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Lively evening for Alton selectmen

BY AIMEE TERRAVECHIA
Contributing Writer

ALTON — The Alton Board of Selectmen met on Monday, Nov. 4. In attendance were Reuben Wentworth (chairman), Virgil MacDonald (vice chairman), Cydney Shapleigh, Philip Wittmann, and Paul LaRochelle. More than 20 community members were in the audience, filling the modest-sized room.

The board of selectmen voted to recess in order to reconvene as the board of health and review a septic waiver request submitted by Deborah Vickowski. After some initial back and forth to clarify the septic replacement location and specifications, the waiver passed. The

board of health then voted to adjourn and reconvene as the board of selectmen.

David Widerstrom, Jim Thomas and Patricia and Greg True approached the Board with the next order of business, a request to prioritize paving on Hayes Road. The residents highlighted the fact that although paving had been approved by the board a year ago, that it had yet to be done.

“There’s no funding,” said Wentworth. He cited that the town had voted down providing additional funding for road reconstruction during the last elections, leaving the road approved for repaving but the highway department without the resources to

accomplish it.

Thomas noted that the lack of pavement on the road was creating a dire situation for a pond off Beaver Brook. The run-off from the unpaved road was filling in the small pond.

“When I was young,” Thomas said “there was a tree and a rope swing. It was at least five feet deep there.” The residents all noted that the pond, listed as a fire pond in their deeds, now looked like a wide spot in the brook instead of the pond it once was.

MacDonald requested Highway Agent Kenneth Roberts provide additional input. Roberts identified that the pond has filled in over the years, and mentioned a previous effort by the

highway department to dredge out the body of water.

“We actually had to build a roadway out into the pond and then dig the roadway out,” Roberts said. According to

Roberts, the last time the pond was dredged was in 2008.

MacDonald questioned if the run-off was caused by the lack of paving or other environmental factors. “We

shouldn’t be maintaining the fire pond if we’re not the cause of it filling in,” he said.

Wentworth committed to the residents on Hayes Road further in-
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Mrs. Santa gearing up for holiday season

ALTON — The holidays are fast approaching and Alton Community Services is gearing up for Mrs. Santa. Many of children within the town of Alton wake up Christmas morning excited for what is under their Christmas Tree. The Mrs. Santa Fund has for many years taken part with providing the excitement for children who live in the town of Alton.

Alton Community Services is reaching out to generous residents and businesses to continue supporting Mrs. Santa by either a financial donation or with toys and new clothing for children from newborn to age 17. Items can be dropped off at Alton Community Services, located at 13 Village Centre on Wednesday evenings between 5:30 and 7 p.m. or Saturday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m.



Residents of the town of Alton who need assistance or know of a family who needs assistance, or if you would like to be a shopper for Mrs. Santa, please contact Chris Racine, Director Alton Community Services at 833-3482 or 875-2273 or altoncs32@gmail.com. Check can be mailed to Alton Community Services, PO Box 43, Alton, NH, 03809 and please notate on check “Mrs. Santa 2019.”

Alton Community Services offers a thank you to all of you who have supported Mrs. Santa in the past and continue to support the children within the Alton community.



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Baysider Triangle

Cameron Scali and Heath Dunne pose with the Baysider in Bermuda during a recent vacation. If you have a photo of you and The Baysider in a unique location, send the photo and pertinent information to josh@salmonpress.news.

Going to the dogs in Barnstead

NEW TRAINING FACILITY FOR DOGS HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

BARNSTEAD — Megan Arey threw an open house and all of the dogs came and brought their humans. There were cautious dogs and bouncy dogs, puppy dogs and “well-heeled” dogs. Mostly, there was a lot of tail wagging going on, and that’s the important thing.

Arey’s Bark ‘n’ Treat event on Sunday at her new Inspire K-9s Training Center at 27 Depot

Road in Barnstead was an opportunity for all to get a look at her new facility geared to dog sport training.

And she is making a splash.

Most of us have seen the dog diving competitions on television. Enthusiasm regarding the sport is not confined to dog owners. But who would ever suspect that in this quiet, rural area, your dog could participate in this activity, or, that you would have the opportunity to watch a dog charge across a dock to hurl itself dozens of feet into a pool?

“It’s the only indoor dock diving facility in the state,” Arey said.

That’s not all the new center has to offer.

With 3,600 square feet of space, complete with turf and matted areas, she now offers a full agility course, human scent tracking, disc dog work, room to run two classes simultaneously, and, of course, the 40-foot pool and dock for dog diving training and open swim-



CATHY ALLYN

AFTER A flying take-off, Iron Dog competitor Tucker lands in the 40 foot indoor pool at Inspire K-9s Dog Training Center in Barnstead, in pursuit of his bumper, a retrieving tool. The new facility, which boasts turf and mat areas, and classes in agility, obedience, human tracking, and other fun dog activities was the site of an open house on Sunday.

ming. Demonstrations ran throughout the open house.

When homed in Alton, Arey’s dog training business concentrated generally on manners. But this summer, she began the move to Barnstead.

“We’ve been open since mid-August,” she said, “and by the end of September we were offering all of our services. Now we’re completely up and running.”

Response to the facility has been huge. “Classes are filling up,” Arey reported, “and there

is more interest in dog

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PMHS blood drive is Monday

ALTON — The annual fall blood drive at Prospect Mountain High School is scheduled for Nov. 18 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Register to donate and make an appointment at redcrossblood.org in advance.

Keep busy with Alton Parks and Recreation

ALTON — Learn everything you need to know about using the latest trend in cooking, the instant pot. Save time and still make home cooked, healthy meals. Items featured include hard boiled eggs, boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes and more. Class will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Instant pots make great gifts, learn how to use yours at this fun class.

Light Up Night

The town of Alton is celebrating "Light up Night" on Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at 5 p.m. Events include kids' craft at Town Hall and visit with Santa,

photos with Frosty on Main Street sponsored by the Alton Water Department, caroling from Town Hall to Ginny Douglas Park, holiday hayride from Monument Square sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber, tree lighting at Ginny Douglas Park sponsored by the ABA, museum open house with refreshments provided by the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and Aubuchon Hardware and musical entertainment by Jon Taber and more.

Santa will arrive at the Alton Town Hall at 5 p.m. by fire truck and will be meeting with children in the Heideke Room. The Prospect Mountain High School Chamber Singers will

present "A Yuletide Celebration" featuring the music of Alfred Burt, LeRoy Anderson and Dan Frost at the Community Church of Alton at 7 p.m. Light Up Night events are free and are open to the public. For more information or to add your community event to the Light Up Night celebration, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109, parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Adult volleyball pick-up games - ages 18+

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring adult volleyball on Thursdays at the Alton Central School Gym from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring recreational play. Drop in anytime for this free program. All

abilities are welcome. Please use the following link to sign up, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A-FAA2AA5FB6-alton>. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Little Pesaukees Playgroup

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a drop-in playgroup for 0-5 years old at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The program is free and follows the ACS calendar year. Please bring a peanut-free snack for your child. For more information, contact parksrec@

alton.nh.gov.

Exercise classes

Intermediate Yoga with Sheila Marston now meets Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center for a four-week session. Focus is on several breathing techniques, postures and proper alignment.

Zumba classes with Sherry Meyer are Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 8 to 9 a.m. A fun, cardio workout that will get you moving to music that will keep you smiling.

Weight training class with KT is Mondays and Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Use light weights to help build strength, muscle

and bone density. Try a class for free.

Alton Rec soccer survey

The Alton Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for feedback from Alton Rec soccer participants from the 2019 season. Use the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019altonrecsoccer> to complete the survey. Paper copies of the survey are available in the Parks and Recreation Department office lobby or the survey can be mailed to you, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov with your mailing address. The survey is five questions and will take less than five minutes.

Barnstead Historical Society has books for sale

BARNSTEAD — Do you have someone on your list that enjoys history? Shopping at the Barnstead Historical Society's Christmas Sale is just what you need. Choose from a wide range of topics including History of Barnstead from Its First Settlement in 1727 to 1872 by Jeremiah Jewett to learn more about how the town was originally incorporated as a town and its founding families. Learn more about the History of the

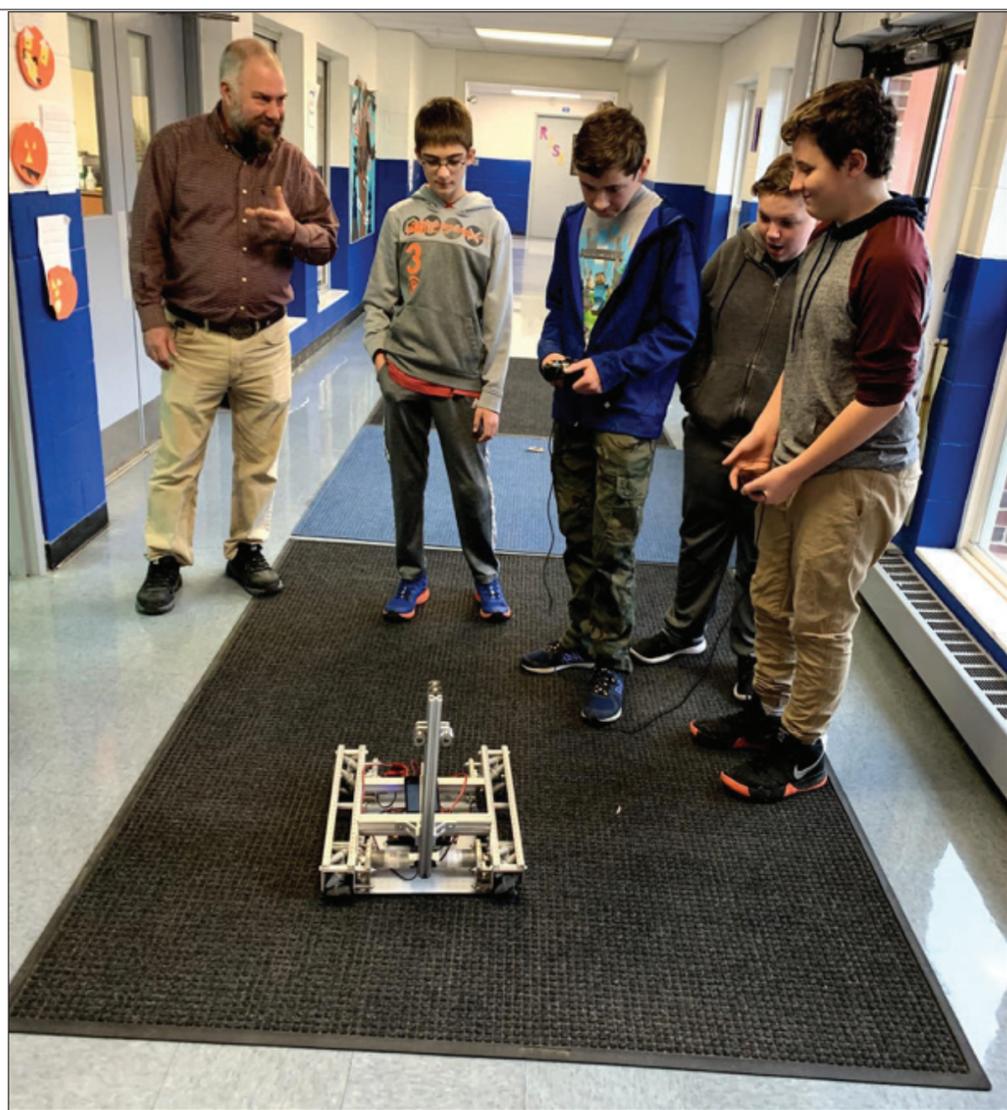
Barnstead Fire Department by Stuart "Twink" Merrill. Read entertaining tales in the Last Stories of Malcolm Locke. Finally, be sure to pre-order your copy of the History and Genealogy of the Barnstead Early Families from 1727 to 1970 by Stuart Merrill. Stop by the Town Hall on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to buy your copy and shop from a variety of local crafters and other vendors.

