a hypothesis.

A Scout leader asked the girls if they knew what this word meant. One of the girls raised her hand and said, "It's like when you think something is going to happen, but you need to do an experiment to prove it."

"Exactly," Hussey said. So the experiment



TIANA FOWLER (left) looks on as Shaelyn Maynard experimented with a household battery and a Christmas light during a recent electrical experiment during last week's Girl Scouts meeting. The session at New Durham School was led by PMHS science teacher Caitlin Hussey. The girls learned about the distinction between alternating and direct electrical currency.

proceeded.

As the girls hooked up their pairs of bulbs, she asked, "Do you think the bulbs will be

as bright?"

Most of the girls said the bulbs would be dimmer.

When it came to go time, each bulb put off less wattage.

"There's just less juice for each one," Hussey summarized.

She next delved into the topic of solar energy. She said that three percent of the sun's output could supply all of our energy needs.

Holding up a cell-phone-sized device, Hussey said that small amounts of solar energy can power small house-

hold appliances. She said that many devices use silicon to capture and store energy.

Hussey noted that entire households can largely be powered by solar. She said that that start-up expenses can be spendy, but that there are government programs that can help offset costs to individual consumers.

Hussey said that the pitch of most area homes is conducive to gathering solar energy.

"It's a great alternative," Hussey said. She added that some

electricity comes from incinerators that burn rubbish to crank turbines; some use fossil fuels. "So, it's better to use the free sun than have to burn things and put smoke in the air."

Hussey added that there are new products coming to market to help people harness the sun's energy. Most folks are familiar with the current dark-tinged solar panels. She noted that new panels will be clear as glass and can be installed as sun windows. She summarized, "They'll allow light into

your house and also power your toaster."

The session concluded with a demonstration on how various forms of energy can converge to propel a missile hundreds of feet into the distance.

Wielding a pink PVC pipe gun, Hussey explained that she would combine a combustible gas and an electric charge to create kinetic energy. The objective was to propel a projectile into the woods behind New Durham School.

These devices are typically known as potato guns, but Hussey's ammo of choice last Friday were some MacIntosh apples.

She noted that she and her fiance built matching guns when they met.

Ensuring that none of the girls were all in a "safe zone" - that is behind the tip of the muzzle - Hussey sprayed in some aerosol hairspray into the rear chamber.

Thence thereafter, clad in a pair of safety goggles, she sprayed in a dose of aerosol hairspray before stuffing down her apple. The chamber is equipped with a switch that produces an electric spark, which ignites the chamber fuel. The ensuing combustion launches the propellant skyward.

Most of the girls attend this school, and they watched in wonder as that apple soared over their swing sets over into the woodlands in the distance. (Program coordinators ensured that the play yard was not being used at the time).

This was a return visit as a volunteer to the Scouts for Hussey.

"These girls are so curious and engaged," she said.

The program was organized by volunteers with the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains. The organization's web site is girlscoutsgwm.org.

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The Ghost in the Meadow opens this weekend at Village Players Theater

WOLFEBORO — The Ghost in the Meadow, by Joe Simonelli, opens on Friday, April 5, at the Village Players Theater. Priscilla Adams is directing the

COURTESY PHOTO (Right) KYLIE (Kaylin Dean, seated) has a reaction to something she's read as Sheila (Kimmi Adjutant), Antoinette (Meggin Dail) and Julian (Jordan Canney) look on in *The Ghost in the Meadow* rehearsals. The show opens this weekend.



New Durham couple named MMRG Conservationists of the Year

WOLFEBORO — More than 100 area residents flocked to hear Dr. Jennifer Jacobs speak on climate change at the Annual Meeting of local land trust Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG). The Inn on Main in Wolfeboro was the sparkling venue of this festive occasion, which also featured a silent auction, dinner, recognitions, a brief business meeting, and an update on MMRG's current conservation projects.

Jacobs is a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of New Hampshire and Founder and Director of The Infrastructure and Climate Network. She served as lead author for the Transportation Sector Chapter of the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4), released last November; chapters may be downloaded from nca2018.globalchange.gov/. On this occasion, Jacobs spoke on "2018's Most Significant Climate Report and What It Means to New Hampshire."

Although the title sounded weighty, the content of Jacobs' talk was highly accessible. Several audience members commented that she presented the material in easy talking points that they could pass on. Indeed, Jacob's final message was that the most important thing people can do is to start talking about climate change instead of avoiding the topic, as do 75 percent of polled U.S. residents.

For example, snow is a common subject of conversation and important to the New England economy. Jacobs pointed out that not just snowfall but snowflakes are being affected by climate change. One memorable photo showed a seemingly engorged snowflake grown to excess size as it fell through alternating cold and warm atmospheric layers. Scientists want a better understanding of how such differently-shaped flakes affect snow melting, which in turn may impact water resources and landscape. The public can assist in this research by participating in the Citizen Science X-Snow project.

Another example close to home is the recent decline in Eastern white pines due to a native pathogenic fungus. A complex story links a combination of environmental factors: increased precipitation in the



MMRG Vice Chair Lorrie Drake addresses Annual Meeting guests.



