

CLC hosting “Maple, New Hampshire’s Medicine of Connection”

TAMWORTH — Drop drop drip drip, maple sap is filling buckets across northern New England this time of year, part of a practice of sugar-making that stretches back long before Colonial times.

On Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m., join the Chocorua Lake Conservancy and the

Cook Memorial Library for “Maple, New Hampshire’s Medicine of Connection,” a talk and slideshow with Damian Costello, live via Zoom. Author and theo-

logian Damian Costello explores how the practice of maple sugaring in New Hampshire connects us to the land, our ancestors, and all that surrounds us. He examines the Indigenous origins of sugaring and the changes and continuities found in contemporary maple production. He also speaks to the differences between maple sugaring in this region and the slave-based labor used in sugar cane production, a connection New England abolitionists made in the 1800s. In conversation with the bestselling book Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, he suggests that sugar-making—which is informed by Indigenous wisdom—is a communal medicine of connection that teaches mutual reciprocity with the land, as well as an important local practice with significant cultural meaning. This program is free, and will not be recorded. Please register in advance at bit.ly/maple-032223. You’ll receive a Zoom link in your registration

confirmation email.

Facilitator Damian Costello received his Ph.D. in theological studies from the University of Dayton and specializes in the intersection of Catholic theology, Indigenous spiritual traditions, and colonial history. Costello was born and raised in Vermont and his work is informed by five years of ethnographic work on the Navajo Nation. Costello serves as the Director of Postgraduate Studies at NAIITS, an Indigenous designed and delivered ATS accredited graduate school.

This event is one in a series of Chocorua Lake Conservancy programs held throughout the year to encourage people of all ages to enjoy Chocorua Lake and the trails and

woods that surround it, and to learn more about the natural world we inhabit. To learn about upcoming events, visit www.chocorualake.org, sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

About the Chocorua Lake Conservancy

The CLC is a nonprofit land trust founded in 1968 to protect the scenic and natural resources of the Chocorua Lake Basin and surrounding area. The CLC is committed to providing convenient and attractive public access to Chocorua Lake and trails on nearby conservation lands for visitors and local residents. For more information including ways you can get involved, please visit www.chocorualake.org.

Explore “New Hampshire on Skis” with Freedom Historical Society

FREEDOM — The Freedom Historical Society continues its 2023 monthly speaker series on March 22 with a program entitled “New Hampshire on Skis” by E. John B. Allen. Made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities, the program is free and open to the public. It will be presented via ZOOM at 7 p.m.

First, take Scandinavian and Austrian immigrants, the Dartmouth Outing Club, the Cannon Mountain Tramway, the muscular Christian, amateur tinkerers, and Professor E. John B. Allen. Cover it with snow and shake and you have the makings of a unique New Hampshire history! Join us and learn about

early skiing in the state, the importance of jumping, the mechanization of skiing, and how New England and New Hampshire fit into the big picture of America’s ski culture.

Professor Emeritus of History at Plymouth State College, John Allen was awarded the International Skiing History Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. He serves as historian for the New England Ski Museum in Franconia and is the author of several books including: “From Skisport to Skiing: One Hundred Years of an American Sport”; “The Culture and Sport of Skiing from Antiquity to World War II”; and “A Historical Dictio-

nary of Skiing.” More recently, he has published: “Skiing in the Eye of the Artist” (Vienna 2021) and “Traveling the Old Ski Tracks of New England” (2022). Allen has served as a consultant to several ski history documentary films.

Members of the Freedom Historical Society and the general public are welcome and invited to register in advance to obtain ZOOM access information for the presentation at the FHS website: www.freedomhistoricalsociety.org. Please join the ZOOM meeting prior to the 7 p.m. start time on Wednesday, March 22. For additional information, please call (603)491-8347.

Tuftonboro Free Library to host program on lighthouses

TUFTONBORO — Everyone knows there is “something about lighthouses” that give them broad appeal, but their vital role in our history and culture is little appreciated. Our early nation was built on maritime economy, and lighthouses were part of the system that made it possible. Due to automation, traditional lighthouse keeping is a way of life that has faded into the past. Jeremy D’Entremont tells the history of New England’s historic and picturesque lighthouses primarily focusing on the colorful and dramatic stories of lighthouse keepers and their families.

Jeremy D’Entremont has written more than a dozen books and 300 articles on lighthouse history and other maritime topics. He is the

official historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation and founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. He has lectured and narrated cruises from Maine to California and his photographs have appeared in many books and magazines. He is also editor of the Web site “New England Lighthouses: a virtual guide” at www.newenglandlighthouses.net He emphasizes the rich human history of lighthouse keepers and their families in his presentations.

He will be presenting a program at the Tuftonboro Free Library, 221 Middle Rd. on Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. The Hikers are hosting, refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information contact Jackie Rollins, 603-496-8212.

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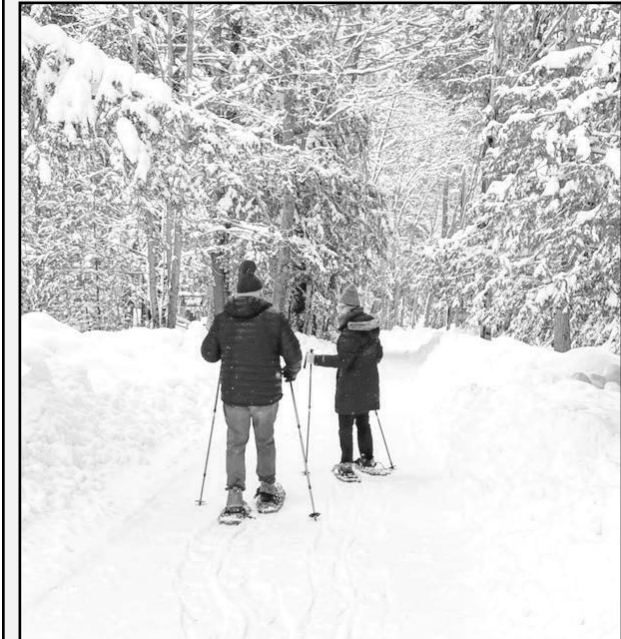
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Around town

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A summer cottage, snow up to the window boxes! Pretty view, though.



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The pines cast long shadows in the bright sunshine.



Where will we put any more snow?



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Upcoming events At Makers Mill

WOLFEBORO — Whether you're feeling the end of winter blues or eager to start your spring off right, there's plenty to do this March at Makers Mill. This month's selection of classes features metalsmithing, welding, sewing, fabric printing, and clothing repair. The full list of events, details, and registration can be found at: makersmill.org/events/.

March 11 & 18, 1 p.m.: Intro to MIG Welding with Nolan Gorg - Learn the theory, practice, and safety precautions necessary to begin MIG Welding and become safety-certified to use the Makers Mill MIG Welder independently

Wednesdays March 15 to April 19, 12:30 p.m.: Printmaking and Resist Techniques for Fabric with Robin Cornwell - Create a body of coordinated fabric pieces for quilting or other sewing projects in this six week course while learning the techniques of printmaking, resist, and discharge.

March 16, 10 a.m.: Build a Vintage Wooden Box with Phyllis MacDonald. In this class you will learn how to use Country Chic Paint (chalk-style paint) on a



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Participants from a recent Intro to Dry Pastels class at Makers Mill led by Pollie Cain. The class will be running again on March 18, alongside a roster of many more fun and interesting classes happening at the makerspace this month

4 x 8 x 4 inch wood box. You will also learn the technique of clay mold making which will be applied to the box, and either glaze, wax, or distress to finish the vintage look.

March 18, 10 a.m.: Pierced Metal Luminaria with Christin Kaiser - Choose your pattern

and complete your luminaria in this three hour class suitable for ages 15 and up with a participating adult.

March 18, 10 a.m.: Fabric Cozy Bowl with Bobbie Stave - Make a bowl cozy to keep your soup warm and your fingers unburned and practice your basic ma-

chine sewing skills.

March 18, 1 p.m.: Intro to Dry Pastels, with Pollie Cain is back by popular demand. In this introduction to dry pastels class you'll learn the basics of layering, and blending. We'll be using archival sandpaper as a substrate allowing for many layers of pastels to be applied.

March 19, 1 p.m.: Mind Your Knits with Jeanne Flanagan - Bring your own knit clothes, from yoga pants to t-shirts and sweaters, and learn how to reju-

venate and repair them with techniques specific to knit fabrics.

Makers Mill also has a regular schedule of repeating events, including Career Coaching with Jan Coville of Career Clarity New England on Tuesdays.

Learn more about this new creative community space at www.makersmill.org, or better yet, attend one of the free public tours offered each Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 and on the first Saturday of the month at the same time. For more information, call the office at 603-569-1500 to speak with Carol Holyoake or Josh Arnold, or email info@makersmill.org. Makers Mill is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization (formerly known as G.A.L.A.).

Saco River Pow Wow set for Aug. 5 & 6

NORTH CONWAY — The New Hampshire Inter-Tribal Native American Council will host a Pow Wow at Hussey Park in North Conway Aug. 5 & 6.

The weekend will include drumming, dancing, and storytelling, with a Grand Entry at noon on the 5th and an auction at 11 a.m. Sunday morning, and a Saturday Night Feast held by the council.

Please note that drugs and alcohol will not be tolerated within the Pow

Wow area.

Set up is prohibited until noon on Friday, Aug. 4. The park is located at 244 River Rd.

For more information, please contact Sandy Chase at (603) 651-8769 or Elise Fowler at (603) 370-7352.

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American Legion hosts annual Family Skating Party

WOLFEBORO — On Thursday, March 2, American Legion Har-riman-Hale Post 18 in conjunction with the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the Annual Family Skating Party at the Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center. From approximately 7 to 8:30 p.m., some 50 children and parents skated for free. The newly renovated Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center is located at 390 Pine Hill Rd. in Wolfeboro.

With the assistance of the Parks and Recreation Department, the American Legion and Boy Scout Troop 165 served free hot chocolate and hot dogs! One young participant enthusiastically remarked, "It is the best hot chocolate I ever tasted!" More importantly children and parents



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local children and families together for recreational time together. This year the Party was held in the newly renovated Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center which made this year's event especially nice.

Christine Collins, Director of Parks and Recreation, and her assistant Molly Hatch were especially helpful this year by setting up tables to serve the hot dogs and hot chocolate and by carrying in fresh hot chocolate from the nearby Abenaki Ski Lodge. Boy Scouts from Troop 165 enthusiastically helped by passing out the hot dogs and hot chocolate, and, yes, by also skating.

For further information on the Annual Skating Party please contact Tom Southern at (317) 432-1517 or tsouthern@aol.com or Paul Vivian at (703) 798-8978 or paulhv@aol.com.

Branch Hill Farm hosting spring apple tree grafting workshops

MILTON MILLS — Branch Hill Farm is co-hosting two Heirloom Apple Tree Grafting Workshops this spring! By the end of each class, each person will have completed grafting their own small apple tree to take home, using a scion (living shoot) collected from local heirloom trees. Workshop Instructor Jared Kane is the Executive Director of Branch Hill Farm and head orchardist of their Preservation and Cider Orchards. He is dedicated to growing and preserving historical apples and pears, as well as exciting wild foundlings.

Jared's cider has received awards in some of the world's largest and most respected cider competitions!

The first work-

shop will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at DeVyllder Farm at 563 Pleasant Valley Rd., Wolfeboro, NH 03894. It is being co-hosted with the Carroll County Conservation District. Tickets are \$20, and the deadline to sign up is March 23. Sign up online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grafting-heirloom-apples-tickets-565169857257?aff=esfb&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=fb&utm-term=checkout-widget>.

The second workshop will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m.-noon at Branch Hill Farm at 307 Applebee Rd., Milton Mills,

NH 03852. If time and weather permit, participants will take a short walk to tour the newly planted Preservation Orchard. All proceeds of the workshop go toward Moose Mountain Regional Greenways. A minimum donation of \$10 to MMRG is requested per person to register. Early registration is advised since this workshop usually fills up quickly! Please register online by April 5 at: https://secure.lglforms.com/form.../s/JdKY1BGVkdH_QHSpfrstHw or contact Astrid Wielens at astrid@mmrgnh.org. For more information about MMRG, see <https://mmrgnh.org/> or visit the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways Facebook page.

were able to enjoy some family time together. The Skating Party is

an annual event held yearly for over a decade. It is meant to help bring

Brian Taylor joins Ossipee Lake Alliance Board of Directors

FREEDOM — Ossipee Lake Alliance has announced that Brian Taylor has joined its Board of Directors. The appointment is effective immediately.

Taylor is a native of Effingham, where he attended school before graduating from Conway's Kennett High. After serving in the U.S. Army, he had a 46-year career at Pratt & Whitney, where he was based in East Hartford, Connecticut.

As a volunteer during those years, he was Secretary of Special Olympics Connecticut, Coordinator of the Citizen Emergency Response Team of East Hartford, and Treasurer of Tri-Town Visiting Nurses.

Since retiring and returning to our area twelve years ago, he has served as President of the Effingham Fire Fighters Association, Treasurer of the South Effingham

Church, Secretary of Berry Bay Association, and Secretary of Green Mountain Conservation Group. Last March, he was elected to the Town of Freedom's Planning Board.

Taylor attributes his long-standing belief that everyone has a responsibility to ensure a safe environment to one of his Effingham grammar school teachers, who explained to the class that the different colors in the Ossipee River were the result of cloth dying operations at the Kezar Falls woolen mill, not something in nature.

He says his current interests center on improving waste management and protecting natural resources through better land use planning. He and his wife, Carole, live on Berry Bay in Freedom.

Ossipee Lake Alliance is a 501c3 non-profit corporation that relies entirely on volunteers for its staff and directors. Based in Freedom, it is celebrating its 20th year of work to preserve and protect Ossipee Lake and the surrounding environment.

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Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, SELT announce conservation of Teneriffe Mountain Forest

MILTON — Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) is thrilled to announce their newest land conservation success, the Teneriffe Mountain Forest in Milton, in partnership with the Southeast Land Trust of NH (SELT) and with gratitude to the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust. The Forest is 242 acres of valuable wildlife habitat and offers excellent recreational opportunities, including walking paths near the summit of Teneriffe Mountain that offers magnificent views.

The Teneriffe Mountain Forest property and surrounding areas are at high risk of development, and the property is near several hundred acres of other conservation areas, making it a key piece to forming an expanded wildlife corridor in the Moose Mountains region. The Forest itself is notable for hosting rare and critically-imperiled plant communities - including one of the most northerly known occurrences in New Hampshire of the American Chestnut Oak trees and habitat for the threatened small-whorled pogonia. At the top of a ridge on Mt. Teneriffe is another critically imperiled forest system, a pitch pine rocky ridge that occurs in the dry tough environs of exposed bedrock ledge whipped by winter winds and the hot sun of the summer. Lyman Brook flows through the property, serving as home to native brook trout.

MMRG Land Agent Veronica Bodge said

Maya Weil-Cooley named to Hamilton College Dean's List

CLINTON, N.Y. — Maya Weil-Cooley, of Sandwich, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2022 fall semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Weil-Cooley, a junior majoring in environmental studies, is a graduate of Inter Lakes High School.

Hamilton College, a leading liberal arts in-



Left to right: Virginia Long, Chair of the Milton Conservation Commission and major donor; Cynthia Wyatt, Chair of Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust, donor and project partner; Tammy Melnick, Sr. Real Estate Paralegal at Bruton & Berube; Veronica Bodge, Land Agent for MMRG; and Duane Hyde, Land Conservation Director for SELT.

“The Teneriffe Mountain Forest is home to a variety of habitat types such as open fields, forests and higher elevations where low bush blueberry and bearberry patches are growing in abundance with pitch pine growing in around the patches. The peak of Teneriffe Mountain is actually the highest point in Milton! By conserving this property, MMRG is protecting high priority habitat for wildlife and ensuring that it can be

enjoyed by future generations. We are sure that the Teneriffe Mountain Forest will be cherished by the Milton community and its visitors.”

In addition to its thriving ecosystem, the Teneriffe Mountain Forest includes a network of existing trails and woods roads that are treasured by hikers, bicyclists, and snowmobilers. While in need of evaluation and maintenance due to years of erosion, appropriate trails will be opened to the public so that they can be enjoyed for years to come.

MMRG now owns the property, and SELT holds the conservation easement. This allows for a double-layer of protection, ensuring the land remains conserved in perpetuity. The project was also completed through an innovative partnership with the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust, which served as the interim conservation owner allowing SELT and MMRG to finalize the fundraising for the project. MMRG is grateful to

the Trust’s Board Chair, Cynthia Wyatt, who led the charge in advocating for the importance of this project.

MMRG Executive Director Jillian Eldredge remarked on the cooperation between MMRG, SELT, and the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust in conserving this important parcel: “Moose Mountains Regional Greenways was proud to partner with our trusted friends, the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust and the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire in accomplishing this landmark project for our organization. Without the dedicated partnership of these assisting organizations, the completion of this project would not have been realized. Exceptional things are possible when we all work together and we are proud to carry this spirit of camaraderie in our work and to share its benefits with our local community.”

The theme of partnership and innovation ran deep in the Teneriffe

Mountain Forest project. Duane Hyde, Land Conservation Director for SELT explained that SELT and MMRG were on the cutting edge of using funds from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) for the completion of the Teneriffe Mountain Forest.

Hyde notes that “We were the ‘test subject’ and are one of the first land conservation projects in the United States to use and complete a project with RCPP funds.”

MMRG and SELT would also like to express gratitude for Senator Jeanne Shaheen, whose office was instrumental in advocating for the Teneriffe Mountain Project through the NRCS RCPP program.

“Preserving New Hampshire’s outdoor spaces ensures their natural beauty can be enjoyed by generations to come, while also boosting local economies through our outdoor recreation sector.

