

Annual spring clean-up complete

Volunteers come together for annual Alton Beautification Day

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — A group of people in Alton know that, no matter how long it takes for the snow banks on the roadside to melt away, what is finally revealed is shocking.

It's not the stuff of fiction or clues to an age-old mystery or a treasure that will change the course of the town. Nothing so romantic as that. Frankly, it's garbage; a huge amount of it. Liquor bottles, diapers, cans, cigarette butts, papers, plastic — enough litter to fill truckloads.

As she has for so many years in the past, Bernadette Kaszynski did something about it. Since 2006 she has organized Alton Beautification Day when volunteers turn out to clean the roadways of Alton and Alton Bay.

"I live on Mountain Road," Kaszynski said,



RUSS NOYES, Domicyn Waterman and Greg Barsanti were part of the nearly 40 volunteers who cleared local roadways for Alton Beautification Day.

CATHY ALLYN

Clad in their matching t-shirts, volunteers grab donated coffee and doughnuts before beginning work. Garbage bags and gloves are provided. After cleaning their designated stretch of road, they return for a cook-out in front of Kaszynski's office of Lakes Region Tax and Retirement Planning for good food and time to gather with friends.

A mainstay of the cook-out is Tom Foster, who for many years ran a clam bake business in Massachusetts. He has been at Beautification Day so many times that he's earned his name on the T-shirt. Look closely and you'll see "Tom" on the chef's hat in the picture.

Those in the know head straight for his seafood chowder, which he serves "only a couple of times a year" at select functions.

He said he toys with the recipe frequently. This year he had "basil and thyme in it." One thing that is unchanged is the barrage of people asking for the recipe.

Chili and chowder have always had their place next to the hot dogs, hamburgers, chips

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"and I walked it all of the time. There was so much trash that I said, 'Let's have a clean-up day.'"

It went well. "The next year, Roger Sample asked me if I was going to do it again. I said I would if he'd help, so here we are 13 years later."

Board talks possibility of combining SAU services

Integration, alternative school and more on PMHS board's docket

BY DAVID ALLEN
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ALTON — Eunice Landry of Barnstead started working on Prospect Mountain High School several years before it opened and has been a board member since the beginning. She was elected to another term as chair as it seems other members respect her experience and steady hand.

Some other long time members who played key leadership roles have stepped aside in the last couple of years.

A new crop of Alton board members including Karen Kharitonov, Pamela McLeod and Everett Clark, and Lyla Adkins of Barnstead are stepping forward with new energy and in some cases new perspectives.

For that and other reasons there was more substantive discussion at the Tuesday, May 1,

PMHS board meeting than at many others. The public portion of past meetings has been dominated by reports from students, principal and superintendent emphasizing some of the many successes of the school, challenges from a leaking roof, and occasional points of conflict with the PMHS Teachers' Association.

Board members brought four issues to the table: 1. the integration of K-8 curriculum, instruc-

tion and behavior management with that of the high school; 2. potential for an alternative school on the PMHS campus for students with severe behavioral problems; 3. the potential for sharing SAU (School Administrative Unit) level services amongst the three school districts (Alton, Barnstead and PMHS each have separate superintendent offices and staff) as a potential cost saving measure; and 4. electronic board packets.

Kharitonov brought the question of middle school/high school coordination to the attention of the board. She suggested creating a team of representatives from the three schools who would meet and look for ways to improve the transition.

Principal J. Fitzpatrick asked if she was talking about academic or social integration and emphasized the need for clarity about which was the area of focus. Khari-

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Selectmen to discuss West Alton Community Center

Public hearing on options for property is May 21

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — Town leaders will be soliciting the public's input regarding the fate of a town-owned building in the town's western section.

The Mount Major Community Center, alternately known as the West Alton Community Center, became town property in 2016. Its prior owner, Brian Fortier - who also owns the nearby West Alton Marina, relinquished the property. The 2,000-square foot structure and the accompanying land became town-owned after the property went through probate.

Town Administrator Liz Dionne said that the structure, erected in 1947, "needs a little TLC." She said that the roof leaks and is covered with a tarp.

She noted that it also has septic and water issues as well. For example, she said that the community center

shares a septic system with the West Alton Fire Department station across the street.

Dionne said that members of the board of selectmen want to hear from residents to get community input before determining a course of action. There will be a public hearing on May 21 at 6 p.m. upstairs in the town hall.

She said there have been non-binding discussions about several options. Among them is razing the building and finding an alternate use for the land. Another option is repairing the building and finding a town use for it. (In the past it was rented out as a function hall). Another possibility would be to sell the land and building as is and use the funds for other purposes.

Dionne said that there are some residents who have some "very strong opinions about this" and that the BOS wanted to provide

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Baysider in Antarctica

John and Cheryl Wood took a cruise to Antarctica and took the Baysider with them. The ship stopped at various islands and the mainland, including this island where there were thousands of penguins in the background. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to baysider@salmonpress.news.

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Calm night for Barnstead selectmen

BY MARK FOYNES
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BARNSTEAD — After the previous week's contentious selectmen's meeting, a spirit of calm returned during the board's May 2 session.

During public input, the board was asked about the status of a potential K-9 unit for the police department. Selectman Rick Duane said that it had been cut by the budget committee and is therefore not in the works - for this fiscal year at least. He also confirmed rumors mentioned the prior week that two BPD officers did put in their notice.

One resident asked a perennial question regarding the size of the force. He mentioned the often-cited examples of Northwood and Strafford as towns of a similar size that have fewer cops. Duane noted that he has been in touch with the Northwood chief and that they are actively seeking officers, and the size of their force reflects the fact that re-

cruitment is becoming increasingly difficult.

Police Chief Paul Poirier was in attendance to provide an update later in the meeting. Duane asked him about the feasibility of providing information to the board and the public, relative to the scope and scale of the department's service.

Poirier said he's already investigating a COMSTAT solution that will produce reports tracking arrests, calls for service, and traffic stops. He said that he hopes to provide monthly data, and that he is willing to put together a cop log-type press release to the Baysider on perhaps a monthly basis, similar to what the Alton Police Department does.

Among the items tended to during new business, the board opened a number of sealed bids for work on the newly-approved \$370k police station. The bids were in response to a request for proposals for initial site work including excavation and the laying

of concrete. The new station is to be located on a parcel of land behind the current town hall. Project manager and building inspector Fab Cusson hopes to have work complete by the end of the fall. As part of the plan, the town hopes to use as many local contractors as possible.

Cusson, who was in attendance, said that everyone who had responded to the RFP had received plans and drawings to help them in their estimates.

Excavation estimates ranged between \$52k and \$71k. Both bids for the laying of concrete were about \$33k.

The board next discussed vendors to use for some upcoming road paving. The town has received two bids, both in the vicinity of \$500k. The project involves an overlay of Varney Road and the paving of parts of Colbath and North Barnstead Roads.

The town has been using the Wolcott company. Selectmen Sean Dunne and Priscilla Tiede expressed an interest in returning to the town policy of obtaining three competi-

tive bids for such projects. Several residents spoke well of Wolcott's work, but the board chose to defer a decision until a third bid could be obtained.

During her administrator's report, Karen Montgomery informed the board that she'd received intent to cut paperwork relative to a parcel on Clapp Road, which is classified as Class VI. She noted the condition of the road and expressed concern that the weight of fully-laden log trucks might exceed the road's carrying capacity. Montgomery did note that the logger has expressed a willingness to make some improvements to the road so he can get his equipment on and off site. It was suggested that the town investigate having the logger take out a bond that could involve against any potential damage. Selectman Ed Tasker suggested that the logger present to the board and provide additional details.

Montgomery also reported that Road Agent David Kerr is planning to make repairs to catch basins on Maple Street that have sunk-

en in. He also received two bids for road sand that are within a couple of cents per unit of each other.

Reporting next was Chief Poirier.

He shared an e-mail from a resident expressing gratitude toward the department. It was from the son of a resident who recently died as a result of a cardiac incident. His wife administered CPR until emergency personnel could arrive. Poirier said that officer Andrew Keyes took over until an ambulance arrived on the scene. Once at the hospital, doctors were able to keep him alive until his other children could fly in, giving them a chance to say goodbye to their father, comfort their mother, and assist with final arrangements.

He said that he personally responded to another cardiac incident on April 14 along with the deputy fire chief.

Three days later, first responders participated in a resuscitation effort involving yet another cardiac episode, this time involving the father of a fire department mem-

ber. Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy stood by Poirier's side at the meeting as he spoke.

In other BPD news, Poirier pronounced the drug take back of the prior weekend a success, having collected enough expired and discarded meds to fill the entire bin. He added that the new cruiser and radios should be arriving within the week. He also offered wishes of gratitude to the Center Barnstead Christian Church volunteers who held an appreciation breakfast for the officers at the end of last month.

In the meeting's concluding topic, Tiede addressed a recent petition seeking to establish a special town meeting to discuss whether the town should release or retain the town road agent. She read from an RSA that said such a meeting would be moot since only a board of selectmen or some similar body can make such an action.

The board meets weekly each Tuesday at the town hall. Meetings begin at 5 p.m. Official minutes are taken and available upon request once written.

National Honor Society hosting bingo night May 21

ALTON — Come join Prospect Mountain's National Honor Society for bingo night on Monday, May 21. It runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and everyone can join in. Each canned good donation you bring,

for the local Alton and Barnstead food pantries, gets you one bingo card (max of five bingo cards per person, but bring as many donations as you want.) They have awesome, local prizes.

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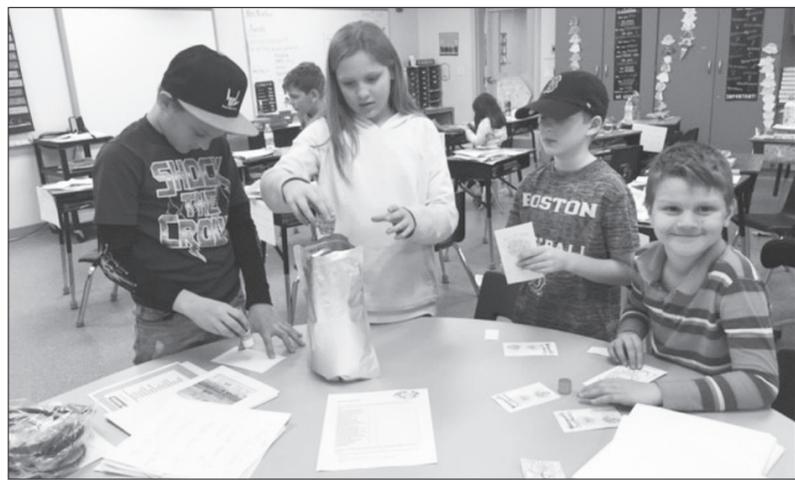
Ready

BY PAM MATTHEWS AND JILL MOULTON

Alton Central fourth grade teachers

The fourth grade class, as part of their economic unit of study, began a seed business. Students began by researching types of seeds to sell and also by collecting and looking at data by surveying some of the staff and students of ACS. Students then got a loan from the ACS activity account to purchase seeds up front. Next, they created a seed business name, "Future Gardens," along with a logo. After that, they designed seed packets, sketching and adding color to the illustrations. They then designed flyers in their computer class with Mrs. Bailey, and created a "jingle" in music class with Mr. Neveu to advertise their business.

Students are currently collecting seed orders, packaging seeds, and will soon be delivering seed packets to their customers. Students have learned the concept of supply and demand through this business as well. The fourth graders have decided that any profit made from this business will go directly back to the Alton community. Some ideas they came up with were to possibly send teddy bears, blankets, and supplies to the Alton Fire Department for fire victims, or those in need. This has been a wonderful learning experience for all students involved. They have learned the importance of being a team player in order to keep the business running.



COURTESY PHOTOS

ALTON CENTRAL students have started a seed business as part of their class work.

New Durham working on revising human resources policy

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — The Baysider caught up with New Durham Town Administrator Scott Kinmond to catch us up on some of the goings on about town.

Kinmond said the town has been revising its human resources policy, noting that reviewing and making needed tweaks was part of his 2017-18 work plan. He acknowledged the volunteer efforts of resident Joan Swenson, who works as an HR consultant, and expressed gratitude for her involvement.

Kinmond said that it has been several years since the town revisited its personnel policy, and that it is a good practice to do so with greater frequency. This ensures legal compliance with state and federal labor regulations and also ensures that managers have the tools needed to manage their workers effectively.

