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Alton's Winter Carnival a smashing success

Hundreds turn out for Alton Business Association event

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — On Sunday there was a sight to behold; as you drove along Route 11 and rounded the corner, a white, blazing-in-sunshine Alton Bay opened up in front of you, with airplanes, helicopters, horses, snowmobiles and hundreds and hundreds of people covering the ice.

Helped by balmy temperatures, Alton's annual Winter Carnival surpassed itself.

Brought to, at best guess, 1,000 people by the Alton Business Association (ABA), the successful event was the fruition of at least 70 sponsors, volunteers, and those who provided services.

Chris Racine, chairperson of the ABA Winter Carnival committee, said she had no words to describe her overall impression of



ALTON BAY was a busy place on Sunday as the annual Winter Carnival brought out hundreds of people to the ice.

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this year's event.

"It was overwhelming, simply fantastic," she said. "The ABA cannot thank the community and our visi-

tors to Alton enough for coming out. And our sponsors deserve a huge thank you."

She noted people of all ages had a won-

derful experience on ice. "I was struck as I walked through checking out activities, that young and old people were there. We had a

lot of visitors going through town for their ski weekend."

Racine said the Winter Carnival is an opportunity to give back

to the community for patronizing Alton businesses.

The slogan "Be local, Buy local, Support local" appeared on the flyers.

"I have to pinch myself to believe how well it turned out," Racine said. "Everybody supported each and every one of our events tremendously."

The day kicked off with a pancake breakfast, and food continued on throughout the hours as a crowd pleaser. The longest line was for sausages, hamburgers, and hot dogs. In fact, the food booth ran out of its 900 pieces of meat before the end of the day.

Hannaford's Store Manager Barbara Cone was there "to help out." She and two other managers cooked and served food, much of it donated by the store.

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Barnstead accident

On Feb. 20 at approximately 2:20 p.m., the Barnstead Police Department and Barnstead Fire Department were dispatched to the area of Suncook Valley Road in the area of Parade Road for a two-car motor vehicle accident with unknown injury. There were four patients total. One patient was brought to Concord Hospital with an arm injury, and facial injuries. Three patients were treated at the scene and released. It was determined that the Kia Spectra was turning left from Parade Road onto Suncook Valley Road heading southbound when it struck a Mazda van that was traveling northbound on Suncook Valley Road towards Alton. The accident is still under further investigation.

PMHS legal battle to continue

BY DAVID ALLEN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Board voted at its Thursday, Feb. 13, meeting to continue its legal battle with the Teachers' Association over the issue of reim-

bursing teachers for lodging costs the night before a professional development conference starting early the next morning.

This story was first reported in the Jan. 12 issue of the Baysider (<http://linpub.blob.core.windows.net/pdf/1/645311f3-20f9-400e-aed7-0ce52ce9ba72.pdf>). The association challenged a decision by Superintendent Robert Cullison, which denied reimbursement to a PMHS teacher after Principal J. Fitzpatrick had approved it.

The Public Employee Labor Relations Board, which handles labor issues involving public employees, first gave the appeal to a single hearing officer, which is their common practice. The hearing officer wrote a

20+ page decision supporting the Teachers' Association's claims and ordering the board to cease and desist from changing any labor relations policies that should be decided in the collective bargaining process for the teacher contract.

The board appealed the hearing officer's decision to a three-person panel. Again this is standard procedure. In order to make such an appeal, the board is required to pay for the transcription of the dialogue of the first meeting with the hearing officer, so the larger panel has access to the oral arguments in addition to the written depositions.

The board did not provide a transcript and the panel turned

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Accidents mark weekend on ice

Plane flip, partially-submerged truck underscore dangerous ice conditions

BY MARK FOYNES
Contributing Writer

ALTON — A pair of accidents Sunday illustrate the need for people who drive, walk, or navigate aircraft on the Bay to use extreme caution as variable ice thicknesses become a growing concern.

Fortunately, neither of the two mishaps resulted in injury - though one official said that continued vehicular use on the Bay could "have had a very different outcome - we were lucky this time."

Actually, the use of the Bay's airstrip is no longer an option, according to site manager Paul LaRochelle. Sunday's plane accident had nothing to do with the Bay's ice thickness, he said, but it gave concerned parties a heightened awareness of the Bay's current conditions.

According to the NHDOT web site, "The Alton Bay Seaplane Base is a public-use seaplane base in the summer and a plowed ice runway in the winter. The site continued, "The airport is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who assist pilots (seaplane, ski, and conventional) flying into the bay through-out the year, and who also plow the ice runway, parallel taxiway

and parking area."

The DOT site summarized, "The ice runway attracts several hundred pilots during its 4-8 week season, and it can be one of the busiest airports in the state on winter weekends."

The Sunday plane accident, LaRochelle explained, was a function of operator error. He said the two-person RV8, piloted by a New Jersey man accompanied by his wife, veered too far to one side and struck a snowbank. When the propeller came into contact with a snowbank, it created, in LaRochelle's words, a "prop strike situation." The centrifugal force of the whirling prop lodged in the hard-packed snow and flipped the plane in what LaRochelle described as a "slow speed accident."

While the flipped plane landed on its back, LaRochelle said neither passenger was hurt, although they were suspended upside-down in their seats until rescue workers could dislodge them.

LaRochelle said that the accident gave more immediacy to a Feb. 17 warning issued by N.H. Fish and Game about Lake ice conditions.

The Fish and Game

statement warned, "While dozens of lakes and ponds across the state have safe ice conditions for winter activities, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Conservation Officers want to stress that there are numerous areas across the state, particularly on our largest lakes - like Winnepesaukee, Winnisquam, Newfound and others - that have large areas of either open water or thin, unsafe ice."

The Fish and Game site continued, "Some parts of these and other lakes and ponds may have over 18 inches of solid ice, while ice may be less than an inch thick - or non-existent - on other sections of the same waterbody."

Recent snows have had the effect of obscuring safe areas from lake sections with thin ice.

Heeding this advice, LaRochelle decided to err on the side of safety.

"[The airstrip] is just not safe, so we decided to close the strip for the season," LaRochelle said, noting that he conferred with officials from the FAA and the State Bureau of Aeronautics. He said he spoke with officials on Monday from both

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ALTON CENTRAL'S SCOOP

Warm hearts = cozy 84 kids

BY CRIS BLACKSTONE

Alton Central School Principal

Due to the warm hearts of a group of Alton Central School's students under the leadership of National Junior Honor Society facilitator, Ms. Laurie Griggs, 84 fleece blankets were made and donated to Project Linus. The students were involved on four consecutive Thursdays, ACS "Stay Days" as an alternative to the dates many students participated in Gunstock Mountain's outreach Learn-to-Ski program. ACS students first learned of Project Linus four years ago, when a quarter as many blankets were made and donated. Each year, the number of blankets has grown, just as each year the need for the blankets has grown, even at the national level. Project Linus blankets are donated to homeless shelters, hospitals, group homes and city-wide or regional projects helping those who need not only the blankets but the reminder that someone somewhere cares in their health and well-being. You can learn more about Project Linus at www.projectlinus.org.

Alton's students have taken the project seriously, and have put the extra little spin on it, by giving each blanket a name and adding that name card to the blanket when it's completed and folded and tied with the name card. The name cards especially intrigued Ms. Robyn Manley, the regional coordinator of the organization who visited ACS last week to formally accept the

84 blankets she'll deliver this week to a school working with various group home settings for children. Along with the card from Project Linus, the ACS student blankets carry this heart-warming poem, titled "This Blanket" by Suzanne Gonzales, 1999 for the project:

"My heart was thinking of you, my hands knew what to do. This blanket grew out of the love I wanted to share with you. I hope it will keep you warm, and befriend you late at night. I hope you'll come to love it and be comforted by its sight. Let this blanket wrap you in friendship, and cover you in love. Because this blanket was thinking of you long before it was even done."

During her visit to the eighth grade, Ms. Manley shared the poem and explained the ways she got involved with Project Linus. She explained to the students how the blankets are made and donated and the delivery and distribution process. Some senior centers, YMCA groups, park and recreation crafters' groups and individuals crochet, knit, sew, or use the polar fleece fabric as Alton students do, to join this national movement of sharing and caring about other people. She explained that sometimes children get a blanket from a hospital when they have needed to visit the emergency room in the middle of the night to accompany a family member who needed a trip to the hospital and that was a cozy way to help them feel calm and



COURTESY PHOTO

LOOK CLOSELY and you will see standing in the center of the back row, is Robyn Manley, regional coordinator for NH Project Linus. She is with many of the ACS blanket makers, and their 84 handcrafted fleece blankets. ACS students share their generous nature through many similar projects.

distracted.

Calling the Alton group a dedicated group of "blanketeers" she let this year's group of blanketeers feel very involved as she explained the history of Alton Central School's growing involvement over the years. The number of blankets created at ACS has doubled, and that's because of the goals the students themselves set — they raise the money to buy the fabric and they join the afternoon work sessions voluntarily during the Stay Day afternoons in January.

In the photo accompanying this Scoop, you can see many of

the blanketeers, and after the photo was taken, they carefully re-folded the blankets they showed Ms. Manley during her visit to the group. With eight contractor bags full of these blankets, nicely rolled, tied and carrying their name labels, which also mention the handiwork is a donation from Alton Central School, Ms. Manley assured the group their work was going to great recipients who will appreciate it beyond their imagination.

Alton Central School has a tradition of caring and open-mindedness about people and situations that need the

compassion and help from people able to give it. The National Junior Honor Society is a service organization that sponsors fundraisers and donation drives throughout the year. Our school nurse, Ms. April Elliot, and social worker, Ms. Kelly McPherson, sponsor summer sneaker donation drives, suntan lotion safety awareness donation drives, and were able to buy winter mittens for children at our school through the generous donation of \$90 raised in a bake sale by our new spirit squad under the leadership of Ms. Denise Perry. We have a team

of fifth grade girls who are working at spearheading donations for animal shelters, which coupled with the Alton Food Pantry Drive and NH Humane Society Drive, will benefit these local charities too.

The enthusiasm for projects raising awareness of people in need and for organizations focused on delivering help for those needs is contagious at ACS. Our second graders have met their goal of 100 non-perishable food items collected and included now in the cache of End 68 Hours of Hunger pantry storage area on our campus. To see the second graders smile at the food lined up and sorted out is rewarding for several reasons — they are aware of how they are helping children in the End 68 program and they are proud to be able to count to 100 — by ones, some by fives, and some understanding "skip counting." Math skills are infused in our lives, and our early childhood educators help daily, to foster the appreciation of how useful math skills are daily, in their students' lives.

You may know children at their beginning stages of education at ACS or getting ready to close this chapter and be ready for Prospect Mountain High School. From our youngest students to the seasoned students, the sense of pride in charitable giving is evident. Spread high fives and hugs to the children you know for their kindness.

Candidates' night in New Durham is March 9

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library are once again sponsoring a candidates' night on Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the library for residents to meet those running for public office.

The public is welcome to e-mail in questions of a general nature or to candidates for a specific office during the week prior to the event to newdurhamlibrary@gmail.com, or to participate in the question and answer period following the candidates' introductory statements.

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

Meet Barnstead candidates on Friday night

BARNSTEAD — Meet the Candidates Night will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at the Barnstead Town Hall at 7 p.m. The Oscar Foss Memorial Library is pleased to sponsor this event. All candidates for town and school offices have been invited to participate. Bring along your questions and have a chance to hear the candidates speak on the issues. There is parking

at the Town Hall and also parking behind and beside the library.

February vacation closing

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library will close during February vacation week, Feb. 28 — March 5, so they can spruce up for the centennial. Any library fees accrued at that time will be waived. During the week, they will be painting, clean-

ing the floors, and rearranging layout to make it easier to find what you need. Stop in after March 7 to see the exciting new updates. The library is looking for volunteers to assist with moving and re-shelving books. If you would like to help out, please contact the library at 269-3900, or e-mail ofml@metrocast.net.

