

New Durham says ‘yes’ to majority of ballot requests

Veisel wins another BOS term, King has lead in school board race

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NEW DURHAM — Voters in New Durham gave approval to most of the warrant articles on the ballot last Tuesday and also returned an incumbent selectman to her seat for another three years

and elected a new representative to the Governor Wentworth Regional School District Board.

The lone race on the ballot was for a three-year seat on the board of selectmen, where incumbent Dot Veisel picked up 157 votes to



New Durham voters successfully used a drive through approach for elections this year. Incumbent Dorothy Veisel retained her seat on the Select Board in the only contested race in town.

Alton voters pass most of warrant articles

Mitchell edges Wittmann for seat on board of selectmen

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ATLON — While there weren’t many contested races on the ballot in Alton last Tuesday, there were a lot of warrant articles up for debate as town residents went to the polls.

In the race for a three-year seat as selectman, incumbent Phil Wittmann lost to newcomer Brock Mitchell by a difference of 355-334.

The only other

contested race on the town ballot was for two seats on the planning board, where Scott Williams (567) and Thomas Hoopes (556) defeated Brennan Christen (219).

Lisa Noyes (735) won another term as town clerk and tax collector, Jean Stone (693) will serve as treasurer for three more years, Roger Sample (647) will be a trustee of trust funds for three

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defeat Bob Kroepel (81 votes) and Ron Uyeno (56 votes).

The remainder of the races were uncontested. Linda Callaway (270) will serve two years as moderator, Kenneth Fanjoy (182) and Marc DeCoff (174) will both serve two years on the budget committee, Doug Gilman (263) will serve three years as John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustee, Jeff Allard (226) will serve three years on the planning board and Donna Young (281) will receive three more years as town clerk.

The lone planning

board zooming amendment was to have members of the zoning board elected rather than appointed and this passed 241-34.

There were a total of 13 warrant articles

on the town ballot and all but one of those articles met with the voters’ approval.

The operating budget of \$3,225,334 was article two and it passed by a 291-126

margin. Article three was for the road program, which passed by a 238-76 margin.

Articles four through seven were to approve funds for various

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Schools to open full time April 5, but remote option remains

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE
Contributing Writer

WOLFEBORO — As

infection rates trend downward, April 5 is the date set for the district’s schools to return to full time in person classes. The vote was taken at the Governor Wentworth Regional School District’s March 8 meeting in the Kingswood Arts Center with one dissenting vote, that of at large member Wendi Fenderson, who preferred to begin full time in person schooling on March 22.

The April 5 date will allow time for teachers and all district employees to receive their first vaccinations, scheduled on March 22 and 23 at the high school. Chairman Jack Widmer said as of the last count the day of the meeting, 312 individuals had signed up. The Moderna or Pfizer vaccines will be offered, both of which start the antibody development necessary to protect the recipient from acquiring a serious life threatening Covid-19 infection. A second shot is then scheduled for either three weeks (Pfizer) or four weeks (Moderna) from the first shot.

The board previously discussed a March 22 target day for full in person school along with the desire for teachers to be able to be vaccinated. Now that vacci-

nations are scheduled on that date, the board felt the April 5 start would allow time for the vaccine to build in effectiveness.

Widmer stressed that students presently in full time remote may continue in that program.

Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert said all the Covid-19 protocols will be followed, with the exception in some cases where the social distancing would only be able to be 3 feet. She said staff members have made some suggestions for handling lunch safely (6 ft. apart with plastic dividers or in classrooms). Meals will be packaged individually rather than having an open lunch line. She said that “will come with time.” Remote families may come to pick up breakfasts and lunches on Wednesdays.

Transportation will require assigned seating. Visitors to the school will still be limited.

“I was feeling some anxiety, but now that vaccinations are scheduled and with protocols continuing,” commented Effingham member Jim Pittman. “This is all great news.”



Super Knights

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the Super Knights Award for the month of February for Tolerance. In the top row is: 1) Ryan Kenney; 2) Trey Peterson; 3) Nevaeh Quinn; 4) Sawyer Linton. In the middle row is: 1) Caelynn Blattenberger; 2) Elijah Seward; 3) Oliver Kolodner. In the bottom row is: 1) Alivia Blaney; 2) Sierra Rose; 3) Richard Piper. To the far right is Maddie Seison.