Kinmond said that there were few major changes to the policy. He noted that the adjustments that were made will make it easier to individualize and make customized changes based on specific positions and job duties.

At the 1772 Meetinghouse, the town department of public works will be doing some grading work to the driveway. Selectmen also authorized the remov-

al of eight trees on the site that pose a risk to the historic structure. Their removal will also help with planned work on the Meetinghouse's foundation.

Kinmond said that the town has been receiving complaints about speeding on Valley Road. This thoroughfare is part of a shortcut between Routes 28 and 11.

The town administrator said the NDPD will be taking steps to ameliorate the issue. He said that Police Chief Shawn Bernier is looking into the availability of state and federal grant funds for radar equipment. Kinmond said that there is interest in a mobile radar display board that clocks and displays drivers' speed, noting that such a resource could help educate motorists should they be driving too fast. In the meantime, Kinmond said the PD will continue to monitor the roadway.

In other NDPD news, the BOS reviewed the K-9 program and unanimously agreed to renew it.

Additionally, the town is working with the non-profit Strafford Regional Planning Commission, which will conduct a traffic study to gauge the number of drivers who are using this and other roads to avoid Route 11. Kinmond said that, anecdotally, there appears to be a higher

volume of commuter traffic. Conducting a formal study will give town officials quantifiable data to make informed decisions; hard numbers could also assist in applying for any relevant grants.

Kinmond said the DPW is seeking some new equipment. It is putting out to bid the acquisition of a 10-wheel dump truck with a plow and sander. There are capital reserve funds available for the purchase; Kinmond expects bids to be in the \$175k range. The town plans to trade in its 2009 six-wheel Freightliner, which "has a lot of maintenance issues." Kinmond said that the new vehicle will be more efficient on two fronts: during a storm, the new truck will be less likely to be out of commission; additionally, it carries double the payload of salt and sand. Kinmond said this increased capacity will reduce the need to refill at the town garage and allow the driver to plow and treat roads that are in more remote parts of the community.

"One person can do the work of two," he summarized.

The DPW is also applying for a N.H. Department of Environmental Services grant for a new waste oil collection system. The building at the dump that houses the cardboard hopper and aluminum recycling is

heated, in large part, by the waste oil residents bring in after performing routine vehicle maintenance. The new equipment is estimated to cost \$3,600, and the grant would be \$2,500. Kinmond said that the difference could be funded with CRF funds.

Regarding the town's ongoing efforts to preserve water quality in the town's rivers, lake, and ponds, Kinmond said the selectmen gave volunteer Mike Gelinas their blessing to investigate NHDES permitting options to curb erosion and mitigate groundwater runoff at the Merrymeeting boat launch. Gelinas has been active in recent years monitoring cyanobacteria levels throughout the Merrymeeting watershed.

Kinmond added that the town is accepting applications for its 2018 Adopt a Spot beautification program focused on public buildings and parks. Among six the locations are the ballfield, the town hall, the town beach, and both the fire and police stations. Kinmond said that individuals, businesses and organizations and clubs are all welcome to participate.

An e-mail blast also noted, "Additional sites may be assigned if there is sufficient interest expressed. Applicants must plan, plant and maintain these flower gardens throughout the entire growing season and pay for those associated costs."

To recognize appli-

cants' efforts the town will provide a sign at each spot advertising your business or group. Prizes will be awarded for the top three designs, as determined by a committee of volunteers.

Finally, Kinmond said the town is seeking volunteers to represent the town on the Strafford Regional Planning Commission's board. Interested individuals can contact him at 859-2091.

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Royal Tea at Prospect Mountain on May 25

ALTON — Prospect Mountain Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is sponsoring a Royal Tea on Friday, May 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school in Alton.

Young princes and princesses are invited

to wear their costumes and join the FBLA members for snacks and dinner (hot dogs and pizza) while spending time with some of their favorite PMHS princes and princesses. They can read stories, take photos and watch

the evening's featured film, Disney's Moana.

Reserved seating is available by purchasing tickets ahead of time (call the high school for information at 875-3800) and tickets will also be sold at the door.

PMHS FBLA collecting care package items for troops

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) are collecting care package items for The Pease Greeters. The Pease Greeters is a non-profit business dedicated to honoring service men and women. For the past 14 years, the Pease Greeters have been greeting troops at Pease International Airport and sending care package items overseas. Without the help of donors all throughout the state the Greeters would not be able to achieve their goal of greeting every soldier that comes through Pease and continuing to honor soldiers overseas with letters and care packages. This is why the PMHS

FBLA continuously supports this organization. This Memorial Day they hope to be able to give more items for care packages to the Greeters. Please take a moment to think about all that service men and women do for the country and donate to this drive.

You can bring acceptable items into the high school, and mention FBLA. Acceptable items include sunscreen, hand sanitizer, deodorant, Tylenol, aspirin, packaged razors, eye drops (clear eye/saline), bug wipes, mouthwash, hand warmers, chap sticks, handi wipes, air fresheners, flip flops, white socks, mid-calf socks for boots, shave gel in tubes, inner soles, or

foot powder. All toiletry items must be eight ounces or travel sizes, they cannot send aerosol cans. Some food items include cookies, nuts, trail mix, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, coffee – one pound, gum, beef jerky, licorice, dried fruit, raisins, granola bars, Crystal Light, on the go drink mixes, small peanut butter, and slim jims. All food items must be individually packed to share. Fun stuff for the troops include frisbees, dice, small nerf balls, Rubiks cubes, yoyos, football, baseballs, and small card games. If you have a question about acceptable items, you can e-mail the FBLA adviser at jcove@pmhschool.com.

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Picking up after the idiots

Disturbing.

That's one way to describe the huge amount of trash that volunteers cleaned up from the sides of Alton's roads on Saturday.

For 13 years, Bernadette Kaszynski has organized the Alton Beautification Day, where volunteers come together to walk the streets of Alton and pick up the trash that has been left as the snow melts. We can't say enough good about this event, as local businesses and residents come together to make donations to help feed all the volunteers after the clean-up is complete and residents take initiative to clean up their section of town. Cathy Allyn's story on the front page of today's paper highlights this annual event and we are happy to bring this event to the forefront of the public's mind.

For as great as the event is, it is disgusting to us that these volunteers have so much trash to pick up every single year.

In our younger years, our parents adopted a road side and we have cleaned the roadside as part of this and it amazed us then how much trash we would find in our small North Country community.

Now, as these volunteers fanned out over the community of Alton, they returned with large amounts of stuffed bags with items picked up from the roadside. It's truly disgusting.

What kind of person drives down the road and throws all their trash out the window as they go? Who in their right mind thinks it's a good idea to just dump a television and a tire (both found in the cleanup day) on the side of the road? How disrespectful do you have to be to just have no regard for anyone else and leave your garbage for others to see and/or deal with?

We would like to think this disgusting behavior is mainly the tourists that come through Alton without any connections to the community, but we know that the possibility exists that there are local residents who take part in the same behavior.

The sheer amount of trash collected tells us that it really can't be just the tourists. Why would anyone, whether they live in a community or not, find it necessary to throw their trash out the window? A simple stop at numerous locations around the area would give people an option of throwing their trash in a receptacle. Or simply collecting it in a bag in your car to throw away when you get home is also an option.

We have no doubt that Kaszynski will once again organize a clean-up day next spring as well, as she seems pretty dedicated to the community cause and we praise her for her hard work in putting this event together. However, we're hopeful that next year the groups of collectors will return to the cookout with less trash. Wouldn't it be fantastic if these volunteers had fewer bags of trash to get rid of next year?

It's not that hard to accomplish. If you're driving, keep your trash inside your car like any decent human being. That's not asking a lot. And if you see some idiot driving through town and throwing their trash out, report them to authorities. And if you are out and about and see trash, help out and pick it up.

In the meantime, thanks to all those working hard to pick up after the inconsiderate idiots who just don't care. Your work is appreciated.



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Volunteers recognized

COURTESY PHOTO
Huggins Hospital hosted its annual volunteer recognition banquet on April 18 in the hospital café. Dozens of volunteers were recognized for the thousands of hours they donated to the hospital in 2017 including two pictured here, Stan (left) and Annmarie Jarzembowski (right) with Terri Fraser Hooper, Volunteer Services Coordinator. The Jarzembowskis were honored for each donating more than 100 hours of service to the hospital in 2017. Volunteers received free food and refreshments served by members of the hospital staff during the event and many won raffle prizes donated by the different hospital departments.



Letters to the Editor

Stirring up fears and emotions

To the Editor:

Another New Durham police officer resigns after only seven months as a full time employee. Andrew Croteau began full time Sept. 11, 2017 and resigned as of April 8, 2018. He was an experienced officer. He is now in Farmington earning \$24 / hour versus the \$23 / hour in New Durham. I believe New Durham selectmen offered to match that amount. At least that is what the selectmen have done in the past when it is difficult to keep a key position filled. The position went unfilled for the first eight months in 2017. Did anyone notice? He was the fifth full time officer.

It makes one wonder how badly New Durham needs that many officers since we got along for so long without five full time officers. Keep in mind this many officers has never been justified. When I attended the public hearing on the budget I asked if this many positions had been justified. No answer, so I made a Right to Know request and learned no justification was ever submitted.

However, three days after Officer Croteau resigns, April 11, Chief of Police Shawn Bernier placed a message on the New Durham Police Department Facebook page linked from the official town of New Durham website telling us how drug addiction has infiltrated this town. Kids that he remembers are addicted to these drugs, and he will be stepping up response to this epidemic. Together we can reduce the drug addiction in this town. I've paraphrased.

I was pretty alarmed after reading his Facebook message to the public and decided to make a Right to

Know request to the fire department to see how they were managing the epidemic. They sent me statistics showing me they responded to two overdoses. Once on a Farmington resident and the New Durham call that turned out to be misdiagnosed. In other words there are no reported overdoses from the New Durham Fire Department ambulance records. That was from Jan. 1, 2017 till April 30, 2018. On another data system, there were no overdoses going back three years.

I did learn from an officer that recently there was one fatality caused from an overdose of heroin. Not multiple fatalities as rumored.

Last I knew the police chief wouldn't approve of police officers being issued Narcan, the antidote for opioid overdosing. If the town were in crisis you would think our police chief would want it in cruisers like many other towns do.

I'm glad I looked into the drug overdose issue. It shows society isn't overwhelmed by doom and gloom as our Police Chief Shawn Bernier would have us believe. His Facebook message was probably an attempt to justify a large police department that had a 14.17 percent budget increase to become \$583,868 not including cost of cruisers.

It is so un-businesslike for government to be stirring up the public's fears and emotions rather than presenting facts and solid data.

David A. Bickford
New Durham

French running for NHEC board

To the Editor:

This letter is to fellow members of the New Hampshire Electric Co-op. I am honored to have been nominated to fill one of the board seats in the upcoming election. The board represents the voice of the entire membership of the co-op. I possess important attributes, which I feel are necessary to make a meaningful contribution to the board as a representative of the membership. During my 37+ year professional career, first in the financial services industry and for the last nearly 10 years as an administrator in higher education, I have honed effective communication, critical thinking and problem solving skills. In

addition to my professional experience, I have significant experience in local government, having been a selectman, school board member, budget committee member, school district treasurer and am currently the town treasurer. I will work with the board of the co-op to put the member first and to deliver effective, reliable, and fairly priced electricity throughout the co-op territory. Please be on the lookout for the election ballot and my statement in the Guide to the Candidates, which you will receive in mid-May. I ask that you cast a vote for me.

Ed French
Raymond

Help create a community profile for Alton

ALTON — The town of Alton, in conjunction with the UNH Cooperative Extension, is working to create a community profile.

What is a communi-

ty profile you may ask? Here's a short video to answer your question: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaD9kHKlm3c>.

The ultimate goals are

to identify the town's assets and challenges, and the vision for the community.

The town is hoping to engage the community in this process. If you would

like to contribute your time and thoughts, please contact Nic Strong, Alton Town Planner at 875-0108, and/or show up at the next meeting on May 23 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Locke Lake board meeting is May 17

BARNSTEAD — The next public Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30

p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

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Lara Renner to speak to Alton Historical Society

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society is excited to have Lara Renner as guest speaker for its May 15 meeting. Renner is a 15-year-old dog sled racer from Alton and the first New Hampshire racer to participate in the prestigious Junior Iditarod in Alaska. This event took place on Feb. 24

and 25 of and was run from Wasilla to Yentna Station Roadhouse and back, in Alaska. She and her Siberian Huskies finished in 10th place, completing the 150-mile course in 20 hours, 39 minutes, 17 seconds. This was the 41st year of the race open to boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 17.

