

# Feeling ‘22

Prospect graduates take first steps into the world



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
ADVISORS Ronda Fernald and Tom Stevens take a moment during their remarks to take selfies with the Class of 2022.



THERE WERE SMILES all around during Friday's Prospect Mountain graduation ceremony.



THE CAPS go flying as Prospect Mountain's Class of 2022 officially graduates on Friday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — As members of the Prospect Mountain Class of 2022 mingled on the school's soccer field following their graduation on Friday night, Taylor Swift's "22" blared through the speakers.

"We're happy, free, confused and lonely at the same time, It's miserable and magical, oh yeah, Tonight's the night when we forget about the deadlines, It's time," sang the iconic pop star. It's a safe bet that somewhere amidst the members of the PMHS Class of 2022, all of those emotions were being felt after a ceremony that looked back on their time in the school and looked ahead to the future they might see.

With a breeze keeping the bugs away and the sun providing enough warmth to make things comfortable, the Pros-

pect graduates filed in along the school's track, taking seats on the soccer field as proud parents, friends and supporters watched from the bleachers and along the fences.

Principal J Fitzpatrick welcomed everyone to the ceremony after senior members of the band performed the national anthem. Graduates who had family members who worked at the school were given the opportunity to present flowers to those family members, a tradition started back in 2008. This year, there were 16 students presenting those flowers.

Fitzpatrick went on to tell the graduates a few things he thought they should have learned at Prospect Mountain but may not have, the first being that everyone has a story. Then he told a bit of his story, noting he wasn't a good student in

high school, he worked as a garbage man, at McDonald's, as a standup comedian in Hollywood, a gas station attendant, at a liquor store and the GAP and was on the Pro Bowlers tour, where he pointed out he won absolutely nothing. He also noted he was elected selectman in his hometown when he was a senior in high school.

He said his story was proof that it is OK to fail, which was the second thing he wanted them to know.

"It's OK to fail, as long as you see it as part of your story and use it as an opportunity for growth," he said. "Failure makes us become better people."

The third thing he wanted the students to know was that they have time to figure things out, which he pointed out might not be appreciated as much by the parents in the audience.

"You don't need to

have a plan right now, the end game is happiness, whatever that looks like to you," he added. "Be patient, writing your story takes time."

Fitzpatrick welcomed Salutatorian Asa Guldbrandsen to the podium, noting he had a 5.78 GPA and is heading to the University of Rochester in New York.

Guldbrandsen talked about the pursuit of perfection and the stress that can put on students.

"High school can be an extremely stressful place," Guldbrandsen said. "But the top 10 are no better than any one member of our class."

"The goal should be perfecting people rather than perfecting student," he continued. "Prospect Mountain has done extremely well at that, I'm looking at a group of 100 perfect people ready to take on the world."

Valedictorian Jaren Unzen finished his high

school career with a 5.88 GPA and will be heading to the University of New Hampshire in the fall. Fitzpatrick pointed out his lowest grade in his high school career was a 95 in AP calculus.

Unzen noted that the people have a tendency of pushing problems down to the next generation and said that needs to stop with his generation.

"We owe it to ourselves and the generations that follow, I know we have what it takes be-

cause of the people here before me," Unzen said and he went on to thank many of his classmates who have had an impact on his high school life in various ways, including members of the band, theater, environmental club, yearbook and various athletic teams.

"You are all so inspiring," he said. "This is our first step into the world and all it has to offer and we are stronger than all the problems we

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## Prospect seniors presented with numerous scholarships

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — Prior to their graduation on Friday night, members of the Prospect Mountain senior class were presented with numerous scholarships and awards at the school's scholarship night.

The Alton Business Association scholarship went to Samuel Francis and Gilbert "Deuce" Smith, while the Alton Centennial Rotary Club Scholarship was presented to Amber Fernald and Spencer Grow.

Benjamin Breuer received the Alton Garden Club's Doris Barnes Scholarship, while Annabelle Noyes was presented with the Alton Police Association Scholarship.

The American Legion Post 72 Scholarships were presented to Mallory Reynolds, Amber Fernald and Connor Meehan, the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships were presented to Annabelle Noyes, Brooke Stellan, Aidan Conrad and Spencer Grow, the American Legion Post 72 Sons Scholarships were presented to Jaden Burt and Devyn Stanley and the American Legion Riders Association Scholarship was given to Ji Woo Hwang.

Perrin McLeod was presented the Barton M. Griffin Memorial Scholarship, while the Bonnie Simpson Scholarship was given to Ji Woo Hwang. Hannah Capsalis, Deuce Smith and Spencer Grow all were presented with the BEA and BES Scholarships.