Local skiers bring home Skimeister honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The results of the Skimeister competition were released and a number of local skiers earned top-three honors in their respective divisions.

The Skimeister competition consists of all four disciplines of high school alpine and Nordic skiing. In order to qualify for the Skimeister points, a skier must compete in the state meet for his or her team in both the giant slalom and slalom races and in



JOSHUA SPAULDING
ROBBIE HOTCHKISS finished as the runner-up for the Division I Skimeister Award.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
CAROLYN DAY was the bronze medalist in the Division I Skimeister competition.

ALTON PARKS AND RECREATION CONNECTION

Egg Hunt Activity Kit

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an Egg Hunt Activity Kit free for Alton residents. Pre-registration is required in order to reserve your kit. Kits include eggs, candy, toys and activities, and will be available for pick up on March 26 from 3-5 p.m. at the B&M Park, locat-

ed off of Depot Street. A surprise guest may be there too to say hi. If you are unable to attend the March 26 pickup time, pre-registered kits will be available at the Parks and Recreation office from March 29-April 2 at reserved pick up times. Please register in advance by contacting parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov with your

last name and age of participant(s); or call the office at 875-0109 to sign up for this free program.

Alton Rec Esports

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a new program called Esports. Age divisions are 8-12 years; 13-18 years and 18+ years.

Participants will compete with other players from Alton, and local New Hampshire communities. Beginner and competitive options are available. The Spring League, lasting six weeks, includes your choice of the following games: Madden21 (Football); Super Smash Bros; Rocket League 1v1; SEE ALTON REC, PAGE A8

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Pair of Knights make collegiate athletic commitments



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COLE PARO was joined at his signing ceremony by his father, Eric, his stepmother, Courtney and his trainer, Matt Tupman.



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ALEXIS TURNER was joined at her signing event by her parents, Brad and Becky, along with her siblings, Noah and Madi.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
SOCCER COACHES Andy Ferland (left) and Rob Kelly were on hand to see keeper Alexis Turner sign her letter of intent to play soccer at Colby Sawyer.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
BASEBALL COACHES Bill Rollins (left) and Chip Skelley were on hand to support Cole Paro as he signed his letter of intent to play baseball at Hudson Valley Community College.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — While the winter season has wrapped up at Kingswood, a couple of student-athletes in fall and spring sports made college commitments and the school held a small ceremony to honor both of them on Sunday, March 7.

Cole Paro, the catcher for the Kingswood baseball team, and Alexis Turner, the goaltender for the Kingswood girls' soccer team, both signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Paro is taking his baseball career to Troy, N.Y. to play at Hudson Valley Community College. He noted he was excited to see a bigger city and play in a professional stadium. The Vikings play their home games at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium in Troy, which is home to the TriCity Valley Cats, an independent professional affiliate of the Fron-

tier League.

"It feels pretty good," said Paro. "After a long time with COVID, I didn't get any offers."

"But, a few months ago I started to get a few and I really connected with the school," he noted.

Paro was joined at the ceremony by his father, Eric Paro, along with his stepmother Courtney Paro and his trainer Matt Tupman as well as his girlfriend, Erica DeLamus. Additionally, Kingswood baseball coaches Chip Skelley and Bill Rollins were in attendance to honor their athlete.

"It doesn't happen very often, so when it happens, it's a positive thing for our program," said Skelley of the collegiate signing. "And it's a positive for him too."

"He's always been a kid who works hard and has always wanted to play at the next level," Skelley continued. "And as a fam-

ily, they've put a lot into what he's done, they've done all the little things extra to help him get there."

Skelley noted last year, with the spring sports cancelled, made things tough on everyone, but he was glad to see Paro get a few different offers.

Turner will be moving on to play soccer at Colby-Sawyer College and wasn't 100 percent sure she was going to be able to play.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to play because I'll be in the nursing program and I didn't know if I had time to do it," Turner said. "But I decided it was a good opportunity."

She noted that last season, having only six games and unusual practice schedules due to the COVID delay, was a little different, but not necessarily worse.

And she pointed out that Colby-Sawyer seemed like the good choice as a collegiate option.

"It seemed like the best school," she noted.

Turner was joined by her parents, Becky and Brad Turner along with siblings Noah and Madi Turner. Also in attendance were Kingswood girls' hockey coaches Rob Kelley and Andy Ferland.