That’s why I’m thrilled to see funds from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Regional Conservation Partnership Program used to support the conservation of the Teneriffe Mountain Forest in Milton,” said Shaheen. “I’ll continue advocating on behalf of conservation efforts that protect our treasured outdoor spaces, wildlife and environment, and support New Hampshire’s robust outdoor recreation industry.”

In addition, MMRG thanks its generous foundational donors and community members for their support and funding in this process, including: Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund, Fields Pond Foundation, Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership, Milton Conservation Commission, NH State Conservation Committee Conservation License Plate Fund, Thomas W. Haas Foundation, Virginia Long and Steve Panish, Peter and Susan Goodwin, and many others.

Questions to ask your renovation contractor

Individuals looking to renovate their homes typically reach out to a number of professionals for estimates before choosing a contractor. Once that decision has been made, it’s customary to sign a contract to ensure all parties are protected during and after the work.

A renovation contract outlines the details of a remodeling job. The construction company or the general contractor will create this legal document, which will list the steps of the job and how issues will be resolved should problems arise. Prior to signing a contract, however, homeowners should engage in a conversation with the contractor and ask key questions.

- How long have you been in business? Verify the information that the

contractor and/or company provides by doing a search with the Better Business Bureau and perusing online reviews to confirm the company is dependable.

- Are you independently owned? Some companies are independently owned businesses while others are franchises. Franchised businesses may have to follow a strict set of rules, while independent contractors may have more leeway in terms of policies.
- What is your licence number? Obtain the licence information as well as the contractor’s insurance details. A contractor’s general liability insurance protects your home and property in the event of an accident.
- Are you familiar with local building codes? Check to see

if the contractor has worked in the area before, and if he or she is familiar with the permit process. Make sure a contract documents who will be securing the permits.

- How will the project be supervised? Some contractors sub-contract out the work and may only stop by to check on progress. Understand how often those drop-ins will take place, and how to get in touch with the person in charge should a problem arise.
- Is there a warranty? Certain contractors will stand behind their work for a period of time, even coming to make repairs if there are any issues. Check to see if a warranty policy is in place.
- What is the policy for home protection and clean-up? You’ll want to ensure the rest of your

home doesn’t become damaged or soiled due to the construction. Have the contractor spell out plans for mitigating mess during demolition, and whether the construction company will be responsible for removing the debris.

- What is the final price? One of the more important questions to ask is if the price stated on the contract will be the final price, or should incidentals be expected if issues are unearthed during construction? Some contractors may need to tack on charges for extra materials, and that can stretch homeowners’ budgets.

It’s important to touch base with the contractor and ask key questions about the project, which will be reflected on the contract both parties eventually sign.



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Sawyer Challenges Rollins for Tax Collector

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Contributing Writer

TUFTONBORO — Chris Sawyer is challenging Tax Collector Jackie Rollins on March 14. At the Tuftonboro Candidates' Night sponsored by the Tuftonboro Association, Sawyer, a member of the Budget Committee, spoke of her experience as a Trustee of the Trust Funds and service on the Planning Board and said, "I'm an accountant by trade." She said she could han-

(Right) Tax Collector Jackie Rollins, at left, and challenger Chris Sawyer addressed residents during Candidates Night in the Tuftonboro Free Library, sponsored by the Tuftonboro Association, on March 1.

dle her responsibilities along with serving as Tax Collector. Rollins, a lifelong resident of Tuftonboro with longstanding service as tax collector, simply stated, "I love Tuftonboro. I love my job. I hope you will give me your vote."

Jared Bettez makes Dean's List for Fall 2022

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont Tech is happy to announce that Jared Bettez of Gilford has achieved Dean's List honors in the Bachelor Of Science in Electromechanical Engineering Technology program. To qualify for this academic honor, students must be enrolled in at least 12 or more letter-graded credit hours and achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

We continue to be impressed and humbled by the great work our students are capable of. Congratulations to all of the students who achieved honors this semester.

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WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Lions Club is pleased to offer scholarships to students pursuing higher education. The club provides book scholarships as well as offering a Doug Cady Memorial Scholarship for a student pursuing a degree in music.

Both scholarships are open to Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro first-time and returning college students. Past recipients of a Wolfeboro Lions Club Scholarship are eligible to apply.

Applications are available at the Kingswood Regional High School counseling cen-

ter or the Wolfeboro Lions Club website.

Completed applications should be mailed to Wolfeboro Lions Club, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 325 Wolfeboro, NH 03894 – by April 15. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Wolfeboro Lions Club donates to local charities and non-profit groups, funding Lions scholarship programs and assisting those needing glasses and hearing aids. Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world daily because they share a core belief - to serve their community.



Dr. Kelley McLaughlin joins Tri-County CAP Family Dentistry

TAMWORTH — Tri-County Community Action Program is excited to introduce our newest team member, Dr. Kelley McLaughlin, at the Tri-County CAP Family Dentistry in Tamworth. She joined the team in the summer of 2022 and continues to make a positive impact on patients and staff alike.

Dr. McLaughlin is a graduate of the College of Life Sciences and Ag-

riculture of the University of New Hampshire where she received her Bachelor of Science in General Biology. In 2014, she went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University earning her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to have Dr. McLaughlin as a part of our experienced team,"

said Christina Ferraro, Director of Clinical Services. "Her focus on general dentistry and commitment to patient care has been a great asset to our practice. She brings a high level of quality and value to every patient interaction."

With a team of skilled and compassionate dental professionals dedicated to helping them achieve their oral health goals, patients can expect a warm and

welcoming environment at Tri-County CAP Family Dentistry. Whether it's a routine check-up or a more complex dental procedure, patients can trust that they are in good hands.

As Tri-County CAP Family Dentistry continues to accept new patients, we encourage the community to visit and experience the exceptional care provided by Dr. McLaughlin and the rest of the team.

Fun ways for children to participate in St. Patrick's Day celebrations

St. Patrick's Day commemorates its namesake, the patron saint of Ireland who helped spread Christianity across this island nation. While it may have begun as a religious holiday, eventually the fanfare expanded to transform St. Patrick's Day into a secular celebration spanning the world — reaching Irish diaspora in various countries. In fact, some of the largest St. Patrick's Day events occur outside of Ireland.

In addition to paying homage to St. Patrick, the holiday is largely known for being one big party catering to the over-21 crowd. It's common to find people raising pints throughout the day on St. Patrick's Day. However, for those who want children to be a part of the festivities, there are plenty of entertaining ways to incorporate them into

any celebration.

Attend a parade

Parades are a common sight come St. Patrick's Day, and they're ideal activities for children. If your town or city is hosting a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, make plans to attend with the children. Follow safety precautions, including remaining socially distant, when necessary, and watch the floats, pipers, colorfully clad characters, and other participants go by.

Serve child-friendly beverages

For those hosting St. Patrick's Day at home, be sure to have a variety of foods and beverages on hand, particularly ones that children can enjoy. Whip up your own concoction like a Leprechaun Punch that features lemon-lime soda, green food coloring and lime sherbet.

Learn St. Patrick's history

Children may not realize that St. Patrick, even though he is the patron saint of Ireland, actually was born in Britain, according to National Geographic Kids. Also, he wasn't always associated with the color green; he was first depicted wearing blue robes. These are just some of the facts adults and children can explore together.

Collect clovers

St. Patrick used a three-leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain the basic tenets of Christianity. The three-leaf clover represented the Holy Trinity. If St. Patrick's Day falls on a nice day, everyone can venture out-

side to collect shamrocks and hunt for the elusive four-leaf clover, which may bring good luck.

Get dressed up

Children can have fun dressing up in all sorts of apparel. While green shirts are par for the course, kids also can don rugby or soccer shirts from their favorite Irish teams. Authentic Irish Aran wool sweaters and cardigans, or other traditional clothing, also can be worn. Kids may have fun making masks or hats they can wear as well.

St. Patrick's Day is a fun time for people of all ages. The holiday can be made kid-friendly in a variety of ways.



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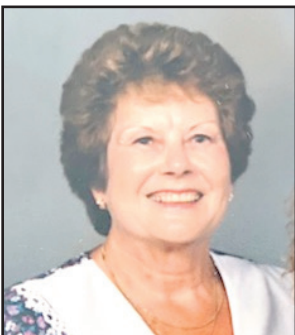
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Marilyn Jean (Mudgett) Wiggin

Marilyn Jean (Mudgett) Wiggin died at the Belknap County Nursing Home Monday,

February 27, 2023 after a period of declining health. Marilyn was born on March 13, 1934 in Wolfeboro, NH to Robert and Thelma Mudgett. As a young child, her family resided in Rye, NH during World War II, while her father worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Following the war, the family settled in Sandwich, NH where Marilyn attended local schools, graduating from the Quimby School in 1952. She graduated from Westbrook College



(Maine) in 1954 with a degree in business. That same year she married Harold Wiggin of Tamworth, NH. They moved to Bristol in 1963 and in 1968 they moved to South Alexandria, to the home where they would live until Harold's death in 2018.

Marilyn was the office

manager at the former Bristol Medical Center, working for several different family practitioners. She also managed the office of the Newfound Area Nursing Association for over 15 years and served on its board of directors. She was very active in the Bristol Federated Church. Her favorite pastime was singing in the church choir. Marilyn loved music and she was a voracious reader of books, mostly fictional romance novels. Following their retirements, Marilyn and Harold spent many summers at their camp on West Pond in Parsonsfield, Maine. It was the sight of many happy gatherings of family and friends. They also spent time traveling with friends across the country in an RV, visiting many favorite sites including Alaska. Marilyn suffered a debilitating stroke in 2003 but being a hardy Yankee, she survived. Harold took good care of her for many years until his health also declined.

Marilyn is pre-deceased by her parents, by her husband of 64 years Harold, by her brother Eugene Mudgett, sisters Faye Norcross, and Marjorie Goodine. She was the oldest of the four siblings. She is survived by her son Craig Wiggin and wife Nancy of Meredith, daughter Terri Wiggin-Glines and husband Roger, grandson Corey Wiggin of Meredith, granddaughter Casey Wiggin of Washington, D.C., and many nieces and nephews.

Per Marilyn's wishes, there will be no calling hours. A graveside memorial service will be held at the Chocorua Village Cemetery in the spring. Lord Funeral Home in Center Ossipee and Wolfeboro is assisting the family with arrangements. If you wish to express a condolence or leave a memory, please visit www.lordfuneralhome.com. The family would like to thank the staff at the Belknap County Nursing home for their good care of Marilyn for the past four years.

George Wilson Davies (the "Old Coach"), 87

George Wilson Davies died February 9, 2023 at the age of 87, at his home in Gainesville, FL. He and his identical twin brother, Kent Chambers Davies, were born on July 14, 1935, in Bryn Mawr, PA, the first two of four children, to George Chambers Davies and Katharine Wilson Davies.

He graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1953, where he and his brother were on the wrestling and tennis teams, and won a national championship in a double scull. In 1957, he graduated from Wesleyan University. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity and a New England champion wrestler. He and his brother started lacrosse as a club sport which became a varsity sport after they graduated. He also played football in high school and college. Despite his significant athletic capabilities and accomplishments, George did not want to be known as "just a jock." He credited Wesleyan's well-rounded humanities program with broadening his world view. After graduating from college, he attended Navy Officer Candidate School and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, in the operations division on the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Macon.

In 1960, after he was discharged from active duty, he received a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Boston University while working at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in admissions and as a wrestling coach. He later administered a scholarship program for Educational Testing Service in New Jersey. At age 29, he wanted more of a challenge and began studying at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, from which he graduated with honors. He became a partner in the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia, PA. There he specialized in municipal bond financing. When he retired from the law practice, he worked briefly pursuing U.S. acquisitions on behalf of



half of his former client, a French industrial conglomerate, and then tried his hand in investment banking.

While at the law firm, he met Norleen "Dusty" O'Sullivan, and they were married in their home in St. Davids, PA, on June 24, 1978. George was an excellent cook and barely a holiday passed without a large dinner party. There were open house Christmas Eve buffet parties in St. Davids for which he said, "It gave mothers a break from cooking on this busy holiday." Later, when they moved to their summer home in Mirror Lake, NH, they hosted bocce tournaments raising funds for the benefit of the Mirror Lake Protective Association. The games lasted all day and into the evening and George prepared copious amounts of food and drink which kept the participants well fed and lubricated. Annual July 4th lobster parties were credited with bringing the neighborhood together. In their winter home in Gainesville, FL, George recognized that they were new to the area and noted that they would not have a full house at Christmas. So, he contacted the University of Florida's international graduate student advisor and arranged for international students to be invited for Christmas dinner. What started out with seven students, ended years later with sixty-five guests, including the students' spouses and children. They were treated to an eight-course formal dinner, all cooked by George, the "Old Coach," a name that he would use in the title of the cookbook he later published, "Cookin' with the Old Coach (Making Weight)." Not only was George a good cook, he was also a great host. He was well informed,

funny, and gracious, had interesting anecdotes and left his guests hoping to be invited back.

Retirement gave George the opportunity to learn golf. For a time, he was a scratch golfer. He also worked with pottery and stained glass, and won many blue ribbons for canning and baking at the Sandwich Fair in NH. But his true love was coaching wrestling and lacrosse which he did for the next 20 years after retiring. He coached first, at Radnor Middle and High Schools, in Wayne, PA, and, after Dusty retired, at Buchholtz High School, in Gainesville. He coached middle school and high school but often said that he preferred coaching middle school students because they were malleable enough that he felt that he could really make a difference in their development.

He was a true renaissance man who shared his many talents with people of all ages, cultures, religious affiliations, and gender identity. He brought joy to many and gave his family and students the confidence to become leaders, athletes, and some, amateur cooks.

He is survived by his wife Dusty; his daughters, Carol Davies Whitaker, her husband Ken and their family David, Tara and Blake; Katharine ("Katie") O'Sullivan Davies and her son Jackson; and his son Kent Johnson Davies, his wife Linda and their children, Lauren, Kaitlyn and Matthew; his sister-in-law Carolyn Smith Davies and her children Tom (Cindy Moore), Lynn, Anne (Emily Minnis), and Ellen; his sister Katharine Davies Hale and her son, Beto Hale (Sandra Kourchenko); his brother Tom Davies (Stefanie Prestek) and their son, Jon (Liza Oesterle) as well as numerous great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Low Davies, the mother of Carol and Kent, and his twin brother Kent. A celebration of his life with be held this summer in Mirror Lake, NH.

RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

EFFINGHAM
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EFFINGHAM FALLS BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 111 Ironworks Rd., Effingham: Pastor Gilpatrick, 207-625-4172, www.effinghamfallsbiblebaptist.com. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m. & 3 p.m., Bible Study Mon. 7 p.m., Prayer Meetings Weds. FMI 539-5766.
FREEDOM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FREEDOM, 12 Elm St., Freedom: Pastor Mary Edes. Worship Services 10:00 am. Food Pantry 10am-Noon Saturdays; Ladies Guild 9am-2pm Wednesdays; Choir Rehearsal 7pm Tuesdays. FMI 539-6484, http://firstchristianchurchoffreedom.org.
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CROSS ROADS CHURCH, "A Family of Families," 2205 Rt. 16, West Ossipee, 603-539-4805. Worship service 9:30 a.m.
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF OSSIPEE, 50 Rt. 16B, Center Ossipee, NH 03814, 603-539-6003. Contemporary services with Biblical teaching at 9:00 am & 10:30 am on Sunday. Optional programs for infants, children, youth and adults. Visit www.firstossee.org for more information.
MOULTONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 96 Moultonville Rd., Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Rev. Carol Ames, 730-2687.
SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC, Court House Square, Ossipee. Services at 9:30 am, Rev. Michael Denney, 539-6145. Fellowship and coffee hour. Nursery care provided.
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 23 Moultonville Road, Ctr. Ossipee, 539-5036; Fr. Patrick Gilbert, Pastor; Daily Mass Tuesday & Thursday, 8 am; Weekend Masses, Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 am.
WATER VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, HWY 171, Ossipee, 539-3707. Minister Reverend James Waugh, Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
SANBORNVILLE
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, 118 High St., Sunday services: Memorial Day through Labor Day: 8 & 9:30 am September through June: 8 and 10:30 am, 522-3329, Rev. Sue Poulin.
St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 251 Meadow St., Sanbornville, 522-3304; Fr. Patrick Gilbert, Pastor; Daily Mass Mon and Wed 8 am, Friday 6:20 pm. Weekend Masses: Sat. 4 pm and Sun. 10:45 am.
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HILL CLIMB

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tion said the four season trail system would in theory still be open while event is ongoing, and raised concern about that activity as a public safety

issue. He also wondered how much snow cover is considered adequate.

It always amazes me how people make it sound simple," said Chip Maxfield. "You need to know you are not hurting the value of the property... I'd love to see a motorcycle race but not in my backyard."

John MacDonald stepped up to the mike to present his personal research. He said Gunstock doesn't allow motorcycle racing, and reported

difficulty in keeping participants who were waiting for their turn, off the trails. He said he'd like to see the group's LLC documents with their proposal and would recommend rules such as no overnight camping, and no alcoholic beverages, if it were to occur.

Duddy responded that Gunstock is a 72 degree incline and does not have racing on snow.

Bobbi Boudman raised the question, "If there is snow on the mountain,

wouldn't our children still be skiing?" The race would appear to take away that opportunity.

The town's temporary event ordinance does not include profit entities. Selectman Luke Freudenberg advised, "We need to come up with a policy on the use of our assets... The process is not laid out."

He pointed out that with the new Pop Whalen facility, more groups will be bringing proposals to the board.

SELECTMAN

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nel matters and was concerned about chemicals at the transfer station leaching into the aquifer. Albee countered that the test pits are monitored regularly by a professional company and there have been no concerns raised by th Department of Environmental Services: "If that were true, they would be here every day."