The Catherine King Reid Nursing Scholarship was presented to Mallory Reynolds, the Chamberlain Scholarship – LRSF was presented to Connor Meehan and the Earl B. Clark Scholarship from the Barnstead American Legion Post 42 was presented to Melody Sylvester.

# Perfection on the diamond

PROSPECT SOFTBALL TEAM FINISHES OFF PERFECT SEASON WITH D3 CHAMPIONSHIP

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Early on, coach James Christie

knew that his Prospect Mountain softball team had what it takes to get to the Division III cham-

pionship this season. "We put the pressure on early in the year, the expectation was that

we could do something special," Christie said. "We told them they just have to put the work in and make it through the grind of the season."

And that's exactly what the Timber Wolves did, bringing their undefeated season to a close with a hard-fought 4-2 win over Campbell on Saturday at Plymouth State University to claim the school's first softball championship.

"The support from the community has been amazing," Christie said, just an hour before a huge line of cars and emergency vehicles led the team buses through Alton in a parade of celebration as the town



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
THE PROSPECT MOUNTAIN softball girls celebrate their Division III championship on Saturday.

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# Prospect Mountain announces Class of 2022 Top 10

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School has announced the top 10 for the Class of 2022.



## 1. Jaren Unzen

Jaren Unzen is the son of Kristina Schram and Daniel Unzen of Barnstead. Over the past four years, Jaren has been involved in a variety of clubs and activities. He has played clarinet in the Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, as well as the Pep Band. He also played clarinet in the Pit Band for the school's production of "Willy Wonka." Jaren has also been a member of Tri-M for four years in which he was Vice-President

for the latter two. He was also the Vice-President of the class of 2022 for four years. He has also been a member of NHS, History Club, Envirothon, and Drama. During his senior year, Jaren played Seymour Krelborn in the school's production of "Little Shop of Horrors." Jaren will attend UNH in the Fall, majoring in International Affairs and Geography. Jaren will also continue to pursue theater and music while attending university.



## 2 Asa Guldbrandsen

Asa Guldbrandsen is the son of Melissa Countway and Thadde-

us Guldbrandsen of Alton. Asa played Varsity Golf and Tennis all four years and raced for the Varsity Alpine Ski team his Senior year. He was awarded the Coach's Award in both Golf and Tennis along with being a Team Captain for the past two years. Asa also received the Most Valuable Skier and a sportsmanship award for Alpine Skiing. He also received multiple scholar-athlete awards and a three-sport athlete award in his senior year. Asa has always had a passion for music and he was an active member of the Marching, Concert, and Jazz Band. He was the Saxophone Section Leader since his Sophomore year along with being the leader of Pep Band for Basketball Games his Junior and Senior years. He mainly plays the Alto but plays every variety of saxophone. Asa was also an active member of numerous groups including the Secretary of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the Outing Club. This year, he co-ran the Trick-or-Treat Night at PMHS and helped to organize and execute the Tri-M movie night and other Tri-M events. Asa has received multiple Academic Excellence awards and the Xerox Award from the University of Rochester. He will be continuing his education at the University of Rochester in New York, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



## 3 Mackenzie Renner

Mackenzie Renner is the daughter of Steve and Tuesday Renner of Alton. Over the last four years, Mackenzie has enjoyed the many opportunities PMHS has to offer and has risen to every challenge that came her way. Mackenzie has achieved numerous awards for Academic Excellence and has met the requirements for Honor roll every quarter. She is member of the National Honors Society and is a four-year member and two-year president of the Tri-M Music Honors Society. Through these two student organizations, she has had the opportunity to participate in a multitude of volunteer events both within PMHS and out in the surrounding community. Mackenzie has played four seasons of Varsity softball, earning the MVP award and Second Team All-State her junior year, and First Team All-State and Division III Player of the Year her senior year. She also has played two seasons of Varsity soccer, and one season of JV basketball. Mackenzie spent most of her time in the music department. She was the senior drum major of the PMHS marching band and played a variety of instruments in the concert band. Outside of school, Mackenzie is a pianist of 15 years, has participated in state and regional per-

formance competitions, and has volunteered as an accompanist for the high school and middle school choirs. Next year, Mackenzie will attend the University of Southern Maine, majoring in Piano Performance and Personal Finance.