Please call the library at 269-3900 or

visit oscarfoss.org for more information about any of 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., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Concert will benefit End 68 Hours of Hunger

BARNSTEAD — The Funky Divas of Gospel are teaming up with the community to raise funds to End 68 Hours of Hunger. As you may know, End 68 Hours of

Hunger is a school-based program to provide weekend food for school children in need. Bags of food that are nutritious, child friendly and easy to prepare are assembled

and given to children as they head home for the weekend. This weekend food, along with school lunches, ease kid's anxiety, reduces absenteeism and improves attention span and school success.

The Funky Divas of Gospel is a seven-piece group who perform regularly in the New Hampshire area, sharing their hard rocking, reflective, toe tapping, hand clapping, harmonious gospel and roots music. The Funky Divas' performances are suitable for all ages and the group regularly performs at a variety of theaters, entertainment venues and churches. Recently after attending a Funky Divas of Gospel concert, a reporter wrote, "All bluegrass, soul and gospel fans be forewarned: if you miss this funky group (to paraphrase a line in one of their songs)

"...it ain't nobody's fault but yours." The Congregational Church of North Barnstead is hosting the concert at 504 North Barnstead Road, up the hill from Locke Lake. In addition, baskets will be available as you enter the concert for anyone who would also like to bring food donations for the Barnstead Food Pantry.

For more information about the show, to donate to End 68 Hours of Hunger, to reserve tickets, to purchase tickets to donate so others may attend, or to purchase tickets for yourself, please contact Chris Bonoli at my65jazzmaster@yahoo.com or call 340-1468. For information about The Funky Divas visit their web site www.funkydivasofgospel.com or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/the-funkydivas.

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW DURHAM EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for the New Durham Integrated Preschool 2017-2018 school year to be held at the New Durham School.

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

- The Preschool is open to children of residents of New Durham. If the number of applications exceeds space availability, children will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
- Your child must turn three on or before September 30, 2017, and be less than five years of age on September 30, 2017.
- The program will be held 4 times a week (Monday through Thursday) for 4 year olds and 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) for 3 year olds at the New Durham Central School. Morning session, 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM.
- PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING THEIR CHILD TO AND FROM THE PROGRAM.
- Tuition is \$75 per month for 4 day program and \$56.25 per month for 3 day program payable in advance.
- Applications will be accepted from March 13th to May 5th for enrollment in the 2017-2018 school year. In the event that the program is full and additional slots become available, parents will be notified in the order that applications were received. All required paperwork must be submitted for application to be considered complete.
- If all openings are not filled by New Durham residents, applications will be accepted from residents of surrounding towns within GWRSD.
- Status of your child's application will be confirmed in writing by June 30th. Applications are available at New Durham School at 859-2061.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #49

CHILDFIND NOTICE

It is the responsibility of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District (Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Tuftonboro, Ossipee and Wolfeboro) to seek and identify children who may have an educational disability. If you suspect that a child has a disability, please call the school in the town in which the child resides and ask to make a referral. For youngsters of middle or high school age the referral should be made to Kingswood Regional Middle School or Kingswood Regional High School. If you have questions, please call the Special Education Director at 569-5167.

Kingswood Regional High School is seeking to contact students with educational disabilities who have left school prior to graduation or turning twenty-one years of age. The school would like to invite these students to return to school. For additional information, please contact the Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher's Office at 569-2055.

PMHS

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down their appeal based on that omission. The board then asked for reconsideration of that decision. The PELRB turned down the request in a brief statement saying simply they denied the PMHS Board request. They left standing the hearing officer's original discussion of the merits of the case.

In a non-public session following the open board meeting the board agreed to move forward and appeal the PELRB decision to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. They then affirmed that decision in a 7-1 vote after returning to public session.

The current teachers' contract expires on June 30, shortly after the last day of school. Negotiations with the Teachers' Association had broken down earlier because the two sides were at an impasse.

A few days before the meeting the Teachers' Association had offered to return to the bargaining table with the board. During the same non-public session of the meeting, the board agreed to accept the association's invitation, and confirmed that decision with a unanimous vote in public session.

The board meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 13, after twice being postponed by snow days that closed the school. The rescheduling resulted in conflicts for Fitzpatrick, Kate Beam the student representative to the board, and a couple of

board members. The robotics team, with industrial arts teacher and robotics mentor Brian Hikel, was back for another update to the board about their work and play. Each year teams around the country get a plan for a field layout with obstacles.

They have to create a robot that will maneuver through the obstacles, pick up something—this year the size and shape of a wiffle ball—and carry the balls to another point in the field where they shoot a basket, toss them through a hoop, or some other projectile action. They have about three or four weeks, a specified and limited time, to finish the robot and its controller. From then on it is a "hands off" competition.

Their first "scrimmage" was Saturday in Nashua. Local competition starts March 3 in Windham, followed by another in Reading, Mass. Winners at the local level compete in the New England championships, which will be held this year at the University of New Hampshire April 5-8.

The New England winners go on to the World Championships in St. Louis. The team is already making plans to rent 12-passenger vans and a house for the week. They have made it to the world championships multiple times and feel like they have a strong team again this year.

It appears that during this high intensity design and build month the students

and their mentors work several hours after school every day to create their "Bob," the name they give their robot each year.

The robotics club this year has 30 students, including 10 young women. That's up from only two women last year, a bit step forward.

Cullison reported that 84 of the 128 seniors have already been accepted for post-secondary education or military service. He noted that with several recent snow closures the last day of school has now been pushed out to June 21. Graduation has been moved from June 9 to June 16.

He shared highlights of the draft 2017-18 school year draft calendar. Teaching staff have been polled on their preferences regarding mid-term exam schedule. The majority prefer continuing past practice of a universal schedule for exams rather than moving to Fitzpatrick's proposal earlier in the year for a more flexible exam schedule.

Heidi Duford, business manager, informed the board that a condensing unit in the cafeteria's walk in freezer is performing erratically and needs to be replaced. Fortunately it has not yet stopped completely. Repair efforts have kept it limping along and have also determined that it cannot be fixed. The replacement will cost \$8,400 and funds are available to purchase and install it. The board approved the action.

Duford reported the school has received a \$1,000 ecology grant, which will be used to replace some trees that are dying. Mrs. Thorne, the ecology and field biology teacher prepared the grant application.

The band has begun planning for an opportunity to perform at Disneyland in about a year. They will soon begin fundraising efforts.

On March 16 the University of Maine at Farmington choir will offer a public performance at the school. Earlier in the day they will do an intense workshop with the select chorus. This group of top-notch singers was started by Wes Raynes who is a recent graduate of the Farmington campus.

Chair Sandy Wyatt noted that there had been some confusion after the board's last meeting about its vote on the warrant article to raise funds for repair of athletic fields. The immediate goal is to replace the running track.

The superintendent's office conducted an e-mail poll of the board to clarify their vote. They had to take the poll in time to meet the statutory deadline for placing articles on the warrant. The board confirmed the e-mail poll with a unanimous roll call vote.

Cullison brought forward the list of candidates for fall sports coaches and asked for approval. Board member Steven Miller asked if there were any questions, concerns, or complaints about

any of the candidates. If there were, he wanted to move the action to non-public session. Cullison assured the board he had heard no complaints or concerns regarding any of the candidates, and the board approved them all.

Jeffrey Clay spoke during both public input sessions and lambasted Miller for his letter to the editor published in that day's issue of this paper. In that letter, Miller invit-

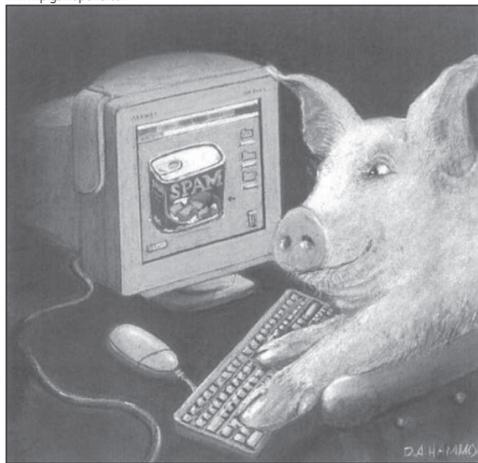
ed Mr. Clay to move out of Alton because of his frequent negative comments about the public agencies that run the town.

He also claimed that Clay had been fired from previous jobs, and ignored the facts in many of his charges against town boards.

Clay told the board he was highly offended by the personal attacks on his character, defended his work history, and threatened to sue Miller for libel.

PIG OF THE WEEK

BY D.A. HAMMOND
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Opinion

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THE BAYSIDER, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Info for candidates

As noted on last week's front page, there are a number of races in the local elections coming up in early March.

We are happy to see there are a number of people who have thrown their hats in the ring to compete and we wanted to make sure that everyone running is aware of our policy regarding campaign letters as we move into the next few weeks.

Those familiar with our paper for a long time may remember when we featured candidate profiles, which were questionnaires filled out by the candidates and submitted to us, then compiled by our staff writer. However, since we've lost the staff writer position, the last few years we've been asking anyone who is a candidate for public office in the three local communities to submit a letter that outlines why they are running and some of their ideas.

We know this is not the perfect solution to get the word out there, but at this point, we don't have the time to compile and distribute questionnaires without a full-time writer on staff.

So, we want to give each candidate an equal shot at having his or her say in the local newspaper over the next couple of weeks.

There are a few guidelines however, that we hope candidates will follow so that we may publish their letter in a timely fashion.

First and foremost, all letters to the editor touting your candidacy should be 550 words or fewer. This is our normal letter policy and it does not change for the election. This allows each candidate to get equal space if he or she chooses.

Secondly, we restrict letters from the candidates to one letter per election cycle. The goal should be to have your letter appear in next week's paper (March 2) or the following week (March 9) to be included before election day. Our first campaign letter appears this week.

Thirdly, the deadline for all letters is noon on Tuesday at the absolute latest. Obviously, we would prefer that letters are received well in advance of the deadline, but letters received before noon on Tuesday, which meet the previous criteria established, will be included.

While we limit candidates to one letter apiece touting their accomplishments, we do welcome letters of support from other residents who have reasons to support certain candidates. Those letters should also adhere to the 550-word limit and should also be in our hands no later than noon on Tuesday.

As is the case with all letters, we require that the writer identify him or herself, provide a town of residence and a phone number for verification purposes. For letters submitted by e-mail, we will respond when we receive the e-mail so that you know it has been delivered.

We look forward to a number of good races in the coming weeks and we hope that residents think carefully about who they want to support and the reasons for doing so. And we hope that residents do their research before heading to the polls.



CATHY ALLYN

Winner, winner

Alton Centennial Rotary Club President Jeremy Dube (center) presented trophies to second prize winner Steve Cote (left) and first prize winner David Gibson (right) in the Rotary's hockey puck shoot competition held on the ice during the annual Alton Bay Winter Carnival on Sunday. The carnival was sponsored by the Alton Business Association.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for making her feel at home

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago, I attended Storytime at the New Durham Library with my five-month-old daughter. I almost didn't go because my husband was out of town and this was my first extended time by myself with our child. Being new to the area, we don't have any local friends yet and I thought I'd be "safer" homebound. But I convinced myself to live in faith, not fear, and ventured out to the library. Well, I got a flat tire. I kept pushing along on Route 11, thinking I could make it home (yes, I was ignorant). Well a kind soul pulled over to the side of the road and convinced me to do the same. Virginia tried to help me change the tire, but neither one of us really knew

what we were doing. She called 911 and they dispatched Officer Taylor Griffin, who was also a kind soul and helped me change the tire. I was freaking out because my daughter was in the backseat, soiled and hungry, and I felt like such an irresponsible parent. God sent Virginia and Officer Griffin to rescue me. I feel so blessed that I live in a town that believes in helping one another. Being a city girl (born and raised in New York City), it is refreshing to experience the neighborly vibe of small town living. Thank you Virginia and Officer Griffin for rescuing me and making me feel at home here in New Durham.