Craft fair in Barnstead this Saturday

BARNSTEAD — Holiday craft fair is this Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Barnstead Elementary School.

Please join the Barnstead Farmers' Market and the Barnstead Parent Teachers Organization for a day of amazing shopping with more than 30 vendors including the farmers' market, local crafters, knitters, artists and authors. Each vendor is donating an item for the raffle, look in the Baysider for the ad for a free raffle ticket. The Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission will be face painting and recruiting

Santa to meet with the kids at noon. Each kid will get a gift. The children of the Barnstead Elementary School is having an art show and they are hoping for a Christmas carol hour with the children's choir. They will have delicious baked goods, breakfast and lunch from the bakers from the farmers' market and PTO. Bring your family and friends for a morning of shopping, eating and lots of fun. For more information, please call Lori Mahar at 269-2329 or e-mail lorimahar@tds.net.



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Preparing for competition

Seventh and eighth grade students from Mr. Macduff's FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC robotics class) take their first test drive on their new robot base. What is FIRST® Tech Challenge? FIRST® Tech Challenge is a student-centered program that focuses on giving students a unique and challenging experience. Each year, teams engage in a new game where they design, build, test and program autonomous and driver operated robots that must perform a series of tasks. With hard work, the team looks forward to competing in a qualifying event at Bishop Brady High School to compete for a chance to go to the state finals. To learn more about FIRST® Tech Challenge and other FIRST® Programs, visit www.firstinspires.org. ACS's FTC program is the precursor to the robotics program at Prospect Mountain High School.

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Census information meeting Nov. 21

NEW DURHAM — An information and recruiting session for the 2020 Census will be held at the New Durham Public Library at 6 p.m. next Thursday, Nov. 21.

Anyone interested in census questions or applying for a part-time job should attend. Wages are \$16.50 per hour, plus mileage. The available posts offer flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training. Call the library at 859-2201 for more information.

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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Another year has gone by with Thanksgiving right around the corner. I am informing everyone that Operation Blessings has transferred their organization to Alton Community Services. Donations would still be gratefully accepted in the form of cash, check or money orders. You can now make donations still payable to "Operation Blessings" but mailed to Alton Community Services, P.O. Box 43, Alton, NH 03809.

If you are interested in helping distribute baskets, or can suggest the home of a shut-in or a needy family, please contact Chris Racine at 603-833-3482 or Amy McDonald at 603-998-7729.



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Charity talk

Member of the Alton Rotary and speaker on the subject of charitable giving, June McLaughlin, addressed member Rotarians on the dos and don'ts of giving money to charities they'd like to support. "There are many scam charities with similar sounding names to legitimate charities you can be suckered into sending money," she stated. "Here are some simple steps you can take, before you get taken. First check-out who they are on the internet, all are rated on how much they collect and on what percentage goes to its stated cause. Never donate using a credit or debit card, or cash, always pay with a check and make a copy to prove to the IRS that you've donated to a recognized and legitimate cause," she concluded.

Maxfield Real Estate sold

ALTON — Maxfield Real Estate Inc., has been acquired by Parker Realty Group LLC and will continue to do business as Maxfield Real Estate with offices in Alton, Center Harbor and Wolfeboro. Started in 1965 by Henry S. Maxfield then owned and operated by his son Henry (Chip) Maxfield, they built the leading independent real estate company in the Lakes Region with more than 180 million dollars in sales in 2018. It seems only fitting that Randy and Jon Parker, a father and son team, would continue the tradition of success.

Both Parkers are seasoned entrepreneurs. Randy Parker owned and operated a chain of sporting goods stores in southern NH and currently owns a restaurant in upstate New York. Jon Parker has built, owned and operated a network of health clubs on the seacoast since 2001.

"We plan to use our experience in the various service and retail industries to continue to serve our clients and take Maxfield to the next level," said Randy Parker.

For the past 22 years, Randy Parker has applied those lessons to become one of the Lakes Region's top producers. He will continue to serve his well-established client base and act as principal broker. Jon Parker will continue to list and sell properties as well as take over the duties of business development.

"We see our role as providing our team of professionals and agents with the education, tools and technology needed to provide their clients and customers with the best possible service," said Jon Parker. "We are very proud to take over Maxfield Real Estate and keep it an independent family owned company focused on serving the communities of the lakes region."

Breakfast buffet on Nov. 17

ALTON — On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly breakfast buffet, open to the public, at the lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So join in for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. They hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, contact Dave Collier at 875-0816.

Legion Riders collecting coats for kids

ALTON — The American Legion Riders Post 72 are holding their seventh annual Coats for Kids coat drive. The Riders will be collecting new coats for children in the local community in need. New coats can be dropped off at the post home on Route 28 Alton, in the coat donation drop-off box located in the post hall.

The American Legion Riders of Post 72 will be collecting new coats November to December. Donations will also be accepted toward the purchase of new coats. Contact Russ or at 776-2968 or Lisa at 520-0672 for more info.

Vendors sought for robotics team's holiday fair

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Team 319 Boosters is holding its third annual holiday craft and vendor fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prospect Mountain High School. Vendors and crafters are still wanted. For information on table space, please contact Michelle Kelley at MKelley5199@metrocast.net. Information can also be found at www.frc319.com.

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It's the holiday season (or almost)

Our front page this week features a press release from Alton Community Services announcing the start of the Mrs. Santa Fund for another year.

Groups like the Mrs. Santa Fund do such great work in the community and we couldn't be more proud to put their press release on our front page this week. Alton Community Services runs the Mrs. Santa Fund as a way to provide gifts for children in the local communities who might otherwise go without this holiday season.

We know that not everyone has the ability to offer their children that special gift for the holidays, but no child should have to go without something underneath the tree on Christmas morning. And that's where the Mrs. Santa Fund comes in to play.

It's tough to ask for help, we know that, but if you feel like you might not be able to afford Christmas this year, be in touch with them. Likewise, if you are a concerned neighbor or friend and you know of a family that might be struggling and could benefit, call Alton Community Services and let them know.

But first and foremost, it's important to support the Mrs. Santa Fund with your donations. Alton Community Services is reaching out to generous residents and businesses to continue to help out by donating toys and new clothing for children up to age 17. They are also accepting financial donations that they can use to buy toys or clothes that are requested from local families.

Anyone who has a donation for the Mrs. Santa Fund can drop it off at Alton Community Services, which is located in the Village Centre complex (where Subway is located). Alton Community Services is open on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m.

Financial donations can be made by mailing a check to Alton Community Services, PO Box 43, Alton, NH 03809 and notate on the check Mrs. Santa Fund 2019.

If you have questions about the Mrs. Santa Fund or you would like to be a shopper for the Mrs. Santa Fund, contact Chris Racine at 833-3482, 875-2273 or altoncs32@gmail.com.

While we are still a few weeks out from Thanksgiving, it is indeed time to start thinking about the holiday season. We urge local residents to think about the Mrs. Santa Fund and offer up whatever kind of help you can offer them as they prepare to help kids in the community who might not have a Merry Christmas without the community support.

We all remember the excitement we had when we woke up on Christmas morning, excited about what might be under that tree. Please do what you can do to help bring that feeling to other kids who might not be as lucky.

We have found our local communities to be very generous in supporting their own and we hope that continues into this holiday season and together the community can make it a special Christmas for everyone.



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Showing support

Alton American Legion Post 72 family members show support for former commander John Yetton in his time of need.

Letters to the Editor

Check out the Tree of Memories

To the Editor:

The Hospice "Tree of Memories" is a favorite celebration to support the Hospice mission in our greater community. This year's event, sponsored by Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice, will be held on Dec. 7 at four locations: Wolfeboro, The Medical Arts Building, Wakefield Town Hall, Alton Pearson Road Community/Senior Center, and Meredith's Moulton Farm. We all know that we do not forget individuals of great courage and compassion; we learn from them whether they are the individual confronting their own death or the individual standing in support. What better

way to remember and honor these individuals than to assist the continuation of the Hospice program through your donation.

At the entrance to Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro there is a fir tree donated by Bobby Meehan of Shamrock Landscape in memory of his father, Charles Meehan, and it is known as the "Hospice Tree of Memories." There are similar trees in Alton, Wakefield and Meredith. Each December these trees are filled with small white doves hung in remembrance of a loved one. Their names are carefully inscribed in gold on the back of each dove. At each cel-

ebration, the names of those being remembered will be read aloud. Some people will weep, some will offer comfort and others will quietly remember. Music will be shared, prayers will be offered and we will bundle up, go outside to the tree and rest our doves on its branches. Leaving these special places and moment, each of us will feel the presence of our loved ones, as somehow they still seem near. We realize with a full heart that love really does last forever and forms a bond that can never be severed.