CONSERVATIONISTS of the Year Victor Piekarski and Gloria Switalski, seated at dinner.

Northeast caused by the warming atmosphere allows the moisture-loving fungus to take hold while a depletion of forest soil nutrients caused by acid rain stresses the pines so they cannot fight off the fungus. Pines swathed in brown and dying needles are the result.

Jacobs also gave a timely reminder that the inevitable NH mud season has been exacerbated by increasingly extreme freeze-thaw cycles, produced by climate warming. Not only do these cycles affect residents' good humor, they also impact trees and other plants whose early buds may freeze. Beech and red oak are particularly vulnerable; as a consequence, NH forests may transition to birch and conifer species that can better withstand such cycles.

MMRG's Annual Meeting is an occasion for recognizing many individuals' contributions. Vice Chair Lorrie Drake relayed the important accomplishments of former Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns, who recently stepped down.

Connaughton-Burns spoke in appreciation of MMRG's many conservation partners, including Southeast

Land Trust of New Hampshire and Merrymeeting Lake Association, who helped make the Birch Ridge Community Forest project come to fruition. Interim Executive Director Dan Coons thanked the numerous dedicated volunteers who serve on MMRG's Board of Directors and town conservation commissions and help at MMRG outreach events.

Landowners Victor Piekarski and Gloria Switalski were lauded by Coons for their easement donation, which allowed their WidowMaker Farm in New Durham to be conserved. The two received MMRG's Conservationist-of-the-Year award, which also cited them for welcoming MMRG's birdwatching and family nature groups onto their land, thus 'helping ensure there will be a new generation of conservationists'.

MMRG's Volunteer-of-the-Year award was bestowed on Milton resident Peg Hurd, who is a 'dynamo' member of MMRG's Special Events Committee. Retiring Director Emily Lord was recognized for her photography, social media expertise and a youthful perspective. Long-time

board treasurer Bruce Rich is also retiring. To honor him, board member Kam Damtoft penned and performed a humorous poetic recitation of Rich's many contributions, from overseeing MMRG's finances to parking duty at MMRG's annual festival.

Dr. Jacobs commended MMRG, as well, for its 'phenomenal work.' She pointed out that MMRG is already acting on goals set by the NH Wildlife Action Plan by taking resiliency and connectivity into consideration when prioritizing landscapes for conservation. Planning maps and conservation goals incorporating these criteria are part of MMRG's Conservation Action Plan, available at www.mmrg.info.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways works to conserve and connect important water resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land in Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfboro. MMRG would like to thank D.F. Richard Energy for underwriting the event and business supporters Lilac Printing and Megan Henderson, Consulting Forester.



ANTOINETTE (Meggin Dail) and Julian (Jordan Canney) try to get spirits to leave the house during rehearsals for *The Ghost in the Meadow*, which opens at the Village Players Theater this weekend.

production assisted by Joshua Spaulding. Show dates are April 5, 6, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m. and two matinees on April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale online at www.village-players.com, or at Black's Paper and Gifts, Main Street Wolfboro. (Please note the 7:30 p.m. start time for evening performances.)

The play features a small ensemble cast including Sheila Roberts, played by Kimberly Adjutant, Kylie Roberts, played by Kaylin Dean, Julian Shaw, played by Jordan Canney, Antoinette (a psychic), played by Meggin Dail, Kathrynne (a ghost), played by Michaela Andruzzi, and Pastor (a ghost), played by Corky Mork. The play is produced by Catherine Heffernan Collins. Paul Stewart is stage manager.

Many theories exist about why spirits of the dead remain earthbound. Some claim that spirit is too attached to a particular place or thing or person to ascend to the astral plane. For others, the concept of unfinished business as an explanation holds appeal.

As mentioned last week, many have had brushes with spirit. The Ghost in the Meadow is sponsored in part by Bruce and Kris Gural.

times people feel a presence. Those who pursue the paranormal insist that spirits interfere with electromagnetic fields and are therefore detectable using sophisticated equipment.

The Ghost in the Meadow features three ghosts: a small boy, a grown but young woman, Kathrynne, (Michaela Andruzzi) and the Pastor (Corky Mork). The three are connected by incident. Some of them are none too pleased that corporeal beings Sheila and Kylie Roberts, (Kimmi Adjutant and Kaylin Dean) have come to live in the house they haunt. The spirits show themselves during a power outage. The door to the attic remains locked no matter what the sisters do. Things come to a head when a medium, Antoinette, (Meggin Dail) is brought in to remove them from the house.

Adams, in her directorial debut, selected this play because she felt "it spoke to her." Audiences will surely appreciate the effects of displeased spirits, but there is a love story here as well. The Ghost in the Meadow is wonderful entertainment.

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Belknap County Republicans to hear from Steve Stepanek

LACONIA — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) is holding their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laconia VFW, 143 Court St, Laconia.

Stephen Stepanek, the recently elected chairman of the New

Hampshire Republican State Committee, will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Chairman Stepanek will discuss his strategic plan for the 2020 election with the goal of winning back majorities in the NH House, Senate, and Executive Council, as well as re-electing

Governor Sununu and President Trump. He will also be discussing his expectations of the members of the Belknap Committee in order to achieve the objectives of the state committee.