Jade Caines Lee
New Durham

Thanks to all for carnival success

To the Editor:

Sunday, Feb. 19, was simply a fabulous day for the Alton community. The weather cooperated and even given slushy ice condition, people of all ages, residents, vacationers or just passing through, visited and participated on the ice in the many events available for enjoyment. The Alton Business Association extends a heartfelt thank you to the all the local businesses and residents

who either sponsored an event or volunteered their time or resources in making this year's carnival a huge success. Sunday's carnival was simply an unbelievable day and attests to when our community pulls together, Alton, New Hampshire shines.

Chris Racine
Carnival Chair/ ABA Vice Chair
Alton

No one more qualified than Chase

To the Editor:

As a former selectman I am well acquainted with the level of commitment, dedication, hard work and integrity that is required to bring to this great responsibility. Without hesitation, I can think of no one more qualified to fulfill this role than Cecile Chase. She can be counted on to listen and respect

the voices of the department heads, town employees and the citizens of New Durham. Cecile has shown over and over again that she will act in the best interests of the town, the taxpayers and residents. She has my trust, my respect and my vote.

Fred March
New Durham

Multiple voting is illegal

To the Editor:

If you can not find any voting irregularities in New Hampshire, it is because you don't want to look for them.

Residence is not required to register on election day. You only need to be "domiciled" in New Hampshire. Durham had many more votes cast than there were residents. What is to prevent a UNH student from registering on election day, casting a vote in Durham, and having already voted by absentee ballot in another state? What database can the supervisors of the checklists use to ascertain the singularity of that person's vote? Is proof of US citizenship required for same day registration? Is there any follow up verification of same day registrants? Does anybody really care if they do cast multiple votes, as long as they are voting for the candidate that you support? Should we establish a national database of voters, with a voting ID number, to allow verification that "one man - one vote" is actually ad-

hered to?

I reside in Alton. If I had a summer property at the other end of Lake Winnepesaukee, say in Meredith, could I apply for same day voting in Meredith? Under New Hampshire law I could be "domiciled" that day in Meredith. What are the chances that the supervisors of the checklists in both towns would cross check their lists with every other city or town in New Hampshire as well as every city or town in the United States? Should the word "domiciled" be removed from the law? Should registration be limited to 15 days or more before the election?

I have no proof that any illegal actions occurred, and I don't believe there is any proof that none occurred. Multiple voting is illegal and can be prosecuted, but prosecution is usually the result of investigation, and I have seen no interest in any investigative efforts.

Robert Tiffany
Alton



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Letters to the Editor

Alton Community Services has new home

To the Editor:

You probably know that we had been searching for larger facilities for some time. We opened at 11C Circle Village Square the first of December. Our space has tripled and we no longer have to ask individuals to store items for us.

People and organizations have been really generous to us. The Boy Scouts collected over 1,000 items, they helped to move the heavier items from the old to the new. Individuals have increased their donations as well. We received 500 gift boxes from Hannaford's,

which we shared with Center Barnstead, Gilman Iron Works, New Durham and LIFE Ministries of Wolfeboro. People should be made aware of our different programs. The food pantry is under the auspices of Alton Community Services. We offer assistance in

emergency situations such as electricity, heat and rent. We were instrumental in obtaining ramps for individuals that were needed, roof repairs. We work closely with the welfare department and the Gilman Fund. There is a fund that helps the elderly stay in their homes through the Heidke Fund. We refer people for counseling and other departments throughout the county and/or state. While moving I found some old records and it shows expenses of \$5,377.76 in 2000. Last year expenses in assistance were \$17,798.85. In house expense 2000 was \$5,028.46, 2016 our house expense was \$11,946.42.

Our books are audited annually.

A large number of families continue to make use of LIFE Ministries in Wolfeboro instead of our own. Your tax dollars help us. We would like it if you could tell us how better we can assist you. We are here for you. I think you would like our new facility. One has the choice of at least six vegetables, beef, pork, poultry, weekly two or three depending on availability, personal hygiene products and other items.

Donations of non-perishables may be left at Maxfield Real Estate, Profile Bank, Alton Home and Lumber at our new facility.

Monetary donations may be mailed to Alton Community Services, PO Box 43, Alton, NH 03809.

We have dedicated donors, staff and volunteers that make our work enjoyable. If it were not for them we would not be able to do as much as we do.

I have just learned that Outreach for WorkcampNE based in southern New Hampshire will be in Alton/Barnstead and surrounding areas the week of July 16-22.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 23 (tonight) at 5:30 p.m.

Dorothee S. Wentworth
Director
Alton Community Services

Duo does not deserve reelection

To the Editor:

Alton Selectmen Cydney Johnson and Lou Lacourse are both running for re-election. This is very unfortunate news for Alton residents. This is true because, during their current tenure as selectmen, both of these individuals have brought much shame and disgrace to the town.

During the past three years, I have repeatedly asked these two selectmen to take the high road and resign from their posi-

tions as selectmen for their continued violations of our right to know laws concerning public meetings, and other issues. They have refused to do so.

In addition to the above, the reckless actions of the two selectmen have cost Alton taxpayers many thousands of dollars in legal settlements and attorney's fees. And I am not speaking only of the settlement and attorney fees involving legal action I took against the town, there have been other

occasions when Alton taxpayers were on the hook for the board's poor behavior as well.

Sadly, Alton being a very small town, and these two candidates being well known with many friends and relations in the community, I fully expect they will both be re-elected. However, as I recently informed them during a public meeting, just because they might get re-elected, does not mean they deserve it. They certainly do not.

Jeffrey Clay
Alton

Anthes running for budget committee

To the Editor:

I am Janis Anthes and I am a candidate for the budget committee of New Durham. This letter is to let you know why I am running and

my background. My goal for the town is to reduce and keep taxes low while maintaining services that the town needs.

When I moved to New Durham from Ohio over nine years ago, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that residents could actively participate in town government. So, I read everything that I could and asked questions to get familiar with the issues of the town. I also attended all the annual meetings and deliberative sessions and budget committee deliberative sessions for these past nine years.

I have a bachelor's and master's degree from The Ohio State University. I have been in healthcare as a physical therapist and as a director of various hospital departments for 43 years. As a director, I was responsible for the financial management of the departments. I have been responsible for

writing budgets for each of the past 27 years.

As payments for healthcare decreased, I had to always reduce expenses without reducing services. I discovered that when you look at every budget line item each year, you can find better prices or more efficient ways to decrease expenses while maintaining or improving services.

I also have prepared capital equipment budget plans that look at replacing current equipment as it depreciates and/or proposing new equipment as the service changes.

As I said, my goal for the town is to reduce and keep taxes low by using my budgeting experience to ask questions and to look at everything each year as if I was budgeting it for the first time.

I will work hard to achieve this goal for the residents and I would appreciate your vote.

Janis Anthes
New Durham



COURTESY PHOTO

GILMANTON DUMP RUN Café reopens on March 1.

Gilmanton Dump Run Café returns March 1

GILMANTON — After a winter break, the Gilmanton Dump Run Café will be reopening on Wednesday, March 1. It's a welcoming place where people can stop in for a free cup of coffee, tea, home

baked pastries, including freshly made donuts (made on site). Of course donations are always welcomed. There will also be breakfast sandwiches (ham, egg, cheese on an English muffin) for sale. The

café will be open every Wednesday from 8 to 11 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. music will start with the Dump Run Gang, a group of around 15 people playing a variety of instruments with music ranging from gospel,

bluegrass, country, oldies, seasonal, etc. WiFi is also available.

If you're looking for a place to hold a meeting, play board games (which will be provided), meet new people, or just listen to some music, come join us any Wednesday morning and if you happen to play an instrument, bring it along. Everyone is welcome either for a few minutes or the whole time.

The café is located downstairs at the Gilmanton Community Church on Route 107 near the intersection of 140 next door to the Town Hall/Academy building. Parking is in the back of the church.

Alton candidates' night is March 8

ALTON — Meet and greet the town of Alton's candidates for the upcoming election on March 14. The Alton Business Association

is hosting candidates' night on March 8 at the Pearson Road Senior Center. The event will begin promptly on 6:30 p.m.



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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	172 Alton Mountain Rd	1-Fam Res	\$532,000	Vilnis Ezerins LT and Vilnis Ezerins	Walter and Winnifred Chicoine
Alton	295 Coffin Brook Rd	Mobile Home	\$200,823	David R. Stokes and US Bank NA	US Bank NA Tr
Alton	347 Coffin Brook Rd	Mobile Home	\$49,000	William M. Tothill	Peter D. and Constance L. Holmes
Alton	26 Cynthia Dr	1-Fam Res	\$85,000	Ryan L. Heath	Dorene Lemay and Ron Charles
Alton	492 Old Wolfeboro Rd	1-Fam Res	\$127,600	B Bartholomew T and Bonnie B. Bartholomew	Laura Zuzgo
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$642,000	Westen FT and Charles J. Westen	Marylou Banker & John Geleas
Alton	229 Gilmans Corner Rd	1-Fam Res	\$159,000	Dorothy Detscher-Walton	Christopher M. Badarello
Alton	Muchado Hill Rd	Res Dev Land	\$48,533	Jason and Kristin Grenon	Paul N. and Deborah J. Mann
Alton	424 Powder Mill Rd	1-Fam Res	\$320,000	Alan B. and Mary L. Barrett	Maureen and Donald Boucher
Barnstead	11 Colony Dr	1-Fam Res	\$81,045	Jose M. Williams and Citizens Bank NA	Citizens Bank NA
Barnstead	134 Ridge Rd	1-Fam Res	\$448,000	Cynthia W Bartlett T and Cynthia W. Bartlett	Jonathan and Meredith Krueger
Barnstead	273 Shackford Crnr Rd	Acc Land Imp	\$55,000	Robert A. Gosse	Eugene H. and Ann M. Philbrick
Barnstead	693 Suncook Valley Rd	Mxu Com+Ind	\$1,820,600	Barntead DG LLC	Melco Barnstead LLC
Barnstead	118 Province Rd	1-Fam Res	\$265,000	Richard and Anne Peters	Jason and Jacqueline Proulx
Barnstead	146 Hartshorn Rd	1-Fam Res	\$189,733	Christine Laroche	Brenda L. Hancock
Barnstead	607 New Rd	1-Fam Res	\$198,533	Proud Yankee Investments	Michael and Michelle Hodgdon
Barnstead	92 Varney Rd	1-Fam Res	\$261,000	92 Varney 2007 T and Cheryl A. Dangelo	Jamie A Guth T and Jamie A. Guth
Barnstead	269 Varney Rd Lot	Res Open Lnd	\$141,800	ECW Investments LLC	George M. Canfield
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$40,000	Jill Aversa	Peter D. and Constance Holmes
New Durham	Miller Rd Lot	Res Dev Land	\$45,000	Justin D. Fontaine	Clear Creek Builders LLC
New Durham	21 Franconia Dr	1-Fam Res	\$158,000	Shawn Wheeler	Nicholas Clark
New Durham	5 Windsor Way	1-Fam Res	\$140,000	Vernon and Joan E. Balser	L Balser-Eaton & Timothy Heaton
New Durham	Middleton Rd	N/A	\$30,000	Charles E. and Nancy A. Mckay	Joseph P. and Alison L. Opolski

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

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Legion hosting dinner dance on March 17

WOLFEBORO — Do you constantly crave sugar? Do you have unstable energy or have a hard time focusing? Do you have a hard time losing weight or have excess belly fat? If you said "yes" to any of these then sugar could be at fault. And Patty Walker, a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator has a solution.