This year it will be particularly meaningful for we have lost so many good friends and loved

ones. There will be more doves to hang, more tears to shed, and more to remember. I encourage you to come join us at one of these quiet celebrations of life on Dec. 7. You will be glad you did.

If you stop by any of the trees in early winter, you will hear the doves singing as they remember loved ones.

"So long as we live, they too shall live, For they are a part of us, as we remember them."

For additional information, please contact the hospice office at 569-2729.

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MMRG family activities focus on nature

MILTON — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) offers a series of six family activities per year, called 'MOOSE-ies for Families,' for children and their families to have fun together outdoors while learning about the natural world. In October, a family bonfire wvening at McKenzie's Farm in Milton featured songs and seasonal snacks next to their biggest bonfire ever. The next 'MOOSE-ies for Families' outing is a natural decorations walk on private con-

servation land in New Durham on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1.

At the bonfire evening, children took advantage of being out after dark to play flashlight tag in the field. Settling down around the fire, families joined in the music making, roasted marshmallows for s'mores, and munched popcorn and McKenzie's fresh cider donuts. Farm owner Annie McKenzie was enthusiastic, exclaiming, "It was really fun; my three grandkids had a great time."

At the upcoming nat-

ural decorations walk, children and their families will take a guided walk in the woods and learn how to select the best trees and sustainable ways to gather holiday greens. Using greens already collected, each family will use their creativity, seasonal spirit, and inspirations from nature to create a decorated evergreen spray to take home. Families are invited to bring natural objects or other favorite holiday items to add to their spray. Necessary supplies for building the sprays will be provided.

If time permits, families can also try making a bird feeder from natural materials.

Led by MMRG staff and volunteers, the natural decorations walk will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at WidowMaker Farm in New Durham. Children of all ages are welcome with their families but pre-registration is required. For directions and to register, call MMRG Educational Outreach Coordinator Kari Lygren at 978-7125 or e-mail mmrgrnh@gmail.com. 'MOOSE-ies for Families' stands for

Members Only Outdoor and Social Events for Families and these activities are free for MMRG member households. Families can join MMRG for \$25 per household per year, starting any time of year, at www.mmrgr.info/become-a-member/. Scholarships are also available.

Moose Mountains Regional Greenways is a non-profit land trust serving the Moose Mountains region. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.mmrgr.info. MMRG

would like to thank MRP Manufacturing, LLC in Pittsfield for sponsoring the 2019 'MOOSE-ies for Families' series, and the Dorr Foundation, which supported the program with a grant. MMRG is also grateful to McKenzie's Farm for their venue, bonfire and donated refreshments and to landowners Victor Piekarski and Gloria Switalksi for sharing their land.

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Frank Capra classic at Village Players this weekend

WOLFEBORO — The Village Players movie series continues this coming weekend with screenings of the 1939 classic Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

Upon the death of Senator Samuel Foley, Governor Hubert Hopper (Guy Kibbee), after careful deliberation upon listening to the recommendations of his closest confidantes, appoints young Jefferson Smith (James Stewart) to fill the vacancy, despite or because of Smith's lack of political experience and thus lack of politi-

cal know-how. Smith is the model of patriotism, he recites Lincoln and is head of the Boy Rangers. Most in the know are aware that Hopper is the political lackey of corrupt and powerful businessman Jim Taylor (Edward Arnold). What most do not know is that another of Taylor's political lackeys is the state's senior senator, the well-respected Joseph Paine (Claude Rains), who has White House aspirations. Opportunistic Hopper knew that, due to a previous attempt, he could

not appoint anyone that Taylor recommended, but sees Smith as someone who Paine and thus Taylor can easily manipulate, especially important now as Paine, Taylor and Foley when he was alive had been working behind the political scenes to push through a dam project, all for their own personal gain, buried in a deficiency bill. When Smith arrives in Washington, he is seen as a naive lightweight and a country bumpkin by almost everyone with who he comes into contact, including the

Washington press corps, his fellow senators, and even his secretary Clarissa Saunders (Jean Arthur), known professionally purely as Saunders, whose years working behind the political system, including being in the know about what her previous boss Foley and Paine were and are up to about the dam project, has made her a cynic. How Paine believes he can keep Smith out of trouble is for him to introduce a bill of his own into the house about an issue passionate to him. What Paine is initially

unaware about is that what Smith proposes in his bill would place the dam project in jeopardy. Taylor and Paine have to decide how much hardball they will play to make Smith comply or in turn ruin him, while Smith will show if he has what it takes to play with the big boys on the senate floor. Smith may have some unexpected help from someone who has let Washington get the better of her.

The film won the Best Writing, Original Story Oscar in 1940 and was nominated for 10 other

Oscars, including Best Pictures, Best Actor for Stewart and Best Director for Frank Capra.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington will be screening at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro on Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Admission remains the same low price and movie concessions are available for sale as well.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

Ski and Skate Sale

This young New Durham shopper found a bright pink helmet to wear on the ski slopes this winter at the 47th annual Ski and Skate Sale in the Kingwood Regional High School gym on Saturday, Nov. 9. Proceeds from sales of new and used winter equipment will benefit the Abenaki Ski Team and the Wolfeboro Area Children's Center.

Jewelry shop opens at Monument Square

ALTON — Gifts of Grace Jewelry Shoppe is now open at 5 Monument Square, where Route 140 meets Route 11. Grace Rizzi, the owner, has chosen a very nice selection of sterling silver jewelry to choose from. No matter if you're looking for a pendant as a gift for someone special, a new pair of earrings for an event, or simply want to spoil yourself with something new, Gifts of Grace is the place to shop.

While Rizzi specializes in sterling silver, she can also do special orders for gold pieces.

Visit Gifts of Grace at 5 Monument Square, Alton. For more information, call or text Rizzi at 285-5890.

Locke Lake board meeting is Nov. 21

BARNSTEAD — The next Locke Lake Colony Association public board of directors meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. These meetings are open to LLCA members only.

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VNA offering holiday grief support group

ROCHESTER — Cornerstone VNA will be hosting a four-week holiday grief support group for adults, in a safe and caring environment. The goal of the group is to help individuals cope with feelings of grief, loss and sadness, which can be especially challenging during the holiday season. The holiday grief support group will take place on Tuesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at Cornerstone VNA on 178 Farmington Road in Rochester. This is a drop-in group and registration is not required. For more information, contact Nikki Hopewill, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at NHopewill@cornerstonevna.org or 332-1133 x 1119.

Cornerstone VNA is a non-profit home, health and hospice agency currently serving Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. The team at Cornerstone VNA provides skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, social work as well as volunteer and support services through five distinct programs: Home care, hospice care, palliative care, life care-private duty and community care. For 106 years, Cornerstone VNA has been committed to bringing services to people of all ages, so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. To learn more about Cornerstone VNA, visit www.cornerstonevna.org or call 800-691-1133.

The Town of Alton is seeking bids for Sidewalk Project in Alton Bay. For more information, go to the website www.alton.nh.gov.

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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Leaf blowers

BY EDWIN TWASTE
Contributing Writer

I have never taken much to leaf blowers. To me they are just some gadget that allows you to send all your leaves over into your neighbor's yard. I understand that people everywhere love them, but sometimes it seems that using an old bamboo rake would be just as effective. Or more so even.

For example, I have this customer who has a very nice place on the water with a driveway that comes down from the hill above, a good 30 feet. Very often I find that my list of jobs for the day includes "blow the driveway and blow the decks." At her house, there is a very good hand held hurricane simula-

tor. It's impressive. But not quite as impressive as my brother in law's machine that has a five-horsepower motor and wheels. He just has to walk it around the foundation of his house once and his yard is leafless.

I remember once, she had asked me if I would blow the driveway. She gave me a funny look when I commented that I'd go get the blow job machine. No sense of humor. A lawyer. I learned to make contraction words like that watching Saturday morning cartoons. I think it was either Clyde Crashcop, Mr. Knowitall or some other such smart sciency cartoon type intellectual guy with all the answers. He would have said,

"blow for blow, and job for job, blow job"

So this time of year, all the falling acorns come rolling down her driveway and accumulate in the parking area in front of the house. She doesn't want to look at or walk upon them, so she directs me to blow them away. I could easily rake them up and deposit them into the neighborly no man's land between properties but she wants me to blow them back up the driveway and down the road. Just picture it. It's quite a challenge, and I've actually gotten pretty good at it. All these odd shaped roundish things trying to roll back down the hill while this handy guy is trying to propel them all back up over the top of the hill with

the hurricane machine. Some of them will hold up along the sides of the driveway and if you jar them too much, they'll return to the game. Who says work can't be fun.

I never thought I'd ever own one of these gadgets, but with a little creativity, I made one out of an old shop vac head, and some plastic pipe. It works as good as the store-bought wonder mentioned above. And I've actually found something that it really works good for.

There is another customer of mine who loves trees. Especially white pines. She purchases white pines at the store and plants them in her yard. She's got 50-plus-foot white pines all around her house rain-

ing seeds and needles almost continually. Little white pine sprouts pop up everywhere. And she still plants them.

Anyway, the roof of her house rapidly gets covered with pine needles. I used to sweep it, but I now use my own little hand held hurricane machine to coax all these intrusive needles off of her roof. You just need to make sure that the air stream is directed down the roof or you could easily rip up a shingle. It also works for the needles that have made their way into the rain gutters. What a discovery.

So last week I went to see the lawyer lady and at the top of her job note, I read, "blow driveway of acorns." Since she wasn't home and I didn't

feel much like playing ultimate pinball that day, I decided to do it my way. I got a rake and shovel and filled up a 40-quart trash container full with acorns. I deposited them in a pile by her boundary, making a gold mine for some lucky squirrel. A complete winter stash I'm sure.

I find that I hardly ever use my leaf blower for leaves actually. It does come in handy to move sand, saw dust and other work artifacts away from a work area. It's killer for air mattresses and can even help paint dry. You just never know when you may find a use for it.

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

Kingswood Youth Center visits Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — Recently, Wright Museum of WWII welcomed Kingswood Youth Center (KYC), which provides experiential learning opportunities for youth, for "a free day at the museum."