Last month a number of new visitors/prospective members

attended the BCRC meeting, so members of the committee are again encouraged to bring a friend (or two) to this month's meeting with the goal of increasing their membership with people from all age groups, and in particular young Republicans from 18 to 40

years of age.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. The committee suggests that you arrive as early as 5:30 p.m. to socialize with other members.

The committee encourages its members

to continue to bring non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries.

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

BRIDGE

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like the plain white pipes that were common at the time, these vessels bore a glossy brownish glaze.

The John Taber Pottery Company in East Alton was in existence from 1864 to ca. 1872 before moving to another location. Several examples of their work have been excavated as far away as Vancouver and San Juan Island Belle Vue - now a National Park and a former sheep farm that was worked by Americans, Englishmen, and Hawaiians. According to the National Park website, these Alton-made artifacts are "common at archaeological sites in the Western United States, dating from the 1860s to the early 1870s."

The site notes that the pipes consist of a red-tan terracotta material with a brown overglaze. One example depicts the likeness of president Millard Fillmore. The site notes, "Most 'President' or 'Campaign' pipes are the stub-type with a removable stem, though some pipes are more properly referred to as commemorative pipes, especially those representing past presidents such as Washington."

But back to the bridges.

One probably could have leapt across Beaver Brook during a recent thaw. This tributary, which flows from Gilman's Pond into Roberts Cove on the



MARK FOYNES

THIS DEPRESSION-era concrete bridge over Beaver Brook was built over a pre-existing dry-masonry structure, defined by stone pedestals and a dominating granite lintel near Roberts Cove. The original bridge was sufficient for perhaps a century, when horses and wagons traversed the span. The dawn of the automotive age meant that heavier vehicles with heavier loads needed to cross the brook. Officials, perhaps in a nod to the original structure's significance, opted to keep it in place and build a new bridge above it. A local historian noted that this was part of the original Route 28 before the state reconfigured the roadway.

Big Lake, is perhaps four feet in width.

The current overpass consists of a pair of concrete pillars and an underside of wood, reinforced by steel. Cornelissen had architectural sketches that show that grading needed to be done in the 1920s to accommodate for the pitch; keeping the old bridge in place meant that road-level adjustments needed to be made to allow the superstructure to be built.

Historical accounts date the "modern" bridge to around 1929. This was the age of the Model-A - a time when mechanized travel was on the upswing. This development resulted in higher weightloads and the need for infrastructure improvements.

Cornelissen could not conclude why the original granite bridge was retained as the newer structure was built. His hunch was that it was for the sake

of sheer preservation, but he could not state this with absolute certainty.

Cornelissen noted that this section of Robert's Cove Road was once part of the original Route 28. Local and state sources reckon that the current highway was laid out in the middle of the last century.

Prior to that, folks trekking up from the south heading to Wolfeboro would travel from Farmington on the Bay Road, which becomes New Durham Road at the Alton line. Back then there was no Alton Circle, so motorists proceeded onto the Old Wolfeboro Road, which runs parallel to the current Route 28. Thence the route continued through East Alton until connecting onto what's now Roberts Cove Road. Prior to mid-century, this was a highly-trafficked bridge.

As car traffic expanded, it became clear that the old Antebellum stone bridge was not adequate anymore. So planners devised a solution.

While the Roberts Cove "bridge over bridge" configuration is distinctive, it is not unique in N.H.

Having visited the site, The Baysider was curious if this configuration is a one-of-a-kind. Talking with NHDOT spokesman Bill Boynton, he noted a similar example that can be found in New Ipswich - a 55' tall structure built in 1817. Down there can be found a pair of spans - one atop the other across the Souhegan River along what's now Route 123. The steel and concrete superstructure was built in 1957. A photo of that bridge is available on the DOT website. It should be noted that theirs is an arched bridge, where Alton's is a post and lintel structure.

In terms of the bridge's ongoing maintenance, The Baysider caught up with Road Agent Ken Roberts. He noted that he and his crew monitor the bridge, but that any work needs to be coordinated with the DOT.

"Yeah, you don't see things like this most anywhere, so it's really something special," Roberts said.

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The "reasons" for hunting get this guy's goat (again)

friend, sports, life back home with my real family. All that mattered was what was ahead and to either side, as far as peripheral vision would take me.

It was like stepping through a window, or parting a curtain, or maybe picking up a really, really good book. Nothing on the outside mattered, not worthy of thought. Every instinct I could bring to bear was focused on sound, sight, the detection of movement, what the ground was like for three steps ahead, whether my shotgun was clear to swing, which way a bird might fly if flushed.

It's all the very same today.

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Conservation organizations and lobbyists and legislators always seem to be trying to find reasons to explore the "why" of hunting. If it can't be measured, pigeon-holed, codified, and perfectly described, in purely scientific terms, it simply cannot exist.

The Wildlife Society, a mainstream national conservation

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



organization, recently ran a magazine article on coyote killing contests (and this is no joke---these contests are held in many states, including at least two right here in New Hampshire). Good for the Wildlife Society---but where are the other conservation organizations on this sordid little subject?