"I have been offering a five-week sugar

detox program to the local community over the past two years. It is a program that I developed myself and I am thrilled with the results that participants have had," says Walker. Here are what some people have said:

Bill stated, "I never felt deprived or hungry. It was easier focusing on just one thing (sugar). I feel satisfied, healthy and accomplished." Leslie added,

"This sugar detox was a life changing program for me. I weigh less and feel better and see this as a sustainable program for life."

Jeff said "It is a very practical and easy to do program with fast results. You will get many positive long lasting effects if you make a commitment to stay with it, which is easy." Kristi had this to say about the program, "I highly

recommend this sugar detox course to anyone. Whether you are looking to learn about healthy eating, want to kick your sugar addiction, want to lose weight (a bonus) or want to feel better-take

this course." Other participants of the five-week sugar detox program noted less bloating, improved sleep patterns, steady energy levels, better blood sugars and reduction in medications.

The program involves three primary phases where participants will gradually reduce consumption of carbohydrates while removing sugars, refined grains and flours, and replacing them with healthy, low glycemic choices. Each participant will receive a program handbook, shopping lists, meal suggestions, recipes and food samples. There is also a private Facebook page set up for ongoing support.

The program meets weekly at Still Waters Health and Wellness Center at 6 Grove St. in Wolfeboro. The course is being offered on Thursday nights starting March 9 and ending April 6 from 5 to 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Participants can save \$10 with the early bird rate if registered at least one week before course begins. Additional information can be found at www.ccdnwc.com. Please call Patty Walker at 520-3176 to register.

Legion hosting dinner dance on March 17

ALTON — The American Legion family of Post 72 Alton will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on Friday, March 17. They will be serving dinner from 5 to 8 p.m., featuring corned beef and cabbage. Bonoli open mic will provide music for enjoyment and dancing. Ticket information is available at the Alton American Legion Post at 875-3461.

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BY RANDY HILMAN
Contributing Writer

The Winnepesaukee Talkie

Thinking of buying a home, first search yourself

I've written before that the process of buying a home for most begins with a credit review and loan pre-qualification, both of which can be accomplished with the aid of a professional mortgage broker or institutional loan officer.

Yet, the Internet today makes it so easy to shop for homes that some actually think the home buying process is as simple as finding homes on line, then touring homes with a real estate agent until the home of ones dreams magically appears. Here's what I say: Wrong.

The first things I ask people who want me to show them houses are, have they met with a loan officer to learn if they pre-qualify for a loan; how much can they borrow, if they are pre-qualified, and, if not, what do they need to do to become so?

Those who balk, insisting, usually indignantly, that they will have no trouble obtaining financing are not customers I want to put into my car and ferry from house to house. Experience teaches that these "buyers are liars," a big waste of my time.

Don't be the liar buyer who's unfocused or unprepared to become a homeowner. An agent's time is valuable because it is limited. And, we do make our livings helping people satisfy their real estate needs. So prepare.

Work on improving your credit score, get pre-qualified and find an agent with whom to dive deep into a discussion of your wants and needs before you insist on touring homes. You should know up front what you want, where you want it, why and when you want it and how you will get it. If you don't already know, answer these basic questions before you visit a mortgage lender or real estate agent, then go deeper:

Who suggested I buy a

home?

Was it a family member, a friend, or an article you read; if people are pushing you to invest in a home, assess their motivations and be certain that it's compatible with your own, which should lead you to ask:

Why do I want to buy a house?

If you don't have a compelling "why," then you should reconsider the purchase of a home. It's easy to look at houses, thinking maybe you will purchase one down the road, but agents want to know if you're in the market to buy now. Are you?

Even though you may be qualified financially, you will be tied to the saddle of debt, lose mobility and find yourself spending more money on repairs and improvements than you imagined. Buy a home because you are financially and emotionally ready to make the commitment to community, family, and a particular lifestyle pursuit.

Please, don't buy a primary home because others tell you it's a wealth-building pursuit. Create an investment portfolio, instead, with the help of a professional advisor.

Will I be comfortable making the monthly payment on the loan amount for which I qualified?

Unless money is not an object, take care not to obligate yourself to all that you qualify for. If your housing expense, that is, the repayment of principal, interest, taxes and insurance, will exceed 28 percent of your monthly gross income, and your total recurring debt will be above 40 percent, reconsider that "must have" house.

What must I have in a home?

You may have to lower your expectations. Be realistic. Make a list of must-have and want-to-have items. It's a mistake to fund lifestyle on the basis of best-case scenarios or extravagant wants.

Tune in next week for more important questions to ask of yourself

and others before committing to the purchase of home.

Meanwhile, you can always contact me directly if you want help getting pre-approved for a mortgage loan or would like an in-depth consul-

tation. And if you're a homeowner who's thinking of selling, remember you can hire a Realtor® pro for as little as 1.5 percent. Ask me how.

Thank you for reading The Winnepesaukee Talkie.

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Mardi Gras party to benefit NH Humane Society

LACONIA — Tavern 27 is hosting the second annual Mardi Gras: Unleashed on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at 2075 Parade Road, Laconia, to benefit the NH Humane Society. Join Chef Leslie Judice and Raymond Simanson, co-owners of Tavern 27, for a feast of tapas and wine pairings; lively New Orleans-style piano jazz with local musician Jim Tyrrell; trivia, scavenger hunt, games and prizes, and of course, Mardi Gras Party favors and the traditional King Cake.

Judice was born in New Orleans and is thrilled to bring the sights, sounds and flavors of Mardi Gras to Laconia again this year.

"There will be something for everyone to enjoy - food, music and

fun- and all for a fantastic cause," she says. She and her team will be serving New Orleans-inspired cuisine, along with some of Tavern 27's most popular items. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options will also be served. There will be several stations paired with a variety of wines including some on the Tavern 27 list and a few new wines to enjoy. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available and are included with the price of admission; the bar will be open for guests that do not enjoy wine.

"Winter can be long and hard for the neglected and abandoned animals in our area. It is the NH Humane Society's mission to care for them and give them a voice," says NH Humane Soci-

ety's Development Director Lissa Mascio. "In the middle of a dreary New England winter, what could be better than a colorful party, fantastic food and lively music to benefit them, and the shelter?"

All proceeds from the event will benefit the NH Humane Society shelter. The NH Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to find responsible and caring forever homes; provide shelter for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals; advocate and be the voice for the voiceless. The Humane Society works hard to prevent cruelty to animals and offers education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets. Community fund-

raising efforts, such as the money raised by Mardi Gras: Unleashed, are an integral part of keeping the shelter open and providing valuable services to the 17 communities in the NHHS area, and beyond.

Tickets for the event (gratuity not included) and can be purchased at Tavern 27, or online at tavern27.com or through nhhumane.org for a discount in advance or at the door. Tickets are limited, purchasing in advance is strongly recommended. Dress is casual, though guests are welcome to dress in festive purple, green and gold. Local businesses wishing to support the event by donating prizes may contact Judice via e-mail, eat@tavern27.com, or by dropping items off at Tavern 27.

Forum on grant program Feb. 28 in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — The Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition and Plan NH will present an information session on the New Hampshire Municipal Technical Assistant Grant (MTAG) program on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Huggins Hospital Medical Arts building's Education Center in Wolfeboro.

Free onsite parking and refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the session will be held on Thursday, March 2, same location and time.

This will be Plan NH's second round of funding for its MTAG Program, which, through a competitive application process, awards municipalities with grants from \$2,500 - \$10,000 for technical assistance (i.e., a planning consultant) to assist with increasing

housing choices and options.

Funds may be used for reviewing current zoning, writing new regulations or re-writing existing regulations so that the community is more housing-friendly. The grants are aimed to develop regulations that lead to more housing options for households with changing and/or diverse needs and income levels. The grant requires a 25 percent cash match from the municipality, as well as community outreach and engagement in the process.

Town officials, planners and consultants in the field are all welcome to attend to learn about the application and to discuss their own pending applications, projects and goals. The application is due elec-

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BY MARK PATTERSON

Contributing Writer

Robo-advising has become very popular because of the very low fees typically associated with this automated service. I believe there is some merit and a place for robo-advising. There are just some concerns that I have regarding robo-advising, first being, we really have not seen

how the robot handles a fast-moving downward market or an elongated bear market. I can see robo-advising being used by young people with a very long time horizon in the markets that are just allowing the robot to rebalance their portfolio and to make algorithmic choices for their money. Where I don't believe robo works well is for someone inside of 10 years of retirement or doesn't like equity market risk. As we get clos-

er to needing our assets for income, or simply do not have time to recover from a correction in the equity markets, then an advisor that is skilled at structuring steady, sustainable and reliable income that mitigates market risk, sequence of return risk and longevity risk can be invaluable.

I have seen many portfolios that were good candidates for robo-advising. Typically, these portfolios were made up of a family of mutu-

al funds with attached commissions and 12 b1 fees sold by "advisors" who did not take the client's best interests into consideration, but sold funds that their firm was paid to promote. In this instance this client's money was being passively managed through high cost mutual funds whereas the robot could have done a better job for less fees. I guess what I'm saying is that given the choice of a robot or a typical broker connected to a firm or bank, I might choose the robo as well. Client money must be managed with the client's best interest first, but can only be done by an advisor who really understands how to manage that money for their client's needs.

As I mentioned ear-

lier, we have not really seen how the robot reacts in tough market conditions. The last eight years has seen a couple of bumps but not any major drawdowns in the equity markets. So, complacency is at an all-time high and money will chase a market nearing a top. Studies also tell us that investors will start to sell near the bottom. A robot will not have an opinion on the direction of the markets, if you should hedge, if you should raise cash levels or start to shift money over to bonds, fixed income or precious metals. It is a good thing that the robot takes your emotions out of the equation, but I'm not so sure that taking a qualified advisor or asset managers emotions, skill and knowledge is

a good thing. Time will tell. Robo advising may work for you if your time horizon long and you don't mind market risk in the equity markets or it could work for a portion of your portfolio that is designated for growth but you will not need for income in the next 10 years.

A good asset manager can manage your money using modern portfolio theory and very low fee investments that are designed to maximize your returns and minimize your risk. Compare that to the low fee robot. It is all about net returns and risk.

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Church hosting class starting March 5

BARNSTEAD — Ever ask the questions or maybe thought to yourself, how could a "loving God" send people to hell? Why does a "loving God" allow suffering? Can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong?" Maybe you thought but never dared to ask, what gives God, the right to tell me how to live or why is the church responsible for so much injustice.

If you have ever had these questions or other questions about God, then the Center Barnstead Christian Church would invite you to its six-week class entitled "The Reason for God" based on the New York Times bestselling book "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism" by Timothy Keller.

The classes begin on Sunday, March 5, at 4:30

p.m. and will run until Sunday, April 9. The classes are free, the materials do have a small fee. The classes will be held at the Center Barnstead Christian Church located across from the Barnstead Town Hall.

To order the class materials or to have any questions answered, please call the church at 269-8831 or go to Centerbarnsteadcc.org.

World Day of Prayer in Pittsfield March 3

PITTSFIELD — The World Day of Prayer service will be held this year at the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, 24 Main St., Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m. People of more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate this event.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement of Christian wom-

en of many traditions coming together to observe a common day of prayer the first Friday of March. Each year a different country's committee serves as writers for the World Day of Prayer service. This year the ladies of the Philippines have written an interesting program with the theme, "Am I being un-

fair to you."

Plan to join in prayer and song in this community of faith service. All are welcome — women and men alike. Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at rear of church at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

Tablescapes coming in late March

WOLFEBORO — The spring arts fundraiser Tablescapes "Creative Settings"®, is a community-wide event happening at the Wolfeboro Inn, Main Street, Wolfeboro, March 24 to 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. You are invite to come see these wonderful displays with a small admission fee. While browsing you will have the chance to vote for the People's Choice table display.