"It's important to share this history with the younger generation," said museum Executive Director Mike Culver. "I hope this will inspire more youth centers to visit the museum."

According to KYC Interim Executive Director Zachary Porter, the visit to the museum was "a great day for students."

"It was very fun to see the teens pumped about learning," he said. "They really enjoyed the homefront gallery and the vehicles."

One student in particular, was especially en-



KINGSWOOD YOUTH CENTER students recently visited the Wright Museum.

COURTESY PHOTO

thusiastic about WWII history.

"I enjoyed seeing the vehicles and the

uniforms and helping my friends learn about WWII," he said. "I have my grandfather's belt

buckle from Vietnam, which is special to me. I have always enjoyed military history."

Following the tour, students spent some time discussing what they had learned and

their favorite exhibits.

Developed in 2000, KYC provides a safe and positive environment in which youth may grow, learn and develop life skills critical to their success in the adult world.

"Seeing local teens excited about learning during the latter part of their summer vacation exemplifies KYC's mission in action," said Porter.

The region's leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the homefront and battlefield.

The museum is open through Oct. 31. To learn more, visit wrightmuseum.org.



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Wallace honored at Elmira

ELMIRA, N.Y. — Sophie Wallace of Alton is among the newest students recognized with the 84th awarding of the Elmira College Key.

Presented by the Alumni Association, the Key Award recognizes students for high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and participation in extracurricular activities. More than 120 Key Award recipients are currently enrolled at the college, including 43 freshmen.

Rachel Berg '20, past Key Award recipient, spoke about what the Key Award meant to her, and Bo Manuel '82, president of the Elmira College Alumni Association, reflected upon the significance of the award.

"The Elmira College Key Award is such an important part of the Elmira College experience," said Manuel. "The Alumni Association takes great pride in recognizing this long-standing tradition and the accomplishments of our students."

Manuel and President Chuck Lindsay presented the students with the traditional Key Award pins during the ceremony.

The Elmira Key Award is a merit-based award bestowed upon one outstanding man and woman in their junior or senior year of high school or preparatory school at each participating school.

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 30-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic societies, and 20 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York, Elmira's undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa College and has been ranked a top college, nationally, for student internships. The College is also home to the Center for Mark Twain Studies, one of four historically significant Twain heritage sites in the U.S., which attracts Twain scholars and educators from around the world for research on the famous literary icon. Proud of its history and tradition, the college is committed to the ideals of community service, and intellectual and individual growth.

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Alton	182 Main St.	Multi-Family Residence	\$82,400	Walter C. and Brenda J. Young	Joanne E. Lundy and Ben L. Shibley
Alton	23 Riverside Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$250,000	Roy M. Wyatt RET	Scott D. and Gwen L. Reed
Alton	184 Smith Point Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$12,500	Porter Street RT and Stephen P. Lannan	Richard N. and Deborah A. Kay
Alton	Spring Street	N/A	\$24,000	Donna M. Naughton	Matthew Gongas and Cheryl Cummings
Alton	Spring Street	N/A	\$24,000	Louise M. Sullivan Estate and Donna M. Naughton	Matthew Gongas and Cheryl Cummings
Alton	907 Stockbridge Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$350,000	Ryan A. and Catherine I. Stainbrook	Ryan P. and Mercedes L. Moulton
Alton	N/A (Lot 117)	N/A	\$500,000	Edward W. and Mary A. Roy	Fred L. and Kathleen A. Larson
Barnstead	396 N. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$240,000	Nocella Development LLC	Winfield and Sherie Forbes
Barnstead	122 Oxbow Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$340,000	Richard H. and Patricia C. Kenneally	David J. Guertin
Barnstead	55 W. Locke Rd.	N/A	\$269,000	Jennifer L. Abbott	Joshua and Tabitha Haarlander
New Durham	8 Franconia Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$199,933	John K. Heyl	Zackeree Kendall
New Durham	Jewett Road	N/A	\$26,000	Alfred W. and Jennifer A. Greymont	Aaron Cormier and Necia Currier
New Durham	29 Quaker Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$240,000	Adam E. Dostie	Jared M. and Jenna M. Meyer

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com

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NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

A rock with a notch

BY VIVIAN LEE DION
Contributing Writer

My desk lamp on the night stand has a gigantic flaw: When I turn it off at night, sometimes the whole thing topples over. I thought of various ways to secure it and must have dreamed about the problem, because I woke up with a practical solution. Place a flat rock at the base of the lamp which is about 5" round. The weight of

a rock could easily help stabilize the entire lamp.

In the morning, I walked outside and found a flat pink rock. It's oval with an indentation which I'll call a notch that looks like a flaw. But when I set the rock near the base of the lamp, I realize my idea just might work.

First, I washed and scrubbed the rock, and to my delight, the pink color became brighter.

Then, I nudged the rock on to the base of the lamp, and the notch fit perfectly into the lamp's flexible neck. This is a match made in heaven and the lamp hasn't tipped over since.

What is the pink coloring all about? I Goggled, "pink rock" and discovered the rock is rose granite described like this: "Granite is composed mainly of quartz and feldspar with minor amounts of mica, amphiboles, and other minerals. The mineral composition gives granite red, pink, grey or white color dark mineral grains visible throughout the rock."

No wonder, I was so mesmerized with the rose granite. New Hamp-

shire is known as "The Granite State." I learned that "New Hampshire became known as the Granite State mainly due to the 19th Century building boom in Boston, New York City and Washington, D.C. Other smaller cities and towns also used New Hampshire granite in municipal building, monuments, and curbs. There were two types of local granites that were quarried extensively and shipped widely, spreading the fame of New Hampshire's granite. One is the pink colored Conway Granite (Canon Mountain and the ledges that made up The Old Man of the Mountains are composed of Conway Granite) and

the other is the gray colored Concord Granite. Both granites got their names from the towns in which they were first quarried."

When I told my son about finding the rose granite he said, "Mom, I placed several rocks around the gazing globe in the garden. There is also a beautiful piece of Hematite. The rocks were extra ones I had in my collection when I went rock hunting with the Nashua Rock and Mineral Club." Then he explained, "Rocks and minerals have a natural beauty and are all encompassing giving me a sense of peacefulness.

I'm glad you're enjoying their beauty, too." I know he is right because when I glance at the rose granite I feel peace and quiet. I can read a book, write a letter or just snuggle in the quilts, and relax knowing that desk lamp will safely turned off because of the beautiful rose granite, or as I call it "a rock with a notch."

Vivian Lee Dion of New Durham is a writer and speaker and can be reached at windyhollow@metrocast.net

NHTI announces summer Dean's List, graduates

CONCORD — Nicole Varney of Alton has been named to the Dean's List at NHTI-Concord's Community College in recognition of her academic achievement during the summer 2019 term. In order to qualify for Dean's List, a student must be considered full time (registered for 12 credits or more) and have a term GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Darion Boisvert of Barnstead graduated from NHTI during the summer term.

NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning providing accessible, rigorous education, serving students, businesses and the community by creating pathways for lifelong learning, career advancement and civic engagement NHTI-Concord's Community College offers more than 90 academic programs to more than 4,600 students annually. Graduates can transfer to four-year colleges and universities, or enter directly into the workforce. NHTI is a member of the Community College System of New Hampshire, and has been accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, a nongovernmental, nationally recognized accrediting agency, since 1969.

Church hosting Christmas Brunch

ALTON — The Community Church of Alton, 10 Church St., is pleased to announce the Christian Woman's Christmas Brunch being held on Saturday Dec. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Please join in for a fun inspiring morning.

There will be a craft session, where you may choose to make a centerpiece or a wall hanging. Followed by brunch with the special guest speaker, Sharon Gamble of Sweet Selah Ministries. She will be presenting "Creating Quiet at Christmas." The craft, brunch and a chance to hear a wonderful speaker comes at one low price. Reservations required, please phone the church office during normal business hours at 875-5561 or e-mail info@ccoalton.com.

Erwin graduates from basic training

AN ANTONIO, Texas — U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Shelby R. Erwin graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Erwin is the daughter of Phillip Erwin of Ridge, N.Y., and Lucinda Erwin of New Durham.

She is a 2013 graduate of Longwood Senior High School, Middle Island, N.Y. She earned a bachelor's degree in 2017 from University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, Va.

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OBITUARIES

Tyler James Morgan
Kids were his life

WOLFEBORO — Tyler James Morgan, 33 of Beach Pond Road, Wolfboro passed away Nov. 7 at his home.

Born in Dover, son of Kenneth and Kathleen (Brennan) Morgan, he has lived in Wolfboro most of his life.

Tyler worked as a carpenter for James Pineo.

Survivors include his mother and father; two sons, James and Jacob Morgan of Wolfboro; a step-daughter, Izabella Gauthier of Wolfboro; a brother, Josh and his wife Sarah Morgan of New Durham; a sister, Melissa Morgan of Wolfboro; his partner, Crystal Carver; nieces Kaitlynn and Samantha Smart; nephews Tucker Carlisle, Maverick Morgan, James and Jacob's sister Jordan Sawyer



and lots of extended family.

Tyler thought of other people as important and would give friends and strangers his time and support even if it meant he had less because of it. He did that especially with his boys.

Tyler was never without a baseball, skateboard, stick, bat and glove. You name it he was doing it. A room full of his trophies to

prove it. His boys were his life, their names tattooed on his chest. You would always find them outdoors, camping and fishing, shirtless and barefoot. Tyler was the father, family man and friend that his boys could always count on.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the Baker-Gagne Funeral Home, 85 Mill St., Wolfboro.

Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a fund for his two sons, Jacob and James at Peoples Bank in Wolfboro.

Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

James Scott Nerrie
US Navy veteran

WOLFEBORO — James Scott Nerrie, 85 of Santis Way, Wolfboro, passed away Nov. 11 at Wolfboro Bay Center.

Born in Beacon, N.Y. Sept. 17, 1934, son of the late James Scott and Grace (Lamb) Nerrie he has lived in Wolfboro

since 1994 previously living in Alexandria, Va.

James served his country with the United States Navy and was a Hurricane Chaser for the Navy.

He graduated from RPI in Troy, N.Y. and worked as an engineer

for the Department of the Navy.

Survived by his wife, Jan (Dombson) Nerrie and a daughter, Paige and her husband Tom Williams of Wellington, Fla., he was predeceased by a daughter, Jill Ann Nerrie.