In 2017 Renner and her Siberian Huskies competed in the 100-mile class in the Can-Am race in Fort Kent, Maine, and finished fifth overall. She also had the top Siberian team and was "the top rookie, the top female finisher" and at the age of 14, the youngest ever to compete" in the

event. Renner will describe the training and caring of the sled dogs as she prepared for racing and for the Junior Iditarod. There will be pictures

taken by Renner and her dad Steve of their drive by truck with the dogs on the long trip to Alaska. Come out and meet the Renner family at the Gilman

Library in Alton (lower level) in the Agnes Thompson Conference Room, on May 15 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Disassembling of barn set for Saturday

NEW DURHAM — The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee needs your help with the ongoing disassemble of the barn, which was gifted to the town of New Durham. The barn will be part of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, used for holding larger private and public events and activities.

Saturday, May 12, is another big volunteer work date for the disassemble of the barn. They will be on site from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They need a minimum of 10 to 15 volunteers to help with the following activities:

- Need to remove shingles to the roofline, equal to the sides, around the barn. Ladders are needed for what remains. (The

- contractor will install staging, to help with safety, for the removal of the remaining shingles on the gable ends.);

- Remove interior studs from interior rooms, and overhead ceiling in two small rooms;

- Remove window and doors from barn;

- Remove all wires and lighting fixtures – there is no power to the barn;

- Removing nails from boards and wood;

- Your support will help achieve the goal of completing this phase of work, and turning the project over to the contractor, the week of May 14.

- Please share with and invite your friends. Many hands make light work. No special skills are required. It would

be helpful to bring your hammer, crowbars, an extension ladder and gloves. Please wear good supportive footwear.

The local Rotary groups from Alton, Barnstead, Pittsfield and Gilford are sponsoring food and beverages for the volunteers. For planning purposes, please let them know how many to plan for breakfast, and lunch, prior to Saturday.

Cathy Orłowicz will be at the barn each day, this week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She will be doing some light work, removing of nails and cleaning. Please stop by for a few hours to give a hand. If you wish to call before coming, confirming someone is there, call 859-4643 or e-mail cathyo@tds.net.



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Apache Awards

Alton Central School is happy to announce that Pamela Forbes (right) and Tonya Lambert were honored with "Apache Awards" for the month of May. The "Apache Awards" are chosen each month by ACS staff members. Staff completes their selections by voting using a school-wide online format generated by the IT department. Forbes currently teaches first grade and Lambert teaches grades seven and eight ELA. The theme for the month of May is "Someone who has generated and sustained energy and enthusiasm for learning beyond their work environment to the greater school community." As in the previous months, this award aligns with the school's strategic plan.

Movie night, rock painting at Oscar Foss

BARNSTEAD — Join in at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library on Friday, May 11, at 6 p.m. for a free night at the movies. They will be showing "Peter Rabbit" (PG) and providing popcorn. Pajamas and cuddling items are always welcome.

carfoss.org or by calling 269-3900.

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

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

Rock painting workshop

On May 17 at 6 p.m., local resident Lynn Varney will be leading a workshop at the library on how to paint decorative rocks. They can make a lovely addition to your home or garden, as well as gifts for loved ones. Pre-registration is required. Register online at os-

Kids' fishing day at Farmington Fish and Game Club May 20

NEW DURHAM — Farmington Fish and Game Club, located at 64 Old Bay Road in New Durham, will be sponsoring its annual kids' fishing day on Sunday, May 20, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Kids ages four to 12 are invited to the club for fishing, raffles, games and a free lunch, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m., rain or shine. Bait is not supplied and lunch is available for purchase for those not participating in the kids' fishing day.



ALTON POLICE LOG



ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 170 calls for service during the week of April 29-May 5, including 10 arrests.

Two subjects were taken into protective custody for alcoholism.

One male was taken for involuntary emergency admission.

One female subject was arrested on a bench warrant.

One male subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

There were five motor vehicle summons.

There were four motor vehicle accidents.

There were two burglary/theft reports at

West Alton Marina and Bowman Road.

There were six suspicious person/activity reports on Swan Lake Trail, Main Street (two), Coffin Brook Road, Pipers Point Lane and Finethy Road.

Police made 46 motor vehicle stops and handled seven motor vehicle complaint-incidents.

There were 105 other calls for service that consisted of the following: One public hazard, two assist fire department, one fraudulent action, one employment fingerprinting, three assist other agen-

cies, two animal complaints, two juvenile incidents, two domestic complaints, seven general assistance, one protective custody, 11 alarm activations, four lost/found properties, four highway/roadway hazard reports, five general information, four vehicle ID checks, one harassment, one sex offender registration, one criminal threatening, two civil matters, three community programs, one dispute, 19 directed patrols, one follow-up reporting, two motor vehicle lockouts, six medical assists and 18 property checks.



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Kids invited to hear author at New Durham Public Library

NEW DURHAM — Free books, free party, free entertainment. The New Durham Public Library is happy to host a sensational morning for children from newborns to school age on Monday, May 14, at 9 a.m.

Published author Marty Kelly will be on hand to read a rollicking tale or two for little ears on Monday, May 14. The event marks the finale of the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Rural Libraries grant awarded to the library, and promises to be a great time for all.

"You have to love the opportunity for your

child to pick out two free books," Library Director Cathy Allyn said. "This is the second such CLiF sponsored event we've had, and we're really looking forward to it."

The library's collaboration with CLiF has resulted in children's books and audio books added to the stacks, a class on stop-motion animation and equipment for families to come in and make their own mini-films, and storytelling events for the library and New Durham School.

The storytelling will wind up around 9:20

a.m., and then all of the children in the audience are welcome to peruse the new books appropriate for their age, and choose two to bring home.

Registration is not

required for this free event. Following the book give-away, the library will throw a party for the youngsters that will last until 10 a.m.

"We'll have food, music, and toys, and we'll

bring out all of the different kinds of equipment we use for our little kid programs," Allyn said. "At the first event, people stayed for a long time, just enjoying talking with each other

while the kids played or paged through their new books."

Local pre-schools and day cares are also invited to attend. Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

Alton Dance Academy gearing up for summer

ALTON — Come join in at the Alton Dance Academy for a fun-filled summer of princesses, fairies, wizards, muggles and more. They have several dance camps to choose from.

The first one is "Princess/Prince Camp" for ages 3-6. Camps will be

held either July 23-26 from 9 to 11 a.m. or Aug. 13-16 from 9 to 11 a.m. No dance experience needed. Spaces fill quickly.

For a wizardly good time check, out the "Wizarding World of Dance Camp" from July 23-26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wizards and Muggles

must be 7-12 years of age. No experience is needed but helpful. Both camps include crafts, imaginary play, dance and more.

For the more serious students they offer a young dance intensive "LEAP" inspired by the recent movie. Previous technical training is a must for ages 7-12. Dancers will learn about notable choreographers, multiple techniques and more. Class showcase at the end. Aug. 13-16 from 4 to 6 p.m., class size is limited.

For the high school or advanced dancer, an intensive of multiple techniques will be

offered from Aug. 13 to 16 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Dancers will also be able to self-choreograph their own piece to be performed at the end of the week. Pointe shoes can be worn if applicable. Both intensives need director approval. There is an additional option this year to also only take the modern/jazz portion of the week. Please see the ADA web site for more detailed descriptions, costs, requirements and more. Spaces are limited and do fill quick. Visit www.altondanceacademy.com, call 875-3623 or e-mail ashley@altondanceacademy.com.

Ponding for Pollywogs May 19 in New Durham

NEW DURHAM — On Saturday, May 19, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) will offer a kids' outdoor discovery activity as part of MMRG's new nature-oriented program for families called 'MOOSE-ies for Families.' This 'Ponding for Pollywogs' event will be led by naturalist Sally Cornwell with help from MMRG staff and volunteers. The outing will visit two ponds and some easy walking trails at WidowMaker Farm in New Durham.

Self-taught naturalist Cornwell of Wolfeboro has been a trip leader for MMRG for many years and has led some of the organization's most popular outings. For this event, she will guide the children's exploration of trails and ponds, helping them discover many fascinating

plants and animals using dip nets and buckets or careful observation. Carnivorous plants, salamanders, frogs and pollywogs, and hatching dragon fly larvae and other insect nymphs are all likely to be found in or near the ponds.

The event is planned for 1:30 p.m. on May 19. In case of bad weather, it will be re-scheduled to the same place and time on Sunday, May 20. Children of all ages are welcome with their families. Dip nets will be available but families should bring their own rubber boots, a change of pants and socks, and a snack for the children as well as optional buckets for collecting. The outing is free for MMRG member families but pre-registration is required. For more information, directions, and to pre-register, call MMRG Education Coor-

dinator Kari Lygren at 978-7125 or e-mail info@mmerg.info.

'MOOSE-ies for Families' stands for Members Only Outdoor and Social Events for Families. MMRG's program of six 'MOOSE-ies for Families' activities per year creates opportunities for families to have fun together outdoors while learning about nature, in order to foster future generations of conservationists. Non-MMRG-members may easily become eligible with a minimum \$25 membership donation per household per year. Some other 2018 upcoming events are 'Rail Trail Scavenger Hunt' on June 23, the 16th annual Woods, Water and Wildlife Festival on Aug. 11, and 'Family Moonlight Walk' on Sept. 22. If the membership fee is a financial burden, families may

inquire of Executive Director Patti Connaughton-Burns about available scholarships by calling 473-2020.

WidowMaker Farm will soon be protected by a conservation easement donated by the landowners, Gloria Switalski and Victor Piekarski, to MMRG. As a non-profit land trust, MMRG works to conserve and connect important water resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land in Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Throughout the year, MMRG offers many educational opportunities to inform all ages about the benefits of the region's natural resources. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.mmerg.info.

Boy Scouts accepting yard sale donations

ALTON — On June 2, the town of Alton will be hosting a town-wide yard sale. Every year, scouts and adult leaders from Boy Scouts of America Troop 53 participate in this event to help raise money for troop activities.

Troop 53 is looking for donations for the yard sale. Proceeds will go towards funding scouting activities such as summer camp and youth leadership training. If you have anything that you would like to donate to

the troop for this fundraising activity, please contact Jamey Balint at jbalint_troop53@yahoo.com. They will make arrangements to pick up your donations if necessary or you may drop them off at the Alton Senior Center parking lot, located on Pearson Road at 8 a.m. on June 2.

They cannot accept upholstered furniture items and electronics will be accepted after examination.

Troop 53 thanks the community for its continued support.

Adult fitness classes offered at Alton Dance Academy

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy offers ongoing adult fitness classes during the year. They have a wide variety of classes to fit your needs. Zumba is a cardio inspired dance party. Strong, also by Zumba, involves no dancing, instead focus-

es on high intensity movement synced to the beat of the music. Barre class participants are led through a ballet inspired workout that focuses on muscle contraction and release. Pilates uses the mat as well as fitness bands and balls. Yoga is offered in a non-competitive atmosphere that focuses on the mind and body connection for all levels and abilities.

They also offer classes for seniors, either senior stretch or senior exercise. Tango lesson are offered Sunday evenings as well. For costs, times and more, please call the studio for a current schedule, check www.altondanceacademy.com.

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BIDS FOR: Driver Education Services
DUE DATE: 10:00 AM on Friday, May 25, 2018
 Sealed bids for **Driver Education Services** will be accepted until 10:00 AM on Friday, May 25, 2018 at the Business Office, SAU 301, Prospect Mountain High School. The bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling or emailing the Business Office at 603-875-3800 ext. 3156 or hduford@pmhschool.com.
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The Town of New Durham is now accepting applications for its 2018 Adopt a Spot beautification program covering public buildings and parks. Additional sites may be assigned if there is sufficient interest expressed. Applicants must plan, plant and maintain these Flower Gardens throughout the entire growing season and pay for those associated costs.

The Town will provide a sign at each spot advertising your business or group. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd top designs.

Applications are available at the Selectmen's Offices at 4 Main Street - PO Box 207, New Durham, NH 03855, or www.newdurhamnh.us, (News & Announcements- 2018 Adopt a Spot) and must be returned in a sealed envelope marked "Adopt A Spot Program" by 2:00 p.m. on May 14, 2018 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. They will be opened in the order in which they were received.