Want to get in on the preliminary action? Come to the opening gala cocktail reception Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m. at the Wolfeboro Inn ballroom. You will get a chance to be first to view the gorgeous displays, sample professionally prepared hors d'oeuvres, listen to live music and

vote for your favorite display. Tickets are available prior to the gala date and must be purchased by March 10. No tickets sold at the door. You can download an invite from www.wolfeboroarts.org or it can be snail-mailed to you, contact Jeannette D'Onofrio (event chair) at j@virgodesignstudio.com or call 569-0078.

This event is an arts fundraiser hosted by the Governor Wentworth Arts Council. Funds from the proceeds are donated to local schools and libraries to help underwrite requests for arts funding throughout the year. Many thanks to sponsors Maxfield Real Estate, Sugar Hill Retirement Community, P. Zimmerman (Clarke Plaza) and Meredith Village

Savings Bank. As well as, thanks to the gratis venue location — The Wolfboro Inn, and Avery Insurance for the gorgeous window display downtown.

The Governor Wentworth Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational arts organization whose purpose is to stimulate and support the arts within the schools, libraries and local community.

Youth center hosts Perspectives on Prevention series

WOLFEBORO — Each Wednesday afternoon, the Kingswood Youth Center (KYC) engages local youth in substance abuse prevention activities. Encouraging healthy choices is an important part of the KYC's mission to prepare youth for success in the adult world. With the help of White Horse Addiction Center, the NH State Police and local volunteers, the KYC hosted a five-week series called 'perspectives on prevention.' The series exposed students to different perspectives on substance abuse prevention and the community's substance abuse epidemic.

In the first activity, titled 'you tell us,' youth members were encouraged to appropriately

BARNSTEAD — The Congregational Church of North Barnstead (CCNB) cordially invites the public to attend a Taize' Ash Wednesday Worship Service, March 1 at 7 p.m.

Taize' is an infor-

mal, ecumenical prayer service with a focus on reconciliation, peace, and social justice. Comprised of prayers, sacred silence, Scripture readings and songs, its underlying aim is for those gathered to enter together into the mys-

tery of God's presence. The songs are short, containing words from the Psalms or other Scripture. Sung communally and repetitively, they become a unifying prayer and engender inner stillness and peace. For this service, a special ritual of "Ashes, Forgiveness and Light" will lead attendees into the Lenten season.

Taize' worship began 76 years ago in Taize', a small village in the Burgundy region of France. It has spread world-wide by people seeking to promote peace and reconciliation where they live and work. Each year, Taize' attracts over 100,000 people.

This peaceful service is in candlelight and lasts 45 minutes. CCNB, a "year round" church built in 1820, is at 504 North Barnstead Road. Please come and join in as they begin the season of Lent.

Pittsfield church observing Ash Wednesday

PITTSFIELD — The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service, March 1, 7 p.m. As part of the service, there will be a time of prayer and reflection and the imposition of ashes. The Rev. David Stasiak will lead the service with the addition of special music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. Everyone is

welcome to attend.

Lent is the beginning of the 40-day season of repentance and preparation for the remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It culminates on Easter Sunday, April 16. Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at the rear of the church building at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

Housing

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This session, based in the eastern Lakes Region, supplements two other information sessions, the first to be held at New Hampshire Housing, 32 Constitution Drive, in Bedford on Feb. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Mount Washington Valley Housing

poignant account of how her adult son changed and struggled due to addiction.

The KYC provides a safe, positive environment where youth are encouraged to have fun, learn, and make good choices. These efforts dissuade substance misuse and prepare students for positive outcomes as they enter adulthood. If you are interested in supporting the KYC's mission through volunteering or giving, please contact Zachary Porter, Program Director, at the KYC at 569-5949.

Coalition will host an MTAG information session with LeBlanc as guest speaker on March 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Mount Washington Valley Technology Village in North Conway.

Please RSVP by Feb. 22 via e-mail to ELRHC Program Director Larissa Mulkern, lmulkern@elrhc.org or leave a voicemail at 522-7150, or sign up via our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ELRHC>.

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CARNIVAL

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"It was a tremendous turnout," she said of the carnival. "The community deserves thanks for getting behind it and supporting it so well. A lot of money was raised to help local people."

Roger Nelson, Reuben Wentworth and Scott Littlefield also spent the majority of the day behind the grills.

The Mount Major Snowmobile Club sponsored free hot cocoa and s'mores. "The sun was so warm it melted some of the chocolate," said a worker, pulling out plastic bags filled with the ingredients for the gooey treat.

One youngster said she was going back for another snowmobile ride, after she finished eating. "We come and do something, then go out and ride, then come back," she explained before her mouth was stuck together.

The snowmobile club was busy selling hats, headbands, and T-shirts. "All of the funds raised go toward trail maintenance," Treasurer and Trail Administrator Joanne Lundy said. "We're doing excellent on our 50/50 raffle, too."

The Prospect Mountain Teachers' Association provided fried dough to add to the carnival atmosphere. Andrea Caruso, Vicky Sweezy and Sarah Thorne manned their booth all day, grateful for the warm temperatures and accepting donations for the Sarah Kunst and Brett Stranger family.

"People have been very kind and generous," Caruso said. "We talked about putting the money toward scholarships, but both Sarah and Brett are former Prospect Mountain High School students and when a family is hit by tragedy, they need money."

The Alton Centennial Rotary Club raised funds for fuel assistance programs in New Durham, Alton and Barnstead with its hockey puck shoot.

"Five bucks for five pucks," member Duane Hammond explained.

Points were earned by making goals; the farther away the shooter stood, the higher the number of points. Tied at 80 points, two hockey players had a shoot-off.

Victor David Gibson of New Durham claimed the right to shoot for \$1,000 by sending the puck into a small space in a wooden block. Bugged down in several inches of water, the projectile stopped a mere six inches from its target.

Gibson accepted his trophy with good

humor, indicating his hockey prowess must have come from playing for Kingswood Regional High School.

Second-place winner Steve Cote hails from Bedford and brought his family to the carnival "to get out of the house." His nine year-old daughter allowed that he "did good" but seemed to take his ability for granted, since "he used to play hockey."

Jody Drew won best bob house decoration with an All American theme. Pop's Clam Shell, owned by John Benton, took first in the Chowder Fest.

It would be impossible to tell what activity was the most popular. Bruce Locke's team of horses and sleigh were no doubt the most picturesque. "It was a big hit," Racine said.

Locke said the most frequent question he got was, "Is the ice safe?" although people were often more interested in his horses' names.

Helicopter rides by C-R Helicopters out of Nashua were another favorite and, with the wind's cooperation, everyone in line got to ride. A stiff breeze picked up toward the end of the festivities.

"Just in time to take down the tents," Racine pointed out with a laugh.

Slushy conditions in certain areas were definitely something to contend with. In addition to some attendees with wet feet, a private plane from New Jersey had a tussle with slush. While preparing to take off, it engaged with a pile and flipped over (see separate story).

Planes landing and taking off on the 3,000 foot runway, the only FAA-approved ice runway in the contiguous states and funded in part by the Recreational Aviation Foundation, prove to be one of the major draws to the carnival.

"I love the planes," said one woman. "They are great fun to watch."

David and Ashley Benedetto of Alton brought their son Jude, 3, to see the planes, his favorite thing in the world. Along with snowmobiles.

"We've been coming to the carnival for years," said the boy's father, who grew up in Alton. "It's a tradition."

Hours and hours of work go into pulling off the event.

"You don't even want to know how early we get there," Racine said. "It's quite an endeavor, starting the week before with plowing and putting out stakes."



CATHY ALLYN

VARIOUS forms of transportation were in force at the Alton Bay Winter Carnival on Sunday including cleated boots, horse drawn sleighs, snowmobiles, and helicopters to name a few, but this youngster has the right idea.

Since some volunteers can't be there the day of the carnival, they make donations, provide equipment and materials, or put in time before the event.

"There are more than enough tasks to do," Racine said. "A lot goes on behind the scenes to put something like this on."

She mentioned coordinating a helicopter refueling station with the Christian Conference Center, as one example. "Everyone did something to help make this a success."

Racine said she heard comments from the crowd, pilots and snowmobilers that the event was "unbelievable." The hard work paid off.

Luckily for her, she had the next day off from her job at Profile Bank. But the tasks didn't stop. Racine spent the day scrubbing grills and utensils, and cleaning out her car.

"There were so many involved in the carnival," she said, "whether they were there on the ice or not. Everyone deserves the day off."

The enormity of the venture still has her somewhat stunned. "Whenever I went up to the parking lot," Racine said, "I stood at the ramp and looked out over the bay with the planes landing and horse sleigh rides and people everywhere and I said, 'This is the



CATHY ALLYN

ENJOYING a s'more was just one of the activities on the ice at Alton Bay's annual Winter Carnival this past weekend. Young Jude Benedetto took time out from watching airplanes to indulge in a treat.

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New Durham Public Library plans busy March

NEW DURHAM — While you are waiting for spring, activities at New Durham Public Library are a great diversion.

"I don't believe we've ever had a month packed with so many events," Library Director Cathy Allyn said. "We're offering quite a variety."

Two Marvelous Matinees in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department during school vacation week will kick off March. School-aged children, or younger kids with parents, can enjoy a free snack and watch "Storks" on Wednesday, March 1, and "The Wild Life" on Friday, March 3, both at 1:30 p.m.

"Going out to watch a movie can be a great break during a vacation week," said Recreation Director Nichole Hunter. "It's a popular program and parents are glad we provide it."

Alzheimer's Disease, growing at an incredible rate, is an issue that touches many people in a community. The New Hampshire Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will present an education program on the basics of this heartbreaking disease.

"It is not a normal part of aging," said Regional Manager Melissa Grenier. "This program provides information about Alzheimer's, related dementias, the benefits of early detection, causes and risk factors, treatment, and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association."

Find out when it's time to speak to a doctor and what is available if you or a loved one suffers from Alzheimer's at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday,

March 8. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Candidates' Night will be held at the library on Thursday, March 9, beginning at 7 p.m. Residents will be able to meet those running for office and direct questions through a moderator.

An Introduction to Essential Oils class on Friday, March 10, will cover how these naturally occurring aromatic compounds can be used in food preparation, beauty treatment, and health-care practices, and how to incorporate them into wellness habits. Deanna Carrier, a doTerra Wellness Advocate will lead the free program, which begins at 7 p.m.

"Hopefully we'll see all ages at the cross stitch class," Allyn said, referring to a new event on Saturday, March 11.

"It's a beginning class and that would include everyone. We're expecting that parents will bring children, but you're never too old to learn a new hobby."

Materials will be supplied, although participants are welcome to bring their own. Registration for the free program is requested, to ensure everyone can take home a St. Patrick's Day work of art. Instruction runs from 10 a.m. until noon.

As the benefits of yoga become more widely known, many parents are looking for ways to initiate their children. "We've incorporated aspects of yoga in some of our other children's programs," Allyn said, "but this is the first time we've offered it to this age group."

Babies' Breath Yoga is for youngsters two years

old and up. Classes are March 14 and March 21 at 11 a.m.

"We're starting slowly, to see how it goes," Allyn said. "I think people will be excited."

Excitement was definitely present at the Parent/Child Paint Party held in January. "We scheduled one for March right away," Allyn said, "because there was so much interest and everyone had such a wonderful experience."

The March event is on March 17 and begins

at 6 p.m. A suggested donation per person helps with providing materials. Registration is required, as spots are limited.

The Friends of the New Durham Library provides financial support for many activities at the library, including the Summer Reading Program. On Wednesday, March 22, the group will host a fundraising evening at Johnson's Seafood and Steak on Route 11 in New Durham.

"We're hoping for a

great turnout," President Heather Wingate said, "as 10 percent of the evening's sales will go to the Friends."

Alcohol sales are not included. A 50/50 raffle will also take place.