## 4 Kendall Santy

Kendall Santy is the daughter of Chad and Susan Santy of Alton. Throughout the past four years at Prospect Mountain High School, Kendall has put in exceptional effort to maintain high academic standards. She has received multiple awards for academic excellence in French, English, Science, World Cultures, US History, World History, Economics, Civics, and Health Science. She has participated in many activities, including being a competing member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) for the past two years, in which she earned a gold medal in the Medical Law and Ethics event. She attended a two-year health science program at Lakes Region Technology Center, which resulted in her obtaining her LNA license. She plans to start working as an LNA after graduation and then further her education in this field in the future.



## 5 Benjamin Breuer

Benjamin Breuer is the third child of Pamela and Matthew Breuer of Alton. Passionate about the sciences, he has used every opportunity available to him through the school to take as many biology-related classes as possible. President of the Environmental Club for all four years of his high school experience, environmental stewardship and a love for learning have been important to him since he was young. He also competed in New Hampshire's state Envirothon Competition for two-years in a row, for selected, eco-conscious students. Having worked a part-time job the majority of his years at Prospect, as a host and server at El-lacoya Barn and Grille, he loves to stay engaged with his local community. Along with his dedication to school, he has participated in History Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Boys Varsity Tennis during his education. Aiming to pursue his interests in all things nature, Ben is excited to be majoring in Biological Engineering as well as Botany at the University of Florida in the fall.

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6 Hannah Capsalis  
Hannah Capsalis is the daughter of Mike and Kristie Capsalis of Barnstead. Over the past four years, Hannah has filled her schedule with PMHS courses and multiple online classes. Hannah enjoyed participating in multiple sports as well. Her freshman year, she played JV soccer, Varsity basketball and JV/Varsity softball. She ran Varsity cross country and track as well as played Varsity basketball where she was named captain of the team for three consecutive years. Hannah made Second Team All-State her junior and senior year as well as the NHIAA all-academic team. In addition, she has received numerous Coach's Awards for all sports. Outside of school, Hannah played for multiple travel basketball teams that went to showcase tournaments. Hannah has held leadership roles at PMHS where she was in the class office for three years: secretary her freshman year and president the next two years. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and named president her senior year. As her senior project, she put together the first lantern festival at Alton Bay, which accumulated almost \$1,700 for the Boston Children's Hospital. For her community, Hannah has donated numerous hours to the Barnstead Elementary Schools girls' basketball team. In addition, she (with the help of her siblings and former coach) created a local basketball camp to help young people in small towns improve their basic basketball skills. Next year, Hannah will be attending Endicott College.



7 Aidan Conrad  
Aidan Conrad is the son of Kelly and Greg Conrad. Throughout the last four years Aidan has taken advantage of the opportunities that presented themselves to him. He's continued to pursue interests that he had before high

school like playing golf, by playing for Prospect Mountain's varsity golf team for all four years, and continuously learning and improving his game. Aidan has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America club, in which he was active for three years, and an officer for the latter two years. He was a member of the National Honor Society for two years, with his biggest accomplishment as one of their members being the Thanksgiving food drive he hosted. He helped bring the school together with some friendly competition with PMHS ultimately donating over 1,200 food items to local food pantries. He was accepted into chamber singers, which has sparked a whole new appreciation for music, and has inspired him to want to incorporate music more throughout the rest of his life. Aidan has also contributed his time to community service, donating blood and chaperoning a summer invention camp. He's received many awards recognizing his hard work and dedication, including scholar athlete awards, the NHIAA sportsmanship award, and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal award, just to name a few. Aidan will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall, majoring in Business Administration.



8 Abigail Giuda  
Abigail Giuda is the youngest daughter of Bradley Giuda and Wendy Corliss of Barnstead. Abigail has maintained honors status throughout her time at Prospect

Mountain High School. She has been an active part of the school community through her extracurricular involvements. She was a member of the World Cultures Club for four years and has been the president for the past two years. She has also been a member of the National Honors Society since her junior year and Historian for the duration of her senior year. In addition to school extracurriculars, Abigail has been involved in dance classes since the age of 3. After joining the competition team at her current studio, Ballet North NH, at the age of 12, she has received numerous awards for her performance and choreography skills. Most recently receiving first overall in her age group for herself choreographed tap solo at a regional competition held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. This fall Abigail will be studying Psychology at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.



9 Connor Meehan  
Connor Meehan is the son of Andrew and Katie Meehan of Barnstead. During his four years at Prospect Mountain, Connor enjoyed being active with school extracurriculars while maintaining steady grades for honor roll. He played JV soccer as well as Varsity Baseball and Varsity Tennis. Connor was also involved in NHS for his Junior and Senior year and was elected the Treasurer of the World Cultures Club as a Senior. Connor will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Durham, double-major-

ing in Sports Management and Business.



