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Voters approve Barnstead school district budget

Annual district meeting greenlights \$13.4M spending plan

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — Barnstead voters ap-

proved a school budget Saturday morning, as well as several other spending measures

ranging from athletic fields to staff salaries. The tax impact of the budget and special

warrant articles will be 57 cents per thousand of assessed property valuation. More

than 100 residents attended the meeting, held in the elementary school gym.

The central decision that citizens were asked to consider involved the Barnstead spending plan for overall district operations. These costs relate to facilities management, staff salaries and expenditures relating to the school's need to comply with special edu-

cation requirements. Expenses involve both the elementary school and the town's commitment to the JMA, which governs the management of PMHS.

After much public input - and the failure of a pair of proposed amendments from the floor - voters gave a thumbs up to a \$13,418,450 operating budget. This is a 3.7 percent increase over
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On the seas

The Cleary-Wheeler family celebrated birthdays and graduations on the Carnival Breeze for Spring break with 10 family members. They reported a great time was had by all. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

PMHS students are nuts about robots

Big Bad Bob bolts through regional competitions

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — It's a place where power tools, laptops, computer programming, and cutting-edge CAD software converge. It's the metal shop at Prospect Mountain High School, which was abuzz with activity and a spirit of community when The Baysider visited a robot build session recently.

Over the years, PMHS has established itself as a regional leader in youth robotics through its participation in FIRST (For

Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Each year, the non-profit organization unveils a new game. Students are asked to design and build a robot that can fulfill a number of tasks to earn points that allow them to delve deeper in tournaments that culminate in a world championship.

One of the organization's tagline reads, "It's the hardest fun you'll ever have." And the Prospect students work
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What's the buzz?

Middle school student starts charitable enterprise

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — "I see no hope for the future of our people if they are dependent on frivolous youth of today, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words."

Perhaps Hesiod, a Greek poet who wrote around the time of Homer, might have had a different opinion if he'd met New Durham seventh grader Anaka Waldron.

One day last fall, like most youngsters her age, she was hanging around the house. Her mother, Corie Waldron, had just suggested that Anaka's younger sister and her friend could make some Kool Aid lip balm as an activity. Waldron had made lip balm in the past, and

had the containers and materials needed.

"It sounded fun and creative," Anaka said, "and I wanted to try something new. I thought I could make an essential oil lip balm." She proceeded to do so.

Her overflowing enthusiasm for the project, however, took the shape of a great number of batches and lots and lots of lip balm in peppermint, lemon, and sweet orange.

"So I thought I could sell them," she said, "but not just to sell. I wanted to do it for a reason; I did it for a cause."

At the time, wildfires were raging across the west. "They were really bad then, so I wanted to donate to help out."

That act of kindness sparked a bigger idea, though.

"I tried a lot of different flavors," Anaka said, who suddenly could envision a larger business that included vanilla and almond.

She'd begun with a recipe she'd found online, but "we figured out that the recipe didn't work that well; it would melt too easily because of the amount of coconut oil."

Tweaking the recipe solved that problem. "I added more beeswax to it and I've stuck with that ever since."

Then, marketing potential emerged. "My mom told me about the craft fair coming up, so I made even more."

She dubbed her brand Sweet Bee Lips, chosen due to that critical beeswax in the balm, and set up a table at the New Durham Holiday Craft Fair replete with her white tubes of creamy lip unguent brandishing her signature plump, happy bee.

"I made an Instagram to advertise it," she said.

Business was brisk enough to enable her to send off \$217.20 to the wildfire relief fund.

Anaka said a resident donated one hundred dollars of that. "It was kind of her to do it. It meant a lot to me and I'm sure it meant a lot to the recipients, too."

The charitable enterprise is not a one-shot deal. Anaka has plans to continue her business and she is assuming all of the responsibilities, which is how her parents want it.

"It's impressive to start a business at the age of 12," her mother said. "She and her dad went over the financial part and figured out how to make it a successful charity, but also one that wasn't giving away all of her

money, so she could stay in business."

"Half of the profits go to charity," Anaka explained, "and I keep the other half to buy materials."

She said between the plastic containers and the ingredients, "it can get expensive."

Any money donated
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Krispy Kreme

The Prospect Mountain High School Class of 2019 will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at the Alton Circle Grocery on Saturday, March 30, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sold by the dozen, the donuts will benefit the senior class trip in May.

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Willy Wonka at PMHS this weekend

ALTON — Tonight, March 28, is opening night for Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka at Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS). The show will run March 28, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m. and March 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets are free for senior citizens 65 and older. Tickets are available for purchase at the box office each day of the show.

Willy Wonka is directed by Meghan Schmiermund with the assistance of Brian Stuart. Music direction is by Wes Raines (vocals) and Tom Stevens (pit band), backstage crew direction by Chris MacStravic, while Cathy Fraser is producing the



COOKS Melody Sylvester, Kathryn Hamilton, Hannah Irving, Emalee Bunker, Julianna Grillo-Moore and Lily Michaud (Charlie Bucket) serenade the Gloops (Luke DeRoche, Fiona Wilson center) and reporter Phineous Trout (Hannah Robitaille center).

show, and costume design by Nicole Richard. Roald Dahl's Willy Won-

ka is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Musical theater is enjoyed by audiences somewhere in the world every single day. The costumes, the music, the dancing, the sets, the lights and sounds - all come together to support the actors and deliver a show that is entertaining, exciting, and fun. Willy Wonka features many songs, dancing, quirky characters, and a very interesting storyline. It is sure to be excellent family entertainment.

Sam Francis will be in the role of Charlie Bucket for the Friday night (March 29) show. He says he is excited to



CHRIS MACSTRAVIC, stage and sound director, makes an adjustment to Sam Francis's microphone during rehearsal.

be playing the part. Of Charlie, Francis says, "I love his positive attitude and how he can always turn a cloudy day sunny." Although Willy Wonka is his first production at PMHS, Francis is no stranger to the stage. He was in several

productions at Alton Central School including Aladdin, The Little Mermaid and Annie. He credits a classmate, Mary Gubitose, with getting him involved in theater. "She told me I'd have the time of my life in theater and I did." Francis will

play the part of Danny for the rest of the shows this weekend.

For two seniors, Cooper Adjutant and Hannah Robitaille, Willy Wonka represents their first experience with theater. Cooper is playing Grandpa George, who is quite deaf. "Being my senior year, I wanted to try something outside of my comfort zone. I've loved doing class plays such as The Crucible in English, which was another thing that drew me to theater," Adjutant says. "Doing the play has made me become closer and become great friends with people I didn't expect."

Robitaille is playing Phineous Trout, the intrepid reporter who gets to announce the golden ticket winners. "I've always thought about doing theater," she says. "I didn't want to have regrets leaving high school." Robitaille's dream is to be a high school algebra teacher. She wants to "inspire students like PMHS inspired" her.

PMHS teacher chosen for fellowship in Costa Rica

ALTON — Out of hundreds of applications from talented educators, Angela Dill of Prospect Mountain High School has been selected by the non-profit organization Ecology Project International (EPI) to participate in an eight-day teacher fellowship in Costa Rica. EPI is a field science and conservation organization that partners scientists with local and international students and educators in ecologically critical environments in Costa Rica, Ecuador and the Galapagos, Baja Mexico, Yellowstone and Belize.

Since 2000, EPI has

worked with more than 10,500 students at their field sites in Costa Rica, many of whom were local Costa Rican students. During the fellowship, Dill and a small group of carefully selected U.S. and international science teachers will travel to the Caribbean coast to experience the program for themselves. "This was definitely one of the best professional development programs I have ever experienced," said Michele Wolski, EPI Fellow. "I surely will never forget the turtle walks and the opportunity to watch and assist in research, and I intend to share this yearly with my students."

On this year's sixth annual fellowship, Dill will participate in a modified version of

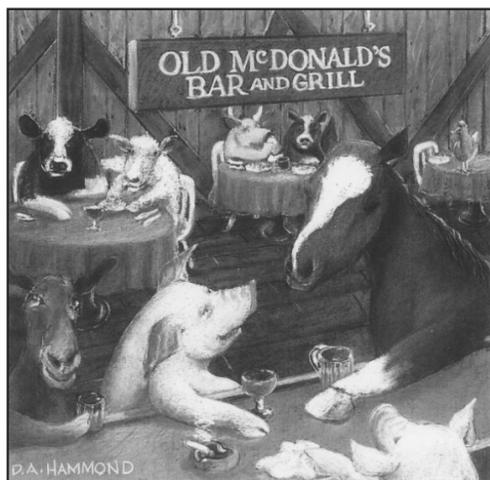
EPI's Sea Turtle Ecology Program. She will be immersed in Costa Rica's diverse ecology and will spend four days at Pacuare Reserve, a leatherback sea turtle preserve and three days at Tirimina, a rainforest preserve, all while learning about science education in the field and how it can be used to enrich the classroom. The group will also meet with Costa Rican teachers and students for a day of cultural exchange.

The EPI Costa Rica Teacher Fellowship will occur April 20-27.

For more information on EPI's programs, or how teachers can apply for next year's fellowships, visit their web site at www.ecologyproject.org/fellowship.

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Voters pass budget committee's town budget

BY MARK FOYNES

Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD

More than 100 voters and town officials turned out for the March 16 Barnstead Town Meeting, which gave citizens a chance to speak on several warrant articles and cast votes. It was also the last Town Meeting to be presided over by longtime town moderator Vernon Hipkiss.

Barnstead is not a SB2 town that votes by secret ballot. Rather, individual articles are introduced by the moderator, who opens the floor for discussion. Once discussion is closed, a voice vote is taken. If things seem close, the moderator may ask for a show of hands.

Several of the early articles dealing with elected officials and zoning matters had been dealt with previously via secret ballot. For a summary of how candidates fared, please refer to last week's edition of this publication. (If you do not have a copy, it's available at nhfrontpage.com).

Article 5 asked voters to discontinue a portion of a Class VI byway known as Olde Farmington Road. It begins about 2,200 feet from the intersection of North Road and continues across the Alton line. Selectman Ed Tasker, who was recently re-elected, described the road as "overgrown."

The article passed.

Articles 6 and 7 dealt with veterans' tax credits.

Article 6 would phase in the credit over three years. Year one would provide a \$165 credit. The following year, it would be bumped up to \$330. By 2021, the amount would plateau at \$500. Since the tax ramifications for non-veterans is not known as yet, this staggered approach would help smooth any revenue impacts for the town.

The budget impact seems to be a moving target at this point. Several voters expressed a commitment to veterans but were vexed by not knowing what the effect on revenues might be.

At present, it's not clear how many residents could qualify. Selectman Priscilla Tiede estimated that the number is at 350 veterans who have signed up for



MARK FOYNES

EDWARD NEISTER, chairman of the Milfoil Control Committee, spoke on behalf of the need to protect the town's waterways from invasive plants. He said some have been manually removed by divers, and more comprehensive efforts involve chemical treatments. The town voted to approve an addition of \$36k to a fund restricted to this effort.

the benefit. This would represent \$175k in lost revenue.

But Tiede noted that Barnstead is something of a "transient community," so numbers could fluctuate up or down. She noted that she'd raised the topic with the local American Legion, but that follow through had not been executed.

Ultimately, Article 6 failed, although its companion measure passed. The successful Article 7 read, "Barnstead shall adopt New Hampshire's All Veterans' Tax Credit." A summary of the program is available at nh.gov/nhveterans/benefits/tax.htm.

Article 8 asked voters to raise and appropriate \$85k for the second payment on a five-year lend-lease agreement as passed in 2017 for a fire pumper. The tax impact would be 14 cents per thousand of assessed property valuation. Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy spoke on behalf of the article. He described it as a "valuable asset" that was used on 94 calls in the prior year. The measure passed by voice vote.

Mulcahy also spoke on behalf of Article 9, which would allocate \$70k to fund life-saving defibrillators. The dollars would come from a special reserve fund for such purchases. The current fund balance is \$202,665. Mulcahy said that it was of the "highest priority to put these tools to use." He also noted that 40 percent of ambulance billing revenue is designated to go directly into this restricted fund. The passage of Article 9 will have no tax impact.

Resident Alan Glassman spoke in favor of the article. He noted that

he is not an expert on rescue operations but that he'd prefer to "err on the side of caution" on such matters. He noted his trust in Mulcahy and said that having a financially-sustainable reserve fund gives the town good reason to vote yes.

Article 9 passed by a voice vote,

Article 10 would raise and appropriate \$70k to be placed in a bridge maintenance fund, whose balance is \$336,326. The tax impact would be 12 cents per thousand.

Speaking on behalf of the article, Tasker urged approval.

"If you live to be 100, I can tell you that you'll see an article just like this one for the rest of your years," Tasker said.

The bridge article passed.

Article 11 asked voters to allocate \$300k to be placed in a Road Pavement and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The current balance is shy of \$41k. The \$200k would come from new taxation with the remainder being derived from surplus. The tax impact would be 34 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

There were dueling amendments on this article. One voter want-

ed to cut the proposed amount by \$100k, while another wanted to boost that original number by \$50k. Both amendments failed and the article passed as written.