Funeral services are private.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of Wolfboro is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

MARK ON THE MARKETS
Who is your advisor?



BY MARK PATTERSON
Contributing Writer

Who is your advisor and what do they do for you? This is a question that everyone should ask about their current financial advisor or if they are shopping for a new one. When a prospective new client meets with me, they will receive an ADV part 2, that is a disclosure document that explains who I am, how I am compensated, how I manage money, my background, experience, education and if my firm or I have any conflicts of interest when working with our clients.

The reason you receive this disclosure from my firm is because my firm is a licensed investment advisor that is required to work for our clients, in the client's best interest, which is referred to as "fiduciary."

It is very important that you read and understand what the advisor is explaining to you in this document. One of the first places I go when reviewing other firms

ADV, is "fees." I want to see what they are going to charge, how and when. Most advisors charge an annual fee, billed monthly or quarterly in arrears. I have seen advanced billing in a couple of ADVs recently. I do not believe in billing my client before I have done any work, but that is my preference. Is the firm managing the assets or hiring other asset managers and splitting fees? So that portion of fees to that advisor is a "relationship fee." Is the asset manager using retail funds with commissions and 12b1 fees back to a dually registered advisor who is collecting a fee as well as commission?

I could go on and on, but you need to know all this before you give your money to an advisor and their firm. Many new clients tell me that they have never read the disclosure of their previous firm and they would not have known what to look for even if they had. I get it, this verbiage and language inside these ADVs are difficult to follow unless you are in this business and understand all the structure of how people are licensed and what they are actually doing vs. passing off to other firms. It is all right in front of you, if you know what to look for.

Working with a registered rep or broker is different. A registered representative works

for the broker-dealer firm and not a fiduciary. They are primarily commission driven, selling product that the BD firm suggest. The BD firm typically receives additional compensation for selling these products to you. This practice is called revenue sharing and is disclosed but rarely read by the client. Because the registered rep works for the BD firm, you will have to go to Finra "broker check" to see how long this person has been licensed with that firm. You must understand that a license to be a registered rep takes four to six weeks of study for most, so that nice young person about to implement your retirement plan may have been a barista at a coffee shop a couple of months ago. Not to take anything away from a barista, the skill sets are different pertaining to a frothy cappuccino and your retirement plan.

I am conducting workshops on how to access this information and how to understand what is in these ADVs and how to check out a registered rep on broker check. Visit my web site, MHP-Asset.com for more information.

Mark Patterson is a portfolio manager and principle at MHP Asset Management LLC in Portland, Maine and Tilton

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Church offering free Thanksgiving dinner

BARNSTEAD — The Center Barnstead Christian Church would like to invite the public to join them for a free community Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner. Thursday, Nov. 28, at the church next to the town hall in Center Barnstead. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. To help them have food ready, they are asking that you reserve your seat before Sunday, Nov. 24. Reserve your spot by e-mailing pastor@centerbarnsteadcc.org, by calling 269-8831, or on the Facebook event page.

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Forester leads walk through time in local forest

MILTON — Forester Charlie Moreno knows that a forest is more than the trees. In this case, the forest he was showcasing was Branch Hill Farm's Salmon Falls Woodlands in Milton Mills and he wanted to share a long-range historical perspective of how the forest, wildlife and land have changed over millennia. This natural history tour, which attracted a multi-generational group of 24, was offered by local conservation partner organizations Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) and Branch Hill Farm/Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust (BHF/CSFCT).

Moreno had placed markings along the

Salmon Falls Woodlands trail to graphically illustrate the time frame of evolutionary processes at work on the land. The group was carried aboard the Branch Hill Farm hay wagon out to a peninsula between the Branch and Salmon Falls Rivers, where evidence of former ice age geology was apparent in the form of a large glacial erratic at the edge of the Branch River. Moreno encouraged participants to use their imaginations: "Think of glacier ice a mile thick above us. As it retreated, it dropped off this huge rock, a rock that was probably scraped off a ridgetop many miles away."

Moreno explained

that as the glaciers retreated, they left behind an abundant supply of rocks, many of which are used in the field stone walls emblematic of the NH landscape. Earth's climate gradually warmed and cooled and some animal populations thrived while others became extinct. Eventually, humans arrived, established travel routes and seasonal encampments, used controlled fires to manage vegetation, and planted crops on river terraces.

Another feature Moreno pointed out was a flat step-like feature in the landscape, about 20 feet above the river's edge. Such natural terraces along waterways were used by Native

Americans for planting maize or squash or as campsites during their migratory travels between ocean and inland. Moreno commented, "It would be great to do an archaeological study in this area. I wouldn't be surprised to find traces of Native American campsites or forest trails."

In more modern times, arriving settlers found abundant resources, cleared the land and started families. The 1950s aerial photos show that the Branch Hill Farm peninsula was clear cut at that time although it is now completely re-grown as a pine forest. As the group walked back along the woods road, they

stopped near the Salmon Falls River at the Applebee cemetery and cellar hole, which date to the 1800s. Cynthia Wyatt, Managing Trustee of BHF/CSFCT, credited logger Larry Hersom with clearing the historic sites so they are now visible from the trail.

Workshop participant Joann Coskie thought the hike setting was beautiful and reflected afterwards, "The first few inches of history only took us back a few centuries. A hay wagon ride was necessary to journey back to the ice age."

MMRG, a non-profit land trust, works to conserve and connect important water resources, farm and forest

lands, wildlife habitats, and recreational land in Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield and Wolfeboro. Throughout the year, MMRG offers many educational opportunities to inform all ages about the benefits of the region's natural resources. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.mmrg.info. Branch Hill Farm/the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust works to protect open space and working forests and to educate the public about sound forestry, conservation and agricultural practices, see www.branchhillfarm.org.

DOGS

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sports."

This has been Arey's goal all along and the impetus to open her own place.

"People aren't always able to take advantage of what dogs offer," Arey said, "either because training locations are too far away or they just don't realize what they can do together."

She, however, is fully aware of the team a dog and owner can form.

Arey and her young Labrador Retriever Aidan have been competing for more than a year, and placed ninth in the 2018 DockDogs World Championships in Knoxville, Tenn.

After competing successfully all of this summer, Aidan received an invitation to dive at the 2019 event, but Arey was unable to fit it into her busy schedule.

As a trainer, she is certified through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, and also holds an Associates Degree in Small Animal Management from the University of New Hampshire.

She has taught adults and young people a variety of canine-related topics and a multitude of dog classes. Her number one objective is to help people educate their dogs in order to develop

into a trusting and loving team.

In fact, the motto of Inspire K-9s is "Two feet. Four paws. One team."

And it's working.

The open house was swarming with vendors such as dog trainers, dog treat bakers, pet care services and the Paws and Effect 4-H club, led by Arey and Merrie Marks of New Durham.

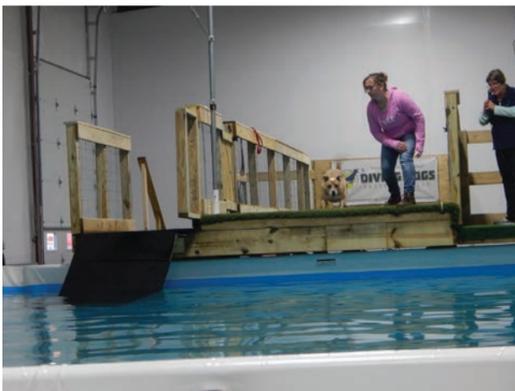
Club kid and dog teams train in manners, tricks, and agility and compete in obedience and showmanship at fairs around the area.

The group was there to raise funds for fair fees and to build first aid kits for the dogs when they are at the fairs.

Jack Marks said he worked with a trainer prior to joining the club at its inception three years ago with his beagle-shepherd mix Kona, a rescue dog. With all of this animal experience under his belt, young Jack has the intention of being a dog trainer himself. He and a fellow member of the club have spent a lot of time discussing opening a dog training facility together some day.

Emily Dahl has also been in Paws and Effect for three years. She said the benefits for her chocolate Lab mix have been innumerable.

"He was hyper and off the wall," she explained.



CATHY ALLYN

MISS BEHAVIOR, dog trainer Laura Gendron, urges her puppy Willow forward and off of the dock into the pool at Inspire K-9s Dog Training Center in Barnstead.

"Training gave him more to do and helped him."

Her teammate now holds novice and intermediate trick dog titles, meaning he can bow, spin, and sit pretty, a balancing trick with paws up while standing.

Emily said she has noticed a real difference. "If not for training, I wouldn't be able to walk him."

The club is making a name for itself. At the Belknap County Fair this year, Katie Caldwell, a two-year member, scored high point overall in obedience with her black lab mix Derby, and the club's educational display took a blue ribbon.

Newcomer Annalise Dahl joined the club last week, and her first impression of Paws and Effect has been posi-

tive. She said her dog Sig "learned a lot of new things like how to walk with me better and how to focus."

Annalise said Sig starting listening to "yes" as a training tool. "You say it just as he's about to sit," the burgeoning trainer stated.

The dogs learn a lot, but the kids do, too.

"Much of this is about the leadership they build," Marks said.

Also at the open house was a non-profit organization that trains rescue dogs as service animals that are then placed with veterans or first responders with post-traumatic stress, anxiety, or other service-connected challenges.

Hero Pups, spear headed by Laura Barker and run completely by volunteers, has placed more than 60 dogs all

over New England, primarily in New Hampshire.

"We get to help both ends of the leash," Barker said. "Dogs don't care about your back story, or how much metal is on your chest or even in your chest."

Her charity has also placed comfort dogs with police departments, such as Liberty at the Concord PD, "that help hundreds of people."

A comfort dog's role is to provide succor to children and victims during the legal process and to provide support in crisis situations.

"I'm at the open house because Megan is a volunteer with us," Barker said. "We go to prison every week."

Barker was referring to the Hero Pups inmate training program. She and Arey work with inmates close to release who train some of the young dogs.

Arey does seem to be every place at once in her quest of dogs and owners forging bonds while having fun and keeping fit.

"Our mission is to teach not only to sit and come, but that there are so many opportunities to go further with your dog after that. It's not

just competitive but it's companionship. There is so much more people can do with their dogs."

With her new facility, spreading the word and seeing it come to fruition can become a reality.