Kelly noted that in

his four years at Kingswood, it is the second

collegiate signing he's

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Ice safety tips

Naturally, warmer temperatures in the afternoon means the lakes, ponds and rivers will start to melt; however, the cooler mornings could be deceptive as to how thick the ice actually is. More people fall through ice this time of year than in any other.

We wanted to offer some awareness, and a reminder of what to do should you find yourself or anyone else in this unfortunate situation, albeit, completely unavoidable.

First, remember to stay calm. Try not to let the shock of the freezing water take over, it'll take your breath away and is painful, which is frightening. At this time, you will have roughly ten minutes before you get too cold to pull yourself out. Experts say to leave your winter clothes on and let them act as a buoy. These clothes tend to hold onto warm air and can help you float.

Next, turn back toward the direction in which you came and use solid ice to try to pull yourself out. The ice is likely thicker where you were just standing, meaning chances are it is strong enough to hold you while you pull yourself out. If you find that your clothes have trapped too much water, lift yourself up part way and lean on your elbows while the water drains out. You then want to extend your arms flat on the ice and start to shimmy yourself back onto the surface. Remember the two words "kick and pull."

If you do find yourself in a situation where ice could be an issue, carry an ice pick. Avid fishermen have been known to carry screwdrivers or nails on them just in case, as they make for better claws then gloved or bare hands.

Remember to stay flat when you are back on the surface, and don't stand up too soon, as you may cause the ice to crack again. Begin to roll away from the spot where you fell through to keep your weight distributed across the ice.

Once you are in the clear, get into dry clothes and a warm place immediately. Hypothermia kicks in roughly after 30 minutes of being submerged in ice water. Seek medical attention as your body may go into shock as the cold blood from your extremities can reach your heart, causing a heart attack.

If you are with someone who falls through the ice, do not get too close as you may be the next one to fall through. Instead yell instructions to them, on what to do, to get to safety and remain encouraging.

Reaching out to the victim without stepping onto the ice is best if at all possible. Use anything you can such as a pole, ladder or anything else that you can extend to them. If you can't reach the victim this way, try throwing them a rope or anything that you might be able to use to pull them to safety.

If none of the above are options, try to find something to float on so that you can reach the victim yourself. If a floating device is not available, do not walk upright to the victim, try instead to lay flat and roll out to the edge.

Whatever situation you are in, it will require fast action and quick thinking. The best advice is to be prepared with the proper knowledge and equipment if you do plan on spending time on the ice.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Championship game

Seth Huggard of Alton, who played the last two seasons for Prospect Mountain High School, controls the ball for Portsmouth Christian during the Division IV championship game in Plymouth on Saturday. The Eagles fell to Woodsville and finished as the division runners-up.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for supporting your educators

To the Editor:

The Prospect Mountain Teachers' Association (PMTA) and the Prospect Mountain Educational Support Association (PMESPA) want to thank everyone who went to the polls in Alton and voted overwhelmingly in favor of the warrant articles regarding our respective contracts.

We look forward to seeing Barnstead residents at the school district meeting on Saturday, March 20, starting at 9 a.m. at Barnstead

Elementary School.

We sincerely appreciate the support from both of our communities.

Sincerely,

Andrea Caruso
PMTA secretary

Nicole Richard
PMESPA secretary

Ask what?

To the Editor:

Chapel Hill, N.C. was my hometown; growing up there afforded my life many great moments — to name a few, meeting the Mercury Seven astronauts, having James Taylor a friend of my brothers, his family and our family, were neighbors of sort. There were many others who had influence on my life some great and some not.

On Oct. 22, 1963, the president came to my hometown and spoke at the Kenan Memorial football stadium, my father sat on the stage with the majority of the faculty where the president spoke. I was about 20 feet from the podium; had I only known what would happen 30 days from that day, I would have created a scene to let Mr. Kennedy know he should not go to Dallas, alas I'm not a fortune teller, nor do I see what will happen as I go forward in life, I do still have the photos of my father sitting on stage with the President. If you were to ask me what he said, I could not.