For further information, you may contact Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator at New Durham Town Hall, 4 Main Street, New Durham, NH 03855 or 603-859-2091 or skinmond@newdurhamnh.us.

Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Alton
Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, 1 Monument Square, Alton, NH. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input regarding the future plans and intentions for the building and the use of the West Alton Community Center.

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	553 Alton Mountain Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$272,000	John F. and Ashley R. Douglas	Rachel and Gregory Neveu
Alton	27 Davis Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$180,000	Cecilia T. Hughes	Matthew R. and Loren E. Ferruccio
Alton	240 Fort Point Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$240,000	David S. Doucette	Daniel E. and Amanda J. Musso
Alton	532 Frank C. Gilman Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$248,000	Gordon S. and Marilyn A. Sasserson	Brian Jalbert and Matthew Dunn
Barnstead	1 Brewster Rd.	Mobile Home	\$32,000	Jeffrey Rossignol (for Leo J. Rossignol Estate)	David Tothill (for David Tothill LT)
Barnstead	269 N. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$240,000	Thomas M. and Ann L. Spellman	Mary M. and Jeffrey M. Kaplan
New Durham	398 Kings Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$249,933	Matthew R. Dubois (for Gene H. Remick RET)	Justin Galvin and Ellen Atkinson

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.

NHEC workers on strike

REGION — The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union #1837 representing 83 employees of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) went on strike today after further negotiations failed to produce a successor agreement to a contract that expired on April 30. The company has activated a contingency plan that will provide for adequate coverage of power outages and protect public safety.

Certified line crews have been engaged and will be accompanied on any outage calls by non-union NHEC employees who are familiar with the service territory. NHEC's Con-

trol Center will still be staffed 24 hours a day and members should still report outages to the NHEC Outage line at 1-800-343-6432, or on-line at www.nhec.com.

Representatives of NHEC and the union have met 18 times in the past several months to arrive at a contract agreement. The company has offered union members the same pension and 401k benefits that are currently offered to non-union employees, but the union rejected that offer last week because the company wanted to reserve the right to change the benefit in the future if it became necessary to change it for non-union employees. The company re-



DONNA RHODES (Left) NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC CO-OP workers went on strike earlier this week.

mains committed to working with the union and has requested the involvement of a federal mediator to restart the contract talks. At this time, there are no new negotiating sessions scheduled.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 84,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities.

Drama, games, Bible and spaghetti May 16 in Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — The Center Barnstead Christian Church is hosting a fun event on Wednesday, May 16, for kids, parents, teens, adults, friends and family. First, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. they will feast on a spaghetti dinner for one and all. Be sure to join us for another satisfying and delicious meal. Immediately afterwards, at 6:30 p.m., they will be treated to special performances by "Manifest," a team of college students from New Brunswick Bible Institute. This traveling ministry team will perform skits with messages to reach every audience member, both young and old. Have teens living at home? Need some spe-

cial encouragement? Everyone who attends will hear something just for them, no matter which generation you're in. For some of you, you'll realize that the leader of the Manifest team is even a Barnstead native.

The church's Pioneer Club kids' program has concluded for the year but all the kids and their families from the Pioneer Club are also cordially invited to attend for another chance to get together. Join in for a family night with food and fun. The Center Barnstead Christian Church is located on Route 126, next to the Town Hall. For more information, go to <http://center-barnsteadcc.org/>.

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OBITUARIES

Allyn R. "Al" Gimskie Enjoyed fishing, Red Sox and Patriots

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Allyn (Al) R. Gimskie, age 65, a long time resident of New Durham and more recent resident of Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away May 4 surrounded by his loving family.

Born July 18, 1952 in Framingham, Mass., he moved to New Durham with his wife Cindy and daughter Merrie in 1987. Allyn worked at Wayside, now Alton Circle store, where he was always quick to offer a smile or joke, in addition to holding



a long time position in the shoe industry. He enjoyed fishing, watching his beloved Red Sox and Patriots, and spending time with his loved ones. In lat-

er years he relocated to Florida, though his heart never left New Hampshire and the Lakes Region.

Known affectionately to his family as "Papa Owl," Allyn is survived by his wife of 41 years, Cindy; his sister, Linda; brother, Ralph; his daughter, Merrie and husband Nick Marks; and his grandchildren, Alex and Jack.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Allyn's memory to the American Cancer Society.

Lowell Guernsey Starkey, Jr. US Army veteran

VENICE, Fla. — Lowell Guernsey Starkey, Jr. of Venice, Fla. passed away on April 22.

Born Jan. 10, 1940, he was the son of Lowell, Sr. and Julia Semsel Starkey.

Lowell spent his childhood in East Hartford, attending East Hartford High School, where he met his future wife, Janet Ravalese Starkey. Lowell attended the University of Alabama, playing football under coach Bear Bryant, and Hartford Regional Technical School of Engineering. He also received many certificates from the University of Connecticut dealing with his profession in road and bridge construction and town public works departments.

Lowell served honorably in the U.S. Army active duty for six months and the Army National Guard Reserve until December 1967.

Lowell retired from



the town of Glastonbury in October of 1995, as Engineering Field Supervisor. After retirement Lowell and Janet relocated to Wolfeboro, where he continued his profession, on a part time basis, inspecting roads and bridges for a Concord engineering firm. Lowell also continued his enjoyment of fishing, hunting and watching sports with his brother, John.

In 2005, Lowell and Janet moved to Venice, Fla.

In addition to his loving wife Janet, of 56 years, Lowell is survived by his daughter, Shelby Jean Starkey of San Francisco, Calif.; his brother, John M.

Starkey of Center Barnstead; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Nancy Starkey Wilenski and Eileen Starkey Fleming.

A memorial service will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton, on Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m. Immediately followed by a service at Lake View Cemetery, North Main Street, Wolfeboro. A reception will follow at the Wolfeboro Inn, 90 North Main St., Wolfeboro. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

ALTON — Arthur Alan Loudon of Alton Bay, known as Alan to everyone, passed away early Monday morning, April 30, in his home. He was 66 and born on Sept. 17, 1951 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Alan leaves his beloved wife Diane, son Michael D. Loudon from Huntersville, N.C., step son Zachary A. Lewis and family from Twinsburg, Ohio, step daughter Sarah W. Lewis and family from Winthrop, Mass., sister Sherry G. Loudon from West Newbury, Mass. and Fort Myers, Fla. and brother Richard W. Loudon from Alton Bay and about a million dear friends and lots of animals — especially his two dogs Hunter and Chase.

GILMANTON — Olive B. Tibbetts 88, went home to be with the Lord and her husband Bob on April 14 at the Concord Hospital with several family members at her side.

Olive was born March 22, 1930 in Gilmanton Iron Works and lived in Gilmanton her entire life. She was the daughter of the late Horace Partridge and Florence (Palmer) Partridge. Olive attended the Gilmanton Iron Works Grammar School and high school in Alton and Pittsfield. She started to work at a very young age at the Pine's Hotel on Crystal Lake. She also worked at shoe shops in Pittsfield and Farmington and at the State School in Laconia. She started her home care and group home business in the early 1960s, which she ran until the mid-1990s. She and Bob also owned and operated the Country Grainery for 20 years.

Olive's favorite pastime was reading the Bible, singing hymns with friends, working in her garden and having coffee with many family members and friends.

Olive and Bob were married for over 71 years. Their home was always open to everyone. The warmth of the kitchen wood cooking stove will always be remembered by all.

Olive B. Tibbetts Lifelong Gilmanton resident



She is survived by a son, Robert "Bob" Tibbetts and his wife Judi of Alton; a daughter, Melody A. Tibbetts and partner Scott Roy of Moria, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Tracey Tibbetts, Heidi Beaudoin and her husband James, all of Alton, Sarah Smith of Laconia; five great-grandchildren, BJ Morse, Isaac Morse, Gavin, Jacob and Jackson; She is also survived by siblings, Louis Hillsgrove (Fred), Patricia Sweeney, Kenneth Partridge, Flossie Leblanc (Roland), Fredrick Partridge (Joyce), and Robert Partridge (Jennie). Her sisters-in-law Ginny Partridge and Sheila Partridge, special family members Debbie Coleman, Wendell Beck (who spent nearly every evening with Bob and Olive over the past 20-25 years, as they would always have coffee and dessert and talk about politics and the good old times in Gilmanton), Bert Morse, Stanley and Barbara Moulton and the Thompson girls. Other very special friends were Belle Rollins of

Barnstead, a friend for over 80 years and Harriet Coupal a friend and neighbor for over 50 years.

Besides her parents, Horace and Florence Partridge, Olive was predeceased by her husband Bob on Dec. 30, 2017, her brother and sisters Horace Partridge Jr, Shirley Dawson, Daisy Partridge, George Partridge, Leon Partridge, Mae Worcester, Muriella Rohach, Ernest Partridge, Edwin Partridge.

A committal service with military honors will be held on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m. in Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilmanton Iron Works, Gilmanton, followed by a memorial funeral service at the Living Word AOG Church on Stage Road in Gilmanton Iron Works, at 11 a.m. for both Bob and Olive.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Gilmanton Fire and Rescue, 1807 NH-140, Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837, or to a charity of one's choice.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinson-beane.com.

Arthur Alan Loudon Accomplished arborist and tree surgeon

Alan, in his heart, was an artist — a creative and constantly moving mind full of ideas and plans. He could 'see' things and create them. Most notably the home and barn in Alton Bay but also the 10-year renovation of a 150-year-old family home in Silvermine, Conn. His skill with carpentry and construction made things look easy when they really weren't. His constant quest for perfection was amazing. He raised the gables on the barn himself and that quest was rewarded with perfectly constructed and visually pleasing buildings — from the chicken coop to the barn and house.

His artistry also came out in his photography and videography, which

he did with great passion and energy for years. His work with the dancers at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island and many local musicians succeeded in capturing their art so that it could be shared with so many others.

He was also an accomplished arborist and tree surgeon, running his own company, Loudon Tree Service in Connecticut for 30+ years. He was a fearless climber and an experienced woodsman with a thriving business from which he retired when we moved to New Hampshire in 2003.

Alan's love of nature, animals and 'cowboy-ing' landed him in Alton Bay with ~300 acres to play with. He was his happiest outside

in the sun no matter how cold.

Alan graduated Norwalk High School in Norwalk, Conn. in 1969, an avid sports guy playing football and hockey throughout his school years. While he did not immediately go to college, nor did he ever graduate, his love of learning drove him to multiple colleges and universities and specific programs or courses that appealed to his yearning for knowledge. Safe to say Alan was a lifetime learner.

Alan simply was a cowboy — not only watching endless reruns of the Rifleman and Rawhide but living the life to the extent possible. Endless trips out west and to the Canadian Rockies were one of his favorite things. His personality was sparkly as were his brilliant blue eyes and he was always quick with a beautiful smile wherever he was. It was that smile that captured us all and held us forever.

We will miss him beyond all words, there is no way to articulate the hole now in our lives. But we know he is Papa Angel now and we feel him everywhere. God Bless You, Alan — we love you and we will heal but never stop missing you.

We do not need donations, but your support of naturopathy and herbal healing would be comforting in remembrance of Alan and healthy for you.

Calling hours were held at Lord Funeral Home, Wolfeboro, on Friday, May 4. A graveside service was held Saturday, May 5, at Cold Spring Farm, Alton.

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Freese Brothers Big Band coming to Wolfeboro on May 19

WOLFEBORO — Come and enjoy the swinging sounds of the Big Band Era, when Wolfeboro Friends of Music present the acclaimed Freese Brothers Big Band, on Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Brewster's Anderson Hall. For nearly four decades, the Freese Brothers Big Band has kept the sounds of swing and classic Big Band music alive -- entertaining audiences throughout the region and raising scholarship funds for a new generation of talented musicians. This is the eighth and final concert of the 2018-2019 concert season to be presented by the Wolfeboro Friends of Music. Sponsors for this concert are Meredith Village Savings Bank, Taylor Community and Green Mountain Integrated Communications. Season sponsors are Deb and Paul Zimmerman and Benefit Strategies

Formed in 1982 by Jack, Bill, George and Courtland Freese, the band has performed throughout New Hampshire. Their concerts have included scenic bandstands from Alton Bay to Wolfeboro, North Hampton to Nottingham and New Boston to New London. The four Freese

brothers began playing music in a family troupe in the 1930s. Their musical enthusiasm and community spirit are the band's driving force. Current members include music educators and part-time musicians who have performed for decades.