Article 12 passed by a show of cards, with the voice vote being too close to call. As a result, \$75k will be placed into a highway department heavy equipment fund. \$50k will come from taxation, with the remainder coming from surplus. The tax impact will be 8.5 cents per thousand.

The next several articles passed with minimal debate.

Article 13 appropriates \$50k to be placed in the Fire Rescue Expendable Trust. The current balance is \$141k. \$25k would be raised through taxation, with the remainder coming from a surplus. The tax rate impact will be four cents per thousand.

Article 14 proposed adding \$2,500 to the Barnstead 300 Year Anniversary Expendable Trust. The current balance is \$10,239. Passage of the approved measure, tax-wise, will add a half penny per thousand.

Articles 15 and 16 involved the recreation department. They asked voters to discontinue the Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve and to



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BUDGET COMMITTEE chairman Bill Haynes spoke at the town meeting in support of its spending plan, which is actually lower than what selectmen recommended. The budget does not include expenses that will be incurred by spending measures passed in separate special warrant articles.

transfer the cash into a restricted fund "for the renovation, construction or maintenance of a building, facilities, and grounds." The requested support would come from the general fund.

Article 17 will place \$1 into the Historical Society's Building Capital Reserve Fund, whose current balance is \$63,744.

Article 18 sought to raise \$125k to be placed in the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund, whose current balance is \$33. \$100k would be raised through taxation, with the remainder coming from a fund surplus. There was considerable discussion and a failed amendment to lower the amount to \$25k. In the end, voters elected to place \$100k into the fund.

Article 19 will place \$1 into the Emergency Preparedness Expendable Trust Fund. Its current balance is \$45,192.

Article 20, which passed by voice vote, will place \$10k into the Municipal Computer and Equipment Expendable

Trust Fund. The current balance is \$23,432. The tax impact will be 1.75 cents per thousand.

Discussion of Article 21, which dealt with milfoil eradication, was preceded by a presentation by Ed Neister, a volunteer with the Suncook Lakes Association. He described various techniques that are used to remove the invasive aquatic weed. These involve the use of Procel-aCOR and manual extraction by divers.

Neister reckons that it costs about \$1,000 per acre to treat milfoil. He said that the Suncook River encompasses about 1,000 acres. He stressed that focusing on the river, the Suncook Lakes, and Locke Lake in an integrated way is important.

"They all flow into other waterways," he explained.

Regarding progress to date, he noted that "we are close to getting this done."

Article 21, which passed by a voice vote, will place \$36k in the

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Mistakes

Mistakes are human. There's nobody in this world who hasn't made a mistake from time to time.

Late last week we posted a story online regarding a meeting held by the Barnstead Board of Selectmen last Tuesday. The story we posted on our web site stated that three of the Barnstead selectmen resigned their posts and left the meeting. The meeting then ended because there was no quorum.

The board had heard from resident Cory Halvorsen, who had been working on a possible recreation facility but was announcing to the board that the plan was being withdrawn.

The article that appeared online contained some inaccuracies about the acquisition of the land that the proposed facility was going to be built on. The land had been seized by the town and Halvorsen has stated he was going to purchase the land for \$30,000 and pay the back taxes owed at \$10,700. He also told The Baysider that the entire board of selectmen had signed off on the proposal.

Selectmen's secretary Karen Montgomery called us to tell us that there was only one resignation from the board of selectman. Priscilla Tiede had submitted her resignation but Sean Dunne and Rick Duane, who were reported in the story as having resigned as well, had not resigned.

We paid a contributing writer to cover the meeting, which is how we cover events without a full-time reporter. When we send writers to cover events, we have to assume that the writers are writing what they saw and what they heard. We don't have the resources to be able to completely check every single story that comes in to us. We have to trust the writers.

When the story was posted online, we received a number of e-mails from residents complaining about some inaccuracies in what was written. Once we received a couple of complaints, we went online and removed the story from our web site while we tried to look into exactly what had happened at the meeting.

The information we have so far was the confirmation from Montgomery that only one selectman resigned as well as a note from Halvorsen correcting the price amounts included in the article and a few statements.

We have been told there is an audio recording of the meeting available to listen to, which might help to clear some things up, though audio recordings often make it tough to determine who is saying what.

We know that some Barnstead residents have some problems with some members of the board of selectmen. And we know that some people use unusual means to get to the board, which is obviously disappointing.

However, we also know that it appears there was at least a couple of mistakes in the article that appeared on our web site and that is also disappointing.

We have chosen not to publish the story that appeared on our web site in this week's print edition. We apologize for any errors that occurred in the portion of the story that ran online.

Like everyone in this world, we are far from perfect. Sometimes mistakes are made. However, unlike everyone in this world, if we have a confirmed mistake, we will admit what was wrong.



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FBLA helping out

Prospect Mountain High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students are taking a very active role in Rotary's 12th Annual Home, Garden and Recreation Show, April 27, 9 a.m.-3: p.m. at the high school. They've arranged for a number of food trucks: Chick-Fil-A, Burrito Betty's Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar, Dueling Chefs Smoke'n Grille, Hickory Stix BBQ and Baked, Brewed and Organically Moo'ed to be part of the show. Also, they've added live classic rock music by Organized Chaos. These are fundraisers for the FBLA and sponsored by Eastern Gas and Propane. FBLA student members talked about their additions to members of the Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary at its weekly Thursday morning meeting. Left to right, Rick Fogg, Rotary President, and FBLA students junior treasurer Alexa Carpenter, senior vice-president Gabrielle Fossett, junior president Jordan Ingoldsby, junior secretary Isabelle Huggard and FBLA Advisor Jennifer Cove. Public admission to the Home, Garden, and Recreation Show is free and any net proceeds are donated to charity by Rotary. For additional information contact show chair Rich Leonard at 767-2652.

Letters to the Editor

Time to stop kicking the can

To the Editor:

Why do we need another Claremont lawsuit?

Recently, reports tell us that New Hampshire is in the top 10 states for personal income (we are No. 7). Recently the governor has touted that economic prosperity abounds in the Granite State and unemployment is at its lowest levels in decades.

That must mean the tax revenues are up and there should be no further reason to kick the can of school funding down the road as governor is currently doing. To be honest, education for our children is not a partisan issue, it is all our issue, and the previous governors since the State Supreme Courts Claremont decision in 1993 have played the same round of kick the can.

Since so many seem to have forgotten, here is a refresher: Following a lawsuit from Claremont and other property poor school districts, the New Hampshire Supreme Court interpreted the New Hampshire Constitution to guarantee students a right to a public education. In 1997, the New Hampshire school funding system was found unconstitutional and the legislature and governor were ordered to define a constitutionally adequate education, determine costs and pay for them with equalized taxes. Four governors refused to comply with the court's order. Then the Supreme Court again found the school funding system unconstitutional in September 2006. To further skirt the issue, Gov. John Lynch tried (unsuccessfully), to amend the state Constitution. Two more governors come along, and two more administrations, no solution and blatant disregard for the court's order.

As a result of our governor approved system of paying for education, property taxes are shouldering a growing percentage of what is constitutionally the state's responsibility to fund edu-

cation. Local tax rates vary enormously among school districts. Many property-poor school districts tax their residents at above-average rates, but even with the state aid they receive the limited revenues generated guarantee that their per-pupil spending is lower than average. These school districts are cutting teachers, eliminating programs and closing schools.

While the governor cuts taxes for business profits (read that as donors), the resulting increasing property taxes means that new business will not land in the property poor communities. Any new employees that business do attract will not settle in property poor towns. Engineers and scientist do not want their children educated in inferior schools. Without new local business, property poor towns will continue to struggle, the system is designed to guarantee failure. By design we keep children from struggling communities undereducated. Now I see that the governor's new budget contains no revisions to the statewide school funding formula as mandated by the court. Is the paint worn off that can yet?

My children have grown and moved, starting their own families and careers (most decided to leave the state). So what is my dog in this fight? My doctors are all 2/3 my age. The experienced electrician, plumber, roofers I hire are 1/2 my age. The fireman or EMT that might save my life is 1/3 my age. The older we get, the younger are the ages of the support services that we need. I want the very best, we deserve the very best. Educate all of our children.

It is time to stop kicking the can down the road, while taking advantage property tax payers and solve this problem.

Quinn Golden
Alton

Join Rotary Club's Paint a Puppy contest

ALTON — President of the Alton, Barnstead, New Durham Centennial Rotary, Rick Fogg, is pleased to announce that for the fourth year in a row, Middleton Supply has donated to Rotary all the plywood needed for cutting out silhouette images of puppies for contestants to paint and enter into the Rotary's 'Paint a Puppy' art contest.

The official opening of the contest is April 27, where puppy cut-outs will be available at Rotary's 12th annual Home, Garden and Recreation show at Prospect Mountain High School.

"We can't thank Middleton Supply enough for their continued generosity. Without their support Rotary wouldn't have been able to raise the

great sums of money we have to support Meals on Wheels because of our 'Paint a Pig' contest, then the following year our 'Paint a Butterfly' contest in support of the VNA and Hospice, and last year, the 'Paint a Bass' contest for funding Pure Water for the World," said Fogg. This year they'll be three different puppy cut outs to choose from

and paint, a scotty, lab, and a mutt. There's a small fee to enter the contest for contestants to win cash prizes and trophies in the student and adult categories. All proceeds from 'Paint a Puppy' will be donated to the Alton and New Durham Police K-9 Corps. For information, contact Rotarian Duane Hammond at 569-3745 or duane@metrocast.net.

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BY JOHN MACARTHUR
Alton Central School Principal

On April 5, students in the ACS "Dive the Depths" led by teacher Derek Pappaceno will head to UNH to compete against other middle and high school teams at the Seaperch robotics competition. This past Monday, our students headed to the Garrison Hotel in Dover to test their ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) in the pool where a course was set up that mimics the one they will be using at the competition.

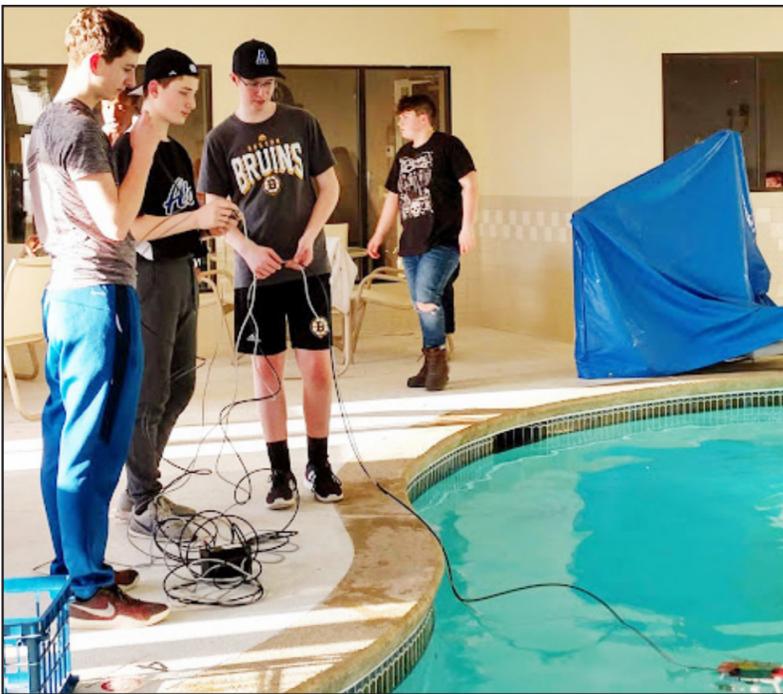
The ACS team has built the ROV as part of their elective. They have designed, built and are now in the testing process. Student Robbie Gordon explained, "We learned to solder by practicing by soldering paper clips. We have been working hard to wire, solder and waterproof our motors." Prior to testing their ROV on Monday, students worked to make repairs and improvements on their control box to operate their ROV. When asked about the practice in Dover, Pappaceno stated, "I wanted to share how proud I am of my class for their efforts tonight. After a long school day and a baseball practice, I had 13 students go to Dover and spend two hours working on their ROVs. So much problem solving and amazing teamwork."

The "Dive the Depths" elective provides ACS students the opportunity to improve their communication and writing skills, organize and analyze data, utilize technology and collaborate with peers and professionals to explore the worlds of our ocean. This course infuses all content areas, challenging stu-

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(Right) ALTON CENTRAL students work on their ROV in preparation for an April competition.



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STUDENTS (r to l), Robbie Gordon, Mason Pappaceno and Nathan Leavitt work to solder a board for their control box in the Maker Space at ACS.



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(Left) ALTON CENTRAL students test their ROV at a pool in Dover.

Students are encouraged to think outside of the classroom and to take a closer look at the many career paths that may fit their interests and learning styles. Students are

lead through all STEM components as they engage in real-world challenges.