Yet even the Wildlife Society, with thousands of hunters as subscribers, and hunters serving on its Board, felt compelled to try to explain hunting, even as it put forth a noble effort to place the most distance possible between true, traditional hunting, and coyote killing contests.

Killing contests give all hunting a bad image, and are a graphic and bloody misuse of social media, the article noted. They are particularly offensive because "Some people view them as making a game of killing animals," and as "demon-



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This is a nice shot of a Western coyote mousing, in which it launches itself into the air in hopes of spotting some tiny creature (mouse, vole, shrew, etc.) and coming down to trap it with all four paws. While small animals of all kinds are coyotes' main food source, they also eat berries and fruit, and our bigger Eastern coyotes can and do take deer.

strating disrespect for and devaluing animals."

People who have been at registration and prize tables for coyote killing contests describe carcasses not even skinned out (a good pelt is worth only about \$30), tossed into the back of a truck or thrown in a heap atop a big pile of firewood. And some participants have posted celebratory pictures of them-

selves, their families, and their dead coyotes in social media.

The article points out that some people view coyote contests, erroneously, "as a potential management tool...to control predators and increase prey." Yet time and again, after decades of record-keeping and research, wildlife biologists have shown that killing Eastern coyotes has no significant effect on how many deer will be around in the fall.

Two things here: --If you wrap yourself in the flag of righteousness, you can say and get a "Yay!" about anything, even when you're wrong (coyotes are a very small factor in deer populations, the big hitters being



COURTESY PHOTO ROGER IRWIN

This is what a lot of hunters are out there looking for. Roger Irwin took this photo of a young buck looking right back over its trail, in fact looking right at Roger, somewhere in the woods of the Upper Connecticut River valley, probably somewhere in New Hampshire or Vermont.

the weather, the hunting season, and road kills). Envision Elmer Fudd here, or maybe Dudley Do-Right, wrapping themselves in the flag and stating their righteous mission: "To kill the big bad coyotes, and save the deer--for us."

--And nowhere in the labored "explanations" for hunting is there even a hint of that dreaded word "recreation"---because that would connote fun, or something like it. But maybe "re-

creation" is exactly right, the replenishment of spirit and soul, a harkening to an instinct that is alive and kicking, to the focus and the skill of a hunt that's ageless, an endeavor, passion, and pursuit that's just too complicated, fragile, and priceless to print.

(Please address mail, including phone numbers, to campguy-hooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Barnstead church hosting Easter Sunday service, breakfast

BARNSTEAD — When you think of Easter, numerous things can come to one's mind, Easter baskets, Easter eggs, Easter Bunnies as well as Easter egg hunts. Yet before these aspects of Easter came into the forefront, Easter was known as Resurrection Sunday, a day when Christians would celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Center Barnstead Christian Church will be celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 21, with a free breakfast

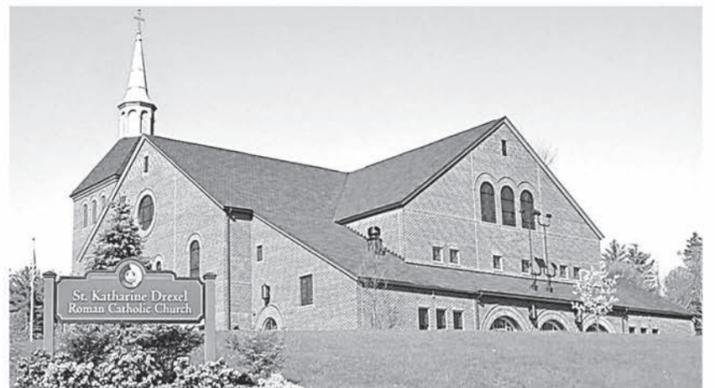
at the Barnstead Town Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. During the breakfast hour, Jennifer from Imajenation Photography will be taking family pictures for all that are interested. Everyone that comes to the breakfast will receive a free 8x10 portrait, with additional packages available for purchase.

During the 10 a.m. service, they will be looking at the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, answering the question, "What difference does it make?" The

children's program KFC (Kids For Christ), as well as a nursery will be available during the 10 a.m. service. All peoples and all faiths are invited to attend.

They hope to see you on Sunday, April 21, for the Easter breakfast and service. Center Barnstead Christian Church is located across from the Barnstead Town Hall. Any questions please call the church office at 269-8831 or go to <http://centerbarnsteadcc.org/>.

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- April 18, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19, Good Friday, The Passion of Our Lord, 7:00 p.m. (Ecumenical Service at All Saints Church in Wolfeboro at Noon)
- April 20, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- April 21, Easter Sunday Masses, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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School funding forum is April 17

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It will feature NH attorney John Tobin, who was a part of the legal team for the original Claremont school funding lawsuits and Ellen Phillips, a New

Durham resident and former literacy specialist in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District.

The forum will trace the history of school funding in NH and explain the existing inequalities. There will be a question and answer period. This event is free and open to the public.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

A full slate of games is on the schedule in the coming week, field conditions permitting.

The Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team is scheduled to host St. Thomas on Friday, April 5, will visit Sanborn on Monday, April 8, and Littleton on Thursday, April 11, all with 4 p.m. start times.