John Ratcliffe asked if the candidates believe in maintaining a peaceful town, including enforcing town ordinances fairly

and impartially. Galvin said all ordinances should be enforced. Without getting any more specific, Albee said counsel was consulted in the matter referenced by Ratcliffe, and all three selectmen have to agree.

Alana Albee asked for the candidates' opinion on the petition warrant article asking for approval of a \$250,000 capital contribution to the renovated Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Arena. The warrant shows that it is not approved by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee.

Albee expressed resentment that he can not park at "the beach named after my grandfather" and commented that Tuftonboro pays \$16,000 a year to Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation (a portion of administrative fees in return for user fees that are the same as those of Wolfeboro residents). Galvin said he did not see it as a good return on the investment.

Election Day is Tuesday, March 14. Town meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in Tuftonboro Central School.

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A teen's environmental education

BY DAVID L. SMITH
OSSIPÉE LAKE ALLIANCE

OSSIPÉE—Stella Lunt is 15, a sophomore at Kingswood Regional High School. She lives in Ossipee, a stone's throw from Leavitt Bay, where she and her family swim in the warm months off a small piece of shore they own.

In grade school she attended Green Mountain Conservation Group's Volunteer Biological Assessment Program, which got her interested in the natural world and started her on a habit that continues today—picking up litter along Old Route 25 and Leavitt Road, especially around Phillips Brook, which empties into the lake.

"Every day is Earth Day," she says with a laugh about her litter routine. "Another opportunity to show respect for the environment."

For the past two years, Stella has ramped-up her environmental commitment by being a visible and vocal attendee at the Meena gas station hearings. She has

written letters, spoken out, and learned from observing the proceedings, which she attends with her mother, Billie Lunt. She's a notable young presence in a sea of adults.

She says she knows the issues in the Meena case are complicated, and appreciates that the ZBA and Planning Board have always listened to her respectfully. But she's disappointed at what she has seen.

"At one meeting there was a discussion about bushes and landscaping that went on forever," she says. "There hasn't been enough discussion about why it's dangerous to have a gas station on top of the water supply for ten towns."

Most people learned about Meena's application by reading about it. Stella learned about it first-hand because her school bus stop is directly in front of the Meena site, which is the former Boyle's Market. That likely made her the first in her neighborhood to see construction workers arrive one day two



Stella Lunt

years ago and start digging things up.

She asked her moth-

er what was going on, and her mom asked the workmen, who told her to mind her own business. That got their attention. Later it was found the work was illegal and had to be shut down by the town.

By then, Stella had learned a lot about the owner and the application and the hearing process by which Effingham will decide

whether a gas station will be safe for the public, including her family, friends and neighbors. She and her mom have attended all of the hearings except one when Stella had a school conflict.

At first, the idea of speaking in front of a crowd was scary. But after writing a few letters and reading them aloud, she got the hang of it. Teachers at

school and her friends encouraged her.

"It's hard to be the one who says what other people are afraid to say," she says, "but I learned to do it."

At the hearings, her comments are always respectful but to the point. Having witnessed Meena's construction workers start building a gas station without town approvals, she felt justified in giving the ZBA a candid opinion of Meena's trustworthiness.

"They've already proven that they don't follow the rules," she said at the special use permit hearing in January. "A special use permit would at least allow the community to understand how the applicant intends to protect the aquifer."

Stella is committed but realistic. She knows some people are reluctant to make the gas station their issue because it's not near where they live, or they think it won't affect them if something goes wrong. She says she wishes more people would attend the hearings when they start up again.

"Experiencing the hearings is different from reading about them," she says. "If more people attended, they would see that you can't just pretend a development like this won't affect you because you don't live near it."

Local residents make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON, Mass. — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Fall 2022 semester.

* Kyle Meade of North Conway

* Adam Sam of Tamworth

* Grace Abraham of Center Tuftonboro

* Sarah Carpenter of Ossipee

Wentworth Institute of Technology
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Celtic musicians Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary to perform at Old White Church

TUFTONBORO — Celtic Concerts at The Old White Church, 109A (149 Middle Rd) in Tuftonboro are back! Beginning with Nuala Kennedy on flute and Eamon O'Leary on bouzouki and guitar on March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

"Dundalk native Nuala Kennedy, is a critically acclaimed and award-winning touring and recording artist. She sings, plays flute and whistle, and is a writer of songs and tunes. Her work draws on songs and tunes from both the Irish and Scottish traditions World renowned traditional singer and flute player Nuala Kennedy grew up playing Irish music in Dundalk, County Louth and now lives in Ennis, County Clare. Nuala is known for her creative reworking and reimagining of traditional songs and for her unique Irish flute style, formed in Dundalk and honed in her long-time adopted

home of Edinburgh, Scotland.

She is a musical adventurer who is recognized world-wide as a superlative performer of traditional music. Nuala has graced the cover of Irish Music Magazine, Sing Out! <https://www.nualakennedy.com/nuala/> Eamon O'Leary is originally from Dublin, Ireland but now lives in New York City. A singer, bouzouki and guitar player he has toured extensively throughout North America and Europe, performing and recording with many of Irish music's great players. In addition to performing, Eamon has taught at numerous music festivals in the United States and has released multiple albums himself and in collaboration with other well-known Irish artists. https://oflahertyretreat.org/instructors_staff/eamon-oleary

Longtime friends and musical collabo-

rators, Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O' Leary have toured together widely, both in duo and as part of The Alt, with celebrated Irish guitarist John Doyle. Both are internationally recognized members of the traditional music community, noted for their instrumental skills and diverse repertoire of traditional and contemporary song. Both are songwriters, who love and research traditional Irish/Scottish songs. With an engaging stage presence and understated virtuosity, they present a timeless selection of songs and instrumentals. Nuala and Eamon offer tunes and songs that range from the ancient Irish tradition to reflections on the present day, a concert experience you will long remember.

If you are interested and for further information, contact Greg and Teri Heppe at 603-998-0826 or email hepx216@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

Charles E. Gaudet, Sr., 69

With great sorrow, we are announcing the passing of Charles E. Gaudet, Sr. He passed away February 22, 2023, after a nine-month battle with Glioblastoma Unmethylated Malignant Brain Cancer. Charlie was 69 years old.

Charlie was born in Arlington, Massachusetts to the late Victor A Gaudet, Sr., and the late Mary Margaret (Regan) Gaudet Iandosa on June 20, 1953.

He was raised in Woburn, Massachusetts. He graduated from Woburn High School and was a star athlete winning many titles on the wrestling team. Charlie attended Northeastern University and graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a degree in Architectural Engineering.

Charlie was an Entrepreneur in the Construction and Real Estate Industry.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 48 years, Louise A. (St. Hilaire) Gaudet, and their children Charles E. Gaudet, II (Heather), Christopher A Gaudet, Sr. (Ting), Jolie D. Gorman (Casey), and Jon-Ross M. Gaudet (Sara). Charlie "Papa" idolized, forever cherished, and loved his nine grandchildren, Branson, Sage, Sabrina, Christopher Jr, Waverley, Jackson, Brooke, Scarlett, and Vivienne. He is survived by his siblings and their families, Cathy Peterson,

Allison Gaudet, Michael Gaudet, Victor Gaudet, Jr., and Stephen Gaudet. He was the brother of the late Edward Gaudet. He also is survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Paul and Susan St. Hilaire, Denise and Philip Hua, Daniel Delorey, Judy Gaudet, and Flora Gaudet. Charlie was predeceased by his parents, and his sisters and brother-in-law Col. Frank Collins, Claudette St. Hilaire Collins, and Diane St. Hilaire Delorey.

Charlie, Louise, and his family lived in MA and NH. Charlie's love for any outdoor and water activity brought him to the beautiful waters of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Charlie had an unquenchable thirst for water sports, especially "Barefootin", and boating. He was also passionate about health and fitness. You could be sure he would never turn down a good challenge no matter what that may be. Everyone has a great story to tell. Charlie was authentically and wholeheartedly there for all those in his life. He had very strong values, always everything with honesty and integrity. He was well-liked by everyone, mostly due to his positive high energy, his loyalty, and trustworthiness. Charlie always made time to help others.

His legacy will carry on forever reminding us to choose to live a life of meaningful acts of love and service. There are no

words that express the greatness of this man or how grateful and blessed we are to have been able to call him husband, Dad, Papa, friend, brother, Uncle, and Cousin. Charlie was a hardworking man of strong character and an exceptional sense of loyalty and trustworthiness. Charlie's love for his wife and family and those who were close to him are his legacies of lifetime memories and are a wonderful tribute to his life.

The family of Charlie would like to thank Novacure-Optune of Portsmouth, NH, Wentworth-Douglas Hospital Cancer Center in Dover NH, Mass General Brigham Hospital, Dana Faber, Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, his Oncology Surgeons, Team of Oncology Doctors and Nurses, and The Hospice Team of Doctors and Nurses for their compassionate care during Charlie's 9-month battle with cancer.

It was Charlie's wish that services be private with no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time. E-condolences at www.odonnellfuneralhome.com. Those wishing to make donations in Charlie's memory can be made to one of the cancer centers: danafarber.org/gift.giving.massgeneral.org and give.brighamandwomens.org. Arrangements by the O'Donnell Funeral Home – Lowell-MA (978) 458-8768.



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FRANK CHILINSKI, *Publisher*

BRENDAN BERUBE, *Editor*

Things aren’t always what they seem

We see it on Facebook, and other social media accounts — seemingly happy people carrying on about their lives without a care in the world. As we scroll, we tend to pass judgements on what is in reality, a blip in the lives of those who’s photos we are currently looking at. A mere moment, that perhaps lasted less than a second, is captured, and in that moment, we feel that we are free to make a distinction on what that individual is going through in the moments and days prior; or what they may be feeling like in the moments just after. Don’t do that.

The best way to find out how a friend, co-worker or family member is, is to simply ask them. With the past year being what it was, mental health issues and rates of suicide are sky rocketing. Is this really a time to pass judgement? Or is this an opportunity to lift those up around us and to make sure that we’re all hanging in there?

As humans, some of us can handle any given situation with more grit than others. Some can carry on for just so long until it just becomes too much. Those that have that grit, are those who have the ability to extend their hand, tell someone that they will be ok and that they are not alone. Support for a person overwhelmed, depressed or anxious is paramount to their well being. Sure, it feels good to act tough, and announce that X, Y, or Z doesn’t bother you, but the world is not all about you and it never will be. Be kind, it just feels better.

When a person breaks their leg and can temporarily no longer work, they are sent flowers, offered encouraging words of support, given sick time and sent home with casseroles. If a person with a mental health condition takes time off to regroup and to seek the help and therapy that they need to live, it becomes an issue. Because you can’t SEE the injury. What you might see is a smile that lasted a split second, and you pass judgement — ‘Oh, they aren’t really sick.’ Guess what? You are wrong. Make no mistake, we all go through challenging times, that doesn’t mean that we all handle them in the same way.

Discrimination against a person with any health issue, whether it be physical or mental, is illegal. Furthermore, it’s morally wrong. Do we really want to be a society that has stopped supporting one another? We vote no. When we see a neighbor plow the driveway of the house down the street, or three neighbors pulling a stranger’s car out of a ditch, we are reminded of how at our cores, we are all kind.

Take note — mental illness is not a character defect. There are many reasons a person may develop an issue, whether it’s temporary, brought on by stress, illness or whether it’s genetic. Some anxiety may resurface as an adult, due to childhood trauma. Either way, we don’t know unless we know.

When people don’t understand mental illness, they tend to behave prejudice against those who admit they have an issue. Those people are often treated as though they don’t have a real health issue and are then discriminated against. This leads to shame in the person who openly admits that they need help, and so the stigma surrounding mental health is born.

Many workplaces have excellent support systems in place for employees who need help, these to include police and fire departments. These places are to be commended for looking out for one another.

Here are ways to decrease the stigma, be in the know and help your neighbors. Educate yourself, be aware of your attitude towards those who confide in you, pay attention to your judgements and choose your words carefully. When you do educate yourself, spread the word. Treat those around you with respect and offer encouragement, or a slice of pizza, anything goes. We say it often, take care of each other, now more than ever. Being kind is pretty darn easy.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author’s name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author’s name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.



ELISSA PAQUETTE

Friends of Abenaki present donation to selectmen

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Chairman Dave Senecal accepts check from Bill Swaffield for additional snow making equipment valued at \$9,658 from the Friends of Abenaki for expanded snowmaking at Abenaki Ski Area.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our residents should be heard

To the Editor:

It’s been four months since my unexpected termination from Mountain View Community. Since the beginning of January, the County Commissioners have listened to many who have expressed concerns regarding the elimination of this position and the direction of Mountain View. The residents of Carroll County need to know that contrary to what was stated in a recent Commissioner meeting, there were no problems at the facility when the former ADM Howie Chandler left. I was working there at that time. The facility was in great shape due to amazing staff with strong department heads. Staff were respected and residents were given the care they deserved, providing them the best quality of life possible.

Carol Lundgren, an elder advocate, submitted a letter to the Commissioners with thoughts from four residents. She had asked for it to be read in to the minutes. During the Commissioners meeting last week, they had a discussion about whether or not

they should do this. It was stated by a commissioner that it’s “hearsay, I’d rather just meet with the residents, they’ve been in lock down due to COVID, just another effort to smear the county.” The letter would not have needed to be submitted if the Commissioners had responded to the initial request on Jan. 12 to meet with the residents. Carol met with them because the residents were disappointed not to be acknowledged for their need to be heard. The letter was heartfelt without any hearsay; rather, the resident’s words were verbatim. The intent is to keep Mountain View at its best, NEVER to smear its name. There has been COVID, but the facility has not been locked down. Visitors have been allowed in.

The residents would be very grateful if the commissioners meet with them and listen to what they have to say.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patti Cain
Wolfeboro*

Make your voice heard!

To the Editor:

The Tuftonboro Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Central School. All Tuftonboro registered voters are encouraged to attend. If you are not currently registered to vote, you can do so at the Town Election on Tuesday, March 14 at the Tuftonboro Town House from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

In New Hampshire, all residents have a direct voice and a direct vote with their local government by participating in Town Meeting. In order to participate in decisions as the “legislative body” of the town, you must be a registered voter and you have to attend the meeting. The town warrant is posted on the town Web site, www.tuftonboronh.gov, and in the Town Report available at the Town Offices. All warrant articles will be discussed and voted on at Town Meeting.

In 2022, there were approximately 144 voters (of 1,975 registered voters) in attendance at Tuftonboro’s Town Meeting. Those 7 percent of registered voters made the decisions on town business that night. Of the 10 warrant articles voted on, there were two very close votes. One was for additional funding for a new police facility, which was defeated with a 62-68 vote. The other close vote was deciding whether to purchase a baler for paper recycling, which was defeated 61-65.

If you wish to participate as a decision maker in Tuftonboro, I encourage all residents to come on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. to Tuftonboro Central School for Town Meeting.

Be sure to attend to make your voice heard!

*Jennifer Coulter
Town Clerk
Tuftonboro*

You are owed the best value for your money

To the Editor:

Please consider my candidacy for an assignment on Wolfeboro’s Budget Committee. I have lived in town for over 14 years and have served on the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. I spent my career in the tech and internet industry.

This year, Wolfeboro voters are being asked to provide roughly \$50 million in operating, capital and school board monies. Large budgets need tight focus and close examination to ensure spending delivers on priorities.

The Select Board spends every month participating with committees, reviewing operations and giving prudential oversight of the Town’s business. They are connected and engaged. The Select Board reviews and recommends capital and spending priorities to the Budget Committee.

State law does not require a town to have a Budget Committee. But the voters of Wolfeboro decided, many years ago, that a Budget Committee was needed as a professional way to add perspective to both operating and capital spending.

State guidelines remind us that Budget Committee members also have a duty to connect and engage with Town Departments, the public and those teams that recommend spending priorities to the Select Board. Several Budget Committee members take this duty seriously. The guidelines do not restrict the Budget Committee from providing you with written opinions nor do the guidelines require the Budget Committee to duplicate the efforts of the Select Board.

The Budget Committee has the authority to review current and planned spending, conduct analysis, hold public hearings and adjust the total operating budget if the members find a justifiable reason to do so. The Budget Committee is your voice. They directly represent your interests. You deserve to hear their opinions

and learn whether the budget makes sense and has been built with tradeoffs in mind.

Our new Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center was a \$7 million capital investment in 2022. At the recent Deliberative Session, members of the public pointed out that the proposed 2023 Pop Whelan operating budget failed to incorporate the personnel and materials needed to operate the new facility. Without objection by the Select Board, Town administration or Budget Committee, the Town’s budget went up by more than \$100,000.

This miscue was avoidable and should be looked at as a learning experience and not a finger pointing exercise. But to be clear, we need to avoid miscues. Last minute efforts to deal with the complex budget issues points to poor alignment and role confusion.

Refreshing our understanding of Budget Committee roles and responsibilities, consistent with the state guidelines, should be an annual event. Updating how we conduct public meetings and how we deliver the best advice to the voters should also be refreshed. Duplication of work should be eliminated especially when the duplication results in added cost, overlooking items and questionable value.

In my view, voters should expect the Budget Committee to answer three questions: Did I get what I paid for last year? Are we spending money to maintain town assets? And, is the town working on the right priorities in the upcoming budget and funding them properly? In order to answer those questions, we all need to be prepared and involved throughout the year. It’s hard work, lots of reading and lots of personal time.

Wolfeboro taxpayers are very generous and trusting. We owe you the best performance with your money.

Thank you

*Paul O’Brien
Wolfeboro*

Thank you, Ruth

To the Editor:

What a fantastic poem by Ruth Shillereff! It is my best guess that most every home can be described by what she wrote (I know ours can). All of us save things, but it is the last verse of her poem that really

makes a house a ‘home’ and relatives a ‘family’

Thank you, Ruth, and Happy Birthday to a great lady.