So, for me, it was a little disturbing to read a letter (Feb. 25) to the editor of this paper, where someone used the most quoted quote from that president and applied it to a loser president who only wanted Americans "to do" for him, who only cared for what he could get out of his service to this country, I have a hard time finding anything the loser president did for the American people. Other than his tax bill, which was designed for just a few. Whatever else he did I don't think of as a good, pulling out of the Paris accord, stirring racial unrest, refusing to denounce the Nazis party and white supremacist, and too many more for me to waste my time writing about. President Kennedy asked Americans to volunteer, he created the peace-core to establish better relationships with underdeveloped countries and America, at the time it was the

Russians who were running rampant throughout the world, that was one of the things Kennedy did to combat Communism, which the GOP keeps claiming what the democrats are. Granted the CIA was heavily involved, with the peace-core, it was one agency that fought for American freedom, the Loser president #45 just about destroyed the Intelligent agency, with his "I know better" well it was his buddy pUTIN who knew what was best for our country. Get a grip ! #45 was bad for America those who wish to follow him are doing so, to the detriment of this great country. Prevailing will ruin us.

So, if supporters of 'tRUMP' want to know what "they can do for America" do what states are doing with Republican legislatures, restrict the vote of people who are qualified to vote. You can help America by not voting, since you have proven that when you vote, you hurt this country with your choice, at least that's what you've done so far.

You know in the past the Republican stood for something. Now I don't see much worth coming, from 'tRUMP's' party. Specially those who attacked the Capital-Building. Which by the way, is now fenced off due to the threat from supporters of #45 coming back and doing another assault. Do really want someone leading this country without a vision, other than making themselves wealthier and ripping up the constitution so they can rule without constraint. A least Biden is pushing for the less privileged and he sure sounds like a President should. Not every other word is me or I, it is you and the people. Vote for Democrats to maintain your freedom, vote for Republicans and all will be lost.

John Q. Henderson
Barnstead

Please support your teachers

To the Editor:

The Barnstead Education Association would like to again express our appreciation to our School Board and Budget Committee for unanimously recommending our proposed one-year contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

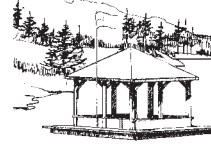
This has been an unprecedented year, to say the least. As a school community, we have learned to adapt and reset for our students based on unpredictable and constantly evolving circumstances. That's why, right now, it is particularly gratifying to have both the board's and committee's support.

Now we are asking for help from the rest of the

Barnstead community. Please plan to attend the Barnstead School District meeting. All who go will have an opportunity to not only support the teachers in Barnstead, but also the teachers and paras at PMHS, whose contracts have already passed in Alton and now need to pass in our town. This Barnstead School District meeting will be held this Saturday at 9 a.m. at Barnstead Elementary School.

I hope to see you there, and thank you in advance for your support.

Kristen Brooks
Barnstead Education Association



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North Country Notebook

Of ravens and chickadees, and earning a year in camp



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Ravens and chickadees would seem to be on opposite ends of the spectrum, yet they are always among what I first look for, the one most often way up high, and the other flitting from trees to feeders and back.

Because of where I live, on a high place on a ridge, I can see far around, and can often spot ravens as they ride air currents to make travel a little easier. Their timing this early spring makes me wonder if they're coming from the upper Androscoggin watershed. They tend to show up around my place just after mid-day, and these days, I think, are polishing up their act on the crows, like off-Broadway, getting a good flap going here before they break off and go home to hoof it for the locals.

The chickadees, meanwhile, spend as much time cocking an eye skyward as they do charting a course to the brief danger of the feeders and back. The danger comes in the form of a fox or fisher or any other carnivore that can steal around the snowbanks and leap up at an unguarded moment, or a hawk cruising through the undergrowth.

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Once grown, the raven seems to know no such fear, perhaps one reason for its penchant for play. I'm lucky to have watched this kind of horseplay, particularly when parents were teaching the kids to fly. If pressed to name a favorite bird, I guess it would be the raven, the chickadee coming in a close second.

A writer I've long admired, Bernd Heinrich, has lived among and studied ravens in the wilds of Maine for many years. He has a camp often vaguely described by reviewers as "east of the Presidentials," which covers a lot of territory, but which I'd bet is not



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There are many photos of ravens, but few (to me) as appealing as this one, which presents the bird as slightly scruffy, which to me it is, with an almost sardonic look.

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Heinrich figured out a way to spend a year in camp while someone else was paying for grub and the like, which is the way to go. His first book, "Bumblebee Economics," led to many more, among them "Ravens in Winter" (1989), and "Mind of the Raven" (1999).