We are looking forward and wish our team good luck as they head to the competition in April! Regardless of the outcome, we are so proud of you all.

Recreation Barnstead set for April 6

BARNSTEAD — Please join Barnstead Parks and Recreation for a free event at Barnstead Elementary School on April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Recreation Barnstead will be a family friendly event where you can find many of the groups

and organizations you may know and may not know of in Barnstead and surrounding communities that offer opportunities for play, exercise and learning. For more information or questions, please contact barnstead-parks@gmail.com.

PMHS National Honor Society hosting walk to fight cancer

ALTON — On Saturday, April 6, members of Prospect Mountain High School's National Honor Society are hosting their first Go Gold cancer walk. The walk is dedicated to helping raise money for the American Childhood Cancer Organization, and will be held at Prospect Mountain High School's

track from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open to everybody. Interested in walking, or simply donating to the cause? Register to walk, or donate at <https://give.acco.org/event/childhood-cancer-walk-2019/e224635>.

E-mail childhood-cancerwalk2019@gmail.com for more information.

TOWN MEETING

(continued from Page A3)
Milfoil Treatment Expendable Trust Fund, whose current balance is about \$14k. The tax impact will be six cents per thousand.

The passage of Article 22 will place \$10k into the Cistern Construction and Maintenance Fund, whose current balance is about \$24k. The tax impact will be 1.75 cents per thousand. The fire chief spoke on behalf of

this article, noting that the town maintains nine cisterns at present.

Approval of Article 23 allocates \$25k to the Police Vehicle Revolving Fund. Its current balance is \$2,271. Chief Paul Poirier described the BPD's cruisers as "an aging fleet." The article passed by voice vote. Since the funding will come from surplus, there will be no tax impact.

Article 25's approval authorized the town to renew its lease agreement with Butler Bus Co., which parks its school busses on town-owned property on South Barnstead Road. The article noted that the leasee pays property taxes on the portion of the parcel it uses.

Lastly, voters considered the town operating budget. Article 26 stipulated that the numbers

to be discussed do not include spending items approved in previous special warrant articles. The BOS recommended a sum of \$4,295,391. The budget committee recommended \$4,215,930. After some discussion, voters opted to go with the lower budget committee's proposal.

The full wording of the articles that were discussed is still available at barnstead.org.

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Kingswood Theater advances to state festival

SALEM — Saturday was a very long day, but a very good day, for the members of Kingswood Theater.

Before the sun was even up, the 27 students and four adult mentors were on a bus traveling to Salem High School to participate in one of the four regional New Hampshire Educational Theater Guild (NHETG) Festivals. As the moon was rising that night, they made the return trip to Wolfeboro with a State Festival qualifier plaque in their hands – and exhausted grins on their faces.

Led by Director Scott Giessler, a veteran of 16 previous NHETG regional festivals, Kingswood performed a one-act version of the



THE KINGSWOOD THEATER program advanced to the state festival.

COURTESY PHOTO

play *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. In the production, a 15-year-old boy, Christopher, makes many startling discoveries about his family and goes on a harrow-

ing journey to learn the truth. Because he experiences autism, communicating with and understanding the people around him is a distinct and unique challenge.

In addition to per-

forming their own selection, the Kingswood troupe spent the day watching the one-act plays prepared by five other high school groups, listening to professional adjudicator critiques, and participating in student-led feedback forums.

"This is my favorite event of the year," Giessler said. "This is the one time of year that our students can perform their works to peers who share their passions. It is their most appreciative and receptive audience."

Saturday's moving performance earned the students the day's only standing ovation and the professional adjudicators mirrored that enthusiasm with their praise of the show during the post-performance critique and during the awards presentation that night.

The 12-member ensemble received an

"Excellence in Ensemble Acting" award. In their written comments, the adjudicators said of the ensemble, "the precision of their work was remarkable" and "the ensemble worked flawlessly together to create/support the world of the play." The ensemble actors are Kayla Baker, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Juliet Bonnevie, Ali Champagne, Abby Corneau, Gannon Eldridge, Brianna Heald, Bella Kemper, Daniel Kenniston, Cameron Mann, Emma-Lee Newhouse and Ethan Sullivan.

Kingswood also received an "Excellence in Technical Design" award. Of their technical work, adjudicators said "the team went well beyond expectation to bring the world of the play and of Christopher's mind to life. Set, projections, costumes, lights – kudos to the entire

team." Cailey Aucoin and Jordyn Moore, the technical designers and directors, accepted this award on behalf of their talented crew.

Lizzy Fogg, who played the lead role of Christopher, was honored with an "Excellence in Acting Award." Of her performance, adjudicators said, "you must bring us into your world and you did that so beautifully... your last speech about who you know you are was nothing short of brilliant."

Of course, the Kingswood Theater team cannot just rest on their laurels. They are now preparing for the NHETG State Festival, which they will host at the Kingswood Arts Center on Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6. The students, Giessler, and other adult mentors like Norman Adjutant (assistant director), Michael Allfrey (costuming mentor), and Jaime Connelley (set construction mentor) must simultaneously maintain their peak performance level and organize all that goes into hosting a 12-school, two-day theater festival.

It's safe to say that whatever the outcome, like Saturday, those will be very good days, too.

For more information on this year's NHETG State Festival, visit kingswoodtheater.com.

Popular programs continue at New Durham Public Library

NEW DURHAM — Programs at the New Durham Public Library are proving so popular that two have been extended twice, and three others are being repeated.

Move It! Move It! on Friday mornings from 11:15 a.m. to noon was originally scheduled to end March 22, but will now run through April 12. The free movement program is for all children under kindergarten age and features climbing, balancing and play equipment.

Tai Chi is held on Wednesdays at noon and has been extended through April 17. "As long as we continue to have a good sized class, we'll offer it," Library Director Cathy Allyn said.

People may join the

course at any session. There is a suggested donation per class, or for four.

In the repeat department, the second Move It! Family Fun Day is on for this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The free program for parents and children aged two years through kindergarten offers art, activities, and snacks.

Yoga with Sue Cronin is back. For the convenience of parents dropping off children at the elementary school, the classes will begin at 8:40 a.m. on Wednesdays, beginning April 17.

There is a suggested donation per class, and the course is currently scheduled for four weeks. Participants can use chairs, if necessary.

A mindfulness work-

shop is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. "We've had Liz Korobek Emerson here before to lead a series on mindfulness," Allyn said. "She does a marvelous job, and we're hoping people from all over the area turn up for this free program."

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



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THE NEW Kingswood Regional High School National Honor Society inductees include (left to right, front to back), Ruth Allard, Cassie Bedley, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Carolyn Day, Robert Doherty, Alyssa Dow, Josh Finneron, Matthew Finneron, Elizabeth Fogg, Genevieve Hanson, Paige Moore, Jacob Nelson, Hayden Robischeau, Brogan Shannon, Cathryn Shannon, Maggie Shaw, Cassidy Simpson, Drew Swinerton, Alexis Turner, Mackenzie Willett, Rachel Bonneau, Abby Corneau, Elizabeth Morrison, Shane Secinaro, Kobe Zimmer. Not pictured is Samantha Wainwright.

Kingswood National Honor Society inducts new members

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently inducted 26 new members. Family, friends, teachers, administrators and

current members enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the Kingswood cafeteria staff. Following dinner, the group moved to the Lecture Hall for the induction ceremony.

Kingswood graduate Sadie Nason was the guest speaker and shared her experiences of how the four pillars of the National Honor Society (Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service) have impacted her journey to become a nurse. Abigail Larkin, Megan Twitchell, Samantha Tavares and Madison Shatzer followed the guest speaker with speeches elaborating upon each of the four pillars. The celebration concluded with Principal Guy Don-

nelly leading the new inductees in the NHS pledge.

The Kingswood chapter of NHS is particularly active. They perform a variety of community service activities from running a Saturday morning mentorship program known as Kingswood and Kids to spending time at local nursing homes, reading to students at all the elementary schools, visits to the Wolfeboro Children's Center, and a variety of additional programs.

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Effingham Elementary School (603) 539-6032

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New Durham School (603) 859-2061

Friday, April 5, 2019

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

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Ossipee Central School (603) 539-4589

Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19, 2019

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Alton	87 Sunset Shore Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$550,000	Hadriel and Kristin Kaplan	Alfred N. and Gail A. Sabella
Barnstead	48 S. Shore Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$38,400	Barbara R. Mahn Fiscal Trust	Mahn IRT
Barnstead	1215 Suncook Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$170,000	Samantha Berry and Adam Felipe	Kyle A. Nadeau

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.

Democrats to discuss recycling in Gilmanton

GILMANTON — All local Democrats and Independents are invited to attend April's meeting of the Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton, and Alton on April 1 in Gilmanton.

As citizens who care about the planet, learning about the human impact on the environment continues to be crucial and this meeting addresses one aspect of that impact -

recycling. The special guest will be Michael Durfor, Executive Director of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, a not-for-profit recycling cooperative based in Chichester. Durfor will discuss current recycling trends in NH and worldwide, including the state of landfills and how recycling ties in to the economy and local taxes.

The guest speak-

er will be followed by action items and community organizing. These monthly meetings (typically the first Monday) give you the opportunity to learn about local and state political issues and how you can participate in making a difference. You will share the evening with like-minded individuals and have the

chance to express your opinions and experiences. This is a great way to take an active role in the committee work and strengthen the group's efforts in the coming two years leading up to the 2020 presidential election.

The April 1 meeting will be held at Wagner Farm, 63 French Road, Gilmanton, at 6:30 p.m. Come for socializing

and potluck any time between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

This meeting is open to all residents of Alton, Barnstead and Gilmanton who consider themselves moderate, liberal or progressive Democrats or like-minded Independents. Potluck items to share are encouraged but not required. E-mail starry-heather@hotmail.com

for more information.

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OBITUARIES

Jana May Mingo Had deep love of animals

LACONIA — Jana May (Gurney) Mingo, passed away at home with her family's love and her kitties by her side, age 68, March 8.

Jana was born on Aug. 14, 1950, in Brockton, Mass., daughter of the late Allan Gurney and Muriel (Anderson) Gurney.

Jana is survived by her son, John Mingo Jr.; her daughter, Jeana Mingo and three grandchildren, Janessa, Alysha and Stephen. She also leaves behind brothers Kris and Glenn Gurney.

Jana worked at Annalee Dolls in Meredith, where she was a stitcher for 32 years. When she began working for the company, she was able to work from home as a stitcher, while raising her two children. She later went to work at the factory where she continued to work as a stitcher and the added responsibilities of an inspector. She made many friends there, enjoyed the company parties, and especially loved creating her Halloween costumes for their annual Halloween parades, she was



very creative. Jana gained quite a collection of Annalee Dolls over the years.

She was born in Brockton, but moved to Alton at a young age. She attended Alton High School, where she was a cheerleader and won many awards for sewing and cooking. She enjoyed snowmobiling, going to flea markets, dancing, camping, going on drives up north, shopping and spending days at the beach. Jana especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren through the years, as she loved to watch them play sports, attend their school functions and spent family gatherings together. She was very partial to the color blue, her beautiful blues eyes just seemed to always find that color, no matter where

she was or what she was looking at. She had a deep love for all animals, she had a cat named Casper that passed suddenly and left her feeling empty. She then took in two stray cats, Miley and Ewok, they were her "babies," they built a connection like no other.

At times like these, it's often hard to find the words to say, but know my thoughts are with you and my heart will never change.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her over the last couple of months. Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, 12 School St., Alton has helped make the service arrangements. At Jana's request, only a graveside service will be held April 13 at New Riverside Cemetery 124 Suncook Valley Road, Alton at 11 a.m., followed by a celebration of life gathering at Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge, 40 Suncook Valley Road, Alton.

To express condolences, please visit www.peasleefuneral-home.com.

Mary Elizabeth Schubert Loved traveling

WOLFEBORO — Mary Elizabeth (Shearer) Schubert, 83, a longtime resident of Camp Hill, Pa., and more recently of Wolfboro, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, at the Genesis Wolfboro Bay Center in Wolfboro.

Mary was born on Sept. 6, 1935 in Mifflintown, Pa. She was the daughter of the late Arthur and Mildred (Grose) Shearer. Mary was the widow of Charles F. Schubert, Sr., who died in 2007 and to whom she was married for 53 years. Together they had three children. Mary was a faithful member of the Camp Hill United Methodist Church. She was an exceptional homemaker and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and

friend. She enjoyed being with her family, entertaining and traveling. Mary and her husband, Chuck, traveled extensively both nationally and abroad.