Women's Self-Defense is back, although this time it will be held at High Kicks Taekwon Do studio on Wakefield Street in Rochester. Open to women aged 13 and older, registration is necessary for this free program on Sunday, March 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Regularly scheduled programs include: Mystery Book Club on March 1 at 7 p.m., Artist Trading Cards on March 10 at 6 p.m., Book Club on March 20 at 7 p.m., and First Steps for newborns through two and a half at 10:15 a.m. on Thursdays, and Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays.

Call the library at 859-2201 for more information and to register; and keep up to date with events by liking the New Durham Public Library's Facebook page.

PLANE

(continued from Page A1) groups; all came to a consensus that the strip should be closed for the season, LaRoche explained.

"It was kind of open and shut, given the deteriorating conditions on the ice," he said.

LaRoche, who personally plows the airstrip as a volunteer, said he agrees with this state-sanctioned determination out of a concern for public safety.

Having witnessed a full-size pickup plunge through the ice the same day, LaRoche said he appreciates the abundance of caution.

"It's not that I'm overly fearful for myself out there plowing - it just seemed a matter of common sense and keeping the public safe," LaRoche noted.

"When conditions are risky, you just need to be aware and use caution," he continued.

Sunday's second incident involved a pickup truck whose driver was attempting to remove his bob house from a spot just off Sandy Point. LaRoche said the vehicle broke ice between 12.30 and 1 p.m. on Sunday. While LaRoche was not directly involved in the truck situation, he did note he was familiar with several key details.

"This was just a bad weekend on the Bay,"



GEORGE MURPHY - COURTESY PHOTO

A PLANE is seen flipped over on the ice in Alton Bay this weekend.

LaRoche said. "Fortunately the water depth at that location was only about six feet," he said.

LaRoche said he called 911 for an emergency response. He added that rescue workers were on site within minutes as they were "maybe 100 yards away," in a stroke of good fortune on a day of bad luck on the Bay.

When the Baysider caught up with LaRoche on Monday, he was happy to report that, using a cord runner, both the truck and bob house had been reeled back to land. He said local forces assisted Fish and Game officials in the retrieval of the truck and bob house.

The Fish and Game web site quoted Major John Wimsatt in a

statement Friday noting, "It is imperative that you personally check the ice thickness across an entire waterbody before you venture out on foot or on a snowmobile or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle."

Wimsatt continued, "Do not assume that just because the ice is safe in one location that it will be safe 100 feet farther away."

Wimsatt concluded, "If you don't know, don't go."

The Major did recommend that anyone veering onto the lake "should also be sure to bring along a rescue rope, ice picks and a personal flotation device such as a typical life preserver (or wear specialty clothing designed specifically to float the user)."

The Fish and Game advisory added, "Because of the unpredictable ice conditions, it is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice. Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out onto the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the waterbody."

The site added, "Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Labora-

tory in Hanover, N.H., offers a 'rule of thumb' on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to 10 inches of hard ice for snow machine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel."

With conditions deteriorating, LaRoche echoed this note of caution. He said the time to get bob houses off the lake is now - but that people should map out a route along safe and stable iceways.

"We don't want any more incidents like we saw the other day," he stressed.

"Get them off while you can and be safe while doing so," LaRoche urged.

LaRoche went so far as to say snowmobilers and pedestrians should be cautious as well.

"In some places the ice is 15 inches thick; in others, maybe an inch, but covered in snow," he observed.

LaRoche urged folks with bob houses on the lake to get them off ASAP.

"Even if we get hit with a cold snap, it's really too little too late," noting that the ascending sun is warming the surface and leading to "slushy conditions." He added that at this point in the season, the lake rarely adds to its ice thickness.

"It is dangerous out there and you just hope people use caution," LaRoche said, adding, "We ask that people check their routes before driving out there so no one else falls through."

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Reflections on a snowstorm, from fright to fun to fantasy

On the day I wrote this, Feb. 15, the snow was coming down hard, alternating between big, dry, puffy flakes and the kind of smaller stuff that drives hard before the wind.

This storm, which was supposed to dump nearly a foot, was coming on the heels of a pretty big storm two days earlier that dropped a foot and a half, with 30-m.p.h. winds to boot.

I couldn't resist calling a friend who lives along the northern foothills of the Whites. I wanted to be sure that she was rushing down to Walmart, as urged by all the media "Winter Storm Alerts," to stock up on bottled water, candles and batteries.

I could picture a stampede, with everyone tuned in to radio or TV heeding the dire warnings all at once and stampeding for Walmart. Police in riot gear, and all that.

I was sure that Dolly's household routinely keeps candles, batteries and bottled water, as well as several working flashlights and maybe even oil lamps all over the place, because guess what? We live about halfway between the Equator and the North Pole, and we have these things called "storms," and the power sometimes goes out.

Don't most people keep at least some of these basics on hand?

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

By JOHN HARRIGAN



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This is shaping up to be what older people fondly refer to as "an old fashioned winter," like the ones they remember when they were kids, when the snowbanks were way, way over their heads.

Wait a minute, they were kids, as in "little." Of course the snowbanks were way over their heads.

But the memories are real, and there was one whale of a lot more snow when I was growing up in the '50s and '60s, no doubt about it. In particular, I remember snowbanks that were above the climbing spikes on utility poles, and that's high. And I remember shoveling out tunnels and walkways in the back yard just to be able to go out to play, and not being able to see my mother's face in the kitchen window because I couldn't see over the surface of the snow.

As we three siblings reached our teens, we used to set forth on the golf course, sleds in hand, and spend the day sliding and exploring. The last glacier did stupendous things with its melting and outwash around 14,000



IN THE middle of a pretty good snowstorm, beyond the nearly buried pile of logs, the hush of the deep woods beckons.

JOHN HARRIGAN

years before there was a Colebrook. One was the formation, on the golf course, of three big potholes, or kettleholes. The glacier left three gigantic, adjacent chunks of ice buried deeply, and when they melted, there remained three great hollows in the earth. Golfers traverse these hollows on the seventh and ninth fairways at the Colebrook Country Club, which is public.

These were a source of great wonder and adventure for local kids, especially the biggest and deepest bowl, situated on the ninth fairway, from the bottom of which you can see nothing but the sky, not a tree, not a mountain, nothing but the clouds going by.

Winter's prevailing winds blew snow into a huge curl over the lip of the bowl, and many times I crawled in there,

onto a small shelf, tired from exertions on hill and dale, and decided to take a nap.

I could have died of hypothermia there, but quite happily was too young and dumb to know it, and even more happily, didn't.

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A friend in Webster and I were talking about going into the woods

during a heavy snowfall, and the delight of it, but she could say it better than I could, and so:

"There is absolutely no sound. Everything is muted and hushed, muffled. None of the usual little animals are scurrying around, but if you look up into the trees you can find them, and see them huddled up there, riding out the storm.

"It's an entirely different world, and it's all yours, because no one else is going to be out there in that weather, and so it's one of the few times when you can be sure that you have the woods all to yourself."

This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.

NHEC accepting scholarship applications

REGION — The New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 2017 scholarships.

This year a total of six, \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving co-op members or their dependents.

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lege-bound high school seniors, students returning to college, and non-traditional students. One scholarship will be reserved for a student entering a vocational or technical institution. All applicants must be a co-op member, or a legal dependent of a co-op member. Complete details and applications are available online under the community menu at www.nhec.com, or by calling 1-800-698-2007.

The deadline for applying for scholarships is April 21. All mailed applications must be postmarked by this date and mailed to: NHEC Foundation Scholarship, 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth NH 03264. Applications may also be e-mailed to foundation@nhec.com by 4 p.m., April 21.

For more information about the NHEC Foundation Scholarships, please contact Sara Thielbar at 536-8884, or thielbars@nhec.com.

The NHEC Foundation and the foundation scholarships are funded by the donations of more than 40,000 co-op members who participate in the Round Up Program. Participating members agree to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar with the proceeds benefiting the foundation. The NHEC Foundation provides support for non-profit groups that enhance the quality of life in New Hampshire.

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Pet of the Week

LACONIA — Peter, a handsome black and white feline has traveled a little due to the trials and tribulations of his human owners. Originally an apartment cat, much loved, his first owner was unable to care for him. He arrived at NHHS in 2012. The shelter adopted him a short while later, now three years later, he has returned again since he wasn't part of the relocation plans of his second owner.

Both homes loved him, cared for him, and ultimately did the right thing by bringing him to NHHS. The shelter's

deep and abiding hope is he is not now trapped in a kitty version of "Hotel California," he's checked out twice but has yet to really leave.

Could his third home be the final one, committed to him for the rest of his life. Peter is sweet as can be, loves to tuck himself in under his blankets, enjoys cuddling once he knows you, and this time, a permanent home. He's declawed, so an indoor home is absolutely a pre-requisite for his next adoption.

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

Alton school survey available until March 3

ALTON — A representative group of school employees, parents, the school board, and the community are currently working on creating a strategic plan for the Alton School District. To date, three belief statements and a mission statement have been created. The committee invites community members to visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QQGTRT> to provide feedback on the work that has been done. The results will be used to refine and complete the project. It is anticipated that the final plan will be presented to the school board by the end of this school year. The survey will be open until Friday, March 3.



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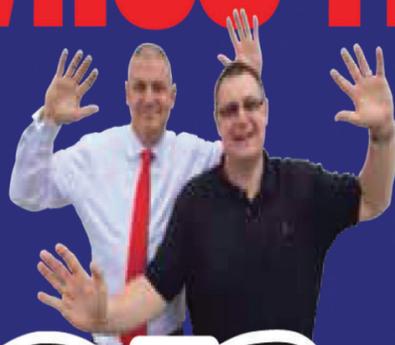
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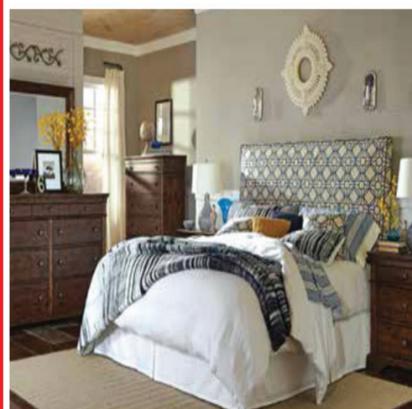
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SPORTS

WHAT'S ON TAP

Playoffs are on the docket for a number of local teams while other teams continue to wrap up regular season action.

The Division III girls' hoop tournament starts today, Feb. 23, and continues on Saturday, Feb. 25, both at the home of the higher seed at 7 p.m. The semifinals are Wednesday, March 1, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University.

The Division II girls' hoop tournament begins on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division III boys' hoop tournament also kicks off on Tuesday, Feb. 28, and continues on Thursday, March 2, both at 7 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Division II and III ice hockey tournaments begin on Wednesday, March 1, at the home of the higher seed at 6 p.m.

The wrestling

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

SENIORS (l to r) Brianna Burley, Alyssa Spiewak, Emma Hardie, Katelyn Lank and Delia Everhart pose for a photo prior to their final regular season home game.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

ALTON — The final home game of the regular season for the Prospect Mountain girls' basketball team featured the traditional senior night ceremony.

But this one was a bit different for the Timber

Wolves.

With five seniors on the roster, coach Rick Burley was able to start all of the seniors, something that was made possible by a little help from the Somersworth coach.

Senior Brianna Burley, a key cog of the

Timber Wolf team all season long, was injured a few weeks ago and was sporting a cast on her right hand. The Somersworth coach allowed the Timber Wolves to win the tip and coach Burley promptly called timeout to make the lineup switch. The Tim-

ber Wolves then gave the "Toppers the ball to start the game.

"I want to thank Mike Francoeur (Somersworth coach) for going along with it," Burley said. "It was the last time she's able to take the floor.

"I think them and

their team for going along with it," Burley said. "I appreciate it.

"It's tough going down with an injury in your senior year," the Timber Wolf coach added.