The Freese Brothers Big Band was born with George and Courtland on the trumpet and Jack and Bill playing saxophones; the brothers went about recruiting musician friends to fill out the band. Attorney Peter Imse of Bow on the baritone sax has been in the band since about week two: Jack spoke to him at church and invited him to join. Peter declined. He hadn't played in years, but Jack talked him into coming to rehearsal. Peter intentionally left his sax at home, but Jack had brought an extra one and Peter was in. He said "Jack was a wonderful arm twister." Jack was a dentist in Concord. A week or so after Peter joined, now-retired news reporter David Tirrell-Wysocki was in Jack's dentist chair. While the Novocain was taking hold, Jack began sorting music off to the side and told David about the band. The next night, David



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FREESE BROTHERS BIG BAND plays in Wolfeboro on May 19.

and his tenor sax were in. Norm Blanchette, vocalist, was stationed with the 18th US Army Band as a trumpet player. He earned a Music Education degree 1973 at Plymouth State College and taught full-time for 34 years in Maine and Bedford, then part-time after retiring at the Auburn Village School. Norm also was conductor of the Alumni Band of the NH National Guard and is a musical arranger and composer Matt Davis, trumpet, is the band director at Bow Memorial School. He was chosen as 2017's New Hampshire Band Directors' Association Outstanding Young Band Director. Mike Adams, director, is the band director at Pinker-

ton Academy. He was introduced to the Freese Brothers Big Band in 1997, when then-director Gerry Mark invited him to a rehearsal, then to be guest director at a concert. Soon after, he became director, a post he's held for 21 years. Lou Brissette, trombone, is president of the Freese Brothers Big Band. He has been with the band since 1992. He's played music for nearly 60 years, as a drum and bugle corps drummer in the 1950s, a combo drummer from 1958-1980. He played trombone for the 39th Army Band from 1974 to 1992. John Gunther has played music for more than 50 years, in various bands, including the NH National Guard 39th Army Band,

the Alumni Band, Mark V, Doc Provencher's Big Band and the Rhythm Kings.

The men and women of the Freese Brothers Big Band live and work throughout central and southern New Hampshire. Band members come from diverse professional and musical backgrounds and include talented local high school students. They blend their years of experience to produce the distinctive sound of the Freese Brothers Big Band. Some of their high school students have gone on to college to study music to use in their future careers.

They are volunteers and their performance fees maintain band equipment, pay travel

expenses and support the Freese Brothers Big Band Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of their departed musical friends. Over the years, the band has awarded nearly \$60,000 in scholarships to help area high school musicians improve their musical abilities. The Wolfeboro Friends of Music is proud to have the Freese Brothers join their series. They represent a side of music education and support that the Friends endorse and support wholeheartedly. The Friends provide to local and area students over \$13,000 in awards each year ranging from instrument and music lesson support and in-school artist residencies to full cost awards for students at the Summer Youth Music School at the University of New Hampshire.

Tickets are available at the door, Black's Paper Store and Avery Insurance in Wolfeboro; at Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith, by calling 569-2151; or visiting www.friendsofmusic.org. High school students with ID will be admitted free of charge and any child accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.

CLEANUP

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and drinks. This year Alton Circle Store donated the chili.

"It was excellent," boomed a veteran volunteer. "Just as spicy as I wanted."

Also on the table was a chocolate cake in memory of Polly Jonasch, who provided cookies and pastries for Beautification Day for years.

"The number of our sponsors keeps growing," Kaszynski said, flipping hamburgers and dishing out platters, "and so many people return every year to help out."

Sample, who runs all of the garbage bags to the landfill each year, remarked that "it's gotten to the point that I don't have to ask them what road they did because they do it every year."

Russ Noyes said he and fourth grader Dominyc Waterman filled eight bags in "only about a mile down Hall's Hill Road. These bags are huge, too. It's so disgusting."

He noted a pattern in what they discovered in the gutters. "Bud Lite is the number one find. Now that you can't have an open container anywhere in a vehicle, people toss them out."

"I pick up every year," Greg Barsanti said. "We really need a deposit law like Maine and Vermont have."

Plastic bothered both men. "When they repave roads, they put down these little plastic reflectors," Noyes said, "that get swept to the side of the road."

"They don't decompose," said Barsanti, who volunteers at a sea turtle hospital in South Carolina and has seen the sad results of littered



CATHY ALLYN

THIS YEAR at Alton Beautification Day, organizer Bernadette Kaszynski invited the Alton Fire Department to partake of the cook-out "because they do a good job for the town." Sponsors for this year's event included Big Lake Taxi and Limo, The Computer Doctor, Alton Tru-Value, Health Markets-Stephanie Dunn, Hannaford's, Robert W. Butler, Jr., Alton Circle Grocery, Wayne's Transmission, and Divito and Sons Painting.

plastic.

Noyes commented on manufacturers who are making biodegradable products. "People are catching on," he said. "This is our future. Simple changes can make a big impact."

He said his wife walks and cleans as she goes on a regular basis, "so we maintain our road."

Young Waterman reported this was his first year of volunteer work. "It's tiring."

Compounding his fatigue, he was "surprised" at the amount of trash he collected.

High school students Allyson Dominick and

Natasha Banfill were obviously struck by the good the Beautification Day does. Dominick, who has volunteered before, convinced Banfill to join her this year.

Both said they would do it again. There is certainly a need for it. The girls hauled in nine bags in less than a mile.

"Plenty of alcohol bottles," Banfill said. "We also found tires and a TV."

At a site of an automobile accident months before, they came upon 100 bundles of nails and a wide array of expensive tools.

"I feel like a lot of

people don't get caught for littering," Dominick said. "They leave stuff for others to have to look at and pick up."

She wanted to make more people aware of the problem and have "more events like this."

Banfill wished for a bigger response from the public and said she would definitely organize a clean-up event in other communities when she was an adult.

Robert Butler, whose office is in the same complex, stated Rand Hill is now "cleaner than in the past." He has thrown himself into Beautification Day "four or five times now, and it's a pleasure to be part of this."

He said he appreciated people stopping to

tell him thank you, as he worked. "It reinforces that we're doing the right thing."

Like Noyes, he has noticed a pattern. "The people who drink Bud Lite in blue cans have not moved away. And I wish they would."

Although the volunteers are there to deal with garbage and the bad habit of littering, the tone of the event is always uplifting. There is the feel of accomplishment in the air and camaraderie. Since so many of the folks have done this year after year, they cluster in friendly groups at the cook-out, chatting and laughing.

They're doing their bit for the community, but in the process have formed one of their own.

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Musical duo presenting songs of World War II

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, May 15, a packed house is expected at the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro for “Songs and Stories of WWII,” part of a year long lecture series sponsored by Ron Goodgame and Donna Canney.

In this lecture, award-winning songwriter and guitarist Curt Bessett and Jenn Kurtz, a well-known and respected harmony singer, will honor World War II veterans and their generation through stories and Bessett's original songs. In addition to singing, they will present the historical background of each story or song as well as pay tribute to veterans from all wars.

Wright Museum's 2018 lecture series takes place from 7 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from May 8 to Oct. 9. On select dates, a lecture may take place at Town Hall in Wolfeboro and begin at 6:30 pm.

There is a discount for Wright Museum members.

Due to limited seating, people are strongly encouraged to make reservations by calling 569-1212. The museum's doors open one hour before the program begins. To learn more about the lecture series, or museum, visit www.wrightmuseum.org.

The Wright Museum of World War II is located in Wolfeboro and open daily to the

public for the 2018 season from May 1

PMHS

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tonov suggested both were important. Fitzpatrick went on to acknowledge that more could always be done and then defended the work already in progress on the subject. This includes conducting a review and feedback session each year to look at what went well and what could be improved. He also differentiated between the transition process and the vertical alignment of curriculum.

He described the transition process as the flow of information and students between the middle schools and the high school. Vertical alignment refers to the curriculum of the middle school preparing students for the curriculum expectations at the high school. Fitzpatrick noted that the high school had received pushback from the middle schools on occasion when middle school teachers felt pushed too hard to adjust curriculum. He noted that a brand new eighth grade science teacher at Barnstead or Alton Elementary School is already challenged learning the curriculum, culture and expectations of the home school and can be overwhelmed by additional demands coming from the high school.

Landry asked if the board wanted to approach the issue of integration as high school downward or middle school upward. In the former, the high school asks the middle schools to adjust to the expectations of the high school. In the latter, the middle schools ask the high school to attend to the reality and experiences of the middle school. Kharitonov, McLeod and Kathy Grillo all indicated it should be both.

Pam Stiles, Superintendent of the Alton School District, noted that the three superintendents meet on a regular basis. She suggested they could create a list of current activities targeted to integration and the board could review that list and look for missing components that board members would like to see added. The board agreed to that as a next step.

Landry brought to the board's attention a conversation she has initiated with Barnstead Superintendent Brian Cochrane. Barnstead has a very small number of students with severe be-

havioral problems it has been forced to place in out of district services. Both the tuition and transportation for these students is very high. She knows the high school faces a similar problem. She would like to explore the potential for an “alternative school” within a school at the PMHS building as a means of eliminating out of district placements and saving taxpayer costs.

Grillo raised the fact that the students may require specially skilled and trained staff and may be of very different ages. Superintendent Bob Cullison noted there might be state or federal guidelines that limit the age differential of students who may be placed together. He added that his background is in alternative education and that experience shows it is often necessary to house alternative schools in separate buildings to avoid interfering with regular programming. He suspects holding the program on the PMHS campus would require two separate additional buildings, one for younger students and one for older students.

McLeod asked if there were examples in other districts that could provide guidance for Barnstead and Alton. Cullison noted a program in the Rochester School District. Landry said her hope was that staff could bring together information on pros and cons, costs and benefits as a baseline for board work. Cullison noted that it had been a subject of discussion amongst the three superintendents.

Grillo asked if the program would be for Barnstead and Alton only or might also draw from other districts. There was a quick consensus from the board that it would be local only. Grillo noted the benefit of Barnstead and Alton students being in a familiar environment and Cullison added the disadvantage of isolation and long travel times involved in out of district placements.

Clark noted that the board was getting far into discussion of details. The board asked staff to pursue additional information. Cullison said he expected it would be possible to report back in late summer.

Landry brought the board to the next agenda item, the sharing of SAU (School Administrative

Unit) services. She noted that Kharitonov had raised the question in the Finance Committee. Cullison reported the discussion had already started amongst the superintendents and promised to keep board members informed as to progress.

McLeod reported that the Alton Central School Board had switched to electronic board packets in January and the system was working very well. All material that is not confidential is also posted to the school's web site so that it is available to the public and increases transparency of board activities. She said the Alton board had been issued Chromebooks, which are very cheap, and the same books could be used for PMHS board packets.

Stiles said the Alton board has a policy that board members must receive their background information five days before each meeting. Electronic packets give staff a couple of extra days to prepare materials and eliminate the vicissitudes of “snail mail.”

Cullison said he had already discussed the possibility with the high school's tech director, who had agreed it was very feasible and added it would give the school the opportunity for another level of password security for board access to sensitive documents. Cullison said he would schedule the tech director on the board's agenda in the near future, and promised the program would be ready to roll out in the fall.

Cullison reported the staff was recommending implementation of a new safety link that students and all others in the school community could access through their smart phones, Chromebook, or the school web site. It asks four quick questions, “What did you see? Where did you see it? When did you see it? Why do you think this is suspicious?”

The proposal is a response to the school shootings in Parkland, Fla. The board was immediately agreeable and the school will encourage students and others to set up the link on their phones, Chromebook, and web sites. It can be accessed by going to the PMHS web site, www.pmschool.com, hover over “Students and Parents,” then scroll down to “Suspicious Activity

Report” and click there.

From there a shortcut can be set up on your home page.

Any information submitted will be anonymous unless the submitter chooses to add their name to the report. It will go to only four people: Principal, assistant principal, school resource officer, and the police station.

Board members quickly began discussing various aspects of the new reality.

In other items, Cullison reported that 88 students have received post-secondary acceptances. The school will be visited May 14-15 in the first step of the reaccreditation process. Fitzpatrick invited any interested board members to sign up to meet and speak with the accreditation team.

Fitzpatrick also shared a copy of final exam schedule and noted the school was interviewing for three teaching vacancies for the fall.