"I want people to come and see what we have and to see the opportunities of things to do with dogs during all seasons."

True to form, having just moved in, Arey already has plans to expand the training center to include a 100' by 100' outside fenced area "to do more agility."

Arey said to have a good canine citizen, it's best for owners to understand how dogs communicate and learn.

"It's easy," she said.

"You can gain basic skills and all of those things will translate to things you can do at home with your pet. But usually people try it once and then they're hooked, so they keep coming to gain higher levels."

Besides, a stimulated, challenged and tired out dog is also generally a better behaved one.

"Come see what you can do with your dog," Arey said. "Not just competing dogs, but those who sit on the couch at home, too."

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**ANDREW YOUNG
AND EVAN ROBINSON**

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding an application and plan submitted by Andrew Young and Evan Robinson for an ADU Conditional Use Permit. The property is located at 236 Valley Road, Map 256 Lot 030.

ALTON

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investigation from the town and a review of upcoming warrant articles to provision funds for the paving. "We can update you once we know more about the upcoming warrant articles," he said.

Roger Sample approached the board next, with concerns about next year's antique car show. The event, which has been part of Alton Old Home Week celebrations for the past three years, was discussed during an October board of selectmen meeting. Previously, the board had received a letter from the owners of True Value Hardware at Monument Square about the negative impact the event had on their business. Sample wanted to ensure that the event would still be able to proceed as planned.

"We've had it here for three to four years. All we're using is parking spaces," he said.

Wentworth requested for Sample to ensure that parking spaces in front of the hardware store were left for store customers, and not utilized for parking of antique cars. "Can you leave three to four spots open?" he said.

Sample agreed that that was a fair compromise.

After Sample left the meeting, Denise LaRoche, who was in attendance with her mother, a co-owner of True Value, spoke of the business impact of the event. "We're down 30 percent on that

Sunday," LaRoche said.

Wentworth confirmed with the LaRoche family that the compromise he suggested with Sample would be adequate. All parties agreed.

The board heard from the solid waste department and a privately-held company, New England Solar Garden. New England Solar Garden had approached the town about leasing otherwise unusable land at the solid waste facility in Alton to install solar panels. Andrew Keller spoke on behalf of the company and outlined the proposal, which he said could earn the town \$250,000 over 20 years in lease payments, and an additional \$185,000 over that same time frame for reduction in the town's electric bill costs.

Keller fielded questions from all the selectmen ranging from the company's history to structural concerns about building on top of the landfill cap. The selectmen then asked Scott Simmonds, the Director of the Solid Waste Department, his thoughts on the proposal.

Simmonds said "I think it's a good idea." He then raised additional questions about responsibility around grounds and equipment maintenance.

Keller reassured the town. "We'd ensure a level of oversight to ensure you aren't left with problems down the road," he said.

When asked about timelines for completions, Keller told the

board that similar projects have taken only three-to-four months of construction, but noted that much more time would be spent ensuring things were done to state regulations.

Ultimately, the board decided to add a warrant article to the upcoming ballot that would grant them the ability to lease town property. Currently, the board only has the authority to lease town property at the Bay, and no other properties. Doing so would enable the board to further consider this and other proposals.

The board finished other new business items outlined on the agenda. They acknowledged the warrant of the Belknap County Treasurer—indicating that the town would pay \$2.23 million in taxes by Dec. 17. Immediately after they heard from Roberts about updated plans for rebuilding sidewalks along the east side of Alton Bay.

The board then wrapped up old business items, hearing an update on Chamberlain Road and discussing further issues that were raised during budget presentations, including the Insurance and benefits for town employees. The board noted the following changes to insurance: Unemployment held, Workers Compensation increased by 13.8 percent and Property Liability decreased by four percent. Once onto the topic of benefits, the selectmen debated requesting an increase from town employee contributions to existing health insurance plans. Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne recommended that no increase be proposed for this budgetary cycle as more background research would be required than the short timeline they had allowed.

The selectmen discussed the possibility, noting the rising costs for the town year over year.

"In the past three years, costs have increased 22.3 percent for the town," Shapleigh noted.

Wentworth requested more information be prepared for the next

meeting. Dionne committed to collecting more financial details about the matter.

The selectmen delivered their individual reports, with LaRoche providing an update from the water bandstand committee. He brought before the others the quoted price for repairing the cribbing, \$4,230.30. He also noted that the committee plans to proceed with plans for two concerts and a water ski show next summer. He requested that appointees to the committee serve a three-year term. The board of selectmen approved.

The final issue before the board of selectmen for the evening was presented by Dionne. The tax rate for the upcoming year was announced by the state and set at \$12.79. MacDonald made a motion to take \$500,000 from the town's emergency fund to further lower the tax rate. The selectmen debated this issue. Shapleigh voiced her concerns with pulling funds to lower the rate. She was joined by Dionne, who noted that the town's funds already sat below the recommended dollar amount.

"We'll still be at \$2.3 million," MacDonald said. "If we need more funds, that's when the state or federal government will step in."

"It's already down from last year," Shapleigh said.

"I'm happy with the decrease," Wentworth added.

MacDonald argued that they've never needed the funds before in Alton.

"My house has never burned down, but I'm still going to put fire insurance on it," Shapleigh said.

"The question is how much insurance," Wittmann said.

MacDonald made a motion to take \$500,000 in funds to lower the tax rate from \$12.79 to \$12.51. Shapleigh and Wentworth voted against. The motion passed with MacDonald, Wittmann and LaRoche voting for.

The next board of selectmen meeting will take place on Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Wright Museums hosts corporate night

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Oct. 29, Wright Museum held an informal gathering at which Executive Director Mike Culver and Curator Justin Gamache provided a "Director's Tour" for program and event sponsors.

"It was a chance to provide deeper insight into our final exhibit of the year, The Last Good War: The Faces and Voices of World War II, and our collection," Culver noted.

The evening also provided Culver and Gamache with the chance to discuss plans for 2020, including special exhibits, one of which they hope will include Vietnam: The Real War: A Photographic History from the Associated Press.

Featuring 50 large format photos from the Archives of the Associated Press, this exhibition "tells a story of a war that left a deep scar on our country and the world." Taken during the 1960s and 70s, the images were captured by photojournalists from the Saigon bureau of the Associated Press, the largest and most experienced news service covering the war.

"The exhibit has been referred to as one of the greatest photographic legacies of the 20th century," said Gamache, who noted the AP won six Pulitzer Prizes for its coverage in Vietnam.

For Culver, one of the main purposes behind The Wright, or any history museum, is to make history relevant to contemporary visitors.

"Museums greatly enhance the learning process by displaying real objects in thoughtfully created displays and interactive activities," he said. "Our special exhibits are particularly useful in this regard."

According to Robyn Masteller, regional vice president, Meredith Village Savings Bank Wolfboro office, "building community" is another important role of museums.

"Wright Museum offers a place for the community to gather and reflect," said Masteller, who attended the event. "We appreciate Wright's role in helping create an environment that is open and accessible for all."

In looking to 2020, Culver said he looks to build on a successful 2019 season, which concluded on Oct. 31.

"It has been a wonderful year with incredible exhibits and events and new and returning supporters alike," he said. "I am so thankful to have the support of our individual and corporate supporters. We could not achieve our mission without them."

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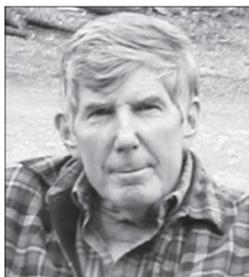
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Sometimes it takes a good storm for poor souls to see the light



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

When the power goes out, as it did one night last week, Millie worries way more than I do. She goes into what I call her Velcro Mode, in which she covers against my leg and attaches herself like a limpet mine, and I have to drag her around that way. It makes me walk like Igore, or Quasimodo.

Savvy readers have caught on by now that Millie is a dog. The only time she knows this, however, is when another dog is visiting. The rest of the time she thinks she's a person.

When the power goes out, several electronic devices respond with little alarms. Millie, on cue, breaks the land speed record straight for whichever leg is nearest, and attaches herself. Wait, that won't mean anything to anyone under 90. Millie attaches herself the way an alien blob-like creature does by shooting up the stick you're poking it with and attaching itself to your arm, so it can bleed you to death and grow.

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People on TV are always telling viewers to rush out and help other "consumers" strip the shelves bare of bottled water, batteries and candles. In our house (Millie counts as a person, hence "our" house) and in most others, I'd bet, this is a big joke, because who in the real world

wouldn't have that stuff on hand anyway, for when the lights go out?

In this case, I was reading an article on forest fires in Harper's when the lights gave us a warning flicker and went out. More or less immediately I discovered an attachment to my right leg, that being Millie, panting as if it was thunder, which she doesn't like either. I reached up for the small flashlight I always keep hanging from the living room reading lamp, one of several I've got salted around, and made for the kitchen, Quasimodo-like.

The kitchen is Command Central whenever anything out of the ordinary occurs. Candles and matches are up there on a high shelf (urchins occasionally crawl or toddle by, so the house is baby-proof). Pretty quick the kitchen is aglow, and soon the livingroom, too. A couple of old, elegant kerosene table lamps come into play because they are such an example of form, beauty and function. A couple of serious gas lamps of the hissing kind are ready to go if I want to read.

According to alarmist tones before the TV conked out, I was supposed to rush down to the nearest Walmart and join a frenzied mob to rush the front doors and strip the shelves bare of the essentials I just mentioned. But this would be a radical move in itself, because the nearest Walmarts are in Berlin, Littleton and across the river in St. Johnsbury, Vt., all of them about 57 miles away, or, for those with brains, about an hour and a half's driving time (I'm not counting Sherbrooke in the Province of Quebec, Commonwealth of Canada, which is just 40 miles up

the road).

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Usually, the first thing I do after lighting candles and lamps is go to the nearest window in a dark room and look toward town, to see if I can see the village lights twinkling under the hulk of Mount Monadnock, our Monadnock, the one just across the river in Lemington, Vt.

As I have to explain every time this comes up, "Monadnock" is a geological term borrowed from the Abenaki, or Wobanaki, and means "highest land around," or "dominant mountain." Our Monadnock, which features an old gold mine and one of the sturdiest fire towers I've ever climbed, isn't much of a mountain by Presidential Range standards (3,148 feet), but it is indeed the highest land around.