The Prospect girls got out to a pretty quick

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ISAAC SHEAHAN finished second for Kingswood in both disciplines on Feb. 17 at King Pine.



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JACKSON WALSH scored for Kingswood in the giant slalom in the State Meet.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

MATT RIDINGS skis in the slalom during action at King Pine on Feb. 17.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ALEX GEHL led Kingswood in the slalom at King Pine on Feb. 17.

Knight boys ski to seventh place at State Meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MADISON — As a nice surprise, the Kingswood alpine boys got the chance to compete on their home hill for the Division II State Meet.

The meet was originally scheduled to be held on Wednesday at Crotched Mountain but was postponed a day by weather. It was then postponed another day and a new location was needed, since Crotched was hosting the Division IV girls on Friday.

And that's where King Pine came in.

"I want to thank the people at King Pine for doing this," said Kingswood coach Kris Niiler. "The staff here at King Pine, they all just stepped up and said they'd do it."

Additionally, volunteers were needed to help the race go and parents from Kingswood and Kennett stepped up.

"All the parents and kids from Kennett and Kingswood, they all called and said yes,"

Niiler continued. "And the King Pine Race Team staff did this on short notice.

"And it's hard to have a ski race when you've gotten three feet of snow in the past week," Niiler added, praising the King Pine staff for making it all work.

The home hill didn't pay dividends for the Knight boys however, as they finished in fifth in the morning giant slalom and seventh in the afternoon slalom to place seventh overall with 593 points. Plymouth took the win, followed by Windham, Kennett, Hollis-Brookline, Souhegan and Pembroke.

Matt Ridings led the way for Kingswood in the morning giant slalom, as he finished in 13th place overall in 54.07 seconds.

Isaac Sheahan was next for Kingswood, finishing in 27th place overall in 56.51 seconds and Alex Gehl skied to 28th in 56.56 seconds.

Jackson Walsh rounded out the scoring

for Kingswood with a time of 59.11 seconds for 37th place overall.

Mark Chrysafidis finished in 57th place in 1:09.64 and Curtis Heath finished in 58th place in 1:17.65.

In the afternoon, Gehl was Kingswood's top finisher, as he skied to 19th place overall in a time of 1:24.86 for his two runs.

Sheahan was once again Kingswood's second scorer, finishing in

27th place again, this time in 1:28.25 and Ridings was Kingswood's third scorer, finishing in 1:34.47 for 36th place overall.

Josh Shapiro finished in 42nd place in a time of

1:39.48 to round out the field of Knights finishing both runs of slalom.

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Spotlight on curling

Visitors to the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department's annual Winter Carnival on Saturday, March 4, will have an opportunity to try their hand at curling. From noon to 1:30 p.m. on that day, the Lakes Region Curling Association will open Pop Whalen Ice Arena to area residents 14 years of age or older who want to learn more about this Olympic sport and try their hand at "throwing" a few stones. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Those wishing to participate are asked to bring a pair of athletic shoes with clean soles in order to avoid bringing grit onto the ice. For more information about curling and the LRCA, check out the organization's web site at lakescurlingnh.org.w

Prospect searching for JV softball coach

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School in Alton is looking for a JV softball coach for the upcoming spring season.

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HANNAH DEMAIN scored for Kingswood in both disciplines during her final meet as a Knight.



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JASPER SHAPIRO skied for Kingswood for the last time at Cranmore last week and scored in both events.

Knight girls ski to sixth place at Cranmore

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — The Kingswood alpine girls made the relatively short trek (particularly compared to the boys' team) to North Conway's Cranmore Mountain Resort on Tuesday, Feb. 14, spending their Valentine's Day on the slopes for the Division II State Meet.

Overall, Kingswood finished with 626.5 points on the day, which put the Knights in sixth place overall. Kennett skied away with the win, with Plymouth finishing second, followed by Hanover, Hollis-Brookline and Souhegan. The Knights finished ahead of Oyster River, Con-Val, Windham, Lebanon, Pembroke and John Stark.

In the morning giant slalom, which was completed in just about an hour, the Knights finished in sixth place overall.

Sarah Bean led the way for the Knights with a time of 51.58 seconds



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ELIZABETH MCNAMARA finished second among Kingswood girls in last week's Division II State Meet giant slalom.

and finished in 19th place overall.

Liz McNamara was second for Kingswood and 20th overall in a time of 51.75 seconds and Hannah Demain skied to 27th place in 52.58 to finish as Kingswood's third scorer.

Jasper Shapiro rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 53.46 for 35th place.

Allison Bean finished

in 42nd place in 54.7 seconds and Kristy Meyer finished in 47th place in 56 seconds. Sarah Hotchkiss skied for Skimeister points and finished in 46th place in 55.65 seconds.

The afternoon slalom saw Demain lead the way as Kingswood again finished in sixth place. Demain finished in 21st place in 1:25.81.

Shapiro was second for the Knights and

22nd overall in 1:27.19 and Jill Blocher finished in third place for Kingswood and in 26th for the race with a time of 1:29.26.

Sami Hotchkiss rounded out the scoring for Kingswood by finishing in 30th place in 1:31.8.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

JILL BLOCHER scored for Kingswood in the slalom at Cranmore last week.

Prospect skiers wrap up the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Prospect Mountain alpine ski team had an extra day to prepare for the Division III State Meet, as the race was postponed from Feb. 13 to Feb. 14.

The day of action at Gunstock Mountain Resort included two runs of giant slalom in the morning and two runs of slalom in the afternoon.

Kearsarge was the class of the Division III field, as the boys and girls both brought home championships. The Timber Wolf boys finished in ninth place overall with 558 points, 11 behind eighth place Trinity. The Timber Wolf girls also finished in ninth place with 558 points, which put them just four points behind Laconia.

In the morning giant slalom, Josh Bisson led the way for Prospect Mountain, as he skied to

22nd place in 1:18.75.

Tyler Bredbury was second for the Timber Wolves, finishing in 33rd place in 1:23.55 and Colby Bisson was Prospect's third skier with a time of 1:27.62 for 42nd place.

Jacob Keslar rounded out the scoring for the Timber Wolves with a 45th place finish in a time of 1:29.6.

Lucas Therrien skied to 56th place overall in 1:38.18 and Max Tuttle was 61st overall in 1:51.79 to round out the field of Timber Wolves in the race.

Josh Bisson again led the way for the Timber Wolves in the afternoon slalom, as he finished in 1:29.79 for 19th place overall.

Colby Bisson finished in 24th place in 1:36.2 and Keslar was the third scorer for Prospect with a time of 1:47.95 for 37th place.

Therrien was Prospect's final scorer with

a time of 2:03.57 for 47th place overall.

Tuttle rounded out the field of Timber Wolves finishing both races, as he crossed in a time of 2:17.78 for 52nd place overall.

In the morning giant slalom for the Timber Wolf girls, Megan Chase skied to 20th place overall in 1:28.42.

Kaci Gilbert was second for Prospect and 31st overall in 1:33.58, with Amandas Gagne skiing to 38th place in 1:36.16.

Rebekah Bartolin finished in 39th place in a time of 1:36.98 to finish out the scoring for the Timber Wolves.

Naomi Ingham finished in a time of 1:43.93 for 44th place, rounding out the Timber Wolves who finished both runs of the giant slalom.

In the afternoon slalom, Gilbert was Prospect's top finisher with a time of 1:51.16 for 23rd place.

Gagne skied to 35th

place overall in a time of 1:59.12 and Ingham was Prospect's third skier with a time of 2:16.05 for 43rd place.

Serena Avery rounded out the scoring for Prospect with a time of 2:22.28 for 48th place overall.

Ryley Roberts also finished both runs of slalom, finishing in 2:29.58 for 50th place overall.

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JIM HUCKMAN led the way for Kingswood at the Coaches Series race on Saturday in Plymouth.



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AXEL PLACHE skis for Kingswood in Plymouth on Saturday.

Knight girls strong in Coaches Series race

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Kingswood Nordic ski girls skied to fourth place overall at the second New Hampshire Coaches Series race at Plymouth on Saturday.

The combined score for the two races saw the Knights finish in third place overall, with Kenett and Concord taking the top spots.

The Knights were led by strong performances from Mary Kretchmer, Sarah Peternel and Sarah Bellefleur, all of whom were named to postseason teams.

Kretchmer was named to the New Hampshire Eastern High School team and Peternel and Bellefleur were named to the U16 team.

Kretchmer led the way for Kingswood with a fourth place finish overall in 17:54, which was best among all public school skiers.

Peternel was next for Kingswood with a 22nd place finish in 19:13 and Becky Peternel skied to 65th place in 21:33 to finish as the third scorer.

Sarah Bean rounded out the scoring for Kingswood with a time of 21:42 for 67th place overall.

Sarah Bellefleur skied to 72nd place in 21:60, with Allison Bean in 78th place in 22:04 and Mary Peternel in 85th place in 22:40. Sarah Huckman finished in 99th place in 23:12 and Emma Bellefleur rounded out the field of Knights competing in the A race with a time of 23:32 for 106th place.

In the afternoon B race, the Knights had two competitors, with Maddie Rosiak skiing to 11th place overall in 24:06 and Sarah Hotchkiss finished in 26th place in 26:05.

For the high school boys, Jim Huckman led the way for Kingswood with a time of 19:00 for 73rd place overall.

Axel Plache was next for the Knights in 128th place in 21:27 and Adam Richardson rounded out the field of Knights with a time of 21:46 for 132nd

place overall.

In the middle school race that was conducted on the same course, Ginger Plache finished 15th overall in the girls' race in a time of 23:28.

For the middle school boys, David Sandoval led the way for the Knights with a time of 20:30 for 10th place overall. Tim Huckman skied to 14th place in 21:30, Jackson

Boudman was 31st in 24:22 and Robbie Hotchkiss skied to 48th in a time of 27:20.

The Knights wrapped up their regular season after deadline on

Wednesday at Great Glen Trails in Pinkham Notch. The State Meet will also take place at Great Glen on March 3, while the middle school championships are on

Friday, Feb. 24, at Sandwich Fairgrounds.

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ANDY MCMULLEN skates the puck into the zone in action against Lebanon Saturday.

Knights can't get offense going, fall to Raiders

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The offensive struggles continued for the Kingswood hockey boys on Saturday, as the Knights welcomed Lebanon-Stevens to town.

The Knights were unable to get on the board and dropped a 4-0 decision to the Raiders.

"I'm at a complete loss," said coach Mike Potenza. "I didn't have anything to say."

"We're still not shooting the puck, it's very frustrating," Potenza continued.

The Knights found themselves shorthanded just a tick more than a minute into the game and less than three minutes in, the Raiders were able to take the 1-0 lead, stuffing a puck past Kingswood keeper Robbie Fuller with 12:09 to

go. Kingswood took another penalty with 10:41 to go but Fuller came up with a couple of good saves and Erick Skelley had a nice clear to help kill off the penalty.

Sam Danais and Burke Ruel continued the chances for the Knights but they could not convert, while Skelley also had a shot go wide. Fuller came through with some big saves and Lebanon also sent a shot wide of the net. Andy Contrada sent a shot wide and Sean Harrington, Jake Dearborn and Danais came through with bids in close as the period closed out with Lebanon up 1-0.

Kingswood got a power play chance early in the second period, with Ruel sending a shot wide of the net, but the power play lasted less than a minute, as the Knights took a penalty to make it four-on-four. Contrada had a shot denied and Skelley turned in good defense as both penalties were killed off. Cole Emerson sent a shot off the cross bar and Contrada and Ruel had shots denied. Fuller turned in more saves in the net and both Ruel and Skelley helped out with good defense.

Kolbe Maganzini had a shot stopped and Danais was denied on the rebound chance.

Ruel also sent the puck through the crease. Fuller made a couple more big saves and Maganzini and Ruel turned in good defense in front of him.