*David Bentley
Wolfeboro*

VOTERS GUIDE TO THE WOLFEBORO TOWN ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 – 8:00 AM–7:00 PM AT THE GREAT HALL AT TOWN HALL

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS				ARTICLE 11: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING RENOVATION AND EXPANSION		ARTICLE 18: TOWN ROAD UPGRADES															
OFFICE	CANDIDATES	TERM	VOTE FOR	Bonded Item - \$13,140,000		Unassigned Fund Balance \$850,000															
Town Clerk	Patricia M. Waterman	3 Year	1	Raise and appropriate \$13,140,000 for structural, replacement, expansion and renovations and equipment replacement of the Public Safety Building. This project will keep: Dispatch, Fire, and Police at the current South Main Street location. (20 Year Bond)		Raise and appropriate \$850,000 for the purpose of upgrading, engineering, town roads, sidewalks, and drainage systems. Anticipated road work include Trask Mtn. Upper Trask Mtn. Haynes Hill. Project to be funded with the towns fund balance therefore no tax impact.															
Moderator	Randy R. Walker	2-Year	1	<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact:</u> 2023-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2024-\$0.51 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2025-\$0.51 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation		<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>															
Selectmen	David A. Senecal Linda T. Murray Jody Persson	3-Year	2	(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)		(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)															
Police Commissioner	Stephen D. Wood	3-Year	1	3/5 Majority Vote Required		Majority Vote Required															
Trustee of Trust Funds	Barbara L. Lobdell	3-Year	1	ARTICLE 12: LIBBY MUSEUM RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT General Fund--\$4,000,000		ARTICLE 19: GREEN STREET UPGRADES General Fund--\$430,000 Water Fund--\$100,000															
Library Trustees (1 Year)	Stephen Farley	1-Year	1	Raise and appropriate \$4,000,000 for structural, repairs, equipment replacement, expansion, renovation, and engineering of the Libby Museum. \$1,425,000 to be raised by taxation, \$305,000 from an established capital reserve fund, and \$70,000 from an endowment. \$2,200,000 in funds have been raised by the friends of the Libby Museum. (20 Year Bond)		Raise and appropriate \$530,000 for the purpose of upgrading Green Street. Funds to be utilized for engineering, storm water drainage systems, the replacement of water and sewer mains and to rebuild the roadway approximately 710 liner feet of roadway.															
Library Trustees (3 Year)	Linda Wilberton Brodie Deshaies	3-Year	2	<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact:</u> 2023-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2024-\$0.08 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2025-\$0.08 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation		<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 20203-\$0.18 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>															
Budget Committee (1 Year)	Bobbi Boudman	1-Year	1	(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-1) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3)		(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)															
Budget Committee (3 Year)	Paul O'Brien Brian R. Black Steve Johnson John T. MacDonald	3-Year	3	3/5 Majority Vote Required		Majority Vote Required															
Planning Board	Steven R. Webster Peter Goodwin Roger F. Murray, III	3-Year	2	ARTICLE 13: Sewer Line Extension – Forest and Varney Roads Bonded Item \$1,000,000		ARTICLE 20: MINI EXCAVATOR General Fund--\$78,000 Water Fund--\$26,000 Sewer Fund--\$26,000															
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Steven Petsche Suzanne J. Ryan Audrey Cline Jody Persson	3-Year	2	Raise and appropriate \$1,000,000 for engineering and installing sewer extensions on Forest Road, and Varney Road.		Raise and appropriate \$120,000 for the purchase of a mini excavator. This is a piece of equipment which the town does not currently own.															
ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS				<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact:</u> 2023-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2024-\$0.06 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2025-\$0.06 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation		<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.03 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>															
In Section §175-175 Definitions to add “Accessory Dwelling Unit”, adding “Affordable Housing”, amending “Boathouse”, adding “Conditional or Special Use Permit”, adding “Short Term Rental”, adding “Yield Plan”				(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-2)		(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)															
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ARTICLE 3: COMMERCIAL DISTRICT C2				ARTICLE 14: WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SOUTH MAIN STREET TO CENTER STREET Bonded Item \$2,000,000		ARTICLE 21: MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC BOAT Electric Fund--\$170,000															
In Section §175-109 through 112: Deleting “Commercial District C2” in its entirety.				Raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of replacing vintage water mains on South Main Street from Center Street to the Smith River Bridge. Town has been awarded a \$310,000 ARPA grant for this project, and which will also be subject to loan forgiveness. Project likely to take place in 2024.		Raise and appropriate \$196,000 to be placed in the existing Municipal Electric Boat which has reached the end of its useful life cycle. This purchase will have no impact on the tax rate.															
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ARTICLE 4: PERMITTED USES				(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)		(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)															
In Section §175-65 Amending Permitted Uses in Shorefront Residential District to including Accessory Dwelling Units and further to amend §175-65 C, regarding permitting criteria for boathouses.				3/5 Majority Vote Required		Majority Vote Required															
Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0) Majority Vote Required				ARTICLE 15: FIRE TRUCK LEASE PURCHASE Equipment Lease \$850,000		ARTICLE 22: AFSCME COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT General Fund--\$107,733															
ARTICLE 5: IMPROVEMENT STANDARD				Raise and appropriate \$200,000 in 2023 to enter into a lease agreement to purchase a replacement fire truck. Annual payments will be made on this purchase however there will be no capital reserve appropriations until this lease is paid off. Last payment is estimated to be made in 2027.		To approve cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and Local #534 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The employment contract covers 43 of our employees.															
In Section §175-67 Amending Shorefront Lot Improvement Standards				<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact:</u> 2023-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2024-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation 2025-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation		<table><tr><td>Year</td><td>Wages</td><td>Benefits</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>2023</td><td>\$86,863</td><td>\$20,870</td><td>\$107,733</td></tr><tr><td>2024</td><td>\$60,917</td><td>\$14,475</td><td>\$75,392</td></tr></table>				Year	Wages	Benefits	Total	2023	\$86,863	\$20,870	\$107,733	2024	\$60,917	\$14,475	\$75,392
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ARTICLE 6: DELETION OF SECTIONS				Majority Vote Required		(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)															
Sections §175-143 through 145: These sections to be deleted entirely.				ARTICLE 16: 2023 OPERATING BUDGET All Funds--\$31,325,890		Majority Vote Required															
Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0) Majority Vote Required				Raise and appropriate an operating budget, the amounts of \$31,325,890. Should this article be defeated the operating budget shall be \$30,669,065, which is the same as last year's operating budget, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town or by law.		ARTICLE 23: NEPBA (POLICE) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT General Fund--\$64,780															
ARTICLE 7: SECTION AMENDMENTS				<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.08 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>		To approve cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and Local #39 of the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) The employment contract covers 17of our employees.															
Amending §175-71 Village Residential, §175-81 Residential District, §175-86 General Residential, §175-106 Bay Street Limited Business District, §175-96 Pine Hill Road Development District, §175-100 South Wolfeboro Limited Business District, §175-121 Center Street/Rte. 28 Mixed-Use Business District, §175-91 Commercial District C1 Central Business District (CBD), §175-116 Wolfeboro Falls Limited Business District each to have multi-family language added as permitted uses, language amended and moved from §175-143 through 145 Multifamily Dwellings respectively.				(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)		<table><tr><td>Year</td><td>Wages</td><td>Benefits</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>2023</td><td>\$44,843</td><td>\$19,937</td><td>\$64,780</td></tr><tr><td>2024</td><td>\$22,080</td><td>\$6,640</td><td>\$28,720</td></tr></table>				Year	Wages	Benefits	Total	2023	\$44,843	\$19,937	\$64,780	2024	\$22,080	\$6,640	\$28,720
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ARTICLE 8: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT				(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)		(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)															
In Section § 175-57.1 Accessory Dwelling Unit amending language to permit ADUs by right and those permitted by Conditional Use Permit.				ARTICLE 17: SEWER PUMP STATION UPGRADES General Fund--\$648,000		Majority Vote Required															
Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0) Majority Vote Required				Raise and appropriate \$648,000 for the purposes of paying for increased costs of engineering, equipment, construction, and inspections of the Lehner and Mill Street sewer pump stations.		ARTICLE 24: SCHOOL RESOURCE POLICE OFFICER – KINGSWOOD CAMPUS															
ARTICLE 9:				Project to be paid from State Aid Grant to be received over the next 5 years therefore no tax impact.		Raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,706 for the purpose of creating a new School Resource Officer for the Kingswood Campus.															
In Section §175-28 to amend Inclusionary Zoning.				<u>Estimated tax rate impact: 2023-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>		<u>Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.02 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>															
Recommended by the Planning Board (5-2-0) Majority Vote Required				(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)		(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4-0-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3)															
ARTICLE 10: LANGUAGE				Majority Vote Required		Majority Vote Required															
In Section §175-55.1 et. seq. to amend language for permission to build on Lots with no frontage as excepted under NH RSA 674:41 II-a.				ARTICLE 25: POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE General Fund--\$66,000		To raise and appropriate \$66,000 to purchase a new Police Cruiser and ancillary cruiser equipment.															
Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0) Majority Vote Required				Raise and appropriate \$66,000 to purchase a new Police Cruiser and ancillary cruiser equipment.		\$10,000 from Special Police Detail Revolving Fund															
Detailed information available at the Town Web Page: wolfeboronh				Majority Vote Required		\$56,000 from general taxation.															
						The existing 2009 vehicle shall be disposed of by sale, auc-															

tion, or trade, whichever is in the best interest of the Town. Proceeds from sale to be deposited into the Town’s General Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.03 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Police Commission by a vote of 3-0)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 26: READoption of Veterans Tax Credits

Optional tax credit for all Veterans. \$500.00 per year.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-0-3)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 27: Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
General Fund-- \$300,000

Raise and appropriate \$300,000 to be placed in Capital Reserve to be used for scheduled vehicle & equipment replacement.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.13 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 28: Sidewalk Capital Reserve Funding
General Fund--\$75,000

Raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be placed in Capital Reserve to be used for repairing sidewalks.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.03 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 29: Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Funding
General Fund--\$50,000

Raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in Capital Reserve to be used for unscheduled building repairs.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.02 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 30: Wastewater Treatment Capital Reserve Funding
Sewer Fund \$200,000

Raise and appropriate \$200,000 to be placed in Capital Reserve to be used for pump replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.08 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)

ARTICLE 31: Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Funding
General Fund \$100,000

Raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in Non-Capital Reserve fund for water quality projects and grant matching.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.04 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1-1)

ARTICLE 32: Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund
General Fund--\$25,000

To raise and appropriate the \$25,000 to be placed in the existing Abenaki Ski Area Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing or repairing the snowmaking equipment, the groomer, light poles and mechanical, electrical and safety equipment related to the Abenaki Ski Area.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023-\$0.01 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 33: Establish Tree Removal & Replacement Expendable Trust Fund
General Fund--\$125,000

Raise and appropriate \$125,000 to establish a tree removal and replacement fund.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023-\$0.05 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-2)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 34: Warmth and More Fund – Expanded

To expand the already existing Warmth and More Fund to operate a wood bank for those in need.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023-\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 35: Petition Warrant Article
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of contributing to construction of a new playground at Carpenter School?

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.02 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-4)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 36: Petition Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000 for the purpose of constructing an access way 45 feet long extending from the sidewalk on South Main Street along the west side of Cate Park to create an ADA standards compliant ramp providing access for disabled people to the park and the waterfront. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2024 or upon completion of the project, whichever occurs first.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.03 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 37: Petition Warrant Article
To ask the town selectmen to support the beautification of the town; specifically in the areas by the Railroad Station Trolley pickup, Town Hall, and the strip of dirt in front of IGA by doing the following:

1. Combine current landscaping budgets now split between Parks & Recreation and Public Works to make it easier to manage currently fragmented landscaping work and costs.
2. To increase funding by \$10,700, in addition to the current budgets of Parks and Recreation and Public Works to allow an external landscaping company to be hired for 25 hours a week for 20 weeks
3. To add an additional \$4K to the plant materials budget for hardy perennials.

The majority of our town landscape areas are maintained on a volunteer basis by the Wolfeboro Garden Club or individuals. In 2022, these spaces were eyesores and greatly neglected. It is no longer sustainable for the spaces cited above to be maintained by a volunteer, or to be added to Garden Club projects. Parks and rec attempted to hire a gardener in 2022 with a budget of 32 hours @ 20 weeks /\$18.25 hr. (\$11,980.80) and were unsuccessful in finding a candidate.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.01 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Board of Selectmen voted to abstain 0-0-5)
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 38: Petition Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Commission. Under RSA 35-B members shall be citizens of Wolfeboro and consist of (9) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen serving staggering terms of the three years, with one member of the BOS serving as ex-officio pursuant to RSA 35-B-4. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Commission shall exercise the powers and duties vested in it in accordance with RSA 35-B:3, with any powers not so designated, retained by the Board of Selectmen and Wolfeboro Town Meeting. Further pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II, establish a Recreation Revolving Fund whose expenditures shall be for the sole purposes of parks and recreation. Said fund shall not be considered part of the Town’s unreserved fund balance. (Non-lapsing funds).
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 39: Petition Warrant Article

By Petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Wolfeboro to see if the town will vote to prohibit expending town funds for the purpose of taking action towards the banning of books or any other content from our Wolfeboro Public Library thereby guaranteeing our citizens their First Amendment Rights and their rights under the New Hampshire Constitution [Art.] 22. [Free Speech; Liberty of the Press.]

Additionally, to see if the town will direct the Selectmen of the Town of Wolfeboro to urge the New Hampshire General Court to stop all actions including House and Senate Bills infringing upon First Amendment Rights as explained in the 1939 Library Bill of Rights, the 1953 Freedom to Read Statement, and 1999 Libraries: An American Value. The record of this vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to our New Hampshire State Legislators, and our Carroll County Attorney, informing them of the vote of the March 14, 2023, Town Election within 30 days
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5-0)
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 40: Petition Warrant Article

Are you in favour of authorizing the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to 1)accept the mountain bike trails constructed on town owned parcels of land known as the Abenaki Recreational Area and Wolfeboro Spray Fields with a donated construction cost and values of \$165,512.59. 2) determine what is in the best interest of the town and said properties for future development of the mountain bike trail system and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a legal and binding agreement with the Wolfeboro Single Track alliance to operate and maintain the Abenaki Recreational Area and Wolfeboro spray field mountain bike trail system, and 3) accept further financial donations for future mountain bike trail development.
Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2023--\$0.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation
(Board of Selectmen voted to abstain 0-0-5)
Majority Vote Required

HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

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		11. Public Safety Building
		12. Libby Museum
		13. Sewer Extensions
		14. Main Street Water Line
		15. Fire Truck Lease
		16. 2023 Operating Budget
		17. Sewer Pump Stations
		18. Town Road Upgrade
		19. Green Street Upgrade
		20. Mini Excavator
		21. MED Boat
		22. Employment Contact (employees)
		23. Employment Contract (Police)
		24. School Resource
		25. Police Vehicle Replacement
		26. Veterans Tax Credit
		27. Public Works Capital Replacement
		28. Sidewalk Capital Replacement
		29. Building Maint. Capital Reserve
		30. WWTP Capital Reserve
		31. Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve
		32. Establish Tree Removal Replacement Capital Reserve
		33. Warmth & More Expanded
		35-40 Petitioned Articles



BY DANIEL W. LAKE
Tufnorboro

One characteristic of life is active engagement with the environment to maintain, enhance, and transmit that life forward. When we think of non-life, inertia is the first thing that comes to mind. We come to the Southwest in winter because the warmer, dryer climate opens the door to more activity. Hiking, climbing the switchback ledges of Zion Canyon, a picnic along the shores of Bartlett Lake, a trip through the mountains to Crown King, walking red rock canyons in Sedona, camping under the stars, riding my beloved Pepe through the backside of forgotten lands, and Pickleball all adds interest and vigor to our lives, not to mention better physical and mental health.

But nothing is free. There's a cost for these active adventures in terms of airline tickets, shuttles, rent for house and car, and the stress of travel. For instance, last week a friend and I rode our motorcycles 120 miles through the Bloody Basin/Agua Fria National Monument along the Great Western Trail (3,000 miles Mexico to Canada). Calling our route a road is a gross over statement. It was really rough, filled with dinosaur eggs, ruts, eroded channels, steep cliff-edged switchbacks full of loose gravel, muddy stream crossings, and washboarded sections that beat both bike and man. Within a mile of returning home I noticed the temperature gauge had risen and I could smell antifreeze. Pulling

into the garage I shut off the ignition and watched water drip out of the radiator. No damage to the engine, but I had to buy and install a new radiator. Activities and adventures carry a cost.

Which brings me to discussions now carrying on in Wolfeboro and many surrounding towns—the desire of many people for more activity facilities, especially for colder months. Speaking for myself, I'm getting to the place where winter travel is becoming more of a bummer both physically and emotionally. I love my home and community, and feel a low-grade exile living in someone else's house while mine sits empty. Where it not for the activity of my little adventures and Pickleball, plus dinners with

friends and discovering new things, I would not be here this year.

Let's face it, our towns are becoming more gray every year. And healthy activity is one of the best investments to prolong those graying years in health and happiness. But again, everything comes at a cost. Consider this anecdote from my deceased friend, Gertrude Erickson. Gert was the oldest of 7-children when her mother died. Her father was a school custodian and they had little money. Gert was 13 years old. Taking her aside after the funeral, her father said, "Now Gert, you are in charge of the house. You'll have to do the shopping and cooking. We don't have a lot of money so I want you to buy only the best foods, because it is better to eat good food than spend the money on doctors."