Monadnock towers over not only Colebrook but also the site of Council Rock, an ancient meeting place of the local Coashaukees and others within the Abenaki nation

It was a big glacial erratic, meaning that the last glacier hauled it to northern New Hampshire. It could have come from anywhere, maybe a thousand miles north on the Canadian Shield, or far up in the Maritimes, and left here when the glaciers melted. That was around 15,000 years ago.

The big boulder happened to come to rest on a hillside facing south, its bulk offering shelter from the wind. The site was at the junction of several ancient trails used for both war and trade, with the Penacooks and others to the south, the Androscoggin through Dixville Notch to the



DAVID EZYK - COURTESY PHOTO

THIS SUNSET photo taken at Shell Point, N.C., near Harker's Island and Cape Lookout, has nothing to do with anything in New Hampshire, except this: It was taken by Dave Ezyk, who raises oysters there and is a working partner at Carp Pond Camp in the town of Clarksville. His dad, Joe Ezyk, longtime professor at St. Anselm College, was well known in Fish and Game circles throughout the state, especially wherever trout chase flies.

east, and the Mohawks near northwestern Vermont's Missisquoi Bay.

Researchers have found that salmon migrating up hundreds of East Coast rivers in the spring ran all the way up the Connecticut River to Colebrook and beyond, reaching the falls at the foot of First Connecticut Lake before their historical "paper trail" runs out. At something like 410 miles, it would have been among the Atlantic salmon's longer runs.

(Caveat: This information comes from a foot-note in a U.S. Fish and Wildlife paper given to me by the late John Lanier. There's no logical reason why salmon would not have continued upriver, to Second Lake and beyond. It's the paper trail that peters out.)

For millennia thereafter, the Dawnland people, the Mohawks, the Mic 'a Macs, possibly

others, met at Council Rock during their annual spring and fall migrations, following the food in season. The boulder had a deep overhang on its south side, great for shelter, and its roof was blackened by countless fires, its walls and outer sides decorated by petroglyphs.

To the settlers, however, it was simply a big old rock very much in the way, and successive generations who farmed the hillside were tired of haying and plowing around it. So, they saved some hard money against the time a wandering explosives

expert showed up, and one did, and with a bang that echoed off ridges and mountains, Council Rock was no more.

Steady readers will recognize Council Rock, because I've written about it several times before. It's part of a never-ending story that sometimes appears all by itself, often when I've touched match to candle.

Please address mail, including phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Locals enroll at Colby-Sawyer College

NEW LONDON — Colby-Sawyer welcomes the newest Chargers to campus, including first-year and transfer students.

Emma Wentworth of Alton, (majoring in crime and legal studies.

Olivia Nicholson of Center Barnstead, majoring in public health.

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Veterans honored at Alton Central School

ALTON — Alton Central School students and staff were honored to welcome 89 guests to their annual Veterans Day assembly held in the gymnasium. Students, staff, families, and community members gathered to honor the heroes, remember their achievements, their courage, their dedication and their sacrifices. The guests were greeted by local Cub Scouts, and were provided breakfast juice and coffee in the cafeteria. Every veteran was recognized individually as they entered the gymnasium for the ceremony. Students created some wonderful and heartfelt presentations, artwork, poetry and thank you cards to enjoy. Again this year, they had wonderful patriotic performances by the talented chorus and band that were synced up to a slide show courtesy of the ACS Productions elective class. They also had the honor of having the local Scout troop to perform the flag ceremony. As a special treat this year, the 3-D printing elective class made patriotic magnets for all of the veterans. It was a fantastic day for everyone at Alton Central School.



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BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Siobhan Shamlan knows she made her parents nervous with her trek to the Mount Everest Base Camp last year.

But that's not stopping her from tackling another adventure, this time heading to the highest point on the continent of Africa.

And again, it's all for a good cause.

The Kingswood graduate and current student at Tufts University made the trip to the Mount Everest Base Camp last year as part of Choose a Challenge, an organization that works to combine philanthropy and adventure.

She joined a group that made the trek to the base camp and had such a good time that she decided she wanted to lead a trip this year, her senior year at Tufts.

"I'm getting a team of Tufts students who want to come along," Shamlan said. "I've convinced a lot of my friends to come."

As a team captain, Shamlan got to choose the adventure and she was excited to choose Mount Kilimanjaro, with her fundraising efforts to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay.

Shamlan joined the BBBS organization her freshman year in college, where she became a big sister to Michaela, a sixth grader and she's continued her relationship with the organization over the last few years, including serving an internship with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"I got to see all the effort that goes into it," she said of her internship.

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SIOBHAN SHAMLAN at the top of Kalapatthar (18,514 feet) during her Choose a Challenge trek last year.

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Short track racing added to 2020 Loudon lineup

LOUDON — New Hampshire Motor Speedway will host three short track races in 2020 when NASCAR's regional series visit the 1.058-mile oval. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will make two stops — July 18 and Sept. 12, while the ARCA Menards Series East (formerly the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East) will join the Modifieds on Sept. 12.

"Short track racing is in our DNA at New Hampshire Motor Speedway as we've hosted annual events since our inception in 1990," said David McGrath, executive vice president and general manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "These regional series have proven to be fan-favorites with must-see moments on 'The Magic Mile,'

and we're excited to add them to our race week-end lineups in 2020."

The summer NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 100-lap race on July 18 will be part of a doubleheader Saturday with the NASCAR Xfinity Series prior to Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301.

The Sept. 12 races will be part of the speedway's third annual Full Throttle Fall Weekend, moving up one week to a new date. This will be the only New England visit and will mark the final race of the ARCA Menards Series East schedule where they will crown both a race winner and a 2020 series champion. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Musket 200 presented by Whelen will headline the day with

the longest mileage race on the tour's schedule.

Both series have been racing annually at New Hampshire Motor Speedway since 1990 marking the 78th and 79th NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour visit and the 67th ARCA Menards Series East visit to the track.

For ticket information for all events at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, including the Nov. 28-Jan. 5, Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane and Oil, the June 13-20 Motorcycle Week at NHMS, the July 17-19 Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 race weekend and the Sept. 11-12 Full Throttle Fall Weekend visit the speedway web site at NHMS.com or call Fan Relations at 783-4931.

Distler, MacPherson strong in tourney loss

KEENE — Freshman Maggie Cahoon (Keene) scored three times and added an assist to lead second-seeded Keene State College to a 4-0 win over seventh-seeded Plymouth State University in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference (LEC) field hockey tournament at Owl Athletic Complex on Tuesday night.

Keene State advanced to face third-seeded WestConn in a semifinal clash while Plymouth State ends its season with an 8-10 mark.

The Owls came out strong, with Cahoon scoring off a penalty corner in the fifth minute. She added her second of the day with just over 30 seconds remaining in the opening quarter, before KSC tacked on a pair of insurance goals in the second half.

Cahoon wasted little time for the Owls, scoring on the game's first

penalty corner just 4:21 into play.

Cahoon struck again off a penalty corner in the final seconds of the opening frame to give the hosts a 2-0 lead.

PSU responded with pressure early in the second quarter. Senior Kylie Ham (Wayland, Mass.) inserted a pair of penalty corners in the 25th minute, but the first shot went wide and junior Kate McPherson (Conway) was stoned by the Owls' goalkeeper on the second attempt.

Junior Nina Bruno (Agawam, Mass.) pushed the deficit to 3-0 midway through the third quarter and Cahoon completed the hat trick six minutes into the fourth to account for the final score.

The Panthers fought right to the end, firing multiple shots in the final seconds but they were unable to break through.

Junior Jess Distler (Brookfield) made three saves for PSU, falling to 6-7 on the year, while her counterpart, junior Rachel Loseby (Hartland, Vt.) had a pair of stops for the Owls to improve to 12-6.

McPherson led the Panthers with a pair of shots.

KSC held an 11-5 advantage in shots and 13-5 edge in penalty corners.

Keene State has won each of the last six LEC Tournament titles.

"It was a hard fought game by both teams," said head coach Bonnie Lord. "Jess [Distler] was solid in goal with strong defense by Kylie [Ham] and Kate [McPherson]. We had opportunities in the circle and on corners, but couldn't capitalize against a stifling Keene defense. Tonight we did not play hard enough to win."

Closing up shop on another show

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

When it comes to doing community theater, every few months you go through the process of closing out a show. It can be a bittersweet process, but it's one that you know you have to go through.

This past weekend, we went through the process to close out *Once Upon a Mattress* at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. We've been working on the show for the past two months but in I've been involved with the show for the past year, securing rights last November and moving on from there. This show in particular was a busy one for me, as I not only served as the stage manager (my original job), but also worked as the producer and got conned in to being on stage as well. It was a fun show and I'm glad I was able to get the chance to work on it with a great group of people.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

ANOTHER fun show has come to an end, but another is not too far in the future.

So, here's a look at what goes in to closing

out a show.

The shows close on Sundays with a matinee performance. We go through the regular parts of putting the show on and when the show ends, we set to work in tearing apart the set. We pull down all of the set pieces, bringing them to their proper places, with wood, Styrofoam and platforms heading to the basement and set pieces and props heading to the second floor. Anything that the director of the next show might want, we leave right on stage so that they can use it when the next show starts.

While this is going

on, the costume crew is gathering up the costumes from all of the cast members and sorting them out to their proper locations to prepare for when it will be used again. Also, there is another group of people working on setting up the cast party, which varies depending on the show. For this show, we did a potluck, with everyone contributing a little something.

Once the set was pulled apart (this set came down very quickly), the cast and crew enjoyed some dinner and hung out for an hour or so, wrapping up the show with some great

memories and once the food was packed up and shipped out the door with various cast and crew members, *Once Upon a Mattress* was officially in the books. The stage was clear and ready for the next set that comes along.

For the Village Players, the next show will be *Broadway Bound*, which will hit the stage in April. Bob Tuttle will be directing and I will be producing again. Auditions will be in January and rehearsals will begin in February, as will the process of building a set for the show, which is the third and final installment in Neil

Simon's semi-autobiographical trilogy of plays.

Until then, I'll have a night or two off.

Finally, have a great day Bob Tuttle.