In addition to her husband, Mary was predeceased in death by her brother, Paul Shearer and sister, Ruth Loucks. Mary is survived by her children: Charles F. Schubert Jr. and his wife Camille Jacobs-Schubert of Gilford, Daniel L. Schubert of New Cumberland, Pa. and Patricia M. Schubert and her companion John Greenwood of Wolfboro. She also leaves behind her brother Samuel Shearer and his wife Jean of Vermont, two brother-in-laws whom she helped raise; Robert Schubert and Christo-

pher Schubert, along with six grandchildren; Nathan Schubert, Michael Schubert, Abigail Coleman, Karl Schubert and his wife Beth, Amelia Schubert, Elizabeth (Libby) Underwood and several nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Camp Hill, Pa. For those who wish, memorial donations can be made to the Central New Hampshire VHA and Hospice, 240 South Main Street, Wolfboro, NH 03894.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home in Wolfboro 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.

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Required minimum distributions



BY MARK PATTERSON

'Tis the season for Clients that have reached the age of 70 and a half to think about their Required Minimum Distributions. RMDs only affect qualified or retirement funds, but not Roth IRA's. When we defer money into our Traditional IRA, 401k, 403b or really any tax deferred plan, we are deferring paying the tax on that money, so at some point, in this case, 70 and a half, the government wants our money which they believe is their money. People that are taking an income from those accounts are usually fulfilling the requirement, however many are not and at 70 and a half are required to take what starts out at approximately 4 percent but increases each year.

Many people have other sources of income like Social security, pensions or a variety of other means that fulfill their need for income. Leaving a legacy is important to many who have this retirement money that is not needed for current income. That opens up a variety of strategies for passing wealth to beneficiaries. Without getting into multi-generational trust or other complicated means of transferring large sums of wealth, I would like to make a few suggestions for people who have worked hard for their retirement dollars and want to pass them efficiently to beneficiaries but are not in need of a team of tax attorneys and accountants.

One simple strategy is to fund a Life Insurance Policy, passing a tax-free death benefit to your beneficiaries. Another potential benefit of this strategy is that this policy may fund chronic illness, potential in home care or skilled nursing facility if needed for the owner of the policy. Some policies can grow cash value in addition to these other benefits like college funding for grandkids. These policies vary from carrier to carrier and based on the owner's health and

age, so take this as general information and speak with a qualified planner that works with these scenarios to see if you may qualify for a policy that has these potential benefits.

For some who may not qualify for a policy or do not want to go through the underwriting process, there are some options that we can discuss, like a stretch IRA. If you are fortunate enough to have been able to have this flexibility with your RMD's, take the time and use your imagination about what you would really like to accomplish with this money, a qualified independent planner should be able to come up with great vehicles to get you where you want to be.

I would encourage you to seek advice from an independent firm that is not compensated for the use of proprietary products, or captive agents who can only show you their companies' products, and I always say; work with a fiduciary who works for the client, not their firm!

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

Vendors sought for Barnstead Farmers' Market

BARNSTEAD — Farmers' market vendors are invited to apply to the Barnstead Farmers' Market for the 2019 farmers' market season. Limited space is available, so call today to reserve. This year, the farmers'

market is expanding. They will be offering market dollars, matching dollars for EBT customers, Vouchers for Veterans in the month of September, a Strawberry Festival June 29, Open Farm Day July 20 and a Pumpkin

Festival the month of September. They are also looking to develop a farm to table event. For more info, please call or e-mail Lori at 269-2329, lorimahar@tds.net or visit www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.club.

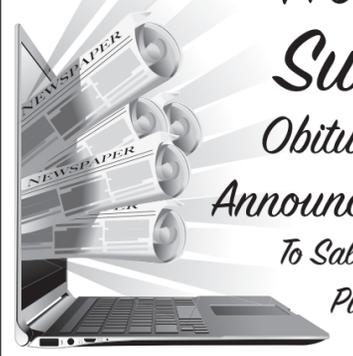
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Chinese students, solar fields on docket for GWRSD board

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — The Governor Wentworth Regional School District's March 11 meeting in Wolfeboro, a day prior to district wide voting, opened with a welcome from Carpenter Elementary School Principal Mary Dolan-Myers and an invitation to visit educational stations set up in the back of the gymnasium where kindergarteners could demonstrate activities to the board members.

Events for the public to look forward to are the 2019 New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild's State Fes-



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CARPENTER ELEMENTARY School kindergarteners Amelia Custeau (left) and Hannah Ivester demonstrated several reading exercises on iPads pertaining to books by popular children's author Dr. Seuss at the start of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District's March 11 meeting in Wolfeboro. School board member Jack Widmer of Tuftonboro watches and listens.



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KELLY TIVNAN, Middleton representative to the school board, volunteered to put one hand in ice water unprotected and immerse the other in a plastic bag of simulated polar bear fur to see how/if the fur provided insulation. Kindergartener Kaylei Dame reaches out to feel the difference in her hand temperatures. Classmate Sam Eaton and teacher Heather Larson are to the right. Tivnan gamely withstood the ice water treatment.

Egg hunt, exercise classes on deck in Alton

ALTON — The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual egg hunt for children up to age 10 at the B&M Railroad Park on Saturday, April 13. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be held inside at the Alton Bay Community Center. Egg hunt parking is available on Main Street or at the B&M Railroad Park.

Plastic eggs filled with treats will be hidden throughout the park for kids to find, and surprises will be given to all participants. Please 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, please contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

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 name, phone

number and complete physical address. Free maps will be available after May 24.

Exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston focuses on breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment. Geared toward participants who know basic postures. Class ends in seated meditation and savassana. Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center.

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

Free weight training class with Kellie Troendle, AFAA certified, offered in May, Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. A weight training class for all levels of fitness. Strengthen major muscle groups with free weights, isometric holds and functional exercises. A "go at your own pace" class designed to build strong, lean and balanced muscles while increasing flexibility and improving balance. Class starts May 13. Bring a yoga mat and one set of free weights between 3-8lbs.

Summer Camps 2019

Camp Winnepesaukee for ages 7-11 at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 8-12 is Fantasy Week with Harry Pot-

ter wands and potions, gnome homes, carnival day and more. July 29-Aug. 2 is Adventure Week with a build your own boat, cooking spectacular, slime day, outdoor scavenger hunts, cooperative games and more. Register by May 31 for the early bird discount.

Wicked Cool Camps for grades K-5 at the Alton Bay Community Center July 22-26. Dinos Vs. Robots from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn about circuits and electricity and design a personalized, working robot to take home. Inspect real fossils and learn about dinosaurs. Med School is from 1 to 4 p.m. Learn about the inner workings of the human body, create a slime cell, big bones, moving joints and 3-D eyeballs.

Archery Camp for ages six and up at Prospect Mountain High School, June 26-28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn the basics of archery in this hands-on class. Sign up by May 24. Class is limited to 16 participants.

Tennis Camp for ages 5-14 at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts, Aug. 5-8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of tennis during this four-day camp. Includes forehand, backhand, serve, overhead and volley. Sign up early, class is limited to 14 slots.

Games

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring co-

ed adult recreational drop-in games this summer including: pick-up beach volleyball on Monday nights, pick-up adult softball/kickball/wiffle ball games on Tuesday nights and pick-up spikeball on Wednesday nights. The pick-up programs would need volunteers to run them, if you are interested please contact the office at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 875-0109.

New this spring, the Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring Community Lawn Games Night on Wednesdays, May 22-June 12 at 6 p.m. at B&M Railroad Park. Lawn games will be featured each week: Badminton, bocce, corn hole, spikeball, ladderball, disk bonk, horseshoes and more (look for more details soon). The Parks and Recreation Department will also continue to sponsor organized pickleball games four days per week, line dancing lessons, Alton Bay bandstand concerts and family events.

tival on April 5 and 6 at the Kingswood Arts Center, hosted by the Kingswood Theatre program. Schools from around the state, including Kingswood, will present their one-act plays for adjudication and possible advancement to the national level.

Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert, following up on her exploration of bringing tuitioned Chinese students to Kingswood, told the board that there are more students eager for the experience of an American education than the GWRSD alone can handle, but possibly other schools might join is such a program. Cuddy-Egbert was part of a group of educators who visited Chinese schools last summer. The idea of offering Chinese students the opportunity to attend Kingswood is an outgrowth of that trip.

Outgoing board member Ernie Brown announced that the Building and Maintenance Committee

received three bids on the installation of solar fields on available acreage at the Effingham Elementary School. Two companies will give presentations on what they can offer during the board meeting scheduled for April 1, at 7 p.m. at Ossipee Central School on Main Street in Ossipee. He said the solar fields would be installed at the expense of the company chosen for the project. The benefit would be a reduced cost of electricity for the Effingham and Ossipee schools.

Vice-Chairman Wendi Fenderson, at large member from New Durham, reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is currently reviewing the funding formula for school sports, in response to a request for attention to the policy from parents with girls participating in the girls' hockey team, now in its fifth year. Currently, new sports teams can apply for certification by the board after five years.

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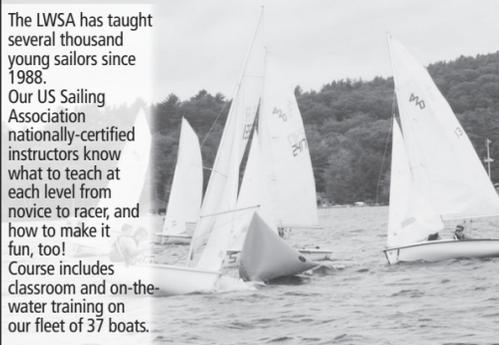
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Not only did Alex climb up and down Mt. Shannon unaided, he has repeated the feat each summer thereafter with staff nearby for support. When we recognized Alex's accomplishment at the dining hall during our next meal, his fellow Camp Sno-Mo and Boy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

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the previous budget. The BES portion of this sum represents about \$8.3 million of the total, the remainder will be allocated to assist with the management of PMHS.

One amendment wanted to remove dollars from the proposed amount; another amendment wanted to beef up incremental funding. Neither amendment was adopted.

According to a state web site, the previously-approved budget was \$13,308,669. Overall, Saturday's vote amount represents an over-year increase of about \$110k.

This amount will represent a 3.7 percent uptick in the budget. The elementary school budget will go up by \$261k. Barnstead's contribution to the Joint Management Agreement with Alton to run PMHS will increase by a net of \$226k, an increase of 6.1 percent. It was noted that Barnstead's school-age population is increasing, while Alton's is declining.

Citizens were engaged during the public hearing portion of the discussion. At times, there were a half dozen voters lined up behind a microphone to make their voices heard.

One attendee, speaking at the mic situated before the school board, moderator and school officials, stressed the gravitas of decisions that would be made. From a taxation perspective, he estimated that 70 percent of overall revenues are devoted to the school side of the ledger, with only 30 percent being allocated to municipal services and town infrastructure maintenance. (These latter aspects were deliberated upon last week at the general town meeting).

The 3.7 percent upward adjustment in school operations accounts for 47 cents per thousand of the overall increase. The remaining dime per thousand represents funding through special warrant articles.

Article 9, the budget article, was a bit complex - procedurally and verbally.

The aforementioned number that was ultimately



MARK FOYNES

KATHY PRESTON was among those who made her voice heard during Saturday's school election. Behind her is Wayne Whitney, who was a vocal presence at the session.

mately approved was put forth by the budget committee.

Both the budget committee and the school board can set forth numbers on budgeting matters. And this year there was a gulf between the bodies.

So, the article included two sets of numbers: one was the budget committee's figure that was ultimately approved, and another - suggested by the school board, was about \$41.4k higher.

The ultimate budget was settled upon after lengthy consideration, deliberation, and two ill-fated amendments.

Amendment 1 from the floor asked voters to consider approving the school board's proposed budget of \$13,459,882, with some additional funding.

Amendment 2 sought to reduce the budget committee request by \$125k.

Both were considered and discussed.

The second motion was deliberated upon first.

During the public hearing, speakers were basically equally in favor of and opposed to the amendment - although the final vote would not even be close.

Resident Kathy Preston spoke against the amendment.

"Everything goes up in price every year - you see this at the grocery store," Preston said. She added that the town has an obligation to see every student "survive and thrive."

Resident Priscilla Tiede, a former paraeducator, noted, "We do have an obligation to see that we meet our responsibilities to the town's children."

By way of context, last year's inflation rate, nationally, was about 1.9 percent; to date, in 2019, the rate has dropped to 1.5 percent according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Therefore, the proposed 3.7 percent increase would be more than double to the pace of inflation.

If the stats are true, then this is a fact. But in public education, there are things that officials need to consider.

While the proposed increase might seem out of line with inflation, board members noted that the school population is growing, which represents part of that 200 percent delta.

Additionally, some of these students will have special ed IEPs (Individualized Education Plans), requiring that they have one-to-

one aides.

"This is a federal mandate with which we need to comply," explained board member Eunice Landry.

On top of this, according to the National Center For Education Statistics, N.H. ranks second among states that rely on property taxes to fund schools.

Therefore, in a rural town like Barnstead, with a small business base, the burden falls largely on homeowners. Fifty-eight percent of New Hampshire school revenues are derived from local property owners, according to NCES. (Illinois is the highest at 59 percent, with Connecticut and Maine tagging along at 53 percent).