The Timber Wolf tennis boys will be hosting Berlin on Monday, April 8, Bishop Brady on Wednesday, April 10, and Littleton on Thursday, April 11, all with 4 p.m. start times.

The Prospect softball team will open the season at home against Gilford on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. and both the baseball and softball teams will be hosting Laconia at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

The Timber Wolf track team will be in action at Winnisquam on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m.

The unified track Timber Wolves will be at Portsmouth for a 3:30 p.m. meet on Tuesday, April 9.

The Kingswood tennis girls will be hosting Pembroke on Friday, April 5, and will be at Plymouth on Monday, April 8, both at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Portsmouth at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

The Knight boys' tennis team will be at Pembroke on Friday, April 5, and will be hosting Plymouth on Monday, April 8, both at 4 p.m. and will be at Portsmouth for a 4:30 p.m. match on Wednesday, April 10.

The Kingswood baseball and softball teams will be at Coe-Brown at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

The Kingswood girls' lacrosse team will be hosting Coe-Brown at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8, will be hosting Alvirne at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, and will be at Manchester Memorial at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

The Knight lacrosse boys will be at Kennett for a 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

The Kingswood track team will be at Manchester West on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m.

Long returns to helm of PMHS boys' tennis team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — After a few years away, coach Peter Long returns to the helm of the Prospect Mountain boys' tennis team.

Long inherits a team that features a number of returning players to help lead the way at the top of the lineup.

"They lost two of the top six," Long said. "But we have a solid group coming back in terms of experience."

The group of returning athletes includes four seniors and a junior who Long expects will be leading the way for the Timber Wolves.

To start the season, senior Max Tuttle will begin in the top position, followed by fellow seniors Randy Dyer and Lucas Therrien, junior Aidan Gehly and senior Tyler Bredbury.

Long used the team's first day out on the tennis courts on Thursday to play a few challenge matches in addition to doing some drills to get the team ready for the start of the season.

Adam Charles, freshman Dalton Lawrence and sophomore Asa Gulbrandsen round

out the top eight. Long said Lawrence and Gulbrandsen are showing promise as youngsters and he's excited to see what they do over the next few years.

"I like the group of guys," Long said. "It's a great bunch of guys, they're a lot of fun to be with, they're excited to learn."

Long also noted that he had the team running conditioning drills that included 2.5-mile runs and the kids didn't complain.

"They're working hard and hopefully that will transfer into wins on the tennis courts," Long said, but noted that with very little time on the courts, it's hard to know just how the team will stack up against competition from around the division.

The rest of the Prospect Mountain lineup includes Tyler Chase, Patrick Hussey, Ben Breuer, Sam Signor and Nick Clark.

The Timber Wolf schedule includes two games each with Gilford, Bishop Brady and White Mountains plus single games against Berlin, Littleton, Monadnock,



JOSHUA SPAULDING

MAX TUTTLE returns to the lineup for the Prospect boys' tennis team.

Inter-Lakes, Trinity, Moultonborough, Kearsage and St. Thomas.

The season was scheduled to start after deadline on Monday, April

1, then continues with home games on Monday, April 8, against Berlin, Wednesday, April 10, against Bishop Brady and Thursday, April 11,

against Littleton.

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New coach for Prospect Mountain tennis girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team was able to earn a playoff berth last season, facing off with top seed Bow in the opening round of the tournament.

With a new coach and an even split of returning athletes and new athletes, the Timber Wolves will be looking to rebuild heading into a new season.

"This will be a rebuilding year in which the girls want to develop their skills, compete at a high level and have fun while doing it," said new head coach Tom Stevens, who also serves as one of Prospect Mountain's music teachers.

Stevens is able to lean on a few experienced players who return to the lineup for the Timber Wolves.

Ava Blair has been a fixture in the lineup for the past few years and will be counted on near the top of the lineup for the Timber Wolves this season.

Senior Mackenzie



JOSHUA SPAULDING

AVA BLAIR will be a key cog for the Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team this year.

Burke joined the team last year for the first time and saw time in the lineup and will be counted on to step up in her second season on the court.

Anna Francis also spent some time in the top six last year and will also be back for the new season.

Ava Misiasek also returns to the team and will be counted on to slide into the top six.

Stevens also has four newcomers in Brianna Cullen, Mary Gubitose, Sophia Sarno and Sam

Simpson. The Timber Wolf schedule includes home games against Gilford,

St. Thomas, White Mountains, Littleton, Sanborn, Trinity and Wilton-Lyndeborough and road games against Profile, Sanborn, Littleton, Berlin, Gilford, St. Thomas and White Mountains Regional.

Prospect Mountain was scheduled to open the season after deadline Monday against Gilford and Wednesday at Profile. The team will be hosting St. Thomas on Friday, April 5, before heading on the road for games at Sanborn on Monday, April 8, and Littleton on Thursday, April 11.

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Good deal of experience back for Knight net girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Recent weather has brought a bit more of a spring feel to Wolfboro, but the Kingswood girls' tennis team has been working hard at helping Mother Nature clear the Foss Field courts.

Additionally, the Knights have been able to get some indoor time as they prepare for a new season under veteran head coach Tom Merrell.