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Subaru of America returns as title sponsor for Mt. Washington Hillclimb



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Overall winner and current record holder, Travis Pastrana, is shown rounding the famous Cragway Turn above tree line during the 2017 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb. Pastrana set a blistering fast record-setting time of five minutes, 44.72 seconds on the 7.6-mile tarmac and gravel course driving a 2017 Subaru WRX STI Hillclimb Special for Subaru Motorsports USA / Vermont SportsCar.

PINKHAM NOTCH — Officials with the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire, sanctioning body of the 2020 Mt. Washington Hillclimb planned for July 10-12 at the Mt. Washington Auto Road in Pinkham Notch, announced that Subaru of America will return as title sponsor of this historic motorsports event, which was first run 125 years ago in July of 1904 and last run in July of 2017.

“The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire is honored to welcome back Subaru of America as title sponsor of the 2020 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb for the third consecutive event. Subaru has a long history of success in motorsports, especially at Mt. Washington,” stated Howard Rounly, event director for the 2020 event sanc-

tioned by the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire. “We’re also very excited to welcome back Subaru’s factory-backed motorsports team, Subaru Motorsports USA / Vermont SportsCar from Milton, Vt.”

First run in 1904, the Climb to the Clouds took place as part of the famous Glidden Tour several months prior to the first-ever Vanderbilt Cup on Long Island, N.Y. that was first run in the fall of 1904. The initial Mt. Washington Hillclimb was also seven years before the first-ever 500-mile race at the Brickyard in Indianapolis, Ind., which took place in 1911 and 12 years prior to the inaugural Pike’s Peak Hillclimb in Colorado, which first took place in 1916. The 7.6-mile “Climb to the Clouds” is without ques-

tion one of the ultimate proving grounds for both drivers and automobiles anywhere in the world. The serpentine tarmac and gravel road is lined with trees, rocks and dramatic drop-offs as it winds its way to the 6,288-foot summit of the Northeast’s tallest peak, Mt. Washington.

Organized and sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire, event officials are expecting an 80-car competition field filled with some of the most talented drivers and impressive race cars from the world over competing for “King of the Hill” honors in one of the most exciting events in all of motorsports.

“Subaru is once again thrilled to support the Mt. Washington Hillclimb in 2020,” said William Stokes, Motorsports Manager for Subaru of

America. “The Mt. Washington Auto Road provides a challenge unlike any other, and the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire has done a great job in putting on the event. Subaru has been able to set new records every time the event has been run since 2011, so we’re looking forward to more fireworks in 2020.”

Set for July 10-12, the Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb will serve as a three-day motorsports festival filled with a variety of motorsports-oriented activities for all ages including a vendor area, car corals for various car clubs, antique vehicle displays and an autograph session topped off by the return of the historic Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb that takes place on the winding 7.6-mile Mt. Washington Auto Road.

“Since 1904 we’ve had a long and storied history of car racing on Mt. Washington. When the first ‘Climb to the Clouds’ was contested on those hot July days in ’04, we took our place in automotive racing history as a challenging proving ground for man and machine,” stated Howie Wemyss, General Manager of the Mt. Washington Auto Road. “We’ve continued with this great tradition off and on over the years and are thrilled to once again be getting ready for the Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb in July 2020. We know that technology is changing fast and with each of the past several races have come even faster and more amazing times so we’re anticipating plenty of excitement and drama this coming summer.”

Along with the an-

nouncement of Subaru of America returning as the title sponsor of this prestigious Hillclimb, officials also announced that registration for those wishing to submit an entry application for consideration for the 2020 event opened Nov. 1 and will remain open through midnight on Dec. 31. Details regarding classes, safety specifications, entry fees and other competitor-related information are available at www.climbtothecLOUDS.com.

Additional information regarding volunteering, spectating and lodging for the 2020 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb scheduled for July 10-12, will be available in the coming weeks, also at www.climbtothecLOUDS.com.

SHAMLIAN

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Choose a Challenge is disrupting the student travel market by allowing college students the chance to fundraise the cost of an adventure travel trip, while simultaneously donating to charity. Fifty percent of that amount pays for the trip’s costs (including flights, food, accommodations, etc.) and the other 50 percent is a direct donation to an amazing cause.

Choose a Challenge started in 2008 from two individuals who were passionate about leading challenges and making a lasting difference by working with charities. Over a decade later they have sent more than 10,000 students abroad and have raised \$25 million for various charities all over the world.

The Choose a Challenge team has a strong background in the charity sector and is passionate about raising money for good causes. They want to help make a difference to the people in the world who need it most and they want students to be at the forefront of creating this change.

While Everest may have the bigger name, as the highest peak in the

world, the Kilimanjaro trek will actually take Shamlan higher in altitude than the Everest base camp. Kilimanjaro is 19,200 feet high while the Everest base camp trek took them to 18,400 feet.

Mount Kilimanjaro is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and for many people, standing on its summit is a lifelong ambition. The snow-capped peak was first reached by German explorers in the late 19th Century and you will follow in their footsteps as you attempt to scale this mighty mountain. The world’s highest freestanding peak and tallest volcano, Kilimanjaro, rises alone from the surrounding savannah. Situated in Tanzania, the challenge is an amazing opportunity to not only climb Kilimanjaro, but also to explore East Africa and learn about the rich culture and varied landscapes of the region.

The trip is nine days in total with six days spent on the trek.

Additionally, this trip will actually create a few more challenges for Shamlan. The group will be hiking the last portion of the hike in the dark so they can see the sunrise from the summit.

“That’s going to be the



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SIOBHAN SHAMLIAN and her team at the Everest Base Camp (17,600 feet) during the Choose a Challenge adventure last year

tough part,” Shamlan said. “And the whole team is looking to me.”

Shamlan is quick to point out that while she is the team captain, she is not actually leading the trip. Choose a Challenge sets up local guides to lead the trip, which serves as a safety valve for Shamlan’s parents.

“We’re very well taken care of,” she said. “It’s the major reason

my mom let me go.

“It’s a bit like glamping,” Shamlan said, referencing a trend in “glamour camping.” They put up your tent and cook our food, you just have to walk.

“My main job is to recruit kids,” she added.

The trip to Kilimanjaro leaves shortly after Shamlan’s graduation from Tufts. She graduates on May 17 and heads

to Tanzania on May 20.

Fifty percent of the money Shamlan raises goes toward the trip experience and the other 50 percent goes to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay.

Those interested in supporting the 2016 Kingswood graduate in her trek can visit <https://igiving.com/fundraiser/siobhan-shamlan>. More information about

Big Brothers Big Sisters Massachusetts Bay can be found at <https://bbbsmb.org/> and more information on the Kilimanjaro trip can be found at <https://chooseachallenge.org/kili-trek#kili-trip-over-view>.

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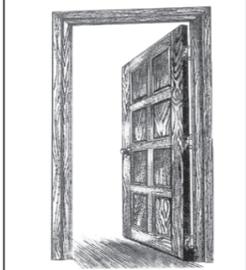
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Town of Alton Budget Committee Vacancy

The Alton Budget Committee is currently seeking letters of interest for a fill-in position for the remainder of this season.

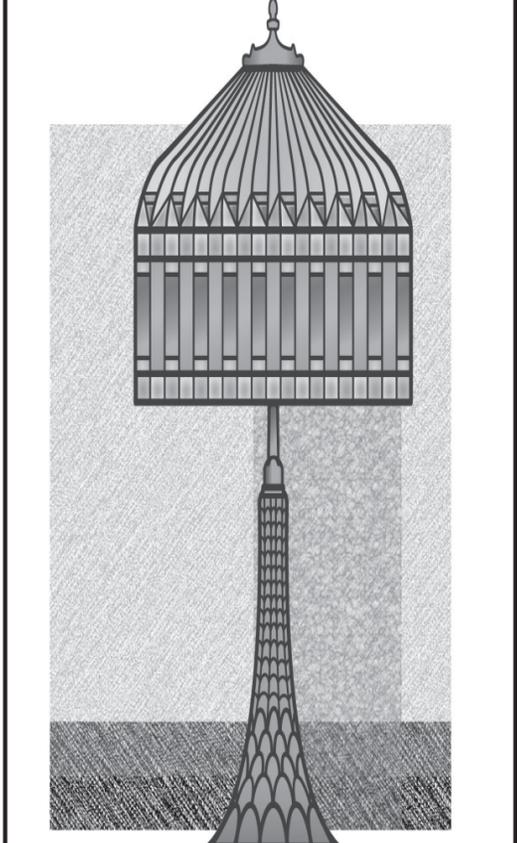
This fill-in position will end on Election Day, March 2020. The Budget Committee meets on a schedule set by the Committee, October through March, conducts budget reviews and votes on the budget for Town and School Departments.

The position is governed by RSA 32. Minimum qualifications include being a full-time resident and a registered voter.

Letters of interest may be dropped off to the attention of Patrick O'Brien, Budget Committee Chairman, or mailed to:

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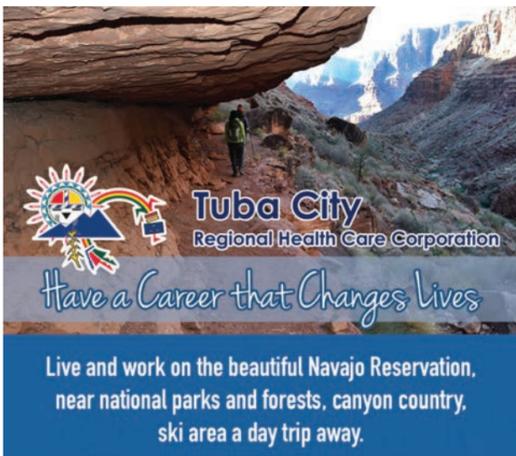
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Berwick Academy students Virginia Hudson (eighth grade) and William Hunter (sixth grade), both of Wolfeboro were recipients of the Middle School Fall Spirit Award on Nov. 7. Two Spirit Awards were given out for those who embody sportsmanship, teamwork, a positive attitude, enthusiasm and encouragement of their teammates. Hudson played on the inaugural volleyball team and Hunter played on the boys' soccer team.

PMHS fall sports awards tonight

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain fall sports awards will be taking place tonight, Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

PMHS seeking cheerleading, softball coaches

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School in Alton is looking for a cheerleading/spirit squad coach for the upcoming winter season and a varsity softball coach for the spring season. Anyone interested in more information can contact Athletic Director Corey Roux at 875-3800.

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