Speaking in favor of the cut was resident Wayne Whitney, who was one of several folks who stepped up to the mic to make their voices heard.

Whitney said, "At some point we have to say, 'This is enough - how much can the average taxpayer take?'"

Resident Matthew Furtney echoed this sentiment on a number of occasions during the public input session, suggesting that Barnstead residents are being financially stretched too thin.

After other residents spoke in favor

and against the amendment to cut funding, Whitney garnered boos from several audience members when he opined about the role of paraeducators.

"A lot of this expense is to pay people to just walk with these [special needs] kids through the hallways."

A quick bit of math shows that a reduction of \$125k would save taxpayers a smidge under a penny per \$1,000 valuation. This would amount to a savings of \$1.16

For Whitney, he stressed curbing the upward budget trend more than actual savings.

"Where is it going to end?" he queried by way of an open-ended question.

Returning to the mic, Furtney stressed the importance of harnessing new revenue generated through the recently-approved form of Keno gambling. He said tapping into such funds could provide some relief to local property owners. (For over half a century, N.H. has relied on lotteries - and now Keno - to supplement and help fund local education).

After several voters said their piece, the cost-cutting amendment went to a voice vote.

Moderator Nancy Carr, measuring the decibels of those voice voting yay or nay, deemed the vote inconclusive.

Registered voters had been issued yellow voting cards.

Carr asked voters in favor of trimming \$125k from the budget committee-endorsed amount to raise their cards. Supervisors took a tally. Carr next asked those in the opposition to do the same.

After a hand count, Carr announced that the amendment failed by a measure of 35 yays, with 94 in opposition. The proposed cut therefore failed.

Attendees next addressed a proposed increase to the budget.

Many of the same folks re-appeared before the mic. After discussion, the result was consequently mixed. After a voice vote was indeterminate, voters were asked to note their preference by a show of their yellow cards. Supervisors took count and turned their enumerations into the town moderator.

Reading the results, Carr raised an eyebrow and remarked, "Well this is interesting."

The amendment received 55 yays and 55 nays; failing a simple majority, the amendment failed.

So voters were therefore asked to consider the budget article - as originally submitted. By a voice vote, Barnstead citizens gave a nod to the \$13,418,450 number that was initially proposed.

Following this vote, voters were asked to consider an article that would mandate that "t]he Town of Barnstead shall appropriate any surplus

in the school budget to the town's general fund." Said funds would need to be recognized within 30 days of the end of the district's fiscal year.

This measure, Article 11, was a petition article. The article's first signatory was Whitney. He said that "the use of any surplus should be determined by the board of selectmen and not the school board" since it represents town taxpayer funding.

Also speaking in behalf of the article was Furtney. He cited the need to fix local roads and other infrastructure.

Seeking to clarify current SAU policies was the district's finance director, Donna Clairmont. She noted that, as a matter of course, any school-related surpluses are already transferred back to the general fund.

"So this would be redundant," Clairmont said.

Article 11 failed by a voice vote.

There were other articles of note.

Article 2 set the stipends for school board members, as well as the moderator, treasurer, and truant officer - as well as other positions. The measure passed.

Article 3 will raise and appropriate \$259k to support the school lunch program. There is no anticipated tax impact since revenues will be derived from federal sources and food sales.

Article 4 will raise and appropriate \$125k to be added to the Building Maintenance Fund; this sum will come from a fund balance that will be available on July 1. There will therefore be no tax impact as a result of this action.

Article 5, which passed by a voice vote, approved "the cost of items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement." Salaries will incrementally increase. In the 2019-2020 school year, the estimated uptick will be \$41,220. Subsequent years will see increases of \$32,455 and \$33,358. The article is estimated to have a seven-cent tax impact.

Article 7 - also passing by a voice vote - will raise and appropriate \$300k to fund programs like IDEA and Title I. The dollars would be derived through federal and state grants. There is no anticipated tax impact.

Article 8 will add \$15k to the Prospect Mountain High School Athletic Field Capital Reserve Fund. Alton matches this sum, making the total bi-town appropriation \$30k. Passage of the article will have a three cent per thousand tax impact.

After the meeting, superintendent Brian Cochrane noted, "Everyone had their say, and we're all looking to provide the best education possible for the children of Barnstead. To view the entire warrant, visit www.barnstead.k12.nh.us. Once there, click on "About BES," then navigate to "School Board."



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BOB

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hard - and have a lot of fun in the process.

More than a dozen students devoted part of a recent weekend making tweaks to a robot that was fresh off a competition in Philadelphia. By participating in FIRST, they belong to an international league that gives students a chance to design, build, and compete with robots, and engage with teens from around the U.S. and beyond.

The PMHS team is nicknamed Big Bad Bob. Many of the team members were clad in the squad's official orange t-shirts with azure lettering as they worked, preparing for an upcoming match in Bedford.

The team of about 20 members works under the mentorship of co-coaches Brian Hikel and Joe Derrick. While they are deeply involved and invested in the team, they play an extremely hands-off role in the building of the robot itself.

"We provide support and guidance and help them develop skills, but it's the kids that do the actual work," Derrick said.

Hikel added that the realm of FIRST is so broad that there is a role for any student interested in getting involved.

"Everyone is welcome," he stressed, noting that roles include those involving skills relating to programming, mechanics, industrial design, and electrical engineering. He added that there is also a perpetual need for students interested in marketing, business development, and even graphic design. (Big Bad Bob has some excellent swag; if you bump into people at Hannaford's clad in orange and blue, there's a good chance they're Bob boosters).

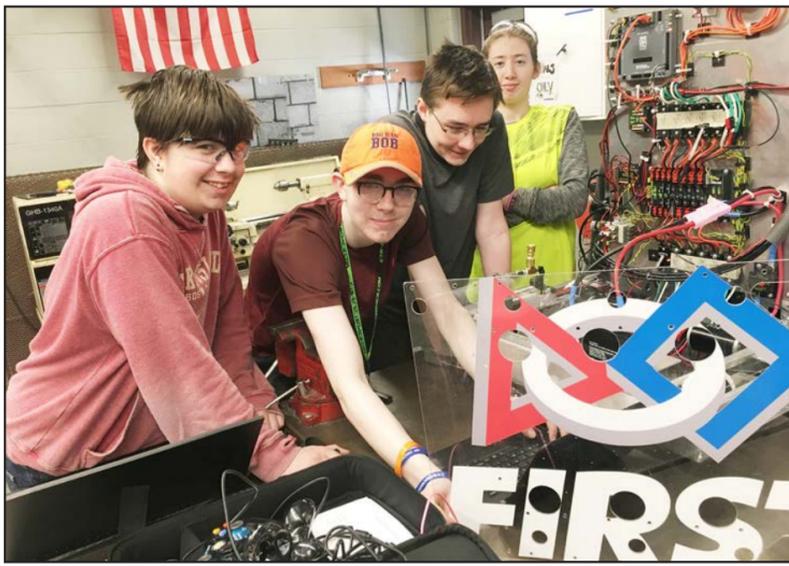
Hikel and Derrick have devised a division of labor among the teammates. Some of the students design the robot itself, while others manage duties relating to building the unit, devising game strategies, writing computer code, and marketing and fundraising.

While each student has a specific focus, the Bob ethos is to encourage collaboration.

"I have my focus, but I get good input from the programmers and the kids who work on design," explained Alex Caturio, a Barnstead junior who's the team's lead electrical technician. He's been involved since he was a freshman. He recalled becoming inspired during an evening school orientation event. Bob's robot was performing a demonstration in the parking lot where it was launching basketballs through a hoop.

"I knew this was something I wanted to be involved in," Caturio recalled.

In addition to helping students develop STEM skills and fostering a spirit of cooperation and "gracious professionalism," FIRST also seeks to combine the rigors of science with the rapturous enthusiasm of a sporting event or a rock concert. Participants and event attendees often wear joyfully gaudy costumes or roam the venue bedangled in swag. (In 2012 the Bob squad was accompanied at competitions



MARK FOYNES

MEMBERS of the Prospect robotics team combine to create a unique division of labor. Students fabricate metal parts with power tools, write computer code, develop business plans, marketing campaigns and much more. Pictured (l to r), freshman Simon Paris, senior Joshua Hanson, sophomore Adam Ross and freshman Caitlynn Krull. Students learn technical skills, as well as the values of cooperation and teamwork.



MARK FOYNES

JONATHAN FRENZEL makes adjustments to a part of the team's robot. The component was lathed on site in the Prospect shop. Frenzel moved to the region and quickly got involved with the robotics team.

by a sasquatch mascot; the student who figured out how to get an orange t-shirt over that oversized costume probably has an advanced degree in engineering by now).

According to the FIRST web site, its mission is to "inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication and leadership."

Since the N.H.-based organization's founding in 1989 by Dean Kamen - inventor of the Segway scooter - the non-profit has sought to harness the enthusiasm for sports and pop music and channel that energy into creating excitement for the STEM disciplines.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Bob's involvement with FIRST. Hikel, the founder of the program, noted that prior to the establishment of PMHS, Alton had competed for a few years prior but at one point had to re-register.

The team's Instagram feed features the tagline, "Been bobbing around since 1999."

FIRST assigns teams with identifying numbers, numeric to when they began competing. Each team, however, selects a nickname of its own choosing. The Prospect team was an early adopter of the FIRST program. Their official team number is 319. According to a source from their Manchester headquarters, new teams signing up now are being assigned numbers upwards of 7,800.

Each year, FIRST creates a new challenge for students to surmount. In past years, kids have designed robots that could

play basketball or zing a frisbee with remarkable accuracy.

This year's theme is "Deep Space." Alliances of three robotics teams race against time to load rockets with cargo. After dismounting a raised pedestal, each robot needs to endure a "sand storm" and seek out cargo. The alliance that loads the most cargo wins the most points.

At the NE District Southern NH Event on March 17, Bob was ranked fourth overall out of a field of about two dozen teams from throughout northern New England. With a record of 15-4-1, Bob was declared district event winner and was granted the Creativity Award Sponsored by Xerox. Bob was part of the winning alliance, along with teams from Randolph, Vt. and Standish, Me.

Next up will be the UNH District Event, which will take place at the Whittemore Center March 29-31. Thereafter, Team Bob will proceed to the New England District Championship, which will take place at Worcester Polytechnic Institute from April 10-13. Information about these regional events is available at nfirst.org/ events.

Bob's season will culminate with a trip to Detroit for the championship in late April. At last year's event, Team Bob distinguished itself as one of the elite squadrons in the FIRST community. Coaches Hikel and Derrick hope to replicate that success in 2019 when they return to the Motor City.

While the competition cycle is demanding, the team has embraced efforts outside of its own tournaments. In recent years, Bob has hosted the Battle of Bay. This is an off-season event that takes place in the fall at PMHS. Teams from

around New England converge on Prospect to gear up for the kickoff of the coming season.

Bob, being affiliated with FIRST, also supports the FIRST LEGO League (FLL), which inspires STEM engagement among kids in grades four to eight. Several kids who have joined Bob over the years transitioned as high schoolers to the FRC program.

One of them is Alton sophomore Dominic Soucy, who does computer assisted design. "I like to solve problems and CAD helps visualize what it will look like," he explained.

Soucy participated in FLL at Alton Central and wanted to continue developing his skills. He recalled that members of the Bob team helped mentor his group.

"It's really guided me since," he said. He added that the opportunity to meet other teams at kickoff and competition events helps broaden his horizons.

Looking forward, Soucy hopes to advance a degree in bioengineering with a goal of landing a career in prosthetics. "I think it's a way to make my impact," he said.

A major priority of FIRST is engaging girls and young women in the STEM disciplines. One such example is freshman Caitlynn Krull. She's part of the fabrication group on the team. In this role, she works on an 8-2200 CNC engraving machine.

"I work a lot with aluminum - it's strong, easy to work with, and lightweight," Krull said. She noted that there are strict weight regulations for each robot. Exceeding the limit would disqualify a team.

Devising a game strategy is a total team effort. During lunch, students and coaches watched game footage of other matches to parse out how other teams approached the game. Hikel, Derrick and the students noted specific nuances to deepen their understanding of this year's challenge.

Hikel and Derrick have endeavored to make Bob a year-round activity. However, the official FIRST robotics season is quite compressed. The game rules are announced right after New Year's and teams have six weeks to build their robot. Once the deadline arrives, the unit needs to be "bagged and tagged" so it can be shipped to FIRST headquarters where officials weigh and measure to ensure compliance with league specifications.

But Hikel is a believer in the notion that practice makes perfect.

"We don't build one robot in six weeks, we build two," he said. Both are identical. Since there is lag time between the shipping of the robot and the actual competition, having a second robot allows team Bob to continue practicing and strategizing.

To be sure, FIRST helps develop STEM skills, but the mission also encourages good citizenship. Since the team is part of a global initiative, Bob is heading up a donation drive whose goal is to collect and distribute 115 pounds of LEGO bricks to Uganda, Kenya, and Botswana. (This number is not arbitrary - it's the weight of the team's robot).