I believe this same rationale is behind the increased interests in more facilities in multiple communities for healthy, active exercise. Moultonborough is

discussing "The Hub", a large building with swimming pool, etc. Wolfeboro has renovated the Pop Whalen arena for better and increased use. A small group is exploring the possibility of a Regional YMCA in our area. Another group is vetting locations for an indoor Pickleball facility. And since interest in Pickleball has exploded nationally, still other groups are looking into building courts, indoor and outdoor, in multiple towns (disclaimer: my wife is a Pickleball zealot). I like it, too, because it doesn't require the athleticism of tennis, is easy to learn, requires only a court, paddle, and ball, yet works up a good sweat in just a few minutes. And it is simply a lot of fun where you meet many nice people.

Having said this, we circle back to cost/price. An active life has a cost. But so does an inactive life. Either way, there's a cost—one is fun and therapeutic, the other is painful and debilitating. Take your choice—good

food and exercise, or medical liability. Obviously, this is a gross generalization. Some people drink, smoke, sit in front of TV and live to be 100. I get that. But as a rule, any credible medical professional will recommend good food, exercise, and low stress lifestyle. And when I add up our costs for an active winter, donating 25% of that for active winter facilities at home would be a bargain.

Sure, a person can still hike, snowshoe, do yoga, ice skate... but having a regular schedule, a safe, warm place to be active and have the social exchange with friends is more conducive to getting us up and out. It's fun. It's healthy. It makes the day go so much faster.

Communities are going to have more and more discussions around this topic going forward. And I suspect that active facilities, built with common sense, could be funded entirely by goodwill donors and not tax money. Active life is good for all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COUNTINUED

Vote 'No' on Wolfeboro zoning amendments

To the Editor:

A letter to the Editor in last week's Granite State News addressed proposed zoning amendments to be voted on at Wolfeboro's March 14 town election at the Town Hall. Those amendments, which appear as Articles 2-10 on the ballot, make major changes to multiple sections of the Wolfeboro Zoning Ordinance that weaken the existing regulations and are difficult, if not impossible, to understand. Among the concerns are the following:

Article 2. Accessory Dwelling Units: The amendment allows detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), except in the Shorefront Residential District. Where one single-family dwelling is permitted now, two single-family dwellings would be allowed. The amendment authorizes the Planning Board to waive the requirements intended to limit the impact of detached ADUs, including the requirement that the lot meets the minimum lot size and frontage requirements of the zoning district.

Article 3. Inclusionary Zoning: Inclusionary Zoning is currently allowed by Special Exception in the Village Residential, Residential, and General Residential Districts. This amend-

ment would expand it to all zoning districts, except the Shorefront Residential and Municipal Watershed Districts, and replaces the Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment with a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. Multifamily dwellings, with no limit on the number of units contained in a building, would be allowed everywhere, except in the Shorefront Residential and Municipal Watershed Districts. The amendment authorizes the Planning Board to waive all provisions of the Inclusionary Zoning regulations.

Article 4. Boathouse: The amendment removes the requirement that a boathouse be used solely as a docking facility and have a pitched roof.

Article 8. Shorefront Residential District: The amendment eliminates the protection afforded by requiring that an applicant for a boathouse receive a special use permit from the Planning Board which shall consider the recommendation of the Conservation Commission.

Article 9. Multifamily Dwellings: The amendment eliminates the limitation on the number of multifamily dwelling units that can be in a building so that the only limitation is the number

of units that can be placed on a lot. The amendment also eliminates the provisions allowing more than one multifamily building on a lot and allowing residential units in buildings with commercial units. Under the current Zoning Ordinance, two-thirds of an acre is required to convert an existing residential building into four multifamily dwelling units. The amendment requires two acres for the conversion into four units.

Article 10. Lots with no frontage: The amendment eliminates the requirement that the lot complies with the area and all other zoning requirements, except frontage, and that the driveway be constructed and approved prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. A Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment is no longer required, but instead a Conditional Use Permit which can only be appealed to the superior court.

Zoning changes should be made gradually to see if they accomplish the intended purpose. Permitted uses can always be expanded, but it is very difficult to roll them back if there are problems. Please vote "No" on Articles 2-10.

Andrea Dudley
Citizens For Wolfeboro

Candidate for Wolfeboro Planning Board

To the Editor:

I am a candidate for a three-year term on the Wolfeboro Planning Board. Growing up, I spent at least part of every summer in Wolfeboro. After graduating from college, I came up for the summer and never left. I met my wife Linda here and we raised our children in Wolfeboro. They all moved away, but gradually, they all moved back. We are very fortunate to have all three children and our five grandchildren living in Wolfeboro.

I first became involved in land use and zoning as a member of the Wolfeboro Planning Board from 1973-1979. Eventually, I became vice-chair and then the chair. In those capacities, I talked to the town's attorney about issues before the

Planning Board which I found very interesting. Those conversations influenced my decision to attend law school.

After law school, I worked briefly for a local law firm and then opened my law office in Wolfeboro which I operated for forty years until I retired in 2021. My practice included real estate and zoning and I represented a local planning board. Since I represented clients before the Wolfeboro Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, I could not serve on either of those boards, but I stayed involved. I served on many committees, including master plan, parking, and shorefront and attended numerous hearings on proposed zoning amendments. I am presently on the Route 28 Study Committee and the Charrette

Implementation Committee. I am a longtime Wolfeboro representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission. I was on the board of the Friends of Wolfeboro Town Hall and presently serve on the board of the Wolfeboro Public Library Foundation.

I am familiar with and have a good understanding of the Wolfeboro Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Regulations, the Site Review Regulations, and state land use statutes. I enjoyed my time on the Planning Board in the 1970s and would like to use my knowledge and experience on behalf of the town. I would appreciate your vote at the Town Election on March 14.

Roger Murray
Wolfeboro

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The Music Corner



BY CANDICE BELLINGER
Wolfeboro Academy of Music

Born on Nov. 14, 1809, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel felt compelled to play the piano, to compose and from a young age this is just what she did. At the age of 14, she played all 24 Preludes from Bach's "Well Tempered Clavier" from memory for her father's birthday. Her brother, Felix, four years her younger, followed in her footsteps and so began a lifelong love of music, performing and composition for the brother and sister pair. While Felix was in the limelight, his sister's gifts were no secret from the public. Her composing was quite prolific and primarily for piano and lieder, with a piano trio and quartet, an orchestral overture, which I recently heard live at the Portland Symphony and four Cantatas; one of which "Lobgesang" (Song of Praise) composed for her son's first birthday. The introduction, so sweet and full of love, I find this to be one of the most peaceful moments in her music I have had the pleasure of listening to.

Her "Piano Trio in d minor, Op. 11" drives the point home; she is strong, she belongs in this world to compose, to play and nothing was going to stop her. Coming from a well to do family, there was no need for her to seek monetary remuneration. She never expressed a need to be recognized or published, but to be respected and taken seriously for her great talent and knowledge in the field of piano performance and composition.

It is well known, many of her compositions were published



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Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

under her brother, Felix Mendelssohn's name, however; her reputation was so well known, it was not difficult for the distinguished peer to know they were listening to her music. Composed in 1828, "Easter Sonata" for piano was not discovered until 1970 and attributed to her brother. Not until 2010 was it brought to light that this was in fact her composition.

In 1841, she composed "Das Jahr" a series of pieces for piano depicting the months of the year. This composition was accompanied by a short poem and illustration by her husband for each month. This is a lovely compilation and I encourage you to listen!

The strength in her musical lines and passionate pulsating rhythms seem to deliver

a message that she herself had a need to play, to compose and it didn't matter if anyone was listening. Music was there for her and she, in her beautiful way, shared her music with us all. Music transcends time—her message is with us all, we just have to listen.

If you are a history buff, I encourage you to read "The Mendelssohn Family, From Letters and Journals," written by Fanny's only living son; Sebastian Ludwig Felix Hensel. There we will learn more about the courage and charisma of this spectacular woman, born before her time! If you are "tech challenged" and would like my assistance with finding our weekly listening, please email me at musicwam@yahoo.com. You can also find me on Facebook.

Almanac

"You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength."

— Marcus Aurelius

WOLFEBORO WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

BY BILL SWAFFIELD				
Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Snow
2/28/23	30	17	.67"	7.2"
3/1/23	41	19	.07"	.8"
3/2/23	36	28	.38"	3.1"
3/3/23	41	23		
3/4/23	32	24	1.08"	11.8"
3/5/23	39	24		
3/6/23	40	26		

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COUNTINUED

The ramifications of HB 514 are obscene

To the Editor:

Yup, you, know with the coming of spring and eight feet of snow this month, you get the squirrels. Good old Max, normally a champion of free speech, remember the freedom to call somebody a baby killer? Max scrounging in the snow wondering what's wrong with banning obscene material from K-12? Like don't we all?

He says HB 514 will exempt universities, public libraries and the like from reading whatever they want. As usual, Max omits a few things; most thoughtful parents would also want to know what else is in that bill? As parents and grandparents. we have plenty of concerns about what constitutes Free Speech and making sure our Public Schools are safe.

HB 514 reads in part, "No institution in the university system or community college system of New Hampshire, museum, public library, or governmental agency,

nor any person acting as an employee or agent of such institution, shall be arrested, charged or indicted for any violation of a provision of this chapter until such time as the material involved has first been the subject of an adversary hearing."

State universities, community colleges, museum's, public library, government, employees, agents? That my friends is a pretty broad list don't ya think? So back in the day, books like Catcher in the Rye and Lolita were graphic works. "50 Shades of Gray" would now, I guess, be in the mix.

Under HB514, our County Attorney, the attorney general, Department of Health and Human Services, or the Department of Education could partition a county superior court present witnesses because they decided books of that ilk were obscene.

Frivolous comes to mind. Not for Uncle Max and crew; nothing

like putting overworked branches of government, our courts, our public schools, committing time and resources defending what Uncle Max says is obscene. I think that is obscene. One last note, our public schools and the school boards would be required to rend a decision within 30 days of the filing. Imagine dealing with threats of violence, pandemics, freedoms of choice, costs, and putting those issues off to timely defend against what somebody thinks is obscene. Why would school committee members, teachers or custodians not be construed as agents, employees subject to the required hearing because of a complaint filed by a parent guardian?

Let's vote down HB 514, and maybe with the coming spring, let the squirrels get back to uncovering their caches of buried nuts.

Lawrence Gil
Mirror Lake

School Board has proposed a fiscally responsible warrant

To the Editor:

I encourage all Governor Wentworth Regional School District voting residents to support the school board's proposed warrant articles. Considering the economic circumstances, this year's proposed budget, new teacher contract, and other supplementary warrant articles are fiscally responsible and reasonable.

With inflation at a 40-year high, preventing cost increases for the school district and taxpayers was a major goal. We limited cost increases to a number well below inflation. The tax rate impact should be manageable, despite an anticipated \$3 million loss this year in state education aid for GWRSD (a 33.56 percent decrease). Gov. Chris Sununu's budget proposal may prevent some of this anticipated state aid loss; however, it is too early in the state budget process to tell. The NH House and Senate will make the final decisions in June.

If every school board warrant article passes, minus the petition war-

rant articles, spending will increase by 4.4 percent. Our operating budget will account for 3.1 percent of the 4.4 percent increase. Another 1.3 percent of the 4.4 percent increase will be the wage adjustments for teachers if their contract passes. The new contract proposes a 3 percent increase in wages for teachers each year, compounding for three years. This contract aligns with other school districts across New Hampshire and the private sector.

The rest of the school board's warrant articles are not new spending but annually recurring items that require voter approval, except for the new School Resource Officer for Kingswood Regional High and Middle School. This new position will enhance student and staff safety and have next to no impact on our modest budget increase.

There are two petitioned warrant articles on this year's school board ballot. Petitioned warrant articles are from voting residents, not the school board. I am not going to encourage or dis-

courage your support for either. The school board has made recommendations that will appear on the ballot.

One petition warrant article proposes spending \$300,000 on Wolfeboro's Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center. This proposed \$300,000 expenditure would enhance the Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center's locker rooms for student-athletes. The second petition warrant article requests GWRSD not expend any money for banning books. This petition warrant article is non-binding and has no fiscal or legal impacts. GWRSD must abide by all state and federal laws, and it will not change our current policies allowing free and fair access to age-appropriate materials.

I appreciate GWRSD residents' continued support for our school district and public education. It is a pleasure to serve as a school board member at large, and thank you for reading this letter.

Best,
Brodie Deshaies
Wolfeboro

Hess responds to Whittier on IRS taxing tips

To the Editor:

This letter [published on Feb. 23] is full of lies. Go on the Internet and read "Fact-Checking the Misleading Claim About 87,000 Tax Agents" if you want to know the true facts.

Whittier..."Regarding the IRS going after wait-staff tips":

Hess: Sentence1 by Mr. Whittier is negative, a lie, a misrepresentation and a fraudulent statement.. The truth is that the IRS will be going after millionaires, not the family or small businesses.

Whittier..."Democrats have a history of lies and deceit";

Hess: Sentence2 is nasty and deliberately attacked the Democrats. These statements are lies and are used by Mr. Whittier and his alt-right friends to confuse and deceive independent voters into voting Republican. The Republicans are the ones who have a history of lies and deceit; They

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are the ones who used Cambridge Analytica, Robert Mercer and Steven Bannon to win elections by cheating in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020

Whittier..."it is so ingrained in them that they actually begin to believe their own lies."

Hess: Sentence3 is a common fabrication used by the alt-right to make readers angry.

This statement by Mr. Whittier would be accurate if it was made about Ted Cruz, Tom Cotton, Elise Stefanik, Josh Hawley, and other alt-right fabricators!

Whittier..."Biden and the Democrats pushed to hire an army of 87,000 IRS agents and said the agents were only going after millionaires and not those who made under \$400,000."

Hess: This statement by the alt-right MAGA Republican, Elise Stefanik, is a lie. The 87,000 was a May 19, 2021 estimate from the Treasury Department of the total number of employees.

Whittier..."So what do Biden, Senators Hassan and Shaheen, and Representatives Pappas and Kuster do? They sic the IRS on the waitstaff and bartenders."

Hess: Mr. Whittier, this statement is an absurd misrepresentation. The alternative-right tactics of lie, lie, lie and people will believe, continues to happen. Readers, call your congressional representatives and tell them you know these statements are false.

Whittier..."When will they stop harassing the hard workers who are underpaid and rely on tips?"

Hess: Mr Whittier, this statement is also false, a fraud and a fabrication. Stop writing these untruths!

Hess: to MAGA Republicans: I know many of you care about Mr. Trump. Does this untrue letter by Mr.Whittier help President Trump's image for you?

Jerry Hess
Wolfeboro

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

To the Editor:

The selectmen are offering Wolfeboro voters a unique opportunity to restore and perpetuate the Libby Museum for future generations in Warrant Article # 12. This article formalizes months of comprehensive discussion between the Libby Trustees/Selectmen and the Friends of the Libby Museum (FOLM). Voters should understand the background and scope of what is being offered.

For 67 years, the town of Wolfeboro, through the selectmen as Trustees of the Libby Trust, have been legally responsible (fiduciary duty) for the maintenance and seasonal operation of the Libby Museum. The museum building is now 111 years old, unheated, and uninsulated. This has led, over years, to the deteriorating condition of both the building and the museum's collection. To fix the foundation, the stability of the building and the mold which is growing within the walls requires significant expenditures by the town whether Warrant Article #12 passes or fails. So, voting against the warrant article will not save the town money and will only lead to legal issues between the Town and the Charitable Trust Division of the NH Attorney General to resolve

the funding of the needed repairs.

By voting yes on Warrant Article #12, the town's funding will be matched more than dollar for dollar by private donations already raised by the FOLM and will provide for a restoration that brings the Libby Museum into the 21st century. The problems with the foundation, building stability and mold growth will all be addressed, and the building will be anchored by a modest rear addition. The addition will not be visible from the road frontage but will give a safer new rear entrance, ADA-compliant access and restrooms, and space for children's programs/meetings, storage, and administration. Very importantly, the building will be temperature controlled and insulated to better preserve both the structure and the collection housed in the museum.

If restored, the Friends are offering a partnership for the future operation of the Museum, to allow the Town to limit their future operating costs, begin to transition out of the museum business, and enable educational programs to flourish as they once did. This desire is shared by many in Town Hall.

By voting no on War-

rant Article #12, the town will remain legally obligated to address all the current and future maintenance issues of the building in a timely fashion and will continue to cover all costs associated with the operation of the museum. There will be no upgrades to the facilities, no partnership on operations, and the Town will remain in the museum business indefinitely.

The choice is clear — by voting yes on Warrant Article #12, the Libby Museum will be saved and improved for future generations, and the Town's expenditures on the Museum and its collection will be reduced through partnering with the Friends. This is truly a win-win for the Libby Museum and the Town of Wolfeboro.

We urge all Wolfeboro voters to seize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and vote yes on Warrant Article #12 on March 14.

We sincerely thank the hundreds of our volunteers, donors, Selectmen and Town employees who worked so diligently to make it possible to bring Warrant Article #12 to you, the Wolfeboro voters, for approval.

Tom Goodwin
Chair
Friends of the Libby
Museum, Inc.
Wolfeboro

Support agreement to join Carroll County Communication District

To the Editor:

Over the past three years, New Hampshire has been awarded approximately \$150 million in Federal Funds for rural broadband expansion with approximately \$100 million more Federal Funds promised. The most current data indicates 13 percent of the Carroll County population is still either underserved or don't have internet service at all. For example, 36 percent of Brookfield residents are underserved.

With support from Senator Jeb Bradley, NH RSA 53-G legislation was passed that allowed towns in NH to legally create the Carroll Country Communication District entity. A Communication District Warrant Article was created by statute to allow towns to vote to join the District. The purpose of the Communication District is to encourage, facilitate, partner with prospective broadband providers, seek funding grants and promote the establishment of state-of-the-art symmetrical high

speed broadband Internet (100mbps download/100mbps upload) connectivity and service to every residence and business in Carroll County.