The board agreed to re-contract with the firm that has been managing the school grounds. Staff and board are happy with the job being done and the new contract has no cost increase.

Landry reported that the Gilmanton School District is reviewing its high school options because the 20-year contract it has had with the Gilford High School will be ending in a couple of years. In addition to continuing with Gilford, they are also looking at the option of contracting with PMHS, Pittsfield High School and Belmont High School. Discussions are in a very tentative exploratory phase.

In response to a question from the Baysider, Landry reported that the board negotiating committee has a first meeting scheduled with the Prospect Mountain High School Teachers' Association coming up shortly.

She indicated it would be very difficult to hold a single school meeting in Barnstead for both the high school and the elementary school contracts. Any agreement with the Barnstead Teachers' Association must be completed before July 1. The contract that was negotiated with Barnstead teachers involved a significant tradeoff between salary and health benefits, but the open enrollment period for any new health benefit program starts July 1.

Landry saw no probability of short-term successful negotiations with Barnstead outside of the framework of the current agreement, with a reduction in teacher compensation.

Because Alton is an SB2 town, the approval process for a high school teachers' agreement will take longer and would be almost impossible to complete quickly enough to meet the July 1 deadline in Barnstead. The deadline does not apply to the high school agreement. That needs to be completed before the beginning of the new school year in the fall.

Town wide yard sale returns to Alton June 2

ALTON — The Alton town wide yard sale, sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation, is Saturday, June 2, rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 40 yard sales are listed on the map. Free maps are available at the Parks and Recreation office, Town Hall, library, local banks and the town of Alton web site.

Bootcamp by the Bay

Six-week session presented by Core Dynamix from June 2-July 7 from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturdays in Alton Bay. A full-body conditioning workout featuring cardio, body-weight movement and core strengthening. Class is held outside at the Alton Bay Bandstand area and incorporates natural and park features. Register by May 20 at the Parks and Recreation Department. Visit www.altonparksandrecreation.com for more information.

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Hey somebody, turn on the lights... it's darker than a pocket in here

The gust of wind hit the house just after dark on Friday, May 4, slamming into the front with an air of authority. It seemed out of synch with what had come before, a sunny, slightly overcast afternoon, but then come to think of it, there was that change to a south wind.

When I was haying, the weather mattered to me; now, not so much. Whatever comes over Monadnock or blows down from Quebec is fine. We can't control the weather anyway, and I hope I never see the day we can.

Still, the blast of wind had that forerunner feel to it, the kind of thing that somehow makes me think about the whereabouts of candles and flashlights, and it compelled me to get up out of the chair and check things out.

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Electricity is one of those things we tend to take for granted until it's suddenly gone. It's hard to imagine life without it.

Yet we are not that far removed from a day when there were no electric pumps to move water from a well to a kitchen. For that, all we had was the ram, not the male version of a sheep, but rather a mechanical device.

A ram works by gravity and essentially enables water in a large vessel to push water out of a smaller one. This is made possible by valves and check-valves, all of which I would explain except that (a) I really don't know much

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



more than that, and (b) I don't want readers to look like they're either bored or dead.

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Before the invention of the ram, or gravity-driven pump, there were only three ways that families (read that "overworked housewives and children") could get water into the kitchen: from an uphill spring piped into the house, known as "gravity flow" water; by hauling water bucket by bucket from a well or the nearest brook or pond; or (and this was a stretch) by actually building a house around a dug well.

(The term "dug well" has a hazy connotation. A well by definition, after all, is dug. A well can begin as a moist spot in the sand and become, via endless scooping, a great expanded slough with a little pool in its middle. Or it can be a wet place literally dug out, by someone shoveling heavy mud and muck faster than the water comes in. When you get down to sand, gravel or bedrock, you build a circular rock wall on the way up, and presto, a dug well. Today, most wells are driven, i.e., drilled.)

The house I live in today was undoubtedly supplied with water from a nearby rocked-in spring, by dint of ram and lead pipe. I know this because at various times I have



THIS is a water ram, rendered in comic absurdity.

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JOHN HARRIGAN

THE NECESSARY items: A no-nonsense flashlight, a box of matches, and a candle all seated and ready.

dug up sections of the pipe. And although I didn't know it at the time, I actually stumbled onto the ram more than half a century ago.

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When I dropped out of my first year of college in 1966 and came home without warning, my father was so in-

censed that he put me to work demolishing the ell of the farmhouse he and my Mom had bought, until I could find a paying job (this I soon did, at Beecher Falls Factory).

At the end of the ell was a cubicle for a three-holer (go figure), and near it I found a big metal object that turned out to be really big, and really heavy. This was a two-sectioned affair that looked like two bells welded together, a larger one atop a smaller one.

Many years later, I figured out that it

was the old ram that had once forced water from a nearby downhill spring up into the kitchen. For several generations of farm families from the Civil War on, it had been an engineering marvel that almost magically bought water right into the home. It was one of drudgery's great emancipators, the other big one being, of course, electricity.

Rams were invented in England and France at about the same time, around 1770. This old ram had probably been in service from when the house was built, around 1850. Yet when the Rural Electrification Act came along in 1939, making the electrification of far-flung towns and farms all over the countryside possible and feasible (for the customer, at least), into the scrap pile the ram went, with scant remorse.

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After that blast of wind aroused me from my torpor, I made for the kitchen to find (a) the big flashlight I make sure is always ready, and (b) my candle. There are candles throughout the house,

mostly because I like candles, but I always make sure there's one right there near the flashlight, trimmed, snuggled into a holder, and ready to go. The strategy is that I know the house so well that I could feel my way to flashlight and candle, if indeed I had to cope with total darkness, meaning almost no ambient light (this has happened once or twice). Once this single candle is lit, I can use it to light one oil lamp after another, until the house looks and feels like a bulwark in the storm.

On this day, the lights never flickered and I didn't have to light the candle, but I did make sure the two big emergency pails in the Fish and Game Room were topped off with flushing and dish water, because you never know.

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

Masons breakfast buffet is May 20

ALTON — On Sunday, May 20, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits

and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So, join them

for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. They hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, go to www.winnipisaukeemasons.com, or contact Jim Matarozzo at 875-3962.

Barnstead Farmers' Market seeking vendors

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Farmers' Market has two full season spaces left for its 2018 season and right now, they are seeking guest vendors. The grand opening is June 9 and the market goes until Columbus Day weekend. They are open Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and are located at 96 Maple St. on the corner of Route 28. They are looking for an early season veggie farm, craft beer, winery or any unique products. They would

love to hear from you. Any high school student who needs community service hours, please contact them. Contact Lori Mahar at 269-2329 or lorimahar@tds.net, or visit www.barnsteadfarmersmarket.club or the market's Facebook page Barnstead Farmers' Market.

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a forum so those voices could be heard.

Each option has its advantages drawbacks. Demolition would likely be the easiest, least costly and most expeditious. And it would allow the town to use the land for an alternate purpose. But the building is something of a landmark in West Alton.

Retaining the building and using it for town purposes is a possibility. But that would involve doing necessary roof repairs and addressing the septic issue. These costs are not yet known. Additionally, there is limited parking, making it a less than ideal for

large meetings or function rentals. On the road parking by a lot of cars could be a liability since the building is located on a narrow section of Route 11.

Selling the property would generate revenue, but until it is sold, the town would still be on the hook for the building's upkeep.

"Pretty much ev-

erything is on the table - we'd like to hear people's thoughts, and there might even be a solution we haven't considered yet," Dionne said.

According to town tax records, the building is valued at \$70,500 and the land is \$126,600, giving the whole property a total assessed valuation of \$197,100.



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Worms, worms and more worms at Alton Central

BY JOHN MACARTHUR
Alton Central School Principal

ALTON — Every year for the past the years the RISE students have been part of the gardening program at ACS. They started when Liz Lichtenberg did a class with the RISE students to teach them about gardening. With Mrs. Lichtenberg they learned about starting seeds,

planting, watering, harvesting and preparing the gardens for next season. Every year since we have been a part of the gardening program and have taken on most of the responsibility of the gardens. The students take pride in the work they do with the gardens. Once it is time for harvesting they are able to take home some of the

vegetables to share with their families.

This year we have added a new part to our gardening program, we have a worm farm in the classroom. A worm farm is a container with worms and you are feeding them fruit and vegetable scraps. They in turn recycle the scraps into compost for the garden. We are working

with the kitchen and staff to bring in scraps so they can be feed to the worms. The students are feeding the worms twice a week. This entails taking the scraps of food and blending them down into a mush and then adding shredded newspaper to it. It then gets added to the top of the bin and then a wet newspaper gets up on top. The



COURTESY PHOTO

ALTON CENTRAL now has a worm farm as part of its gardening program.

PMHS Art Show scheduled for May 24 and 25

ALTON — The fourth annual Prospect Mountain High School Art Show will be held in Alton at the Harold S. Gilman Museum on Thursday and Friday,

May 24, and May 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. The museum is located at the corner of Main Street and Route 140. The public is invited to come by and see some outstand-

ing student artwork from a variety of visual art classes including state and national Scholastic Arts Award winning pieces. The show will also be high-

lighting some senior art students and their impressive body of artwork. Please come and support the PMHS art students while enjoying some great artwork.

worm work tirelessly to turn the scraps into compost. The last step is harvesting the compost. This is not something we have done yet, but the

kids are looking forward to seeing the hard work they and the worms have done. The compost that is made will be used in our gardens outside.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

There is a full slate of action in the upcoming week for the local high school teams.

The Prospect Mountain tennis boys will be on the road today, May 10, at Portsmouth Christian, will be hosting Littleton on Friday, May 11, will be hosting Sanborn on Monday, May 14, and will visit White Mountains on Tuesday, May 15, all at 4 p.m.

The Timber Wolf girls' tennis team will be at Littleton on Friday, May 11, will be at Sanborn on Monday, May 14, and will be hosting White Mountains on Tuesday, May 15, all set for 4 p.m. starts.

The Prospect Mountain track team will be at Laconia today, May 10, at 4 p.m., will be hosting a meet on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. and will be at Gilford at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

The baseball and softball Timber Wolves will be at Franklin on Monday, May 14, at 4 p.m. and will be at Berlin on Tuesday, May 15, at 4 p.m.

The Prospect unified volleyball team **SEE ON TAP, PAGE B4**



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ESSENCE BOURQUE tosses the shot put in action on Saturday morning.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

JUSTIN PERRIN won the shot put on Saturday during a meet the Timber Wolves hosted.

Perrin, Howlett earn wins in home meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain track team played host to a number of teams for a meet on Saturday.

For the Timber Wolf boys, Justin Perrin had a solid day. In the shot put, he threw his way to the win at 40 feet, 11 inches.

In the discus, Perrin threw a distance of 93

feet, six inches, which overall placed him fourth.

Tommy Howlett

also had a nice day for he won the 400 meters the Timber Wolves, as **SEE TRACK, PAGE B5**

Junior Legion tryouts begin May 20

FARMINGTON — Alton Post 72 Junior Legion Baseball will be hosting tryouts for the upcoming season on May 20, June 3, June 9 and June 10.

Those wishing to play should plan on attending all dates.

Registration will be May 20 at 8:30 a.m., with tryouts from

9 a.m. to noon. Tryouts will be June 3 and 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Farmington High School's baseball field.

Alton Junior Legion baseball is open to players ages 13-17 (must not turn 18 before Jan. 1, 2019) who attend Prospect Mountain, Kingswood, Gilford,

Belmont, Moultonborough, Inter-Lakes, Brewster, Farmington and Pittsfield.

To register prior to tryouts or for more information, contact coach Gary Noyes Sr. at coach-noyes@metrocast.net, 393-8349 or 630-1881.

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Vikings rally past Timber Wolves

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain baseball team took the lead twice in the game with Mascenic on Tuesday, May 1.

But their final attempt to take the lead came up short and the Timber Wolves dropped a 5-3 decision to the Vikings at Alton Central School.

“A lot of it is our lack of experience,” said coach Richard Fortier. “I feel like when something goes wrong, it’s hard for some of the younger kids to wrap their heads around.”

“We had a couple of errors, we have to clean that up,” the Timber Wolf coach added.

Caleb Piwnicki got the start on the mound for the Timber Wolves and worked around an error and the bats got him a run in the bottom of the inning. Ryker Burke reached to start the game and then stole second. He came around to score on a pickoff error before Drew Nickerson drew a walk. Nickerson was gunned down stealing second before Zack MacLaughlin came through with a base hit. Piwnicki grounded to short, forcing MacLaughlin at second before Richard Stevens reached to keep the rally going. However, the Timber Wolves were unable to get any more runs home.