The deadline for folks to donate good-condition LEGO bricks is June 1. Drop off locations include the main PMHS lobby, as well as the Gilman and Oscar Foss libraries.

Bob's Facebook page notes, "Do you have old or loose Legos sitting around and tired of the clutter? Want to do something good with them? Please consider donating them to our Lego drive. We want to make a glob-

al impact by giving children opportunities to create and build. We will be sending these Legos to Play Well Africa."

Between team 319's prowess, Derrick's enthusiasm, and Hikel's 23 years of experience with FIRST, the squad encompasses a considerable amount of expertise.

While the team is immersed in its own pursuits, it also takes time to build a sense of community. During a recent visit, members were working with Spaulding High students who are participating for the first time this year. Several students and their mentor trekked up from Rochester with their robot, and members of the Bob squad worked with them side-by-side to make some programming and mechanical adjustments. Derrick said that this was a new team and that he reached out to them to help them with technical support.

This is part of a culture that FIRST fosters - and which the Alton-Barnstead team exemplifies. It's nothing new. A couple of years ago, the squad helped the rookie team at Brewster Academy during their first season.

This give back mentality is part of FIRST's core values of cooperation and "gracious professionalism." There is also a pay-it-forward element, too. Competing in FIRST requires funding. Expenses include the robot kit, registration fees, transportation costs to and from events, branding materials - and even pizza for after school and weekend strategy sessions. (Pizza is a big part of the FIRST culture; at one point, the parent organization considered identifying a national pizza sponsor to make in-kind donations of pies to teams in franchisees' communities).

Both Hikel and Derrick expressed their sincere gratitude toward the following team sponsors: Symbiotic, SPS New England, Safran Optics 1, Schneider Electric, DOD STEM, the Rotary, Podmore Manufacturing, and the Alton branch of Profile Bank.

Support from private individuals is also key. The Landry family of Barnstead have also been vital supporters. Recently, Paul Landry passed away.

"We're dedicating this season to his memory," Derrick said.

Somewhere on this year's robot, etched in metal will be the initials "PL."

To learn more about Big Bad Bob, visit frc319.com.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 170 calls for service during the week of March 17-23, including six arrests.

One subject was arrested on a warrant.

One subject was arrested for tobacco products use prohibited on school grounds.

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

There were three motor vehicle summons arrests.

There were five motor vehicle accidents.

There were two suspicious person/activity reports on Jones Field Road and School Street.

Police made 30 motor vehicle stops.

There were 133 other calls for service that consisted of the following: One background/record check, three employment fingerprinting, two assist other agencies, one pistol permit application, two animal complaints, one juvenile incident, six general

assistance, one wanted person/fugitive, one alarm activation, one lost/found property, one highway/roadway hazard report, one general information, one vehicle ID check, one sex offender registration, one civil matter, two wellness checks, one abandoned motor vehicle, four community programs, one dispute, two disabled motor vehicles, 80 directed patrols, three motor vehicle lockouts, two medical assists and 14 property checks.

Village Players presenting ghost story in April

The Ghost in the Meadow opens on April 5

WOLFEBORO — The Ghost in the Meadow, by Joe Simonelli, opens on Friday, April 5, at the Village Players Theater. Priscilla Adams is directing the 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 Blacks Paper and Gifts, Main Street Wolfeboro. (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,



JULIAN (Jordan Canney, sitting) is comforted by (l to r), Sheila (Kimmi Adjutant), Antoinette (Meggin Dail) and Kylie (Kaylin Dean) during rehearsals for *The Ghost in the Meadow* at the Village Players Theater.



IN A LIGHT moment in rehearsal, Kathryn the ghost (Michaela Andruzzi) peers through the doors of *The Ghost in the Meadow* set.

Kylie Roberts, played by Kaylin Dean, Julian Shaw, played by Jordan Canney, Antoinette (a psychic), played by Meggin Dail,

Kathryne (a ghost), played by Michaela Andruzzi, and Pastor (a ghost), played by Corky Mork. The play is produced by Cather-

ine Heffernan Collins. Paul Stewart is stage manager.

Two sisters (Kylie and Sheila Roberts) looking for a fresh start, leave the bustle of New York City in favor of an idyllic old house in upstate New York only to be visited in turn by several spirits and Sheila's on-again-off-again boyfriend, Julian. Part comedy and part ghost story, the play explores the complexities of modern-day relationships with both the living and the dead.

People love ghost stories. The telling is just as much fun as the hearing. The summer brings camping trips with s'mores and campfires, someone telling a deliciously creepy story, people arranged in a semi-circle, hearts racing in anticipation, waiting for the scary moment when the ghost jumps

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Photographer is artist of the month at gallery

TILTON — Photographer James Cryan, a member of the Lakes Region Artist Association, was selected by the association as April's 'Featured Artist of the Month.' His high quality and creative photos include many images of Ireland, its landscape, people and historic sights. He has visited Ireland seven times over the past 50 years to take photos, hear stories about its history and meet with his relatives, one of which was his

90-plus-year-old grandfather. Cryan's exhibit is free and open to the public at the Lakes Region Artist Association/Gallery, Tanger Outlet Mall, 120 Laconia Road, Tilton, Suite 132, Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cryan's impressive resume includes earning a Master's Degree in Irish literature and history from the University of Massachusetts, a trained infrared aerial recon combat photographer in Viet Nam, and awards for his photogra-

phy. In 2013, Cryan returned to Viet Nam to continue taking photos, work with an English language school and work on a medical mission in Can Tho and Saigon. While there he teamed up with a longtime friend, Thach Nguyen, who assisted him as his guide and host. Cryan has his own showroom and gallery studio in Pelham, 422 Mammoth Road. It's open by appointment, call 635-9071.

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

The keys to mobility

BY VIVIAN LEE DION
Contributing Writer

A year ago, a wooden cane became my best buddy due to my constant knee pain. How did the injury happen? Although the question is difficult to answer, I exercised too much, plus the side to side motion of line dancing undeniably added to my painful situation. This made me realize that I'm not as young as I used to be, and common sense is necessary. I've slowed by exercising sporadically, and carefully monitor how my body reacts. Line dancing has been cross off my to-do list. I am now pain free and my sturdy old cane is tucked away with the umbrellas, ready for use at a moment's notice.

In a Health Day News report of 2015, "Older Americans aren't taking old age sitting down. Use of canes and other mobility devices soared almost 50 percent over a recent eight-year period,

according to interviews of more than 7,600 Medicare beneficiaries." The report continues with a quote from Dr. Lauren Gleason, a geriatric medicine fellow at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, "The degree of the jump is little surprising, but people are living longer. And there's also more community knowledge about the risk of falling which might have led to a greater acceptance of devices."

So why am I talking about using canes for day-to-day mobility? Well, this recently happened to me: At a retail store where I shop, small bushes are planted on the outer perimeter. I was walking toward a well worn path between the hedges, and about 20 feet in front of me an elderly man was using that short cut. Suddenly, he stumbled and fell as he tripped at the beginning of the concrete sidewalk. I saw him crawl toward the front of a parked truck, and stood up to regain his composure. I said, "Are you alright?" Nodding his head in embarrassment, he replied, "I forgot my cane in my car."

Quickly thinking of my own key fob, I said, "Stay there, and I'll get your cane for you, just unlock your car with your remote key." How I ever had the forethought to think of his remote key, I'll never know. He

seemed reluctant, and I said, "Don't worry, you can see your car from here, and I won't touch or take anything else except your cane." His face relaxed as he reached for his remote. One click on his key and his world of mobility opened up again. His reluctance and embarrassment changed to gratitude and acceptance. He smiled as I handed him the cane and gently said, "Thank you."

As Nancy Gell, UVM assistant professor of rehabilitation stated in the Health Day report, "People realize that staying active is a key component to staying healthy. Many older adults use more than one mobility device. They don't just use a cane or just use a walker. They're using a range of devices which is actually intuitive, because you want them to use the device that matches their situation, which can be fluid throughout day."

I've learned not be embarrassed when using my cane because I know acceptance and commitment are the keys to mobility. Finally, we were ready to enter the store, and the gentlemen confidently used his cane walking towards the door. He looked at me one last time, and politely said, "Thank you again for your help."

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



COURTESY

Artists of the Month

The Lakes Region Artist Association juried submissions by its members for selecting 'Artists of the Month' winners. The artists whose entries were selected will have their artwork displayed for one month at a number of locations for public viewing and sale. They are: Duane Hammond-Meredith Village Savings Bank, Phyllis Meinke- Northway Bank, Meredith, Gail Brunt-Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford, Pat Edsall- Northway Bank, Tilton, Martha Swanson Webber- Laconia Library, Marlene Witham-Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin, Andrew Pieszchala- Bank of Gilford, and Sharon Nahill-Northway Bank, Laconia. The Lakes Region Artist Association/Gallery is located at the Tanger Outlet Mall, 120 Laconia Rd. Tilton, suite 132. The Gallery is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday to Sunday.

PUBLIC HEARING

ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Alton School Board will hold a Public Hearing Pursuant to 198:200-b

Date: Monday, April 8, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Alton Central School Middle School Library

Purpose: To accept a donation to Alton Central School

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ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Date: Monday, April 8, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Alton Central School Middle School Library

Purpose: To accept and expend unanticipated funds

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

TUESDAY, April 9, 2019

7 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL
David & Julie Grandin

1. You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the New Durham Town Hall. The meeting is regarding an application submitted by Jones and Beach Engineers Inc. on behalf of David and Julie Grandin. Public Hearing for case # 2019-001. The property is located at Map110 Lot 022 - 383 Merrymeeting Road. The applicant is requesting variances from:

Article V Section E: Flood Hazard Area and Water Body Setbacks. No new buildings, except for water-related structures, shall be located in a flood hazard area, or less than seventy-five (75) feet from any water body or river.

Article XIV Section C.1.(b) Building Setback: Except for water related structures, all buildings shall be set back a minimum of seventy five (75) feet from the normal high water mark.

Article XXI Sections C.(1) and C. (2): New Buildings and Structures; Alteration and Expansion of Existing Non-Conforming Uses All non-conforming property may be used for new construction of buildings and/or structures (including septic and leach fields) and any non-conforming building may be altered and expanded provided:

1. They conform to Non-conforming setback and height requirements
 2. Such expansion does not make any existing lot, structure, or use more nonconforming within the terms of this Ordinance.
- Article XXI Section G.2.(b) : Non-Conforming Setbacks
The following setbacks are required for Non-Conforming buildings, land and uses addressed by this Article
2. Buildings:
 - a. No new building, except for water related structures, shall be located in a flood hazard area, or less than seventy feet (75) feet from any water body or river course.

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Saint Anselm presents sophomore nurses

MANCHESTER — Local students who are studying nursing at Saint Anselm College in Manchester gathered in the Abbey Church for a blessing before they begin their first clinical placements. The Blessing of the Hands Ceremony is

a college tradition that symbolically and literally pays honor to the hands of nursing students for clinical care.

A total of 98 students representing 10 states received the Blessing of Hands, marking the beginning of their clinical rotations of the Nurs-

ing program at Saint Anselm. Local students honored included Nichole Bourque of Barnstead.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be in good academic standing and have completed three semesters of a liberal arts nursing

curriculum.

The nursing students were joined by faculty, family, and friends, listening to prayer and reflection. Father Mathias Durette, O.S.B., presided over the blessing and prayed that the students will "bring the grace of service to those

who suffer."

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a nationally-ranked four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in the greater Boston region in southern New

Hampshire, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, commitment to inclusiveness, a highly successful nursing program, and a legacy of community service.

WALDRON

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goes straight to charity. "People don't have to buy from me in order to donate."

Anaka is plain spoken when describing why she is the type to give to others. "Thinking about people losing their homes and animals made me feel sick. It would scare me to be in the position of those people in the wildfires. I put myself in their shoes and I wanted to help, so I found a way."

She remembered when she was younger and a school staff member traveled to Haiti "to help people." Her class had Haitian writing buddies, which was "really nice."

Her parents were pleased that Anaka chose to give money to charity. "We have always tried to give back when we can, and we were extremely proud that she decided to do this," Waldron said.

As her business expands and time passes, she will choose other charities across the country as recipients, such as St. Jude's Children's Hospital, animal shelters, hurricane causes, and the American Cancer Society.

"I can't imagine having cancer; it's scary."

Running a business from home can disrupt the household occasionally. "She'll want to make balm at not so great times," Waldron recounted, "such as on a day we already had plans, or when the kitchen is being used for other things."

And there are practical considerations that can cause some problems, too. "We've run into issues," Anaka said. "We bought



CATHY ALLYN

THE EXCEPTIONAL element of Sweet Bee Lips lip balm is not that a middle school student started it, but that a share of the profits goes to charity. Anaka Waldron, pictured here with some of her wares, decided to create the business to earn money in order to donate it. Since then, Sweet Bee Lips has taken off, and the CEO, CFO, and sole employee concocts a variety of creamy flavored sticks to sell at fairs and online.

a thing to hold the containers in order to keep the pouring even. But when we bought more containers, even though they held the same amount, they were wider, so now I can't use that machine to scrape off the top. It's hard work to scrape each one."