In December of 2022, 16 towns in Carroll County held public hearings for residents to learn about the agreement to join the Communication District. Afterwards, the Board of Selectmen in each of these towns voted yes to put to a public vote this Warrant Article to join the Communication District at their respective Town Meetings this spring. Check with your local town hall for the date and time of your scheduled Town Meeting and you can also review a copy of the proposed agreement at your local Town Hall.

Towns incur no cost by joining the Communication District. The only requirement is a commitment by each town to appoint a representative and alternate to serve on the governing board of the Communication District. The Communication District shall have

no authority to raise revenue by taxation nor levy any bonds against any member town or citizen in that town. Any town can withdraw from the Communication District at any time with written notice.

Members of the Carroll County Communication District Planning Committee believe that negotiating with a large subscriber base county wide on behalf of the residents and businesses of Carroll County allows us to benefit from more competitive deals with broadband providers, helps contain the cost of monthly service fees, and as a legal entity, allows the District to be eligible to apply for and win our fair share of the federal and state grants for rural broadband expansion.

Please talk to your neighbors about this and vote yes at your local town meeting this spring to ensure your town is a participant in the Carroll County Communication District.

Marshall Goldberg
Brookfield

Please consider me for the school board's at-large seat

To the Editor:

I am running for the GWRSD Member At-Large school board seat because there is really only one question that informs a school culture and empowers teachers in support of students: What do teachers need to know and be able to do?

Teachers have a huge responsibility. Teachers are committed to their students, to equity, planning, analysis, and reflection. Throughout my 30-plus years teaching, I embraced the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM), and the brilliance of content and process integration. STEAM disciplines are engaging, innovative and productive. They tap and honor each stu-

dent's innate abilities to see, imagine, and express themselves. Content is important, but process skills are portable. Process skills apply everywhere: to observe, communicate, predict, measure, answer questions, and question answers.

As a school board member, I would fervently support the capacity and offerings of the Lakes Region Technology Center. What a treasure LRTC is to students and their communities. As a former volunteer puppy raiser with Assistance Canine Training Services, I learned how impactful the presence of a Facility Dog can be in schools when paired with professionals providing animal assisted therapies. What a wonderful addition a Facility or

Therapy Dog would be in our schools.

Finally, I live what I believe and have learned as a Ham Radio Operator (W1ENH); If you are talking, you aren't listening. I am running because I take seriously the integrity of roles and responsibility, collaboration and advocacy, policy, standards and communication. I take seriously holding principles above personalities, that the only difference between easy and hard is the time it takes to do it, and that there is dignity in all work. I will hold these values in my role representing Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Tuftonboro, Ossipee and Wolfeboro. Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Pray Schillereff
Wolfeboro

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COUNTINUED

Let’s send a message to the book banners

To the Editor:

In 1822, Jewish poet Heinrich Heine penned these prophetic words: “Where they burn books, they will, in the end, burn human beings too.” Heinrich’s book was one of the books burned in 1933 Germany. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who planned and supervised D-Day, stated, “Don’t join the book burners. Don’t think you are going to conceal faults by canceling the evidence that they ever existed. Don’t be afraid to go into your library and read every book.”

It is un-American to ban books. Our families fought hard and won against the book banners. We here in Wolfeboro have a whole museum dedicated to the struggle that killed approximately 420,000 Americans. My grandfather fought in World War II against

book banners and we should too in the voting booth.

Reading is a First Amendment right, and we need to protect that right for ourselves and for our children.

Wolfeboro and Governor Wentworth Regional School District both have a warrant article on the ballot to help protect our First Amendment Rights. This is pressing issue in our state and our school district. One of our representatives wrote book banning legislation, and a community member already did a “Right to Know” about 100 books. Of the books questioned, we had 35 available, and 21 of those books were written for, or by our LGBTQ community. Another 6 were written for, our by a black, indigenous, or a person of color. Parents/guardians

already have the right to object to any material for their child in our Public Schools under RSA 186:11, IX-c; and Title LXII - Criminal Code Chapter 650 already makes “Obscene Matter” a crime. Every adult can censor their own child, we just need to fight those adults who want to censor you and your child.

These book bans are about erasing people and their voice from our society.

Let’s send a clear message to the book banners on March 14...

On the Wolfeboro ballot: Please vote yes on Warrant Article 39.

On the Governor Wentworth Regional School District ballot: Please vote yes on Warrant Article IX.

Thank you,
Bobbi Boudman
Wolfeboro

Stop politicizing our schools

To the Editor:

To Max Ledoux (and his bandwagon), I was part of GWRSD public schools for over 30 years. I have worked in every school in the district, either as a teacher (across seven grade levels), as an assistant principal, and as the Gifted Education Resource Person. Never were there

lewd, inappropriate, or pornographic materials present in any school, at any time. Any claims contrary are absurd and outright lies. All materials and literature were age appropriate, informative, and presented to encourage critical thinking.

We educate children to achieve for the fu-

ture. Claims from anti-public school activists only seek to undermine teachers’ ability to teach and students’ ability to learn.

Please stop politicizing schools and talking/writing about subjects of which you are ignorant. Thank you.

Joanne Parise
Wolfeboro

Thoughts on the warrant

To the Editor:

I read with interest the front-page article about the Planning Board and warrant articles 2 through 10. The Planning Board has done a terrible job on this year's warrant. We need to vote down articles 2 through 10, which implement sweeping changes to our zoning articles with no supporting rationale. We also need to elect Roger Murray and Steve Petsche to the Planning Board to bring a little more common sense to the output of the board going forward.

Articles 11 through 40 are spending proposals, and there is a lot of spending proposed as usual. (Maybe we can catch our breath next year!) I will comment on

three articles this week. Article 11 seeks \$12.5 million for a new Public Safety building. Surprisingly, I am going to vote in favor. The town has spent a lot of time and money studying different options, and I think they have settled on one that makes the most sense. The current building is quite old and in need of repair. It is time we pulled the trigger.

Article 15 is asking for \$850,000 for a new firetruck, (pumper). This is on top of the \$1.8 million we just spent for a new telescoping ladder truck last year. Enough is enough! The old pumper will look nice in the new \$12.5 million fire station. Someone at the Fire Dept. needs to get a grip. Voting a solid "no."

Article 21 is asking for \$170,000 for a new boat for the Utility Department. I have a lot of respect for the Utility Department. It is well run, and our electricity rates are very low. The Department has made some improvements over the past several years that have increased reliability. The current utility boat can be seen during the summer, floating across from the Fire Department's \$750,000 boat at the town docks. Rather than spend money on a new boat, perhaps the Utility Dept and Fire Dept could figure out how to share the \$750,000 Fire Boat. Neither one seems to get much use and could probably use the exercise.

Carl Lehmann
Wolfeboro

Please support the School Resource Officer warrant article

To the Editor:

This letter is to explain to the voters of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District the request for an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Kingswood Complex. The complex contains the High School, Middle School, Arts Center and the Vocational Center. It is a regional complex, meaning that it is made up of students from all six of the School District’s towns: Wolfeboro, New Durham, Tuftonboro, Brookfield, Ossipee and Effingham.

Maintaining school safety and reducing the number of reported incidents requires a multi-pronged, coordinated and cooperative approach including SRO’s, counselors, school administrators and parents. Since 2000, there has been an SRO on the complex and whose duties and responsibilities are as follows, but not limited to: providing an additional layer of safety and security for the staff and students at the complex while acting as a deterrent to anyone wishing to do harm, to build relationships as a resource to the staff and administration, and to the students, creating trust and understanding through positive interactions and communications, to educate students in classrooms on important topics such as personal safety, driver safety, and safe, proper use of social media, to serve as a resource to, and communicate with parents as needed, especially when their child may have been involved in an incident on the complex. These are but a few of the many tasks performed by the SRO under normal conditions.

From 2000 up 2019, incidents requiring police intervention averaged 50 per year. In 2021, when school resumed following Covid, and 2021 being a hybrid year, there were 88 inci-

dents reported, almost double the average. In 2022, that number doubled again and there were 169 incidents. In 2022, between Jan. 1 and Feb. 23, there were 18 reported incidents. In 2023, there have been 55 incidents reported during that same time frame. There has not been 55 days of school in 2023, and that’s not subtracting four snow days. At that pace, incidents for the year will easily double again.

To be clear, I am not inferring that the Kingswood Complex is dangerous because that is simply not true. The high number of incidents speaks to an increase of illegal behaviors which requires police involvement. The request for an additional SRO is to address the workload that is being experienced by the current SRO. Each incident requires the SRO write a very detailed report and to conduct an investigation if required. They may have to appear in court, if necessary, which leaves the campus without coverage. With such high numbers, the SRO cannot fulfill all of the other obligations and requirements of that position if they are buried in paperwork. No one else can write those reports except the SRO. The current SRO has built those relationships and trust with the students, and the students have been very forthcoming with information.

As we reported at a School Board meeting this fall, some of the incidents reported to the SRO occurred off campus. That number is less than 20 percent, but it has two different outcomes. The first is that the SRO takes the information and writes a report. Although the incident occurred elsewhere, it doesn't relieve the SRO from their duty and obligation to interview the student and file a report. That report is then forwarded on to

the appropriate agency in the town in which the incident occurred. This illustrates the increased workload being experienced by the SRO in addressing incidents both on and off campus. The second outcome is more impactful. In recent months, there have been two sexual assaults that occurred off campus but were reported to the SRO. Thankfully, the bonds and trust built by the SRO with those students enabled them to report the assaults. Had that trust not been developed and fostered, those students may not have reported what they had experienced, and they could still be potential victims.

All of these facts demonstrate the how essential it is to have an additional SRO at the Kingswood Complex. The numbers and the need are very real. The return on such a small investment is far more valuable. Warrant Article VII on the School District ballot is for the SRO position. The cost associated with the position is \$55,000 for the 180 days that the SRO would be at the Kingswood Complex, and that cost is split between the six district towns. For clarification, when the officer returns to patrol in Wolfeboro during school vacations and during the summer break, that cost is paid solely by the Town of Wolfeboro, and because the regional schools are in Wolfeboro, they fall under the jurisdiction of the Wolfeboro Police Department. The Wolfeboro Police Commission is responsible for this initiative and request, and we respectively ask for your support to help keep our school's staff and students as safe and protected as possible. Please vote YES on GWRSD Warrant Article VII. For Wolfeboro voters, please vote YES on GWRSD Article VII and Town Warrant Article 24.

Stephen Wood
Chairman
Wolfeboro Police Commission

HB 514 is about protecting our most valuable asset – our children

To the Editor:

Next week, informed voters in the Governor Wentworth Regional School district will be making a decision regarding Warrant Article IX. This article is mislabeled as relating to our First Amendment Rights. It is a reaction to HB 514 before the New Hampshire House, a bill that would apply obscenity laws to currently exempt K-12 schools. The people supporting this warrant article should know that the U.S. Supreme Court has said that obscene material is not protected by the Constitution.

The misinformation and fear mongering about HB514 in this paper and on social media were expected. The real question is, why are K-12 schools exempt from New Hampshire obscenity laws? HB514 does two things: 1) Removes K-12 education from this exemption (higher education maintains its exemption) and 2) Establishes a process by which parents can bring objectionable materials to the attention

of their principal and then the school board.

Of concern are books available in school libraries and materials on an application called Sora. This app is available on school supplied computers around the state, including our own GWRSD. Here are some of the materials/ books that have been of concern:

“Tricks” by Ellen Hopkins - father molestation of daughter who then becomes a prostitute.

“The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky - sexual assault, violence, alcohol, and drug use.

“Gender Queer” by Maia Kobabe - sex between adult and minor females.

“Fade” by Lisa McCann – sex acts between children, teachers and child sex, and a teacher drugging a child.

“This Book is Gay” by Juno Dawson - explains how sex apps work and the Sora version gives links to grinder.com and other sex apps; ends with ‘boy on boy’ sex graphics.

Education and access to high quality books and material should be the top priority for parents and educators. It is baffling that so much time and energy is being spent defending such questionable material. We should be spending more resources on improving math and reading scores.

GWRSD School Board Warrant Article IX would more appropriately titled as “Approval of Obscenity in Schools.” The Governor Wentworth School District school board placement of this warrant article on the ballot is baffling. HB514 is about age-appropriate academic materials for our children in public schools. It is about protecting our most valuable asset, our children. It is about giving parents another way to enact their duty to protect their children. If that is your concern also, then you should vote against school warrant article IX. You should also contact your legislators and tell them to support HB514.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli
Tuftonboro

Please support Article 40

To the Editor:

I will be supporting Warrant Article #40, and hope that all will consider voting for this warrant article. This petitioned warrant article was submitted by the Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance concerning the development of mountain biking trails near Abenaki Ski Area. Through donation of almost \$170,000 WSA developed a trial program to construct additional trails at Abenaki that can be used for biking, hiking and other activities.

WSA would like the town to accept this very generous gift that they feel will help to make the town of Wolfeboro a better place to live. WSA also has asked that the Board of Selectmen be allowed to consider entering into an agreement, that with the BOS supervision, additional trails be managed and constructed on town owned land.

I think that we have all noticed an increase of bikes around town during the summer, and the WSA was formed to

not only bring additional tourists into town, but also to encourage a younger demographic to move to the area. Accepting these trails is a good way to help with the long range vision of bringing tourists to town, and to encourage more families to move here with new recreational opportunities. Certainly, we have Lake Winnepesaukee, but what is better than seeing a family on mountain bikes enjoying a bike ride in town.

Dan Coons
Wolfeboro

A message of support

To the Editor:

I think as a community, the focus should be on unity instead of divisiveness – though I understand that is a bit of an idealistic dream.

So, in the very least, I’d like to offer a positive message of support and love for our community members who are clearly targets of political agendas right

now:

I support you. I’m glad you’re here.

Kayla Hewitt
Wolfeboro

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A message from Scripture

To the Editor:

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to

you.

For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who

knocks, the door will be opened.

— Matthew 7, 7-8
Juanita Hill
Tuftonboro

FREEDOM HAPPENINGS

BY LISA WHEELER
Contributing Writer

Join Mountain Top Music for Friday Night Jazz in the Majestic Cafe on Friday, March 10. The cafe is open every Friday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; music begins at 7 p.m. Seating is limited; walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended to ensure your seat. The cafe serves wine, beer, soda, coffee and tea. The March 10 performance is by the Mike Hathaway Quartet. Call 603-447-4737 for more details and to reserve a seat.

Transportation is an often requested service for individuals in our community. The Gibson Center for Senior Ser-

vices, along with Freedom's Renee Wheaton, have been trying to develop a plan to provide transportation to those in need. A recent meeting with some residents had a great discussion regarding the needs, wants and ways those in our community can be helped with transportation. As a follow up, an open house style meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15 from 4-7 p.m. A free meal will be provided by Ossipee Concerned Citizens and their Meals on Wheels/Congregate Meal program. Following the meal, there will be information presented on the services, question and answer, and input session. If you need trans-

portation to the event, please contact Renee at (802) 424-2074 or coordinator03836@gmail.com. Please plan on attending so your voice can be heard.

The Freedom Historical Society continues its 2023 monthly speaker series on March 22 with a program entitled "New Hampshire on Skis" by E. John B. Allen. This program is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities, the program is free and open to the public. It will be presented via ZOOM at 7 p.m. Join to learn about early skiing in the state, the importance of jumping, the mechanization of skiing, and how

New England and New Hampshire fit into the big picture of America's ski culture. Members of the Freedom Historical Society and the general public are welcome and invited to register in advance to obtain ZOOM access information for the presentation at the FHS Web site: www.freedomhistoricalsociety.org. Please join the ZOOM meeting prior to the 7 p.m. start time on Wednesday, March 22. For additional information, please call (603) 491-8347.

Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 12. Make sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

Local residents named to Clark University's Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Following are names of local students whose outstanding academic performance earned them a spot on Clark University's Fall 2022 Dean's List:

Megan R. Swedberg, of Moultonborough, was

named to first honors. Myelin L. Gibson, of Sanbornville, was named to second honors. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors. Founded in 1887, Clark

University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree pro-

grams, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COUNTINUED

Technology changes, rights do not

To the Editor:

Some people who oppose the Second Amendment will sometimes make what they must think is a clever point, using some variant of the following argument: "The weapons available at the time of the writing of the Constitution included muskets... People do not need assault weapons to hunt or to protect themselves."

The Second Amendment is not limited to muskets. Let's look at the text: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and

bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Do you see the word "musket?" Of course not. The Founding Fathers were not simpletons. They were men of the Enlightenment who knew that technology was always evolving. Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson had a scientific approach to the world and themselves made many inventions.

If you showed George Washington an iPhone, he would have no idea what it was or how to use it. Hand him a modern rifle, though, and he would know how to use it.

Muskets were not the only firearms available in 1787. (Some guns could even fire multiple rounds.) But they were the weapon carried by soldiers in the army. Do gun opponents realize they're arguing that we all have the right to the same weaponry as the military? Think about that the next time someone — using a computer to write a letter that is then emailed to a newspaper editor — states that the Second Amendment applies only to muskets. The First Amendment, by that logic, would not apply to electronic means of communication.

We don't "need" firearms any more than we "need" an iPhone. We have a right "to keep and bear Arms," if we so choose. We can exercise that right for any reason or no reason. The Second Amendment is not about hunting; it is not even about self-defense. It is about "the security of a free State."

The Founders recognized that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms" did not come from government. It's a preexisting right that the government "shall not infringe."

Max Ledoux
Tuftonboro

I want to be a part of Wolfeboro's future

To the Editor:

My name is Steve Webster, and I am running for my first term on the Town of Wolfeboro Planning Board.