Piwnicki set the side in order in the top of the second inning, including a pair of strikeouts and Prospect threatened again in the bottom of the second inning. With one out, Ryan Dube had a base hit and went to third on a pickoff error. Devin Thomas worked a walk and stole second before Ryker Burke grounded to short and the Viking shortstop gunned down Dube trying to score. Nickerson was hit by a pitch to keep the inning going but the runners were stranded on the bases.

Piwnicki set the side down in order again in the top of the third inning and Zack Thoroughgood reached on an error with two outs in the bottom of the third inning but was stranded.

Mascenic was able to tie the game at one in the top of the fourth inning. An infield hit, a pickoff error and another error allowed the tying run to score. After a base hit, Piwnicki got a strikeout and two fly balls to Thor-



JOSHUA SPAULDING
RYAN DUBE slides into home plate during action against Mascenic last week at Alton Central.

oughgood in left field to end the inning.

The Timber Wolves were unable to get on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning and Mascenic threatened in the top of the fifth. After a leadoff base hit, Piwnicki snared a line drive back to the hill and fired to first to double off the Viking runner. The next batter tripled but Piwnicki got a strikeout to keep the game tied at one.

Prospect took the lead in the bottom of the inning. Burke led off with a base hit and stole second base. One out later, MacLaughlin had a base hit and then a Piwnicki double drove in Burke with the second run. Stevens followed with a base hit to drive in another run, giving the Timber Wolves the 3-1 lead.

The lead didn’t last very long, as the first three batters reached in the top of the sixth inning and a base hit tied the game at three. Stevens took to the hill for the Timber Wolves and after a walk, induced an infield fly for the first out of the inning. He then hit the next two batters to force in a pair of runs and Dube took over on the hill, getting a ground-er back to the mound and a strikeout to end the inning.

Dube led off the bottom of the sixth with a base hit but a double play brought the inning to a close with the Timber Wolves unable to get closer. Burke made a nice grab in center to open the top of the seventh and after a base hit, MacLaughlin took over on the mound and got a grounder to short to end the inning.

MacLaughlin had a one-out hit in the bottom of the seventh and after

he took second on a wild pitch, Piwnicki worked a walk. A Stevens ground-er to second forced Piwnicki at second base and Thoroughgood worked a walk to load the bases. However, all three runners were stranded and the Vikings took the 5-3 win.

“Ks are still killing us,” said Fortier, noting that good things can happen when the bats make contact.

Additionally, the team has struggled to get on a

field for practice due to the weather making the Prospect field unplayable at times.

“It’s difficult, we haven’t been able to get in a rhythm,” Fortier noted. “We play a game and then go a week and have three games in two days.”

He did offer thanks to Alton Central for offering use of their field, since the Timber Wolves likely would’ve had to go on the road and play those games without the



JOSHUA SPAULDING
BRANDON STELLON snags a pop fly in action last week against Mascenic.

ACS fields.

“I’d rather play four games here than four away games,” Fortier said.

The Timber Wolves will be in action on Monday, May 14, on the road at Franklin at 4 p.m.

They will be at Berlin on Tuesday, May 15, also at 4 p.m.

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This year’s shirt
Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race director Roger Murray (right) and Wolfeboro Oil’s Howie Bean model this year’s race t-shirts, which are sponsored by Wolfeboro Oil. The race is set for Saturday, May 19, at 1:15 p.m.

Lacrosse Knights raising awareness of relationship violence

WOLFEBORO — Tuesday May 15, the Kingswood girls’ lacrosse team will be hosting a RESPECT game at 5:30 p.m. against Manchester Memorial.



Coach Katie Rogers notes that this is a collaborative event with the Kingswood boys’ lacrosse team to educate and empower young people on the issue of relationship violence. The teams are working to raise money for a local resource, Starting Point and the One Love Foundation. Starting Point is a resource that

educates, supports and prevents relationship violence in New Hampshire. The One Love foundation was founded by Yeardley Love’s family after she was killed by her boyfriend. Love was a lacrosse player for the University of Virginia. Their mission is to educate, empower and activate young people to end relationship violence.

Come support this effort by attending, joining in a raffle or buying baked goods and enjoy some great

lacrosse. One in three women and one in four men in the United States will be in a violent relationship in their lifetime.

Boys’ lacrosse coach Matt Tetreault noted the members of both teams would be participating in the Stacey Burns Memorial 5K on Saturday, May 12, to raise money for the Stacey Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund and to support the teams’ mission to raise awareness for relationship violence.

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Timber Wolves blanked by Vikings

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — Last time the Prospect Mountain and Mascenic softball teams took the field together, they played an epic Division III quarterfinal game in New Ipswich at the end of last season.

The Vikings were able to come away with the win in that game in extra innings, but no extra innings were needed when Mascenic came to Alton on Tuesday, May 1, as the visitors broke things open in the fifth inning on the way to an 11-0 win over the Timber Wolves.

“It was a good game up through the fourth inning,” said coach Rick Burley. “We faced a tough pitcher and you have to get the ball in play.”

The Timber Wolves struggled to get the ball in play for much of the afternoon, while the Vikings were able to take advantage of some Prospect miscues and inexperience in the game that took place at Alton Central School.

A base hit, stolen base, sacrifice ground-out and another base hit had the Vikings on the board in the first inning. Another base hit and a walk loaded the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

MEGAN SARNO came through with a solid pitching performance, striking out 11 Mascenic Vikings.

bases with one out but Prospect pitcher Megan Sarno got a strikeout and then Sam Weir tracked down a pop foul down the first base line to end the inning.

Anna Brassaw worked a one-out walk in the bottom of the first inning and stole second base but she was left stranded. Sarno then worked around a walk

in the top of the second inning, striking out two more batters but Prospect went down in order in the bottom of the inning.

A base hit, a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch allowed the Vikings to add a second run to the scoreboard in the top of the third inning, but Sarno got another strikeout and a ground-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ANNA BRASSAW breaks for second during action against Mascenic last week.

er to short to close out the inning. The teams then went quietly until the top of the fifth inning, when the Vikings were able to open the game up a little, as they scored three runs in the inning to go up by a 5-0 score.

Prospect had its first good chance to plate a run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Maddie Chase worked a one-out walk and then Sarno had a base hit. Lauren Geleas hit a grounder that forced Chase at third and then a pop up ended the threat.

A walk and a triple got the Vikings another run in the top of the sixth inning but Sarno got another strikeout to get her team out of the inning.

Weir led off the bottom of the inning with a base hit and two outs later, Ali Brown beat out an infield hit to put

two runners on, but the Viking pitcher came back with a strikeout to close out the inning.

Mascenic broke things open in the top of the seventh inning. After a bloop double, Sarno got a strikeout but a bunt hit and a sacrifice bunt put two runners in scoring position. A pair of walks plated another run and then back-to-back base hits pushed across four more runs for the 11-0 lead. Sarno notched her 11th strikeout of the game to get out of the inning.

The Timber Wolves went quietly in the bottom of the seventh and the Vikings had the win. “We keep grinding games out,” said Burley. “That’s a very good team, a finalist team from last year with the same pitcher.

“We don’t have many days of practice, so we have to try and get bet-

ter in games before the end of the season,” Burley continued. “It (the weather) has put everybody in the same situation.”

The Timber Wolf coach also praised the work of his pitcher, who threw a strong game despite the final score.

“We had some errors and didn’t get coverage in places,” Burley said. “But Megan pitched great.

“We’re getting better and I expect good things for the end of the season,” the Timber Wolf coach concluded.

The Timber Wolves will be at Franklin at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 14, and will be at Berlin on Tuesday, May 15, at 4 p.m.

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PRESTON BECHARD picked up a win in Kingswood’s match at Coe-Brown last week.

Knights play solid match against Coe-Brown

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys’ tennis team returned from the vacation week and played its most competitive match of the season to date, coming up just short against Coe-Brown on Tuesday, May 1.

Russell Lucia picked up an 8-5 win at number one and Preston Bechard grabbed an 8-4 win to keep the Knights in the match after singles by a 4-2 score.

Arhus Babcock had a close match for the Knights, dropping a 9-7 decision, while Andrew Bacon fell by an 8-4 score in another solid match.

“Going into doubles, (we) needed to sweep to come out on top and we came close to pulling it off,” said coach Steve Langevin.

Lucia and Bacon dropped an 8-6 decision at number one,

while Babcock and Chase Bailey went to a tiebreaker at number two before dropping a 9-8 (7-4) decision to the Bears. Bechard and Noah Shatzer came up short by an 8-6 score in the third doubles spot and Coe-Brown had the 7-2 win.

The next day, the Knights battled the hottest day of the year along with a very strong Kennett Eagles squad and dropped an 8-1 decision.

Lucia played a grueling match at number one and came through with an 8-5 win to move to 5-1 on the season, but the Eagles won the rest of the matches.

Bailey fell by an 8-5 score and Bacon by an 8-4 score and earned Langevin’s praise for playing well in defeat.

The Knights traveled to Durham on Thursday, May 3, dropping a 7-2 decision to Oyster River.

Lucia got the win at number one by an 8-6 score and then teamed with Bailey to come up with an 8-5 win at number one doubles.

Langevin noted that Bailey also played well in singles and Babcock and Shatzer came close to pulling out a win at number two doubles, falling 9-7.

The Knights dropped a 9-0 decision to Portsmouth on Friday afternoon. Langevin noted that Lucia, Bailey and Bechard played well in their singles matches.

The Knights are set to play host to Pembroke today, May 10, at 4 p.m., then host Windham at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 11, Plymouth on Monday, May 14, at 4:30 p.m. and Con-Val on Wednesday, May 16, at 4 p.m.

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COLE EMERSON (left) and Joe Moore celebrate a goal in action against John Stark on Friday.



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LIAM MORRISSEY guards a John Stark attacker in action Friday night.

Knights win one for Ben

Kingswood lacrosse boys get emotional win over John Stark

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Emotions ran high at the Kingswood complex on Friday, May 4.

And in the end, the Kingswood lacrosse boys capitalized on those emotions and walked off the field with a 10-9 win over John Stark, despite the heavy hearts.

“That was, I don’t know what to say,” said an emotional coach Matt Tetreault. “It’s been a tough few days.”

The Alumni Field stadium was draped in red in memory of Carpenter School first grader Ben Baldwin. The youngster passed away in an automobile accident two days earlier and many members of the team were close to the Baldwin family. Ben’s dad, Rich, is an assistant coach for the Kingswood girls’ hockey team and the entire family, including his sisters Alissa and Jenny, have been active in Back Bay Hockey for years.

Tetreault noted that junior Cole Emerson was one of the driving forces behind honoring the youngster.

“Cole is a deeply emotional player,” Tetreault said. “We all know how emotions can have a positive impact on our game.”

Tetreault and Kingswood girls’ lacrosse coach Katie Rogers are both counselors in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District and they are also good friends. Thursday and Friday were tough days for both of them and Tetreault was impressed how things came together.

“Cole was the driving force in terms of our emotional surge,” Tetreault said. “And when one guy believes, it’s contagious.”

The Generals scored first but Erik Madden answered shortly after and the game was tied at one just a few minutes in. After some good defense from Liam Morrissey, the Knights took their first lead of the game with 6:41 to go, as Nicolina Williams ripped a shot top shelf for the 2-1 lead. Keeper Ben Eldridge made a save and the Knights came back down the field and Madden found Joe Moore for the third goal of the game for

the Knights, this one coming with 4:13 to go. Williams missed a couple of bids and the visitors were able to score with 1:24 to go to send the game to the end of the quarter with Kingswood up 3-2.

Williams had a bid and the Generals had one at their end to open the second quarter and it was John Stark that scored first, putting a goal in top shelf with 9:44 to go in the first half. The visitors then put another goal in the net with 8:47 to go for the 4-3 lead.

The Knights fought back, with Eldridge making a nice save and Michael Gagnon came through with strong defense in front of him. After Williams sent a shot wide, Madden was able to knot the score at four with 5:34 to go, coming from behind the net and firing the ball past the keeper.

With 3:25 to go, Sam Barton found Williams, who ripped a low shot past the keeper to put Kingswood in the lead and then just 19 seconds later, Moore fired home his second of the game and Kingswood was up 6-4. Barton had a couple of bids and

Eldridge had another save before the visitors were able to score two goals in the final two minutes of the half to tie the score at six heading to the break.