Here is a man who not only successfully bucked the American educational system but also pushed his physical abilities to the limit, first in marathons and then in endurance running. His book "Why We Run" gets into both the psychology and physiology of running, the former being, in my book, much the more difficult. The last time I checked, he was still running, competitively, at 81.

In trying to describe the running down of game, which in some cultures is still going on and in my younger years was still part of the culture here, various papers focus on strategies for use and conservation of energy.

During their brief time as perhaps the freest colonists on the continent, the mountain men described the Indian strategy for running down prey (animal or human), which basically consisted of running in teams and by turns putting on bursts of speed, the whole business coming down, on average, to a steady fast trot or jogging pace, thus wearing out their quarry.

Heinrich, who looks like a tall guy with a lot of leg, was built to run, unlike me. Sure, I ran for years, but even in competition never managed much better than seven-minute miles. In my mind, centuries ago, at the mercy of my French-Irish genes, I'm laboring away in some peatbog, cutting fireplace turf for the gentry.

Ravens are scavengers par excellence, and like all raptors can spot and probably smell food from on high. Research and peer review are still underway on the smelling part.

In the woods I was taught to go quietly, never with conversation should anyone else be along, and always with pre-selection of footfall unless in travel mode. Clicks of the tongue in such circumstances suffice for communication. In this way, on a soft day for traveling, you can see and hear much



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The etymologist can glean a certain delight in discovering, at best by field experience, that Native Americans developed various regional sound-alike words for the humble chickadee. This photo appeared in a New Hampshire Audubon feature on birds that might be hanging around your suet.

you'd otherwise miss.

More than once, I've been stopped in mid-step by the "whoosh-whoosh" of wingbeats, and looked up just in time to see a raven coming along the treetops. On the most memorable of these moments, on a

rain-soaked and super-soft day in a small hole in the softwoods, with no wind, the bird looked down and said "grouark!" in that gargling way, as in "What the hell are YOU doing here?," and flapped on. Chickadees, meanwhile, followed along

for most of the way, in teams, no doubt, each according to its home.

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Curling league hopes to return in the fall

WOLFEBORO — Lakes Region Curling Association took a major step towards a return to competition in the coming Fall when it held its recent Annual Meeting. Gathering in a virtual session, members and directors of the organization signaled a strong intention to bring curling matches back to Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro when the facility begins creating ice at the end of the year.

The LRCA's Winter 2020 season was cut short by the COVID-19-induced shutdown last year, and a prospective Fall 2020 season was called after a spike in cases throughout the Granite State resulted in stringent restrictions on the use of ice arenas. The organization chose to remain dormant for the Winter 2021 season, biding



THE LAKES REGION Curling Association hopes to return to action this coming fall.

its time for a return to more normal times after widespread vaccinations make the return of group activities safer.

Planning for the Fall curling season will begin in earnest by early summer, with registration opening by late July or early August. For the most current information about LRCA activities, check out the organization's web site at lakescurlingnh.org.

Blessed Bargains Thrift Shop to re-open March 27 at FCC Farmington

FARMINGTON — Spring is here, and it's almost Easter! We are very pleased that Blessed Bargains will re-open as it is stocked full of all kinds of Easter and Spring items for you and your family. There is still time for you to stop in and shop for Easter outfits, and decorations. Easter Baskets and plastic eggs, all at specially marked "bargain" prices. Whatever you are looking for we have it at Blessed Bargains, with a store full of new items, gently loved toys, books, puzzles and household items, and Easter fashions at specially marked "bargain" prices. The volunteers have been working each week to display the items. You'll enjoy the convenience of new shelves and displays, especially for infants and toddlers. Please wear a mask and plan to keep a social distance of 6 feet from other shoppers.

The Interfaith Food Pantry
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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Road food

I just finished another container of road food. I coined that term many years ago when I was a member of the commute over an hour to work club. I'd be driving and feel like having a snack and there wasn't anywhere to stop between work and home.

I started with a basic GORP (Good Old Raisins and Peanuts), but since I don't like raisins, I substituted semisweet chocolate chips. That was pretty good, but it was missing something. The same thing that is missing munching on dark chocolate while sitting in my rocking chair. That something is grain. Some bready something. It's what makes chocolate cake and brownies so special. A hot fudge sundae is wonderful, but a hot fudge brownie sundae is spectacular. The additional secret ingredient I found was breakfast cereal.