As a long-time resident, I've seen several projects come to life that has strengthened our community. The beautiful renovation of our town hall is by far my favorite. Over the past 46 years, I have been an industrial contractor, designing and managing large projects throughout

New England. As a professional, I love to watch projects come to life and see people work together for the greater good.

I support the nine proposed amendments on this year's ballot regarding the zoning ordinances. These amendments address housing in our community which is a top priority of our residents, businesses, town services, and educational institutions.

Although it can be challenging to under-

stand the rules and regulations that govern building in our community, I encourage you to visit the Wolfeboro Community YouTube channel and listen to Chairwomen Kathy Barnard and Town Planner Tavis Austin explain each amendment in detail.

I am very proud of the way the public and private sectors of the Wolfeboro community work together to improve our experiences in town. As a new member of the Plan-

ning Board, I will always serve our residents by bringing a fresh perspective and unbiased ear to best further the interests of the community as a whole.

I wish to serve our community and be part of our great future. Please vote on March 14 upstairs in our beautiful town hall. Thank you in advance for your support.

With my very best regards,

Steve Webster
Wolfeboro

Asking for your support

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my support, and ask for yours, regarding the warrant article that is asking to allow the Wolfeboro Single-track Alliance ("WSA") to work with the town to build and maintain mountain bike trails at Abenaki.

As an avid mountain biker myself, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that these trails can have on individuals and communities, in areas such as Stowe and Burke, Vt. As a lifelong resident of Wolfeboro, I have also seen the need for these trails since I was a teenager, not only as an amenity for locals to enjoy, but as a draw to increase tourism to the Oldest Summer Resort in America.

WSA has existing agreements with The Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission, at areas such as Sewall Woods and Fernald (Wiley Brook Conservation Area), so this would be a natural extension to what we're already doing in the community.

Mountain biking is a fantastic form of exercise and a great way to explore the natural beauty of our surroundings. Having well-designed and well-maintained trails not only provides an outlet for physical activity on foot or on a bike, but also encourages people to spend more time outdoors and appreciate the natural world. Additionally, mountain biking is a social activity

that can bring people together and foster a sense of community.

Beyond the benefits to individuals and communities, building and maintaining mountain bike trails can also have positive environmental impacts. Properly designed trails can minimize erosion and protect sensitive habitats, while also providing opportunities for environmental education and conservation efforts.

Of course, building and maintaining trails requires resources and coordination, but the benefits far outweigh the costs. Investing in these trails can pay dividends in terms of improved health and well-being, increased community engagement, and enhanced environmental

sustainability. And the ask of the Wolfeboro Taxpayer is \$0.

In regards to the abstention noted by the Board of Selectmen, this was due to WSA not being able to quickly provide some information that was requested by one Board Member specifically, prior to the Deliberative Sessions, due to our Attorney being on vacation.

In closing, I strongly urge our community to support building and maintaining mountain bike trails. Let's work together to create a network of trails that can be enjoyed by all, now and for years to come!

Sincerely,

Cris Dow
President
Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance



ELISSA PAQUETTE
Parks and Recreation staff built a bonfire at the base of Abenaki as part of the Winter Carnival celebration Friday evening, March 3.



ELISSA PAQUETTE
Performer Jason Tardy breathed fire on Friday evening to the amazement of the Winter Carnival crowd.



ELISSA PAQUETTE
Fire eating – not to try at home!



ELISSA PAQUETTE
The Jason Tardy Juggling Show underway.



ELISSA PAQUETTE
Children skied down Abenaki in formation, glow sticks in hand for the Snowsnake Torchlight Parade.

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alternately juggled fire sticks, breathed out a stream of flames into the winter air and balanced on a board teetering on a cylinder while juggling.

Saturday featured ski races, postponed to the afternoon following the winter storm. The Parks and Recreation Department certainly celebrated winter in style this past weekend.

made it down the hill, the lights were turned back on and the crowd made its way over to the kiddie slope for the Jason Tardy Juggling Show -- a fire breathing dragon act that soon had the crowd enthralled. The lights centered on Tardy as he

THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

<i>Town</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Seller</i>	<i>Buyer</i>
Albany	1784 NH Route 16	Single-Family Residence	\$230,000	Christine M. and David J. Damaso	Raquel R. Medeiros and Tyler M. Senecal
Alton	Route 28	N/A	\$1,645,000	M. Cohen Enterprises LLC	Ns RETail Holdings LLC
Bartlett	13 George St.	Single-Family Residence	\$349,000	Christopher Greenwood	Erica and Rucgard Ramos
Bartlett	11 Grove St.	Single-Family Residence	\$148,000	Priscilla V. Berman and Lakeview Loan Servicing	Ross Baker
Bartlett	Maple Street	N/A	\$350,000	Erica and Richard Ramos	Maria S. Coletta and Francis J. Clare
Conway	E. Conway Road	N/A	\$800,000	Charles T. Gagnon	Just 2 Guys LLC
Conway	Mountain Street	N/A	\$33,000	Upper Saco Valley Land Trust	Mount Washington Valley Habitat
Conway	168 Old Bartlett St.	N/A	\$749,000	Jameson-Gleason Holdings LLC	Christopher Stella
Conway	2925 White Mountain HWY	Funeral Home	\$585,000	Charles C. and Elaine P. Sutton	2925 White Mtn. Highway RT and Charles C. Sutton
Effingham	N/A (Lot 4)	N/A	\$480,000	Toad Hall 2002 RT and Theodora J. Steltenpohl	C.T. & M.A. Fletcher RET
Freedom	118 Round Pond Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$315,000	Karen L. and Leslie R. Babb	Alyssa and Zachary J. Ruscik
Madison	N/A	N/A	\$360,000	Valerio Pastori	Madison Baptist Church
Ossipee	Route 28	N/A	\$73,000	Colin and Michayla Piper	Chris and Debbie Briggs
Ossipee	80 Walker Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$165,000	Just Another LLC	James Fiorante and Joshua Dupont
Tamworth	N/A	N/A	\$135,000	K.C. Morrill RET 2012 and Robert M. Davis	Jeremy C. Davis
Tuftonboro	N/A (Lot 1)	N/A	\$50,000	Erika and Frederic P. Blocher	Dobbins Brook LLC
Wakefield	Daniel Drive	N/A	\$60,000	Hank INT and William N. Benedetto	Spruce Building and Development LLC
Wakefield	258 Edward Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$30,000	Anja Buchanan	Paul J. Lafontaine
Wakefield	Friar Truck Drive, Lot 326	N/A	\$35,000	Judith B. and Peter B. Klipp	Royles Development LLC
Wakefield	50 Rines Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$220,000	Jennifer and Letitia Joiner-Sims	Kenneth M. Brown and Carly S. Wile
Wolfeboro	NH Route 28	N/A	\$285,000	Lloyd E. Conery	Mary J. Hansell

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.

5 signs it's time to renovate

Homeowners renovate their homes for a variety of reasons. Renovations can increase the value of a property and make homes safer and more comfortable for their occupants. Improvements also can be made to stay current with the times or to give a home a new vibe.

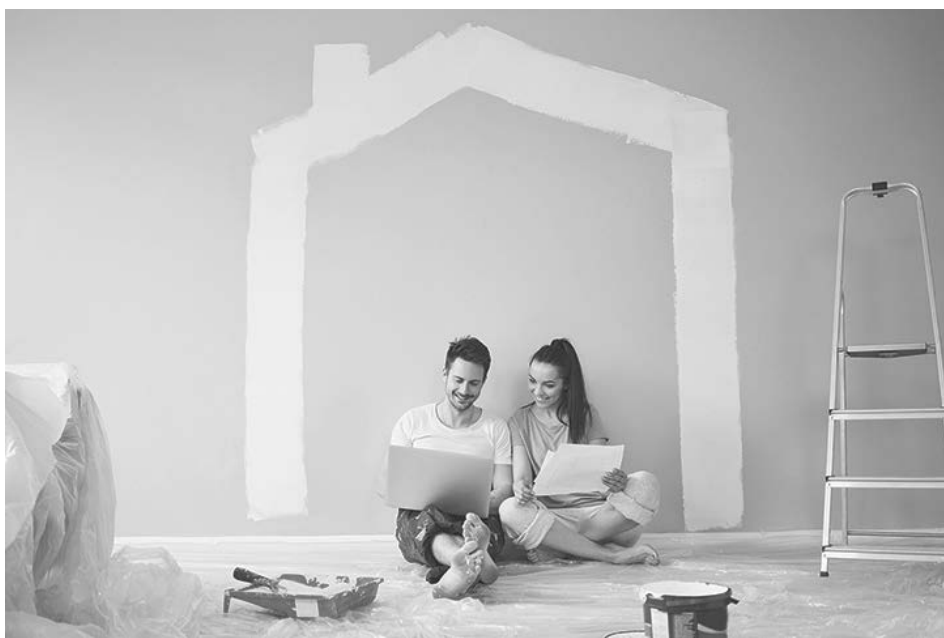
Statista projects \$510 billion will be spent on home improvements in 2024. The home improvement market is generating significant revenue. In fact, nearly a quarter of Americans opting to renovate their homes will spend an average of \$10,000 on their projects. According to a Home Stars Renovation report, 8 percent of Canadian homeowners who have renovated

have spent more than \$20,000 on a home improvement project.

Kitchens and bathrooms often get the most attention when it comes to home improvement. However, every room and space in a home may need a renovation at some point, and the following are five signs it's time to renovate.

1. Age

The National Association of Home Builders states that 50 percent of U.S. homes are over the age of 40. That means that age alone could dictate a need to renovate, particularly if some materials are original to the home. For example, asphalt roofs typically last 25 to 30 years, while window frames can last 20 to 50 years depending



on how well they have been maintained.

2. Inconvenient layout

Some homeowners scratch their heads when faced with awkward floor plan layouts. While one may live with the inconve-

nience for some time, typically a floor plan that isn't working for the homeowner is a major driver of renovations.

3. Outdated looks

A home can look dated even if it is a relatively recent build.

That's because trends change quickly. For example, dark, cherry cabinets that were popular just a little while ago have now been replaced by lighter color palettes. Homeowners whose homes do not match the looks emulated in design magazines

may consider a change, particularly if they're planning to sell soon.

4. Deterioration

Signs of water, storm or structural damage should be addressed as soon as possible. Any deterioration should be a strong indicator that it's time to renovate.

5. Efficiency

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Hockey Knights win double-overtime quarterfinal thriller



JOE SOUZA

KINGSWOOD forward Grayson Gilpatrick eyes a shooting lane as he skates in against Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield defenseman Isaac Winsor during the Knights’ 7-6 double overtime win in the NHIAA Division III hockey quarterfinals at Conway Arena in Nashua.



KINGSWOOD senior captain Will Danais reaches for the puck with Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield’s Caleb May moving in on the play during the NHIAA Division III hockey quarterfinal contest at Conway Arena in Nashua.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NASHUA — After controlling much of the quarterfinal contest with Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield, the Kingswood Regional hockey boys decided to take a thrilling ride to their first trip to the Division III semifinal round and first to the final four since 2018 in Division II.

The fifth-seeded Knights watched a three-goal lead evaporate in the final three minutes of the contest but found a way to settle down and get back on top of their game to pull out a thrilling 7-6 victory in double overtime over host and fourth seed Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield here at Conway Arena. Sophomore Ben Libby, who had three assists in helping the Knights build an early lead, jumped on a loose puck in the Warrior zone and wristed a shot into the twine with four minutes and 46 seconds left in the second 15-minute overtime frame.

“We only have three seniors and three juniors,” Kingswood head coach Mike Potenza pointed out. “We really rely heavily on our underclassmen. Our second line there of three (Evan Harrington), five (Jackson O’Keefe), and nine (Libby) are three sophomores with a lot of ability.”

That line accounted for six points as the Knights outlasted the Warriors to take the season series, two games to one. Kingswood won 7-3 here at Conway Arena in the first meeting, while the Warriors took

a 4-3 decision in Wolfeboro late in the regular season. Libby had four points with a goal and three helpers, while O’Keefe and Harrington both found the back of the goal.

Senior captain Shaw Swinerton had two goals for the Knights. Keller Peacock and Austin Emerson had the other tallies for Kingswood.

“I didn’t expect double overtime, but I did expect a good close game,” Potenza said. “The first time we played I don’t think they expected much from us, but they were ready for us when they came to our place, so we knew they were going to be tough.”

And the Warriors were tough to put away.

The Knights extended their lead to 6-3 when sophomore Austin Emerson finished off a pass from Grayson Gilpatrick at 11:44 of the third period.

Things quickly changed though when Kingswood picked up a penalty with 3:13 remaining in the contest. After Kingswood goalie Wyatt Brown made a big save and got an assist from the post on another Warriors bid, the hosts broke through when a Kyle Sanborn drive made its way through to make it 6-4 Knights with 2:40 left and shifted the momentum.

From there, Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield carried the play. Sanborn would find the back of the goal again to trim Kingswood’s lead to one (6-5) with 1:08 remaining. The Warriors kept pressing with an extra skater on for the goalie and got

the equalizer from Charlie Dee with 34.8 seconds showing on the clock.

“We had a crappy three minutes there,” Potenza pointed out. “Once we got that penalty, they got all the momentum and we couldn’t get it back. They’re a tough team and we knew that.”

Both teams had a number of opportunities in the first overtime frame with the Warriors having the best two chance, just missing the goal on a break-in with 11:14 on the clock. Brown then made a nice save on Sanborn with less than 30 seconds remaining.

Fatigue started to really show on both sides in the second overtime, but they both continued to battle. Warrior goalie Cavin Quinn made a nice glove save on Swinerton, who crashed the net looking for a hat trick with 6:17 left. Moments later, Libby’s shot found the twine and set off the celebration.

“They’re a tough team and they’ve had a great season,” Potenza said of the Warriors. “Hats off to them. They showed up to play and had a great effort. (Warriors coach Joel Sanborn) has a short bench and he did a great job with it.

“This is the biggest team I’ve had here with 26 kids, and I do think it has helped us,” added Potenza. “You can only dress 20 so the kids really pushed each other to improve as they battled for playing time.”

The contest got off to a fast start, preparing the crowd for a high-scoring contest.

Kyle Sanborn opened the scoring, finishing a

pass from Jesse Gertz on a two on one break just 32 seconds in to give the Warriors a quick 1-0 lead. Kingswood though answered 14 seconds later when a Peacock shot from the point found its way through a crowd and into the net to tie things up. O’Keefe would give Kingswood a 2-1 lead at 12:03, with an assist from Libby.

Kingswood appeared to take control of the contest in the second. Swinerton came in from his defenseman position to finish a pass from captain Will Danais 28 seconds into the middle frame for a 3-1 edge. Harrington would make it 4-1 at the 10:39 mark. Swinerton pushed the Kingswood lead to 5-1 with just over four minutes left in the second, making a nice move on a rush to put the puck inside the near post.

Starting the tone for this contest, the Warriors wouldn’t go away as they scored twice in the final 3:31 of the second to cut Kingswood’s lead to two (5-3) heading into the third. Jesse Gertz netted the first, while Alex Gertz got the

next for the hosts to set the stage for the wild finish.

Kingswood faced top-seed Belmont-Gilford in

the first of two semifinal contests at Plymouth State after deadline on Wednesday.

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Eagle girls cruise in playoff opener



KENNETT junior center Samantha Sidoti goes up strong for two points against Souhegan's Aaleya Mortimer during the opening round of the Division II girls' basketball tournament.



KENNETT senior center Catherine Chick (33) eyes the bucket against Souhegan's Aaleya Mortimer during first round tournament action in Conway.

"They are excited for this time of year," added the veteran coach. "These five seniors and two juniors have played a lot of basketball together over the years. They love basketball and they've worked hard for this."

The Eagles entered the opening round contest with a game plan, and they stuck with it for the most part. Kennett wanted to work the ball inside with centers Sam Sidoti and Catherine Chick against Souhegan's two-three zone, looking to take advantage of having both on the blocks and high post at the same time.

Souhegan though did a decent job collapsing down on Kennett's centers, but the Eagles were patient in moving the ball inside and out, as well as around the perimeter in looking for the open shots.

Goodhart knocked down the first open three, and the Eagles never looked back. Sydnie Chin and Kaylee McLellan followed with threes as the hosts stormed out to a 25-4 first quarter lead. The Eagles knocked down five

threes in the frame, with McLellan hitting three of them and scoring 13 points in the quarter.

"We wanted to take advantage of having our two centers on the court at the same time," Meader pointed out. "We wanted to pound the ball inside. That was our goal all game. Their defense collapsed and the girls did a good job kicking it back out for the open shots. And we do have some girls who can shoot."

That would continue into the second quarter, though Souhegan's Caroline Drum (team-high nine points) would open the scoring in the frame to trim Kennett's lead to 19. Goodhart knocked down three treys in an 11-0 burst as Kennett remained in control, opening a 38-8 lead with four minutes and 39 seconds remaining in the opening half.

In the second half, Kennett's centers were able to control the paint. Chick scored the first eight points for the Eagles in an 8-3 run to start the third quarter. Sidoti hit two free throws and Kennett was up 52-15. Kennett would own a 55-18 lead after three on their way to the convincing win.

Kennett featured a balanced attack. Following Goodhart were McLellan with 13 points and Sidoti with 12. Chick tossed in nine while Chin finished with seven. Isabelle Brown (two points) and Marlie Liebenow (one) rounded out the scoring.

The Eagles showed tremendous patience on the offensive end, something Meader was happy to see.

"That's one improvement I enjoyed seeing this year," he said. "They have become more patient in the second half of the season, especially against zone defenses. We've gotten better at moving the ball around, inside and kicking out, working from having a good shot to a great shot."