A batch takes about 20 minutes to mix and pour, and usually yields 20 containers. "I can split it and make 10 of one flavor and 10 of another."

Waldron said, "She has already shown us she is very particular how things come

out, and she wants her customers to be happy with her product."

"It's healthier being handmade," Anaka said. "It's better to use than processed brands. I control the ingredients and there are no chemicals."

This month she has come out with a limited edition spring flavor, Vanilla Lavender, which she tinkered with for a while before deciding on the formula. She's also eyeing adding ingredients for sun protection in her upcoming citrus-y summer offering.

In order to make

profits for her donations, she has to sell. "I'll be doing more craft fairs, and I'm selling from my house, too. My friends buy some, and that helps."

Each balm costs \$3.50, and Anaka also ships to people for an additional 50 cents per stick. Her Instagram account not only gets the word out, but customers can also shop directly from [sweet_bee_lips](https://www.instagram.com/sweet_bee_lips).

People can also order from the e-mail address sweetbeelipslipbalm@gmail.com.

"Overall, it has been a fun few months," Waldron said. "Anaka has been supported

generously by many in our local community. We are very grateful for that support."

The young entrepreneur isn't content with the situation yet, though; she wants things bigger and better. "I'd like to make a website," she said, "because it might bring my business farther along."

She has plans to continue working with it all through high school. "It would mean a lot to me to stick with it, even for all of

my life. It's creative to do and it will feel good to give to other charities and people."

Tell that to Peter the Hermit, who preached in 1274, "The young people of today think of nothing but themselves."

"Anything is possible if you put your mind to it," Anaka stated. "Never give up on dreams, and don't be afraid to reach out to others to help them. It might take a lot of hard work, but it's worth it in the end."

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out. People can't get enough of the shivery adrenaline rush that follows. Where do these stories come from? What inspires them?

It seems that many people have had experiences with unexplained phenomena, horror-like incidents, and encounters with a spirit. Some of the cast and staff of The Ghost in the Meadow certainly have. When she was a child, Kaylin Dean lived in a house in which "odd sounds" occurred occasionally. The family's African Grey parrot would announce that "Jeremy" was there. No one in the family knew who Jeremy was and still don't to this day.

When the power went out while he was dog-sitting at a friend's house one night, Jordan Canney felt someone touch his shoulder. When he turned around, no one was there. Kimmi Adjutant is forever affected by a prank her uncle pulled one Halloween when she was a child. He donned a Frankenstein's Monster mask and jumped out at her, expecting to

frighten her sister. Adjutant was so scared she still startles when she hears small sounds in the dark.

Perhaps the creepiest of all the stories is the one Priscilla Adams related. She says she, her husband, Jim, and their children lived for a time in an old farmhouse that had been converted into a duplex. The baby monitor picked up strange voices in the girls' room and they often heard footsteps on the floor above when no one was upstairs. One morning her daughter, three years old at the time, asked Adams about "the blue angel" that visited her during the night. Such thrilling stories make people shudder, but they delight in hearing them just the same.

In an ironic twist, Meggin Dail who does not admit to experiencing the paranormal, is playing Antoinette, the psychic called in to help dispel the ghosts. Dail says, "I believe in ghosts, but, sadly, they don't believe in me."

The Ghost in the Meadow is sponsored in part by Bruce and Kris Gurall.

Legal Notice

NOTIFICATION OF PERMIT APPLICATION

Locke Lake – Center Barnstead, NH

The Locke Lake Colony Association has contracted SÖLitude Lake Management, 590 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Telephone 508-865-1000, to treat portions of Locke Lake in Center Barnstead with the USEPA/State registered herbicide Procyclacor EC (Florpyrauxifen-benzyl), EPA Registration Number 67690-80, to control the exotic variable milfoil weed.

A permit application has been filed with the state requesting approval for this treatment program. The treatment will likely be performed in June 2019. If a permit is issued, there will be additional notification of the actual treatment date and specific information on certain activities and water uses that will be temporarily restricted as a condition of the permit. Any questions concerning the proposed treatment should be directed to SÖLitude Lake Management at the above address.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed application may contact the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Division of Pesticide Control to request a public hearing. Comments must be received in writing within 15 days of receipt of this notice.

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture
Division of Pesticide Control
P.O. Box 2042
Concord, NH 03302-2042
(603) 271-3550

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW DURHAM EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for the New Durham Integrated Preschool 2019-2020 school year to be held at the New Durham School.

The New Durham Integrated Preschool is an educational preschool program, with a limited number of openings for typically developing children residing within the Town of New Durham. The program offers developmentally appropriate activities to foster children's language, cognitive, social and physical development.

- ❖ The Preschool is open to children of residents of New Durham. If the number of applications exceeds space availability, children will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
- ❖ Your child must turn three on or before September 30, 2019, and be less than five years of age on September 30, 2019.
- ❖ The program will be held 4 times a week (Monday through Thursday) for 4 year olds and 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) for 3 year olds at the New Durham Central School. Morning session, 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM.
- ❖ PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING THEIR CHILD TO AND FROM THE PROGRAM.
- ❖ Tuition is \$75 per month for 4 day program and \$56.25 per month for 3 day program payable in advance.
- ❖ Applications will be accepted from April 1st to May 10th, 2019 for enrollment in the 2019-2020 school year. In the event that the program is full and additional slots become available, parents will be notified in the order that applications were received. All required paperwork must be submitted for application to be considered complete.
- ❖ If all openings are not filled by New Durham residents, applications will be accepted from residents of surrounding towns within GWRSD.
- ❖ Status of your child's application will be confirmed in writing by June 30th. Applications are available at New Durham School at 859-2061.

Not the time to check your child's car seat.

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If a woodchuck could chuck wood, he'd probably aim right for my head

It won't be long before people will have forgotten everything, and will just go around mumbling and grunting, because they don't read, and if you utter an oath like "Judas Priest!" they'll say "Huh?" and not even look.

The same thing is in store, I'd bet, for a huge number of old catch-phrases, like the ones my mother's mother used to use. For example, when her hair was all a-fly, which it seldom was, she'd say "Goodness! My hair looks like the wreck of the Hesperus!"

She lived Down East, around Jonesport and Cherryfield, Maine.

At the time of the wreck of the Hesperus (1839), some of the nation's blue-water shipping was still under sail. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem was probably based on the wreck of another ship, the Favorite, out of Wiscasset, which was smashed up on an out-

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



crop of rock known then and now as Norman's Woe.

At the time, human sustenance depended almost wholly and directly on the ocean and the land. Saltwater farms had a long list of special rules and cautions, built on centuries of first-hand experience.

Lobstering was (and is) like that too. During my working career I did photo-features on lobstering twice, once with a man who fished shallow waters like estuaries and mouths of brooks and rivers, and the other time with a hardy soul who fished the deep blue sea.

Both trips bolstered my convictions about how hard and dangerous lobstering can be, and if someone complains about the price of lobster I'm just as likely to reply "You go fish for it, then."



COURTESY PHOTO ROGER IRWIN

Woodchucks perhaps aren't the problem they once were, with fewer cows and tractors coursing the land. This one, when Guildhall's Roger Irwin photographed it, cast a shadow worthy of some over-promoted-to-the-point-of-madness annual event in a state with too many letters to spell here.

It's the same with hay. In a perfect world, a bale of hay means four trips around the field: cut, ted (meaning flip), rake, bale. Then you have to pick it up, and then get it to the barn and stow it away, but who wants to hear all that?

So, I'm also the wrong guy to complain to about the price of a bale of hay, my likely reply being "You go make one."

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What got me going on this subject was the ridiculous poem "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck," ad nauseam, all because someone began it on the phone the other day and I couldn't get my hands over my ears in time. (It seems to be one of the few old sayings that has not been set to music, or at least I am blissfully unaware of it.)

When I was just getting into my teens, Spring meant (among other things that would become all-important) shooting woodchucks. This meant any woodchuck, anywhere outside of town, that you could draw a bead on. The snow had just gone and fields were still bare of sprouting greenery, and you could see forever.

In this scenario, the woodchuck carcass was checked for deadness, left in the hole, and quickly succumbed to scavengers, burying beetles, and the tug of gravity. Farmers thanked you, because a woodchuck hole is a perfect place to break a cow's leg or a tractor's front wheel. And shooting woodchucks was not necessarily the purview of lone hunters. Entire families could be seen, driving around and stopping now and then, at which point a lone figure would jump out, take long and careful aim, and shoot.

This action was fol-

lowed by two things: (a) the shooter ran out into the field and, while holding the woodchuck's carcass aloft, did a little jig, with much gesticulating and pointing; or (b) the shooter, having missed, slunk (slinked, slank, slunked) back to his witnessess. "Wind was off" was a pretty good line to have handy.

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Ken Hartlen was a crack shot and a well-known woodchuck hunter. He stopped to stand behind me and watch one day when I was about to take a shot on the Chet Noyes Road that I'd spent a good deal of time lining up. My .22 bolt action with open sights was clearly not up to the task; this shot was too far away, and really called for a scope.

Still, I knocked the woodchuck over with a clean shot, the kind of shot I probably couldn't have made again in a zillion years. Ken walked down with me to retrieve the woodchuck, and we talked about getting used to piece-work (at the time, I was working at the Beecher Falls Factory, Ethan Allen).

Today the pastures and fields that have not grown up are likely to be home to sheep, goats, horses and beef cattle, and I seldom see anyone stopping to take a shot at a woodchuck. The custom seems to be gone,

to which I'd bet many people would add "For good."

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As I look back on those days, just about half a century ago now, two thoughts on ethics arise, which back then nobody, I think, ever thought about.

One, which I have practiced ever since my teens, ever since the day I shot a bear that I had no good reason to shoot, is to eat what you kill and kill nothing you won't eat. No problem there. On top of that, I've eaten woodchuck pie, which, in accord with the axiom that everything that is not a fish ultimately tastes like chicken, tastes just like chicken pie.

The other one, much less clear, is what to do about problem animals---specifically, what to do about the woodchuck that has its holes near your garden and is sneaking out at night, or in broad daylight, to mow down your lettuce, corn shoots and bean sprouts with mind-numbing regularity and efficiency.

Oh, here comes the chorus, I can hear it now---a wave, a tsunami of finger-waggers: "Have a heart, Harrigan!" (get it?).

But here is something the trap and release advocates never seem to address: The likelihood that any nearby habitat for woodchucks---and you can replace "woodchuck" here with skunk, squirrel, raccoon, armadillo, chipmunk and mouse---is likely to already be full. Meaning, put a little more bluntly, the space and food for every specific species is already taken. No room at the inn.

This is why, when someone's inquiring at the hardware store about what to do about a marauding woodchuck, the whispered answer is likely to be "Lead poisoning."

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PROSPECT ALUMNI and current students faced off in a game to benefit alum Michelle Lizotte's Boston Marathon team.

Hoops for a cause

Prospect alum raises funds for Boston Marathon team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The high school basketball season was over, but Friday night there was some back and forth action on the Prospect Mountain High School court and it was all for a good cause.

Prospect Mountain alum Michelle Lizotte brought together some former Timber Wolves players in a basketball game with proceeds going to benefit her Boston Marathon team.

Lizotte is running the Boston Marathon in April on the Brigham and Women's Stepping Strong Team, which puts all its proceeds toward the Brigham and Women's Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation, which works with patients who have suffered traumatic injuries. The Stepping Strong Center was started after the Boston Marathon bombings in response to the need to treat people with traumatic injuries.

"If I was going to do any marathon, I would do Boston," Lizotte said. "But there was no way I would be able to qualify."

In her age group, Lizotte would have to run a qualifying marathon in under three hours and 20 minutes and even then, there would be no guarantee that she would earn a bib. But there are plenty of organizations that field teams to raise money for various charities and Lizotte had a connection through a friend at Brigham and Women's. Her friend told her about the good work done at the Boston medical facility and she thought it

would be a good fit.

She originally contacted the hospital in September and got put on the waiting list to run with the team. She contacted them again in December and was told there were no bibs available.

"So, I took it easy on my training," she said.

However, at the end of January, an e-mail came through asking her if she wanted to run. It didn't take her long to answer the call.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," Lizotte stated. "But it's definitely time consuming."

"I was scared, but the excitement took over," she added. "It's full board training, full board fundraising, let's lock down and go."

Each person running on the Stepping Strong Team has to raise \$7,500 and with more than 150 people on the team, there's plenty of money being raised. And the team is well taken care of as well.

"They have personal trainers, a physical therapist down in Boston, plus they have massage tents at the finish line so we can have massages, saunas and hot showers after we finish," Lizotte said. "We'll be treated like a pro elite runner."