I used to keep it in a cookie tin that fit nicely under the driver's seat of my Saab 900, the most intelligently designed car, ever. During the summer months the recipe needed to get modified as the heat within a closed car would transform the mixture into a candy bar. Or driving home, I'd reach in to grab a hand full of a sticky chocolate mess. In the summer I would switch to dehydrated pineapple chunks. Still pretty good.

When the kids arrived, it was just so much easier to reach for the road food than look for a fast food joint. And we wouldn't have to stop. They'd get

the container and I'd just reach back every now and then. It was wonderfully liberating.

A gasoline quick stop was built along my daily commute route, and one day while buying gas, I had a hankering for a different snack, so I bought a bag of barbecue twisty things. I liked them so much that I was soon unable to drive by without picking up a bag. I was totally addicted to them. Months later, I was sitting in the sauna with my son and he pointed to this blubbery spare tire that was wrapped around my waist and asked me "what's that?" I looked down and realized what it was. I told him that it was all those curly snacks I've been eating every night coming home from work. I immediately went cold turkey and have never eaten another one. The spare tire has since deflated and I'm back to my normal scrawny self.

Once, I said goodbye to my last 900. I think I had four of them. I became a Subaru guy. I've since been totally spoiled by the All Wheel Drive stuff, but front wheel drive cars are just so much more fun to drive. I've reconnected with FWD in my little truck. To bad it's my work truck.

The problem with my Outback was that there was no place to stash the road food. There were no places to squirrel things away. They had plastic panels and shrouds to make it all look slick and all, I just had to keep the container on the floor.

It's now many years later. The boys are off

on their own and I've taken a liking to spicy corn things. My passenger seat usually has two flavors of hot spicy something or others sitting there. Sweet yummy road food has been ousted.

But I no longer commute two plus hours a day. That time is now spent sitting in my godfathers old rocking chair.

It's really nice to have a piece of dark chocolate while I sit there with my little tablet thing on my knees answering emails, writing letters and streaming things.

It wasn't long before I started to add some nuts to my little side table. After realizing that I was working my way back to my old road food recipe, I picked up some cereal

and dug an old cookie tin out from the cellar and whipped me up and mess load of Room Food. RF for short.

But I have this problem with eating. I never want to stop till I'm full. So I have to make sure to replace the cover every time I grab a hand full, or I'll devour the whole thing. Live and learn.

It seems that a couple

of hand fulls right before going to bed directly relates to me not needing to visit the throne room later that night. The investigation continues. And I'm also monitoring for signs of that spare tire reinflating.

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HRCU announces promotions of four managers

ROCHESTER — HRCU has announced promotions for four members of their management team. Tyler Hudson has been named Senior Vice President of Operations and Digital Services, Travis Bissonnette has been named Vice President of Member Business Services, Nicole Huntress has been named Director of Operations and Carlyne Pouliot has been named Director of Branch Administration.

"Our staff is a key to our success. These staff members have made such a difference in our operations, servicing our members and being great co-workers, it gives me great pleasure to announce their promotions. As HRCU grows so does our staff in meeting their career goals," said Brian

Hughes, HRCU President and CEO.

Hudson has been with HRCU for since December 2019 and has been key to HRCU's growth in digital services, including June's successful conversion to a new online and mobile banking platform. Tyler will now also have additional responsibilities within the entire HRCU Operations Department and help to set HRCU's direction for the future.

Bissonnette has been with HRCU over five years and has been overseeing consumer lending throughout his tenure, building a strong lending team in the process. In this new role he will be responsible for building member business programs and overseeing business development, including business lending and relation-

ships. Travis will also oversee relationships with local auto dealers through our indirect lending program and working on building our team of outside mortgage originators.

Huntress has been with HRCU for 16 years and has held several roles including Teller, Teller Supervisor, Branch Manager, Branch Operations Manager and Operations Manager, which included becoming the Bank Secrecy Act Officer. She is a key leader in the growing Operations Department. Nicole's expertise in operations help support staff and members with many complex situations that may come up.

Pouliot has been with HRCU since November 2018, joining the team originally as the Dover Branch Manager, which in-

cluded overseeing both the downtown Dover and Dover Point branches. More recently, Carlyne has served as the Branch Administrator, making noticeable improvements to branch operations. Her contributions have also been key to keeping HRCU branches operational throughout the pandemic.