However, with 3:13 to go, the Raiders were able to convert on a nice pass from behind the net for a 2-0 lead and then less than a minute later they upped the lead to 3-0 on a delayed penalty and the lead held up to the end of the period, as Fuller made a number of big saves to close out the frame.

Out of the gate in the third period, Colby Clegg had an early bid and Fuller made a couple of nice saves in the net.

However, three minutes into the frame, the Raiders were able to fire a shot from the slot past Fuller for a 4-0 lead.

Fuller continued to make saves but the Knights were unable to make the connections. Contrada had a bid stopped and then had

another shot go over the net. Kingswood took a penalty with 6:34 to go in the game and Fuller made a couple of big saves, while Ruel had a good clear and Contrada had a shot stopped.

Sean Harrington started the attack for Kingswood in the final few minutes with a good look, while Ruel was all over the ice, getting a number of good shots on net and Dearborn also had a bid denied.

Kingswood got a power play chance with less than a minute to go and Ruel had a couple more chances and Danais came close on a rebound but the Knights could not get on the board and the Raiders had the 4-0 win.

"Rebuilding really doesn't fly with me, I can't accept that," Potenza said. "But we knew we graduated eight kids and that would be an issue."

He praised the work of Andy McMullen and

Ruel against the Raiders. "Andy is proof positive that hard work pays off," Potenza said of the sophomore. "If he makes a mistake, he works twice as hard."

"And Burke worked really hard tonight," the Knight coach said. "He single-handedly was trying to win that game."

With just three games left on the schedule after Saturday, the Knight coach knows wins are a must.

"Three games left, they are must wins," Potenza said.

The Knights will finish the regular season at home against Timberlane on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. The Division II playoffs open on Wednesday, March 1, at the home of the higher seed.

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At the end of a crazy week, King Pine to the rescue

One of the busiest weeks of each winter season is the week when skiing State Meets are held. It usually means that I'm out of the office for three days, at least, covering ski meets all over the state.

This year, however, the Nordic season was bumped back a few weeks, meaning that it was just alpine and ski jumping that had State Meets this past week.

Of course, Mother Nature decided that it would bring plenty of snow for the local skiers and in the process, forced the postponement of races across the board on a few different days.

The week was supposed to start on Monday with the Division III State Meet, which was scheduled to be at Gunstock. Since Jeff Lajoie, my reporter in the Meredith office, recently left, I didn't have anyone to cover the event so was hoping to get there myself. Of course, Sunday and Monday of last week brought us one heck of a snowstorm and the decision was made to postpone the race until Tuesday.

As to be expected, that caused problems, as the Division II girls were already slated to have their State Meet that day at Cranmore in North Conway and with three teams in that race, that was where I had to be, meaning I missed out on the Division III meet.

The decision was made that afternoon

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

to postpone the boys' State Meet, which was supposed to be held on Wednesday at Crotched Mountain in Bennington. The race was moved to Thursday, but again, Mother Nature's good sense of timing brought a bunch of snow on Wednesday and into Thursday and the decision was made on Wednesday afternoon to postpone the meet again.

The problem came in the fact that the Division IV girls were slated to have their State Meet at Crotched on Friday, meaning the Division II boys needed a new place to race. Additionally, the ski jumping State Meet was happening at Kennett on Friday night and many of the boys racing on Friday were also jumping on Friday night.

Kennett coach Lauren Zengilowski and Kingswood coach Kris Niiler came together and King Pine agreed to host the boys on Friday. Basically, the mountain knew about this event late on Wednesday and did a fantastic job of hosting the many kids and parents that rolled into town on Friday.

From the people running the lifts and selling the tickets, to the King Pine race team personnel who helped to time

the race and set the course, to the King Pine groomers who helped to make the course perfect for the kids, to the parents who volunteered to help out, this was a true collaborative effort on short notice.

Both coaches praised the commitment of King Pine in helping to make this happen. Of course, anyone who knows the King Pine people knows that they are all top-notch. From owner Bob Hoyt down to every employee in the kitchen, ski school, ski patrol, lift operations and everywhere in between, King Pine knows how to treat guests.

And I can't lie, I didn't miss the long drive to Crotched. King Pine was a bit closer, which will never be bad in my book.

Kudos to King Pine and all the volunteers and workers who made Friday happen. You all are awesome.

Finally, have a great day Joyce Wood.

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HOOPS

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start, pulling away in the second half of the first quarter on the way to an early lead.

Alyssa Spiewak got the first hoop of the game to get things started. After a 'Topper' hoop, Emma Hardie hit two free throws, Ali Brown hit a basket and Delia Everhart drilled a three-pointer to make it 9-2. The visitors answered with their own three-pointer to make it 9-5.

However, from there, the Timber Wolves controlled the scoring, keeping the 'Toppers' off the board until the final minute of the second period.

The Timber Wolves scored the final six points of the first quarter, with Hardie getting consecutive hoops, while Everhart and Leah Dunne each hit free throws to make it 15-5 after one quarter of play.

Mackenzie Burke finished off her own steal to open up the second quarter scoring and Tiffany White followed with a basket. Burke hit another hoop for a 21-5 lead for the Timber Wolves and then White drained a three-pointer to make it 24-5. The 'Toppers' got their only basket of the second quarter with 45 seconds to go before the half, making it 24-7 at the halftime break.

The Timber Wolves scored the first five points of the second quarter, with Dunne hitting a hoop and Everhart draining a three-pointer for a 29-7 lead. The 'Toppers' were able to get back on the board with the next six points, hitting a hoop, a free throw and a three-pointer to cut the lead to 29-13.

Prospect came back with a three from Brown to make it a 19-point game at 32-13. After another Somersworth basket, Hardie hit a hoop



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ALI BROWN puts up a shot during her team's game against Somersworth last week.

and Prospect's lead was 34-15 heading to the fourth quarter.

Burke put back a rebound to open the scoring in the fourth quarter and after a hoop from the visitors, Spiewak hit a hoop. Somersworth answered with another basket but Emmalee Riel drained a three-pointer for Prospect Mountain. Somersworth finished their scoring with a three and Burke finished off the game's scoring with a hoop for the 43-22 final.

The 21-point win was a nice change for Burley's crew, as the team had been involved in a number of really close games over the last few weeks.

"We were able to get some kids some playing time," the Timber Wolf coach said. "It was nice to get them some experience, we're probably going to need them in the playoffs."

The Timber Wolf coach also noted that his girls inside played well, which led to the easy win.

"Our bigs played really well," Burley said.

"We had some shots that weren't following, but they made some great moves."

The Timber Wolves were led by Burke and Hardie, who each put in eight points.

The Timber Wolves will be opening the Division III tournament tonight, Feb. 23. The tournament continues on Saturday at the home of the higher seed. The semifinals are Wednesday, March 1, at Southern New Hampshire University at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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Prospect 43

Dunne 1-1-3, Brown 2-0-5, Hardie 3-2-8, Everhart 2-1-7, Spiewak 2-0-4, Burke 4-0-8, White 2-0-5, Riel 1-0-3, Totals 17-4-43

Somersworth 22

Gould 0-1-1, Croteau 3-0-9, Perrault 1-0-2, Hamilton 4-0-8, Wall 1-0-2, Totals 9-1-22

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Meet of Champions takes place at Nashua North High School on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m.

The girls' ice hockey tournament will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. at the home of the higher seed.

The Prospect Mountain boys' basketball team will wrap up the regular season hosting St. Thomas on Friday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

The Kingswood hockey girls and boys will be wrapping up the regular season at home on Saturday, Feb. 25, as the girls host Hanover at 5 p.m. and the boys host Tim-

berlane at 7 p.m. The Knight hoop girls will finish their regular season by hosting Kennett at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24.

The Kingswood hoop boys will be at Kennett for a 6:30 p.m. game on Friday, Feb. 24, and will be hosting Merrimack Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

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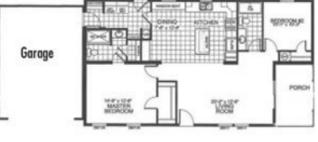

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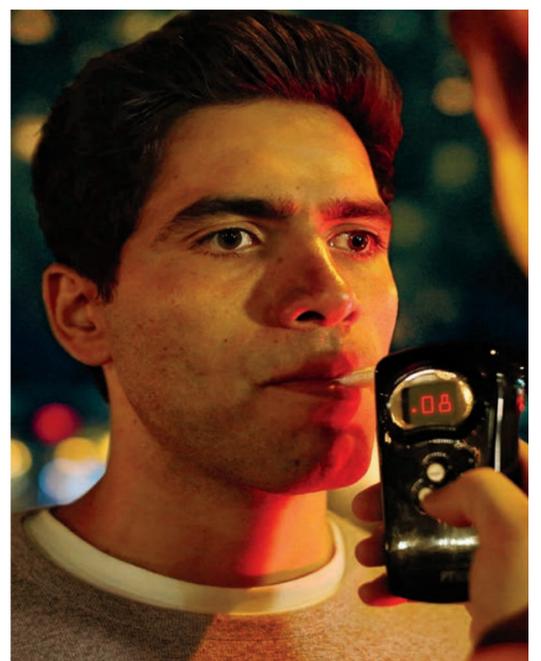
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Lindsay wins second wrestling title

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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PETERBOROUGH — For the second year in a row, Kingswood has a Division II wrestling champion.

Brian Lindsay needed less than two minutes of mat time to seal his second consecutive Division II title, winning all three of his matches at 138 pounds at the Division II State Meet at Con-Val on Saturday.

Seeded first, Lindsay won by pin in 38 seconds over Jake Upton of Souhegan to start things off.

His next match was against Matthew Frechette of Bishop Guertin and Lindsay won by pin in just 14 seconds, sending him on to the finals.

In the finals, Lindsay faced off with Eric Theriault of Merrimack and pinned him in 45 seconds to earn the state title for the second time in as many years.

At 145 pounds, Evan Lavoie opened against Maverick Dodier of Milford and was pinned. He fought his way back with a win by pin over Marc Bedient of Windham and moved on to



BRIAN LINDSAY won his second Division II championship in a row on Saturday at Con-Val.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

face Zachary Brickner of Hollis-Brookline, where he lost by pin. In the fifth-sixth place match, Lavoie fell by pin to Griffin Ostrom of Merrimack.

At 152 pounds, Bryan Delaney opened with a pin loss to Ricky Debernardo of Milford and

then was pinned by Cameron LaPierre of Hollis-Brookline in his next match.

At 170 pounds, Hunter Montgomery wrestled against Joey Lapiana of Merrimack in the first round and was pinned. In the second match, Montgomery was pinned

by Caleb Wiig of Milford, ending his day.

Lindsay moves on to the Meet of Champions, which will take place at Nashua South High

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Stinchfield, Plache, Bellefleur compete in State Meet

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DURHAM — The Kingswood swim team had a trio of representatives at the Division II State Meet, which was held on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the University of New Hampshire's Swasey Pool.

The top performance for the Knights came from Cam Stinchfield, who finished in fifth place in the 500 Free

with a time of 5:28.5.

Stinchfield also finished in seventh place in the 200 Free with a time of 1:58.17.

Lachlan Plache also had a couple of top-10 finishes for the Knights.

In the 100 Back, Plache finished in a time of 1:00.92 to place seventh overall.

In the 200 IM, he swam to ninth place overall in a time of 2:26.28.

Sarah Bellefleur was the lone representative for the Kingswood girls and she swam in two different events.

In the 200 Free, Bellefleur finished in a time of 2:17.1 for 16th place overall.

In the 100 Fly, Bellefleur finished in 20th place overall in 1:10.83.

With 28 points on the day, the duo of Plache and Stinchfield put Kingswood in 10th place overall, in a tie with Goffstown. Oyster River took the boys' title over Hanover, followed by Windham, St. Thomas and Souhegan. Derryfield and St. Thomas tied the Division II crown for the girls, followed by Oyster River, Hanover and Souhegan.

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