"I am really looking forward to this girls' tennis season," said Merrell. "We have 10 players returning, including all of our top seven."

The Knights did lose three of their top six players from last year, but Merrell notes that the lineup looks strong as Kingswood prepares for the new season.

Maddie Ward will return to the Knights and move into the top spot in the lineup in her junior season.

"Maddie has improved a lot in the off-season," Merrell said. "She was one of several girls on the team who



JOSHUA SPAULDING

GRACE SAUNDERS (left) and Maddie Ward are the captains of this year's girls' tennis team.

practiced in the off-season with the Teen Master Tennis Program."

Fellow junior Grace Saunders moves up to the second spot in the lineup to start the new season, with sophomore Emily Carpenter moving into the third spot. Danielle Schillereff will start her senior season in the number four spot in the lineup.

All four of the top players spent time in the top six during last

season and will be counted on to lead the way for the Knights.

Junior Anna Mansfield slides into the fifth spot in the lineup and sophomore Paige Moore rounds out the top six to kick off the new season.

Junior Hannah Crane will start in the seventh spot in the lineup and senior newcomer Geri Andrea will be starting the season at number eight, though Merrell says that her

athleticism could allow her to challenge higher into the ladder.

Fellow seniors Kasey Kelliher and Kristy Meyer are the next two players on the ladder, followed by junior Abby Bonenfant and newcomers Kiah Borelli and Kelly Holland.

As they have over the past few years, the Knights will be allowing an eighth grader to work with the team and come to home match-

es. Abbey Fleming has shown some good talent and while she can't compete for the Knights in the matches, she will be practicing with the team.

Merrell noted that the team has spent some time shoveling the town courts and they also had court time at the Smith Center at Brewster Academy in the pre-season.

"We are grateful to Brewster for this,"

Merrell stated. "We're also traveling to Gilford Hills Tennis Club (last) Thursday.

"Our goal is to have the courts ready for our home opener against Pembroke on April 5," Merrell noted.

The Kingswood schedule includes games with Pelham, Pembroke, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Souhegan, Bow, Coe-Brown, Goffstown, ConVal, Hollis-Brookline, Kennett, Windham, Manchester West and Bishop Brady.

"Our schedule looks challenging," Merrell said. "We will play the state champ, the runner-up state champ and many other top teams from last year."

The Knights were scheduled to kick off the season after deadline Monday in Pelham. The season continues with Pembroke in town on Friday, April 5. The Knights travel to Plymouth on Monday, April 8, at 4 p.m. and then host Portsmouth at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

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Knights will rely on newcomers this year

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — For the second year in a row, Kingswood boys' tennis coach Steve Langevin has to fill a lot of holes in the lineup as the new season begins.

But with four newcomers joining two returning players, the Knights will look to be competitive in the new season.

"We're looking for lots of improvement with all the new players," said Langevin. "We're trying to be competitive in as many individual matches as we can."

As noted, the Knights return just two players to the roster.

Juniors Noah Shatzer and Preston Bechard are the two returning players. Shatzer played at number four last year and Bechard played at number six last year. Both will be expected to

move in the lineup.

"(They) will be looked to for leadership for this inexperienced squad who graduated four seniors," Langevin said. Last year's lineup included seniors at one, two, three and five, including Russell Lucia, who qualified for the state tournament at the end of last season.

This season will feature four new players who will be looking to make their mark on the team.

Freshmen Aidan Kelley and Jackson Boudman, senior Hunter Montgomery and junior Dan Hartley will be swinging the rackets in varsity matches for the first time. Kelley has been practicing with the team over the past few years but is eligible for match play for the first time this year. Montgomery, Hartley and Boudman are all new to

the sport, but Langevin notes that they are picking things up quickly.

The Knights have a schedule that includes games against Pelham, Pembroke, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Souhegan, Coe-Brown, Goffstown, ConVal, Bow, Hollis-Brookline, Kennett, Windham and Lebanon.

Court conditions permitting, the Knights were scheduled to open the season at home after deadline on April 1 against Pelham. The season is scheduled to continue with a trip to Pembroke on Friday, April 5, and a home match with Plymouth on Monday, April 8, both at 4 p.m. The team is at Portsmouth at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

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NOAH SHATZER (left) and Preston Bechard are the two players returning to the court for the Kingswood tennis boys.

After-school sailing program offered in Gilford

GILFORD — Local youths, with or without prior sailing experience, will have the opportunity this Spring to experience the joy and challenges of sailing in a local after-school program.

Offered by the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association (LWSA), these classes will focus on the basics of sailing, wind, boat handling and safety. Classes are taught by nationally certified instructors in Optimist dinghies, 420 collegiate boats and Open Bic sailing dinghies. Each session will incorporate on-land instruction along with hands-on water skills development.

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Youth sailing programs are offered in Gilford starting in May.

28, 29, June 3 and 5, 4 to 7 p.m. Session two is June 10, 12, 17 and 19, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dave Adams Memorial Sailing Center, 25 Davis Road, Gilford. Visit www.lwsa.org/after-school-sailing or e-mail sailing-school@lwsa.org with all your questions.