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ious capital reserve funds, including for public works, public safety, water quality and milfoil and facilities. All four of the articles passed relatively easily.

Articles eight and nine were for funding expendable trust funds for facilities and both passed. Article 10 was for \$5,000 for the 1772 Meeting House Restoration capital reserve fund and passed 207-114.

Article 12 sought funds for various different agencies, for a total of \$7,000 and this passed by a 256-63 vote.

The lone article to not pass was article 13, which was to repeal the current noise ordinance and replace it with a new ordinance that defines and prohibits noise disturbances under certain circumstances and

imposes penalties for creating such noise disturbances. The no votes (188) outweighed the yes votes (129) to close out the ballot.

School elections
Governor Wentworth Regional School District results are incomplete as Effingham has not yet voted.

There was also an opening for the New Durham representative on the Governor Wentworth Regional School District Board, with Stefanie King and Jason Hills both on the ballot for a three-year term. In New Durham, King won by a 175-87 margin and across the district, King leads 1,157-622.

For a three-year term as member at large, incumbent Tim Eldridge beat Steve Johnson in New Durham by a 145-83 margin and also leads

Turner has put in the work on her own to continually get better as her career has moved along.

“She’s been playing year round for the past few years and she’s been coaching younger players,” Kelly said. “There’s a commitment for someone her

district-wide by a 1,235-928 margin. Jack Widmer received 195 New Durham votes in his uncontested bid to continue as Tuftonboro’s representative and currently has 1,861 votes district-wide. Randy Walker got 197 votes for moderator in New Durham and has 2,001 across the district.

There were also three articles and all three are currently passing. The turf field funds has 1,605 yes votes and 968 no votes, the repairs and improvements article has 1,837 yes votes and 744 no votes and the operating budget has 1,715 yes votes and 845 no votes.

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age, it’s impressive and it shows in her work.

“She’s very driven, she knows what she wants,” Kelly said.

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ALTON

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years, Thomas Diveny (640) will serve in the same role for one year, Annette Slipp (667) will be library trustee for three years while Sarah Hill (648) will serve in the same position for a one-year term. Patrick O’Brien (643) will serve on the budget committee for three years while Jake Bemis received 65 write-in votes for the second three-year term while Reuben Parker (639) will serve on the budget committee for two years and Leann LaPlante (613) will serve for one year, Valerie Tarbell (649) will serve three years as supervisor of the checklist and Andy McLeod (658) will serve one year in the same position and Francis Rich Jr. (616) will serve for three years on the zoning board.

Articles two through seven were planning board amendments and the only one that didn’t pass was article four, which sought to permit “lumber yard” in the residential commercial and residential rural zones by special exception. This failed by a 373-361 margin.

Articles eight through 45 sought to

raise funds for town business across the board and all but one of the articles passed with the voters.

The town operating budget of \$8,210,620 passed by a 470-293 vote, while article 32, which was to ratify the longterm lease between the town and Shibley’s at the Pier, passed by a 553-215 margin. This lease will run from 2021 through 2041 with a starting annual rent of \$11,060.40 with increases based on Consumer Price Index.

The only article that did not pass was petitioned article number 44, which sought to reconfigure the current Master Plan, with directions to the planning board to readopt the current Master Plan without changes for the next 10 years. The selectmen did not support this article because it was contrary to procedures in the state law and would not be binding if adopted. It failed by a 430-310 margin.

School elections
Four seats on the Alton School Board were up for grabs, two for three years and two for one year. In the race for the three-year seats, Pa-

mela McLeod (586) and Rebecca Johnson (565) were the lone candidates running. In the race for the one-year seats, Carol Locke (571) and Anne Pierce (539) earned wins over Brennan Christen (189) and Emily Christen (169).

Linda Roy (684) will serve another year as school district clerk while Cydney Shapleigh received 10 write-in votes for school district moderator.

There were 10 warrant articles for voters to make their choice on and all 10 passed by fairly wide margins.

The school district budget of \$15,568,194.20, which includes Alton’s portion of the Prospect Mountain budget, passed by a 643-145 margin. Additionally, a new collective bargaining agreement with the Prospect Mountain Teachers’ Association passed with a 548-238 vote and the collective bargaining agreement with the PMHS Educational Support Professionals Association passed by a 539-255 margin.