For the alumni game, Lizotte was able to gather a number of former players and she was thrilled with the turnout for both the players and the fans.

"I hadn't seen some of them in so long," she said with a smile. "It's so awesome to see everybody, but we pick up right where we left off."

"And I was very im-

pressed with the turnout," she said, noting that the 50/50 alone brought in more than \$120 and more than \$800 was raised in total. There were also concessions on sale and donations taken at the door.

The current Timber Wolves took a 33-31 lead after 20 minutes of play. The current players got off to a quick start thanks to a couple of long bombs from Bekah Wheeler but Dylan Tiede led the alumni back with some strong drives to the hoop and the alumni took the lead in the final few minutes. However, Noah Sanville drilled a couple of late threes to give the current team the lead at halftime.

The alumni came charging back in the second half and led for much of the frame and took the win by a 63-54 score. One of the second-half highlights was a dunk from current Timber Wolf Keegan Unzen.

To date, Lizotte's race has been the Portland Half Marathon in Maine back in June but she's also done plenty of training runs and was planning on doing 16 to 18 miles in the days following the

game. She's also been dealing with a knee injury, but she said when she's running, things just clear up.

"Once you get in the zone, you don't even realize you're running anymore and you just keep going," Lizotte said.

Having played sports all her life, Lizotte said that running a marathon is much different than other sports she's taken part

in.

"It's different than I am used to," she said, touting things like mindset and nutrition. "It's tough but it's so worth it."

While many people consider Heartbreak Hill to be the most difficult part of the Boston Marathon, Lizotte, who now lives in Meredith, said that training in New Hampshire's Lakes Region gives her plenty of

chances to train on the hills. She anticipates that going downhill will be the toughest part for her.

"I can run uphill all day," she said. "But downhill is when my knee screams." The Boston course includes many rolling hills.

Lizotte had a close friend who passed away and this year would have been her 30th birthday, so a

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She-Wolves skate to tournament win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro She-Wolves welcomed eight other women's hockey teams to town over the weekend for the annual tournament. The teams were divided into two divisions and played games at the Pop Whalen Arena over the course of three days.

The She-Wolves had a bit of an emergency earlier in the week when their goaltender suffered an injury, but luckily they were able to secure a couple of solid replacements in former Kingwood keeper Nikki Cayon and former Brewster goalie Teraysa Noyes.

Cayon got the win in the first game of the tournament, a 5-0 defeat of the Wild Women of Conway's Ham Arena on Friday evening.

The She-Wolves were back in action on Saturday with Noyes between the pipes as they took on the Bay State Blues.

The Blues had the better of the chances early in the game but Noyes was up to the challenge, turning away a couple of solid bids from the visitors from the south. Taryn Smith had a good shot denied and also teamed up with Mary Ann Murray for a good defensive stop. Jenna Luby had a run into the offensive zone but she was turned away by the Blues defense.

Noyes continued to make strong saves in the She-Wolves net, keeping the visitors off the board and late in the period, the She-Wolves struck for the game's first goal, as Victoria Karstedt took the puck down the ice into the zone and fired it into the net, her first goal of the year and a 1-0 lead for the She-Wolves with 1:59 to play in the first period.

Neither team scored in the final minutes and the game went to the break with the She-Wolves up 1-0.

Noyes made a nice pad save on a Bay State breakaway early in the second period and Karin Lovering and Karstedt each had chances that were kept out of the net.

The Blues came charging back with some strong offensive attacking, forcing Noyes to make a number of big saves as they controlled the puck in the zone looking for the shots.

With 5:34 to go, the She-Wolves got the game's first power play but they were unable to convert in the minute and a half of advantage time. With the power play over, the Blues came back with a couple of quick chances that were denied by Noyes in the She-Wolves net.



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KEEPER TERAYSA NOYES scrambles to keep the puck out of the net in action Saturday.



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TARYN SMITH controls the puck along the wall on Saturday afternoon.



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PATTI CAIN gets to the puck along the boards on Saturday.



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VAL MURRAY defends against the Blues in action Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
MARY ANN MURRAY (center) battles for the puck along the boards on Saturday.

Carlene Stewart found Lovering with a nice centering pass but the shot was denied and Karstedt had a chance in the final minute but the Blues keeper held tight and the game went to the second intermission with the She-Wolves still holding on to the 1-0 lead.

Val Murray had a shot deflected early in the third period and Karstedt had a shot go wide and another stopped by the Blues keeper. After the Blues had a chance go through the crease, Crystal McLain got into

the zone but was turned away by the Blues defense.

A good diving defensive play from Val Murray helped keep the Blues off the board and Noyes continued to hold her own, making a couple of saves in close. Karstedt had a chance at the other end that was denied as well.

The Blues continued to pressure to the final whistle, getting a number of good looks in the zone, with Noyes coming up aces each time. She got some help from Kar-



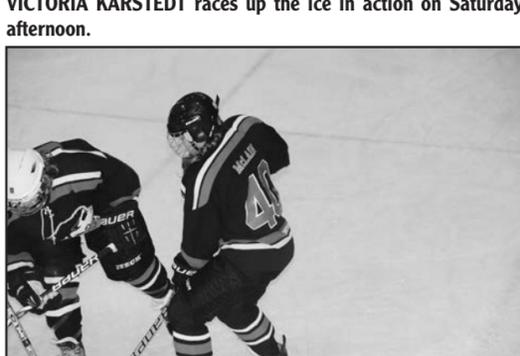
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KARIN NELSON pushes the puck up the ice against the Maple Leafs on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
KARIN LOVERING skates the puck in the zone Saturday against the Blues.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
VICTORIA KARSTEDT races up the ice in action on Saturday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
CRYSTAL MCLAIN works with the puck in action Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
SUE TROTTA looks for a passing lane in action Saturday.

in Nelson, who cleared a rebound in front of the net and the She-Wolves held on for the 1-0 win.

The She-Wolves returned to action later Saturday afternoon against the Maple Leafs.

The She-Wolves came through with some early chances, with Sue Trotta, Karstedt and Stewart all getting chances but they were unable to put them in the net. After Noyes made a nice save on a Maple Leaf chance, Karstedt came back with

a bid that was denied and Jayme Smith also had a bid denied. The Leafs had a chance go wide and another shot go through the crease, while Val Murray had a bid denied. After another Noyes save, Jayme Smith added a late chance and the period ended with no score on the board.

Karstedt opened the second period with a chance that went wide and then the Maple Leafs came back with a couple of chances, with Noyes

coming through with a few saves in the net. Jayme Smith ripped a shot off the post as well.

With 9:52 to go in the period, the She-Wolves were able to get on the board, as Jayme Smith made a nice pass from the wall to the front of the net, where Stewart popped it into the net for the 1-0 lead. Guay picked up the other assist on the opening goal.

Val Murray had a shot blocked and then Taryn Smith and Karstedt teamed up on a bid that was turned away by the Maple Leafs goaltender. Taryn Smith and Val Murray both had shots blocked and Mel Fink had a shot denied by the keeper. The She-Wolves got a power play chance with 4:30 to go and Karstedt, Taryn Smith and Jayme Smith all had chances but the puck stayed out of the net and the Maple Leafs killed off the penalty.

Jayme Smith and McLain each had shots denied and Noyes turned away a couple of chances at the other end.

With 40 seconds to go in the period, the She-Wolves were able to add their second goal of the game. Karstedt had a shot on net that was denied, but Lovering got to the puck and put it on net again. The bid was turned away but Fink was able to put the puck in the net for the 2-0 lead after two periods.

Jayme Smith, Patti Cain, Trotta and McLain all had early chances in the third period but they were turned away. Taryn Smith had a nice clear in the defensive zone and then Karstedt came in with a chance at the other end that was turned away by the defense.

Fink and Lovering continued to attack with chances but they were unable to get the puck in the net. Trotta and Cain also had bids denied.

With 3:14 to go, the She-Wolves iced the game as Karstedt popped the puck in the net for her second goal in as many games for the 3-0 lead. Jayme Smith had a couple of chances that were turned away and Lovering also had a late chance but couldn't convert and the game ended with the 3-0 final for the She-Wolves.

The win put the She-Wolves in the championship game for the division, as they moved on to play the Bay State Blues again on Sunday. In that game, the She-Wolves took a 3-1 win to capture the division championship.

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PROSPECT ALUMS and staff gave Michelle Lizotte a lift in her fundraising efforts for the Boston Marathon. Principal J Fitzpatrick was the official and alumni included front row (l to r), Sarah Adams, Allison Laroche, Kristi Maciejewski and Karen Stover (holding Lizotte). Back row (l to r), Fitzpatrick, Zack Drouin, LA Thomas, Bryce St. Cyr, Roy Poslusny, Mike Jensen, Chris Bennett, Logan Laroche and Dylan Tiede.



MIKE JENSEN works under the basket in action on Friday night.



MICHELLE LIZOTTE brings the ball up the court in the alumni game she organized on Friday.



J FITZPATRICK has a word with his daughter on the sidelines of the alumni game Friday.



BEKAH WHEELER drives past Kristi Maciejewski in action Friday night.



LOGAN LAROCHE drives through the lane in action Friday night.



CHRIS BENNETT dribbles as Mackenzie Burke and Brandon Stellan provide defense.



BRYCE ST. CYR puts up a shot during the alumni game Friday at Prospect Mountain.



NOAH SANVILLE pulls down a rebound in action Friday night.



SARAH ADAMS puts up a shot in the alumni game action on Friday.



KEEGAN UNZEN dunks the basketball during the alumni game Friday night.



DYLAN TIEDE drives to the basket in alumni game action Friday.



ZACK DROUIN steals the ball in alumni game action at Prospect Mountain.

HOOPS

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pact she had with her friend to run the marathon has even more meaning. And the fact that if she had survived the car accident,

she would've needed the services that the Stepping Strong Center offers.

Lizotte's fundraising continues on Sunday, March 31, at Patrick's Pub in Gil-

ford. Customers who eat at Patrick's at any point during the day can mention Lizotte's fundraiser and 50 percent of the bill will go toward her team. Additionally, she will be

there from 12 to 4 p.m. for a silent auction.

"I know (Patrick's owner) Allan Beetle and he said he'd do anything to make it work," Lizotte said. "He does a lot of the

community."

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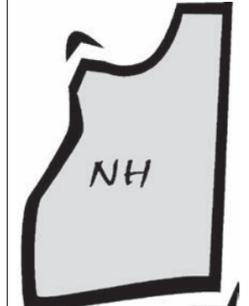
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THE CAST OF *The Ghost in the Meadow* will be on stage the first two weekends in April at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. I've been involved with the theater since 2012 and enjoy working behind the scenes on productions and occasionally making a cameo or two on the stage.

This spring is bringing something a little different to the stage. Instead of the traditional drama or comedy, we are presenting a show entitled "The Ghost in the Meadow." This is an old-fashioned ghost story, written by Joe Simonelli and directed by Priscilla Adams.

I've worked on numerous shows over the years and last year I was the producer on three different shows, including the Christmas show, which was our most successful show of the year. I was a bit burned out on producing, so I decided not to produce any shows this year but I am still looking to be involved.

For the spring show, Priscilla asked me to serve as the assistant director. I have served as the assistant director once before, for the summer show a few years ago entitled "Bathroom Humor." And I have to admit that assistant di-

rector is not my favorite job but I enjoy working with Priscilla so figured it would be a good chance to get a little more experience on that side of the show.

We held auditions right before Christmas and we had a great turnout for auditions over the course of the two nights, making our casting choices tough. With a small cast, it was a tough choice but we came away from auditions feeling we had put together a decent cast.

Our cast includes a trio of experienced actors in three of the main roles as well as one newcomer in the main cast. We also cast a couple of smaller roles with a few people who have been on the stage before. Kimmi Adjutant, Kaylin Dean and Meggin Dail have been regulars on our stage and other stages around the area and have worked together with Jordan Canney, an experienced backstage helper who is making his stage debut. Michaela Andruzzi and Corky Mork are playing the two smaller roles.

The cast has worked hard and put together what I think is a pretty good show, despite the

fact that the assistant director is still a little light on the experience. They've worked around my incompetence and have improved in leaps and bounds over the past few weeks as we've amped up for the production.

It has been a pleasure working with Priscilla and the cast and crew as we prepare to welcome audiences to the theater. I am hopeful that people will take a chance on a "different" show and will come out and see "The Ghost in the Meadow." The show is April 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m.

Finally, have a good day Matt Johnson and Tiffany Carter.

Joshua Spaulding is the Sports Editor for the Granite State News, Carroll County Independent, Meredith News, Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Plymouth Record-Enterprise, Littleton Courier, Newfoundland Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at josh@salmonpress.news at 279-4516, or PO Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.

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12:20	Marriott Resorts/Caribbean	Michael Rudloff
12:40	Aruba Dept of Tourism	Katy Kennedy
1:00	Trafalgar Tours	Bryan Towler
1:20	Viking River Cruise	Donna Nightingale