There will be a swim test the first day. Life jackets are required, the fitted vest style. Please let them know if you need to borrow one for the program. Advanced registration is required. Registration opened April 1 at www.lwsa.org.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, a 501c3 non-profit, was founded in 1988 to

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Shoveling Knights

Members of the Kingswood girls' tennis team spent some time shoveling off the Foss Field courts last week. Left to right, Grace Saunders, Hannah Crane, Maddie Ward, Kiah Borelli, Kristy Meyer, Abby Bonenfant, Abbey Fleming, Kasey Kelliher and Paige Moore.

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THE KINGSWOOD spring sports athletes pose for a photo during spring media day last Friday.

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Media day kicks off new season at Kingswood

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WOLFEBORO — The spring season is officially under way at Kingswood and athletes and coaches gathered at the school on Friday night for the annual spring media day. Representatives from each team took some time out to speak about expectations for the new season and their respective teams amidst a flurry of head shots, uniform distribution and more.

First to the podium was the baseball team, where seniors Korbin Tinker and Sam Dainais spoke about their team's expectations under veteran coach Chip Skelley.

"I expect playoffs," said Tinker, noting that the team should be improved over last year's team. "I definitely think we'll get there."

"We are more motivated this year," Dainais said. "The past few years we've just been satisfied with what we have, but we're motivated to win some games this year."

Next up was the softball team, featuring brand new uniforms to go along with a new varsity coach in Mike Shaw. Seniors BillieJo Dumont, Sami Hotchkiss, Maddie Shatzer and Jill Blattenberger represented the team.

"We go outside in the parking lots, we're in the cages a lot and we do infield drills in the gym," Dumont said of how the team is coping with the leftover winter snow.

"We all had coach Shaw in the previous year, so we know how he works," Hotchkiss said of the team's adjustment to the new coaching staff.

Previously playoffs, and I think we can do it," Shatzer said. "I think we're going to be a very strong defensively and the offense will work its way up."

"We'll have a lot more pitching this year, which will help us with our defensive skills," Blattenberger said of her team's strengths going into the new season.

The boys' tennis team was next, with only two returning players back for coach Steve Langevin.

"It's going to be interesting, it's a lot of responsibility," said junior Noah Shatzer of how he and fellow returnee Preston Bechard would handle the responsibility this season. "We don't have a lot of people, so we will all have to be good."

"I'm excited," Bechard said. "There's a lot of new players and I want to interact with them and have a good, positive experience with them and have a good season while we learn and teach some things."

Coach Lauren Brown will be handling the responsibilities for the track team this year and sent five athletes to the podium.

"There's so many new freshmen," said junior Liz Morrison. "That's very exciting to have so many teachable new people."

"We want to lead by example," said senior Brent Coope, noting that kids are already asking questions. "As long as you guide them the right way, they'll be pretty successful."

"There are so few of us (seniors), but they can look up to us as role models," senior Sarah Huckman said. "We're making sure everyone is doing what

they should be doing and obviously having fun."

"We have a lot of promising young freshmen that were throwing in middle school," said senior Rian Russo, the team's top thrower. "We'll have a bigger throwing team than in the past and I'm really excited about that. It's a pretty well-rounded throwing team."

"We've been practicing in the halls and at Brewster, using everything we possibly can to help us improve," said junior Caitlin Carpenter. "But we're definitely excited to get out on the track again."

Boys' lacrosse was next up to the podium, led by head coach Matt Tetreault.

"I want to see a hard-working team this year," said boys' lacrosse senior Cole Emerson. "We want to be great on the field and off the field and we want to compete as hard as they can every game and practice."

"I want us to grind, working hard this season and have fun," said senior Joey Vetanze. "But I also want us to have one of the best Kingswood lacrosse teams and hopefully get a banner."

The girls' lacrosse team has a new head coach in Meg Anderson and she sent her newly-selected team captains to the podium.

"I expect a lot of growth, we have an amazing group of upperclassmen and some really strong freshmen," said Mackenzie Doran. "I'm excited to see where that takes us, us as a unit is going to be pretty strong."

"It's been going really smooth, our total atmosphere has been changing," said Ginny Skelley of the adjust-

ment to the new coach. "It's like we're a new team and I think this season is going to be great."

Veteran coach Tom Merrell will be leading the girls' tennis team and has a pair of junior captains in Maddie Ward and Grace Saun-

ders. "I feel like it's going to be really good this year," Saunders said. "A lot of kids have been doing training throughout the winter and we have some new players who seem promising."

"The girls' tennis

team, we always are really tight," Ward said. "We're helping them out and they're helping us out and I feel like it's going to be a good season."