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ALTON REC

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Fortnite 1 v 1 and Fortnite 2 v 2. Registration closes on March 29; \$25 for the Spring season. Games begin the week of April 12. More information and registration is available at the Alton Rec Esports page at <https://www.ggleagues.com/organization/alton-rec-esports>. Players will need to provide their own hardware, programs and internet connection to participate. For more information, please visit info@ggleagues.com or contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov; 875-0109.

Exercise Classes
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Weight Training-Adults of All Ages- Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Class runs now thru March 31. Pre-register before your first class at parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Yoga for Sports- Mondays, 3-3:45 p.m. Join in this class that will offer exercises designed to increase range of motion, build strength and balance, and improve mental resilience that will help on and off the sports scene. Class runs now thru March 29. Pre-register before your first class at parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Movie March Review
Every Monday during the month of March, Alton Parks

and Recreation is presenting a movie review topic. Find a movie that relates to the theme, watch it, and let us know your favorite quote by that Thursday. All participants will be entered into a Movie Kit raffle! At the end of each week on Friday, a winning name will be picked for a Movie Kit (Popcorn, Box Office Candy and Popcorn Bucket). To send your quote and be entered into the raffle or for more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 875-0109. Below is the schedule for the Movie Topic each week. Click the link next to the topic if you need help finding the perfect movie:

March 22 – Musical https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AFI%27s_Greatest_Movie_Musicals

March 29 – Based on a Book <https://www.bookbub.com/blog/best-movies-based-on-books-all-time>

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Town of New Durham Select Board

March 22, 2021

3:00 PM In-Person Site Walk
and 7:00 PM Zoom, Remote Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the New Durham Select Board on Monday March 22, 2021 will be holding an in-person Site Walk at 3 PM and a Zoom, remote Public Hearing at 7 PM at the location described below to consider the layout petition filed by Peter C. Rhoades to lay out a portion of Bennett Road in accordance with RSA 231:8, seeking to convert Bennett Road from Class VI to Class V.

Attendees log into: Join Zoom Meeting

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Technical difficulties contact Town Administrator Scott Kinmond at skinmond@newdurhamnh.us or by phone at 603-556-1516.

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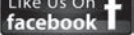
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with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-04, on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00pm.**
The Wakefield School Board meeting will be held at the Gymnasium - also through Zoom.

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
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Alton	26 Jesus Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$232,000	Rebecca L. Wentworth	Jesus Valley Realty LLC
Alton	Linwood Drive	N/A	\$245,000	Ellen L. Chase Estate and Elaine Wallace	Dean H. Garland
Alton	Old Wolfeboro Road	N/A	\$535,000	John R. and Jennifer K. Irons	James D. and Melanie Ferraro
Barnstead	31 Hemlock Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$175,000	Amy M. and Francis A. Guinard	Christine A. Cousin
Barnstead	N. Barnstead Road	N/A	\$185,000	Amanda L. Settles	53 Holmes Road LLC
Barnstead	78 Winwood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$138,000	Harvey W. Clay and Restoration Homes LLC	Restoration Homes LLC
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$380,000	Half Moon RT and Kimberly A. Shooter	Michael P. Smith and Rita L. Coutu
New Durham	Merrymeeting Lake	N/A	\$350,000	Bruce W. Flight and Frances Flight	Carol A. Shanahan Fiscal Trust and Walter Shanahan
New Durham	Miller Road	N/A	\$52,000	Lynne Whelden and Roy M. Whelden	Ryan and Lindsay Morrison

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.

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Barnstead Parks & Rec hosts fishing derby



BARNSTEAD — The morning started out with the snow coming down pretty steadily, but that didn't stop the kids from coming out to the

Chase Family and Parks & Rec kids fishing derby that took place on Saturday morning at Varney Beach.

With more than 100 kids registered to fish, this was a record breaker as far as sign-ups go! There could be laughter heard from all around, as well as "Flag!" on the loudspeaker from our commission member Kate every time a fish got on a line. It was so much fun to feel almost normal out there on the 15 inches of frozen lake, and fresh air with so many kids and so much laughter.

1st Place winner was Quinn with the top two catches of the day! He

caught a one pound, 14-ounce pickerel and a one pound, seven ounce pickerel.

2nd Place winner was Cam with his one pound, five-ounce hornpout.

3rd Place winner was Jordan with her one-pound pickerel

Congratulations to all that participated, all the volunteers, and a special thank you to all who donated to make this happen for our kids!

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