Kennett will look to maintain that patience, though they will likely see man to man defense as they advance in the tournament.

The Eagles took on number three Pelham in the 5:30 p.m. semifinal contest after deadline Wednesday, Feb. 8. Kennett earned a spot in the final four with a 59-53 win over seventh-seeded Hollis-Brookline on Sunday.

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

NORTH CONWAY — This is the moment the Kennett girls' basketball team has been working for and it showed from the opening tip.

The second-seeded Eagles knocked down their first three shots, all three-pointers, and never relaxed in easing past 15th-seeded Souhegan 60-22 and into the quarterfinal round of the Division II tournament. Kaley Goodhart led the patient Kennett attack, hitting four three-balls and finishing with a game-high 16 points.

"They were ready to play," Kennett coach Larry Meader said following the game.



KENNETT freshman Marlie Liebenow goes to the hoop against Souhegan's Caroline Drum during the opening round of the Division II girls' basketball tournament. The Eagles coasted to a 60-22 win.

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PAC slips by Kennett hockey in quarterfinals



KENNETT'S (l to r) Gabe Shaw, Noah Deyak and Jack Robinson (partially hidden) battle in front of the PAC goalie on Saturday night.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CONCORD — His team's only three seniors, Sam Seavey, Jack Robinson and Noah Keefe, endured pretty much everything that one could possibly imagine during their four years wearing the Kennett hockey uniform, so veteran coach Mike Lane was really hoping that they could get a fairy tale ending to their high school careers.

And while that goal came up short, the Eagles could hold their heads high after battling third-ranked Pembroke-Campbell in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday at Concord's Everett Arena. Kennett dropped a 4-2 decision to bring the season to a close.

Lane reflected on what his seniors have meant to the team over the course of the season. "They did so much for the program," Lane said, noting that in their freshmen campaign the championship game was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic, their sophomore year was marked by the numerous COVID protocols, and their junior year still saw masks for part of the year. "The just showed great leadership this year.

"What I saw tonight, is our program represented itself well and played with class," Lane added.

Out of the gate, Robbie Murphy had a bid that was stopped while Kennett goalie Zach Moore made a couple of saves on PAC shots. Noah Deyak, Robinson and Gabe Shaw got in close for chances that were denied while Moore continued to run away some good chances.

Robinson sent a shot

over the top of the net and Cam Fusco had a bid denied by the PAC goalie. The Eagles took the game's first penalty with 9:27 to go and after a Sawyer Hussey clear, the hosts took their own penalty, making it four-on-four for 1:08. Moore made a good save and killed off the Eagle penalty and Murphy, Fusco and Deyak had some chances that were denied as the penalty was killed off.

The Eagles took a questionable too-many-men penalty with 6:09 to go in the first period and the hosts capitalized just more than 30 seconds later for the first goal of the game. Murphy, Hussey, Robinson and Shaw came charging back with chances for the Eagles while Moore was able to handle the PAC shots.

Kennett got a power play with 2:27 to go and after bids from Seavey, Murphy and Robinson were stopped by the PAC goalie, Murphy was able to fire a shot on net that deflected past the goalie and into the net, tying the game at one with 50 seconds to go and the teams went to the break with that score. Hussey got the lone assist on the Kennett tally.

PAC came right out of the gate and took the lead just 47 seconds into the second period. Kennett got a power play not even 30 seconds later and Deyak, Hussey, Seavey and Robinson all had chances for the Eagles, but they were turned away by the PAC goaltender as the penalty was killed off. Seavey, Robinson and Deyak continued their chances and Moore made another save as the Eagles kept looking for the tying goal.

With 8:13 to go, Rob-

inson found the back of the net on assists to Shaw and Austin Silvia and the Eagles were back even at two. Murphy fired a couple of good chances for the Eagles, but he was denied.

Kennett got a power play with 6:12 to go and Robinson had a couple of bids, Shaw had a nice clear and Moore had a few saves as PAC had some shorthanded bids. After PAC was able to kill off the penalty, Richie Vargus, Hussey and Robinson had chances that were denied.

The Eagles took a penalty with 58 seconds to go and the game went to the third period with the score knotted at two.

Kennett was able to kill off the rest of the PAC power play to start the third and Moore came through with some huge saves as the hosts pressured early in the frame. Deyak, Shaw and Robinson had chances as well, but they were denied as Kennett looked for the tying goal.

Both teams took penalties with 8:32 to go, making it a four-on-four opportunity and Seavey had Kennett's best chance, while Moore turned away PAC's best chances. Pembroke-Campbell was able to take the lead on the four-on-four with 7:09 to go and after the Eagles killed the PAC penalty, they got a three-minute power play chance. Seavey and Vargus had Kennett's best chances on the power play, but they couldn't convert. Robinson and Vargus continued to pressure for the Eagles and with 1:29 to go, Moore came out of the net for the extra attacker. Kennett pressured, but they couldn't convert and after hitting off the post



SAWYER HUSSEY blocks a shot in front of goalie Zach Moore in quarterfinal action in Concord last week.

once, the hosts got the empty net goal with 14 seconds to go to close out the 4-2 win.

"We played them three times this season and we were the better team the majority of those three games," Lane said. "But their goaltender played really well and they took advantage of their opportunities.

"We shortened the bench with injuries

and we were running on fumes in the third," Lane continued. "And we had some trouble with line changes."

He noted the team lost David Silvia to injury late in the season, which threw their lineup into a bit of confusion, as he was a key cog.

"We were forced to make adjustments to get more scoring," the Eagle coach said. "That was a

so much for us."

Kennett finished 9-8-1 to earn the sixth seed in the Division III tournament. Pembroke-Campbell finished at 14-4 to earn the third seed and moved on to play Berlin-Gorham in the semifinals.

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SAM SEAVEY looks to push the puck up the ice in action against Pembroke-Campbell on Saturday night.

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Slow start dooms Knights in playoff opener



CASEY ARSENAULT puts up a shot in the lane during action in Pelham last Tuesday.



CULLEN DAVEY works hard amidst the defensive pressure of Pelham in playoff action last week.



MATT JACOBS drives along the baseline in tournament action in Pelham last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PELHAM — With up-set on their mind, the Kingswood basketball boys made the snowy trip to Pelham on Tuesday, Feb. 28, only to see the Pythons put a damper on those plans by scoring the first 11 points of the game, forcing the Knights to play from behind from the start.

Kingswood got the lead down to seven at halftime and to six early in the third, but the Pythons went on a 16-0 run in the middle of the third and pulled away, eventually getting the 78-47 win, bringing Kingswood's season to a close.

"It really was a tale of five minutes," said Kingswood coach Joe Faragher, referencing the slow start and the 16-0 run in the third. "That's a good team, hat's off to Pel-

ham."

The Pythons came out and drained the first five hoops of the game, including a three-pointer, which got them out to an 11-0 lead before Emerson DeNitto got the Knights on the board three minutes into the game.

After another Pelham hoop, Kolby Brown drained a basket only to see the Pythons convert a three-point play and then hit two more hoops for the 20-4 lead. Matt Jacobs drained a three-pointer and after another Pelham basket, Will Crane and Brady Clarke hit consecutive three-pointers to cut the lead to 22-13. The Pythons scored again but a Crane three-pointer cut the lead to 24-16 after one quarter of play.

The hosts scored the first three points

of the second quarter before Cullen Davey got the Knights on the board with a hoop. After Pelham hit another hoop, DeNitto drained a three-pointer and following a Pelham basket, hit a hoop inside the arc. Brady Moulton added a hoop to cut the lead to 31-25 with 3:25 to go in the half.

Pelham answered with consecutive baskets to stretch the lead again, but DeNitto, Casey Arsenault and Crane all had baskets to cut the lead to 35-31 with 40 seconds to go in the half. The Pythons drained a three-pointer in the final seconds to take the 38-31 lead to the halftime break.

After the Pythons scored the first bucket of the second half, an Arsenault hoop and a Davey

free throw cut the lead to six, but from there, the Pythons took control. Pelham scored the next 16 points, including three three-pointers and a three-point play to open the lead up to 56-34.

Clarke netted a hoop to get the Knights back on the board, but Pelham went on another 12-0 run to open the lead to 68-36. Moulton and Crane had the final two baskets of the third quarter and the Pelham lead was 68-40 heading to the final eight minutes.

Crane and Brown had the first baskets of the fourth quarter before the Pythons hit three hoops in a row to open the lead to 30. After a DeNitto three-pointer, the hosts got two more hoops and finished out the 78-47 win.

"Any time you go

south of Concord, you know you're in for a different style of basketball," Faragher said. "We tried to mimic it in practice, but it's tough."

"We're putting stuff in place to build off of," the Knight coach continued. "We want to be competitive now, every team wants to win now."

"But there's a lot of positive stuff for us this year, a lot of positive steps for the program," Faragher added. "Hats off to the seniors for helping to lay down the foundation for the future."

DeNitto and Crane led the way for the Knights with 12 points apiece.

Kingswood finished the season at 7-11 and earned the 12th seed in the tournament, while Pelham finished at 14-4 to earn the fifth seed.

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Noah Kassels leads all racers at Winter Carnival



BROOKS PETERSON, Emma and Finn Connelly with coach Marina Roy, and U12 racer Paige Hunt at Gunstock.

WOLFEBORO — The Abenaki Ski Team U8s Brooks Peterson and Emma and Finn Connelly raced at Gunstock for the annual Little Meisters at Gunstock.

The week finished with the annual Winter Carnival Ski and Snowboard Races hosted by Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation and facilitated by the Abenaki Ski Team. This race is a fun community event that welcomes all ages and abilities. The more the merrier. Despite the storm, the race boasted 67 competitors, from four years old to 73 years young, including two telemark skiers and a snowboarder. The race consisted of a combined time of two runs on a giant slalom course.

Seven and under boys and girls
Hailey Riordan, Boden Tetherly, Beckett Norman, Blake Riordan.

U8 girls
Lucy Green in 1:09.36, Emma Connelly in 1:29.11 and Ellie Krause in 1:34.27.

U10 girls
Adaya Pacsay in 56.15, Annie Green in 1:10.44 and Kaylei Dame in 1:12.08.

U12 girls
Paige Hunt in 45.09, Mazzy Little in 48.44 and Ava



PODIUM FINISHERS at the Winter Carnival races pose for photos with their medals on Saturday.

Rorston in 50.60.

U14 girls
Bella Dickey in 53.54 and Avery Pelletier in 1:00.39.

U16 girls
Marina Roy in 44.12 and Hannah Pacsay in 44.16.

19-55 women
Sally Little in 50.36, Amy Fortier in 53.30 and Liz Flynn in 54.01.

U8 boys
Henry Orr in 1:07.88, Brooks Peterson in 1:08.36 and James Foley in 1:09.70.



U10 boys
Sawyer Nichols in 50.08, Teddy Krause in 53.16 and River Little in 54.90.

U12 boys
Tobin Kassels in 46.97, Wyatt Nichols in 48.01 and Elliot Connell in 48.25.

U14 boys
Noah Kassels in 42.34, Nick Dame in 46.32 and Henry Hudson in 46.78.

U16 boys
Drew Hunt in 58.92 and Liam Rausehnot in 1:07.57.

19-55 men
Matt Found in 42.84, Luife Sandoval in 44.35 and James Degnan in 44.56.

55+ men
Rob Roriston in 1:02.68 and Steve Kassels in 1:11.82.
Overall fastest racers were Noah Kassels in 42.34 seconds, Matt Found in 42.84 seconds and Marina Roy in 44.12 seconds.



Kids soar at Abenaki Big Air and Little Air competitions



WILLIAM MCDONALD competes in the Little Air competition last Friday night.



WYATT NICHOLS gets some air during Friday's Big Air competition.



BROC AMES competes in the Big Air competition on Friday at Abenaki Ski Area.



MATT TIBBETTS competes in Friday's Little Air competition wearing just one ski.



CARMINA CAPACHIETTI gets some air off the Little Air jump in Friday's competition at Abenaki.



EVELYN DEGNAN competes during the Little Air competition on Friday night.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro's Winter Carnival tradition of kids soaring off of jumps into the night sky at Abenaki Ski Area continued on Friday, March 3, as the annual Big Air and Little Air competitions took to the town-owned ski area.

In the Big Air competition for the 6-8 age group for boys, Boede Emory took first place while for the girls in the same age group, Adaya Pacsay finished in first place.

For the 9-10 age group for the boys, Sawyer Nichols took first place and Timmy Tibbetts finished in second place.

In the 11-12 age group for the girls, Paige Hunt finished in first place, followed by Ava Roriston in second place and Mazzy Little in third place. Stella Friesen was fourth and Avery Pelletier was fifth overall.

Keegan Russo was the top finisher for the boys in the 13-17 age group, with Anthony Guarino in second place and Ben Paradis in third place. Leo Heikka was fourth, Nolan Chominski was fifth and Broc Ames was sixth.

In the Little Air competition for the boys in the 3-5 age group, Brooks Peterson took first, with Blake Reardon in second and Norman Beckett in third. Boden Tetherly finished in fourth, Caleb Pacsay was fifth, Axel Dodd was sixth and Gio Capachietti was seventh.

For the girls in the same age group, Ellie Krause took first place and Elizabeth Orr finished in second place.

For the 6-8 age group for the boys, William McDonald was first, Fynn Shields finished in second place and James Foley was third overall. Henry Orr was fourth, Emmett Hayford was fifth, River Little and Grady McDonald tied for sixth place, Teddy Krause was eighth, Calvin Hayford was ninth and Nico Capachietti was 10th.

In the 6-8 age group for girls, Hailey Reardon was first and Carmina Capachietti was second overall.

For the 9-10 age group for girls, Molly Simpson was first, Evelyn Degnan was second, Olivia Ridings finished in third and Charlotte Tripp placed fourth overall.

For the boys in the 11-12 age group, Matt Tibbetts took first overall and Brinley Tetherly finished in second place.

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LEGAL PROBATE NOTICE THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3rd Circuit - Probate Division - Ossipee
2/17/2023 THRU 3/2/2023

APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES

Notice is hereby given that the following fiduciaries have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Carroll County.

All persons having claims against these decedents are requested to exhibit them for adjustment and all indebted to make payment.

Coates, Toby Leigh, late of Center Ossipee, NH.
Nicole Jones, PO Box 861, Center Ossipee, NH 03814.

#312-2022-ET-00537

Forrest, Edward F., late of Groveland, MA. Joan M. Forrest, 7 Pandora Dr., Groveland, MA 01834.
Michael Zick, Resident Agent, 112 Cimarron Dr. D07, Seabrook, NH 03874. #312-2022-ET-00506

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Rines, Shirley E., late of Wolfeboro, NH. David T. Rines, 5128 Tweedle Terrace, The Villages, FL 03894. Phillip Evan Marbury, ESQ, Resident Agent, Law Office of Marbury & Marbury, 29 Mill St Ste C4, PO Box 2122, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. #312-2022-ET-00550

Taussig, Eric A., late of Moultonborough, NH. Marlene C. Taussig, P.O. Box 471, Moultonborough, NH 03254-0471.

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Dated: 3/3/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Ossipee Corner Light and Power Precinct will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7:00pm at the Ossipee Corner Fire Station (105 Old Route 28). Residents of the district will vote for two Commissioners, Officials and the Annual Budget.

LEGAL NOTICES

* LEGAL NOTICE *

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 151:4, Huggins Hospital hereby gives notice of intent to file an application to reopen a Laboratory Collecting Station license for the hospital's Alton Family Medicine office located at 27 New Durham Road, Alton, NH.

**Granite VNA will hold
its Annual Meeting on
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
at 4:30 p.m.
at the Concord Country
Club in Concord.**

REQUEST FOR BIDS PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR SYSTEM WOLFEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Wolfeboro Public Library is seeking design/build proposals from qualified contractors for the supply and installation of a new commercial roof-top mounted solar photovoltaic system. This installation will be at the Wolfeboro Public Library, 259 South Main St, Wolfeboro, NH. The successful contractor, its suppliers and subcontractors, shall be responsible for all phases of the work, to include system design, procurement of all equipment and materials, complete installation, and start-up assistance and training.

To review the Request for Proposal please visit <https://www.wolfeboronn.us> and click on Bids and RFPs. Bid proposals must be received no later than March 20th at 2:00 PM, when they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Great Hall at the Wolfeboro Town Hall, 84 South Main St, Wolfeboro, NH. Any bids received after that time will not be considered. Proposals must be submitted in the required format and received by Monday, March 20th at 2 p.m., and delivered or mailed to: Photovoltaic Solar System for Wolfeboro Public Library, Attention: Wolfeboro Finance Department, 84 South Main St, P.O. Box 629, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 03894. An optional site visit will be held at 10:00 a.m. March 14th, 2023 at the Wolfeboro Public Library, 259 S. Main St., Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

Town of Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Notice of Public Hearing Great Hall at

**Wolfeboro Town Hall – 84 South Main Street
Wednesday April 5, & 19, 2023**

In accordance with RSA 41:14-a, notice is hereby given to all residents of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, that a Public Hearing for the purpose to solicit comments regarding Demolition or Disposal of a town owned building on town owned property. Public Hearing shall be held on Wednesday April 5, 2023, at 6:30PM. and April 19, 2023 at 6:30PM. A vote on the matter by the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen shall take place on May 3, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Great Hall at Wolfeboro Town Hall 7 Union Street.

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Article 13: Sewer Line Extension

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Passing of Article 13 will also let the town connect the sewer system to bathroom facilities located at Carry Beach.

Article 31: Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Funding

"We know some of the money in the current fund will be spent in 2023 to deal with this washout at Whitegate Lane, and Albee Beach," clarifies Murray.

Adding money to the existing fund will allow the town to address storm water runoff issues and emergencies going forward. When there is a washout, any contaminants in its path are carried with the water running into the lake.

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