Dan Dougherty had an early chance in the second half but it was Williams and Madden who got the scoring going, Williams scored just 2:05 into the second half and Madden scored just 24 seconds later to put the Knights up by an 8-6 score.

After a couple of Stark bids went wide and Moore had a shot denied by the General keeper, Williams was able to fire a shot to the back of the net with a tick under six minutes to play in the quarter for the 9-6 lead.

Eldridge was impressive in the final few minutes of the third quarter, turning

away a couple of good John Stark chances and the Knights took the 9-6 lead to the final quarter.

Just 59 seconds into the fourth, Madden upped the lead to 10-6 but the Generals came back and scored with 9:39 to go to cut the lead to 10-7. They had another shot go off the post and then Eldridge made another save in the Kingswood net. The Generals scored with 4:05 to go to cut the lead to 10-8 but Eldridge wasn’t intimidated, as he came through with more stops and Williams and Madden continued the offensive pressure.

The visitors scored with 2:09 to go to cut the lead to 10-9 and had a number of chances in the final few minutes but Eldridge was on

his game and he held off the advances and the Knights got the emotional win.

“The kids were very motivated and they believe in themselves,” Tetreault said. “I wasn’t sure what to expect from them.”

“It’s a small community, there’s people affected by this in a number of ways,” the Knight coach continued. “If we can make you smile by coming out and competing hard, win or lose, we did our job.”

The Knights will be hosting Oyster River at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 11, and will be at Spaulding at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

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Stacey Burns 5K scheduled for Saturday

WOLFEBORO — The Stacey Burns Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk is set for Saturday, May 12, in Wolfeboro, sponsored by the Wolfeboro Department of Parks and Recreation and the Stacey Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The race starts at the Carpenter School in downtown Wolfeboro and makes its way up to the Kingswood complex, turning around just before the Crescent Lake School and returning to the Carpenter School.

Registration and

check-in begin at 8 a.m., with the walkers taking off at 9 a.m. and the runners taking off at 9:15 a.m.

The registration fee for adults is \$20 and for 12 and under the fee is \$15.

Fees and registration can be sent to Wolfeboro Department of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 629, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 or visit wolfeboronh.us/parks-recreation.

Stacey Burns was a mother of five who was murdered in her home on May 10, 2009. She was a school nurse at

the Carpenter School and touched the lives of many people and was always willing to lend a hand. The scholarship award is given to individuals who are pursuing a career in nursing who not only show merit and need but also to those who embody Burns’ giving spirit and kind heart.

For more information, call the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department at 609-5639. Donations are always welcomed at fundraise.com/staceyburnsmemorial5K.

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will be at Inter-Lakes for a 4 p.m. game on Monday, May 14.

At Kingswood, the tennis boys will be hosting Pembroke on Thursday, May 10, will be hosting Windham on Friday, May 11, both at 4 p.m., will be hosting Plymouth at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14, and will be hosting Con-Val at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.

The Knight girls’ tennis team will be at Pembroke today, May 10, at

Windham on Friday, May 11, will be at Plymouth on Monday, May 14, and will be hosting Goffstown on Tuesday, May 15, all at 4 p.m.

The Kingswood baseball and softball teams will be hosting Kennett on Friday, May 11, will be at Merrimack Valley on Monday, May 14, and will be at Plymouth on Wednesday, May 16, all at 4 p.m. The softball Knights will also be at St. Thomas today, May 10, at 4 p.m.

The Kingswood lacrosse girls will be at

John Stark today, May 10, at 5 p.m., will be hosting Goffstown on Monday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. and Memorial on Tuesday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m. before heading to Milford for a 5:30 p.m. game on Thursday, May 17.

The Knight boys’ lacrosse team will be hosting Oyster River at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 11, and will be at Spaulding at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

The Kingswood track team will be at Oyster River on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m.

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ALLIE DREW reaches to put a tag on a Lebanon runner on Saturday.

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SENIOR ABBY COULTER has stepped in as the team's catcher after an injury to Irena Pettit.

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Cardinal delivers Knights their first win

Kingswood softball rallies for extra-inning victory over Lebanon

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Late in his team's game with Lebanon on Saturday, Kingswood softball coach Richard Arthur looked at assistant coach Mike Shaw and said he wanted to get Cheyann Cardinal in the game because he thought she might have something. Arthur might want to go with his gut more often. Cardinal delivered a huge double in the bottom of the seventh inning, helping the Knights tie the game and force extra innings and then launched a bases-clearing, three-run triple in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift the Knights to their first win of the season, 10-9.

"We haven't been playing well since vacation," Arthur stated. "We knew there was no JV game today so we wanted to bring some younger girls up, maybe send a little message and maybe give some girls a chance. "It's not how we drew it up, but it ended up boiling down to we needed something fresh," the Knight coach continued. "We haven't gotten the results we wanted lately, but they've never given up." Lebanon scored a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. A pair of base hits put the first two runners on and the third batter was called out on an infield fly. However, the runner on second tried to go

to third when the ball wasn't caught and short-stop Allie Drew gunned her down at third for the double play. However, a base hit and an error and another base hit plated two runs for the early lead. The Knights answered with two of their own runs in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Shawna Knowles, Jill Blattenberger and Kasey Birth all worked walks to load the bases and then a Brittany Lapolla base hit drove in the first run of the game. One out later, Alahna Teves worked a walk to force in another run and the game was tied at two. The two teams played a scoreless second inning, with Kingswood pitcher Maggie Shaw

striking out two in the top of the frame. Drew walked and Abby Coulter had a base hit to start the bottom of the inning, but a strikeout and double play ended the inning. Shaw was able to work around a pair of hits in the top of the third inning and the Knights couldn't get anything in the bottom of the frame. Lebanon came up with four runs in the top of the fourth inning to take the 6-2 lead but Kingswood did come back with one of their own. Drew had a base hit and she scored on a triple by Coulter to make it 6-3. The Knights threatened again in the bottom of the fifth. Shaw reached and Ariana Daoust took over on the

base paths, getting to third on a pickoff error. She scored on an illegal pitch to cut the lead to 6-4. The Raiders were able to answer with their own run in the top of the sixth inning, doing the damage with two outs to take the 7-4 lead and despite a Coulter double in the bottom of the sixth, the Knights were not able to score. Shaw struck out two in the top of the seventh to send the game to the bottom of the seventh with the Raiders up 7-4. Birth led off the inning with a walk and one out later, Shaw beat out an infield hit and Daoust again took over on the bases. Cardinal then delivered the first of her big hits, lacing a double to drive in two runs, cutting the lead to 7-6. BillieJo Dumont beat out an infield hit and stole second and Drew worked a walk to load the bases again. Coulter then lofted a foul pop down the left field line. The Raider left fielder was able to make a nice catch but Cardinal tagged and scored from third to tie the game at seven. However, the Knights were unable to get the winning run home and the game went to extra innings. The Raiders got a one-out double, a base hit and then another base hit compounded by an error to plate two runs in the top of the eighth inning, taking the 9-7 lead.

tom of the eighth, Birth again started the rally, this time reaching on an error. Lapolla's pop up dropped in shallow center and a wild pitch moved both runners up and Shaw worked a walk to load the bases. Cardinal then ripped a triple and Arthur sent Birth home from third and Lapolla and Shaw behind her, setting off the celebration as the Knights got their first win. Arthur noted that later in the game the Knights were able to adjust to the slow pitching from Lebanon and it showed. "Three or four times you get up, you get used to it," the Knight coach said. "That's some of the mental toughness I've been talking about. "It was good for them to push through," he added. "As soon as something good happens we play very well." Arthur is hopeful that the win will lead to more positive things in the future. "I'm hoping this goes a long way," Arthur said. "Maybe we can get into the good stuff a little earlier next time." The Knights will be at St. Thomas today, May 10, at 4 p.m. will be hosting Kennett at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11, will be at Merrimack Valley at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 14, and will be at Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.

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with a time of 52.94 seconds. Howlett was also fourth in the 200 meters in a time of 25.3 seconds, with James Williams in 26.09 seconds and Chris Normandin in 26.66. In the 800 meters, Ethan Crossman finished in 2:53 to finish in 13th place. Frank Dowd raced in both the 1,600 meters and the 3,200 meters, finishing 13th in the 1,600 meters and seventh in the 3,200 meters. Normandin took third in his heat in the 100 meters, finishing in 13.02 seconds while Williams finished third in his heat in 13.5 seconds. For the Timber Wolf girls, Gabby Clark was able to clear four feet, six inches in the high jump to take second place overall. Elise Langlois cleared four feet. In the javelin, Naomi Ingham threw a distance of 53 feet, nine inches, while in the shot put, Essence Bourque had a top throw of 22 feet, nine inches. Bourque threw the discus 64 feet, six inches. Ingham finished third in the 3,200 meters with a time of 13:43. In the long jump, Ashlyn Dalrymple leaped 11 feet, 3.5 inches and Kayley Hoyt reached nine feet, one inch. Dalrymple finished fifth in her heat in the 400 meters, finishing in 12.5 seconds. In the 200 meters, she finished third in her heat with a time of 33.46 seconds. Prospect had four



CHRIS NORMANDIN breaks from the blocks in the 200 meters on Saturday.

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GABBY CLARK sprints from the starting blocks on Saturday in the 100 meters.

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girls in the 800 meters, with Grace DeJager in 3:18, Rebekah Bartolin in 3:22, Lily Michaud in 3:23 and Jane Holiday in 3:33. In the 100 meters, Gabby Clark finished in a time of 15.68, with Taren Brownell in 15.7 seconds and Langlois in 16.53.

In the 4X800-meter relay, the Prospect team of Anna DeRoche, Bartolin, DeJager and Ingham finished in fifth place in 13:06. The Timber Wolf 4X100-meter relay team of Brownell, Dalrymple, Clark and Grace Hardie finished in 58.2 seconds for sixth place

overall. The Timber Wolves are scheduled to host another home meet this Saturday, May 12, scheduled for a 10 a.m. start. Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.



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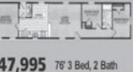
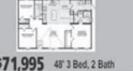


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Kingswood lacrosse coaches Matt Tetreault and Katie Rogers have a lot in common.

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even roomed together

for a year. And they are both counselors in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, in addition to their jobs as lacrosse coaches, Tetreault with the boys and Rogers with the girls.

Last week, they found themselves dealing with a horrific situation, something that no school counselor ever wants to go through, something that nobody ever wants to go through. That unimaginable thing was the death of a student.

Young Ben Baldwin's dad had something in common with Tetreault and Rogers in that he is also a coach at Kingswood, serving as an assistant for the girls' hockey team the last two winters.

Ben Baldwin passed away in a car accident in Wolfeboro last Wednesday night, shaking the entire Governor Wentworth Regional School District community. Ben was a first grader at Wolfeboro's Carpenter School and loved to play hockey with Back Bay Hockey, where his two older sisters, Alissa and Jenny, had also played.

When I pulled up to Alumni Field at Kingswood Regional High School on Friday night a few minutes into the boys' lacrosse team's game with John Stark, I was taken aback by the abundance of red throughout the stadium. I was a bit confused before Athletics Director Aaron House told me that red was Ben's favorite color and the team had pulled together a night to honor the youngster. A few moments later I noticed the "Ben" written in cups along the fence behind the goal with a heart next to it.

I didn't know Ben Baldwin, though there is a chance I probably had seen him play hockey at some point the last few years. And I'd probably seen him at the rink at

one of his sister's games over the last few years. But it doesn't matter that I didn't know Ben Baldwin, just as it doesn't matter if some of the Knights didn't know him either. They still felt they needed to do something to honor a youngster who was part of the Kingswood community.

The horrific situation that the Wolfeboro community and the school district in general continues to face is one that nobody ever wants to go through. The death of a child is something that no family or community should ever experience. I commend the work that Matt, Katie and the rest of the GWRSD staff did late last week, work that they really should never have to do, but work for which they've trained.

Finally, my thoughts go out to the Baldwin family. I know there are no words that I can say that can ease the pain of what they're going through. There's no way I can even imagine what they have been through and are continuing to go through. My only hope is that they know there is an amazing community that is there to support them as they continue to cope with this unimaginable loss. There's some wonderful people in this area and looking around Alumni Field on Friday night, it appears they're all ready to offer their support in whatever way they can.

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