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4/15	Berlin HS	4:00pm	H
4/19	Mascenic Regional HS	4:00pm	A
4/22	Gilford Middle HS	4:00pm	A
4/29	Winnisquam Regional HS	4:00pm	H
5/1	Newfound Regional HS	4:30pm	H
5/3	Newfound Regional HS	4:30pm	A
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5/8	Raymond HS	4:00pm	A
5/10	Interlakes HS	4:30pm	H
5/13	Campbell HS	4:00pm	A
5/15	Somersworth HS	4:00pm	H
5/16	Raymond HS	4:00pm	H
5/23	Bishop Brady HS	4:00pm	A
5/24	Belmont HS	4:00pm	

Girls Varsity Softball

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/9	Gilford Middle HS	4:00pm	H
4/10	Laconia HS	4:00pm	H
4/12	Franklin HS	4:00pm	A
4/15	Berlin HS	4:00pm	H
4/19	Mascenic Regional HS	4:00pm	A
4/22	Gilford Middle HS	4:00pm	A
4/29	Winnisquam Regional HS	4:00pm	H
5/1	Newfound Regional HS	4:30pm	H
5/3	Berlin HS	4:00pm	A
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5/16	Raymond HS	4:00pm	H
5/23	Bishop Brady HS	4:00pm	A
5/24	Belmont HS	4:00pm	H

Boys Varsity Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/8	Berlin HS	4:00pm	H
4/10	Bishop Brady HS	4:00pm	H
4/11	Littleton HS	4:00pm	H
4/15	White Mountain Reg. HS	4:00pm	A
4/17	Moultonborough Academy	4:00pm	H
4/29	Monadnock Regional HS	4:00pm	A
5/1	Gilford Middle School HS	4:00pm	H
5/3	Interlakes HS	4:00pm	A
5/7	Trinity HS	4:00pm	A
5/8	Moultonborough Academy	4:00pm	A
5/10	Kearsarge Regional HS	4:00pm	A
5/13	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	4:00pm	H
5/15	White Mountain Reg. HS	4:00pm	H

Girls Varsity Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/5	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	4:00pm	H
4/8	Sanborn Regional HS	4:00pm	A
4/11	Littleton HS	4:00pm	A
4/15	White Mountain Reg. HS	4:00pm	H
4/16	Berlin HS	4:00pm	A
5/7	Trinity HS	4:00pm	H
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5/1	Gilford Middle HS	4:00pm	A
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5/13	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	4:00pm	A
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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/9	Winnisquam Regional HS	4:00pm	A
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4/18	Berlin HS		H
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Recreation Director Search
Attn: Town Administrator
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**Berlin Public Schools
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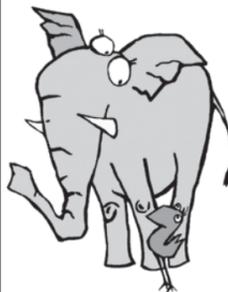
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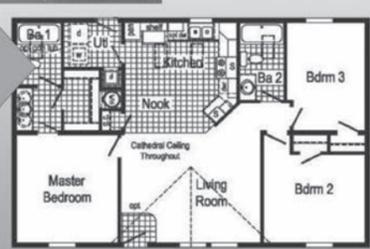
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As the spring sports season gets under way, it means there's plenty of driving once again after a few weeks of down time.

And late winter into early spring is also one of the worst times to be on the local roads. And as someone who drives a lot, I thought it was time to share some of the worst roads out there.

Every morning, I drive to Wolfeboro to go to the gym and then drive to the office. To get to Meredith, I drive Route 109A out of Wolfeboro through Tuftonboro. Route 109A from the intersection of Bay Street in Wolfeboro to the intersection with Sodom Road in Tuftonboro is my usual route and it is a rough road. The worst points are probably between Beach Pond Road and Abenaki Ski Area in Wolfeboro and between the Tuftonboro Fire Station and Tuftonboro School.

Another rough road is Route 25B from Center Harbor over to Holderness. Before my office was moved from Wolfeboro to Meredith, I used to use this road a lot to get to games in Plymouth. I don't use this road as much anymore,

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since I usually start at the office instead of home.

Also on the list is Route 3 in the same area. From the Meredith line north to Holderness Village, Route 3 is pretty messy. I drive this road regularly from the office to Plymouth and back and there are countless points where you have to work around some big potholes and frost heaves.

A short road that is in rough shape is Old Route 28 in Ossipee. I drive this from Ossipee Corner to the post office to pick up my mail a few times a week and it is not particularly smooth.

Route 16 heading to North Conway also has a number of rough sections, particularly in the Albany section near the town hall and north into Madison. This is where I had issues with my car a number of years ago when a frost heave knocked out some of the hardware around my front tires.

However, the worst road I travel, without a question, has to be Route

171 from the top of the hill just west of the Carroll County complex to the Moultonborough town line. I travel this road any time I need to go from my apartment to the office in Meredith or vice-versa. Portions of this road are absolute-

ly ridiculous and make dodging potholes and frost heaves a true competition to make sure that the car doesn't fall apart.

Spring sports is here, but I'll be sure to leave a little extra time to get to each of the games over

the next few months.

Finally, have a great day Peter Long.

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, Newfound Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at josh@salmonpress.news at 279-4516, or PO Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.



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The team of Eileen Neal, Shirley Alessandroni, Denise Cogswell and Sue Bennett, collectively the Wolf Pack, became the first group to win three Lakes Region Curling Association seasonal championships when they took top spot in the winter 2019 season. The team also won the winter 2016 and fall 2018 seasons. With the winter season, the LRCA completed its fourth full year of play at Pop Whalen Ice Arena. This year the organization saw its largest enrollment ever. Registration for the fall 2019 season, which begins in early October, will start in late summer.

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