10 Christopher Cox  
Christopher Cox is the son of Bill and Teri Ann Cox of Alton Bay. During his four years at Prospect, Christopher has excelled in the classroom while being a three-sport athlete. He has played on the JV and Varsity teams for soccer and basketball, and the Varsity baseball team since his freshman year. He was co-captain for the JV soccer team, and also served as one of the captains for both the JV and Varsity basketball squads. He has received various sports awards including Most Improved Player and Coaches Awards for Basketball, PMHS Scholar Athlete Award all 2018-2022 seasons, NH Basketball Coaches All-State All-Academic Team his junior and senior years, and the NHIAA Sportsmanship Award. This spring, Christopher was recognized by the state's NHIAA and NHADA as a Division III Scholar Athlete and also received the NH 3 Sport Recognition Award. Christopher has been a dedicated percussionist for the PMHS concert and marching bands all four years, and was a percussion section leader his senior year. Christopher has been an active member of the National Honor Society and was elected to the position of Vice

President his second year. Christopher logged more than 50 hours over the course of his high school career. He attended Camp Kabeyun and was the camp's kitchen crew in 2021 and will stay connected with the Kabeyun community in the summers ahead as a camp counselor. Christopher has received several PMHS academic excellence awards for various classes and was

a recipient his junior year of the Assumption University Book Award, a significant scholarship recognizing his academic success, leadership qualities, and concern for others. In the fall, Christopher will become a Greyhound, attending Assumption's Honors Program with the plan to major in history and minor in law, ethics, and constitutional studies.

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## Make the most of the life ahead of you

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world after a global pandemic. This time in an 18-year-old's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following:

1. Don't smoke
2. Drink plenty of water every day
3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there, the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2022!



COURTESY

### News from home

Dan Tothill of Barnstead catches up on the news from home while visiting the famous monastery of Mont Saint-Michel in France.

## Letters to the Editor

### Bellyaching

To the Editor:

One of my many interests and organizations I support is the New Hampshire Brain Institute, which held their annual walk by the sea at Hampton Beach on June 5. It was a great day with beautiful weather and only one small drawback that made my day one for reflection, of our social fabric.

The months of economic upheaval that are painful to most of us in this country and around the world, with inflation, rolling over our paychecks like an eighteen-wheeler on a steep downhill grade without

brakes. I made an observation while en route to the walk at Hampton Beach; on Interstate 95, everyone was exceeding the speed limit, and it seemed to me the bigger the vehicle, the faster they were going. Traffic volume was heavy due to it being the end of a weekend and vacationers returning home, but I felt like a tortoise in the slow lane doing the speed limit of 65 miles per hour.

What struck me as odd was the thought these are most likely the same people who yell into the camera when interviewed, on FOX

news, CNN, and the like, about how President Joe Biden is not doing anything about gas prices, and inflation in general. Well, I remember when President Jimmy Carter faced the same problem in the '70's with gas prices, he lowered the speed limits to 55 on the highways, nobody liked it, but it did save on gas and it did cut cost. The other saving was on lives lost due to deaths caused by accidents.

Stop your bellyaching if you're wasting your gas at 80 miles per hour on the highway, weaving in and out of traffic like your trip is

more important than the car next to yours. This all goes back to rights; you don't have rights if you do not respect the rights of others. I want to believe most people are good, but boy when I leave my little shelter under my rock, there sure are a lot of nasty people who make their rights seems like the rest of us do not matter regardless of sex, age or color. I do wish some in the over 30 crowd would grow up.

Respectfully,  
John Q. Henderson  
Barnstead

### Promises made, promises kept

To the Editor:

With my first term representing Alton and Gilmanton in the New Hampshire House coming to its end, I am pleased to announce that I have signed up to run for a second term in the new Alton and Barnstead District.

Looking back upon the promises I made during my initial campaign, I am delighted, too, to be able to ask the people of Alton and Barnstead to return me to Concord on the basis of "Promises Made. Promises Kept."

Ever grateful for my good health, I was able to attend every meeting of the House and that of both my Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee's full Committee and its Insurance Sub-Committee. This might seem to most folks as to be expected. However, I was surprised at how numerous Representatives' attendance and participation fell far short of one hundred percent.

The accomplishments of our Republican House Majority were numerous, ranging over many

issues. As a group we pledged to lower personal and business taxes, and we did. We pledged to protect against Democrat attempts to weaken the Second Amendment, and we did. We pledged to extend protection to unborn children, and we did in passing an entirely reasonable 24-week limit for most abortions. We pledged we would promote excellence in education, and we did across a broad range of educational options. We pledged to pass measures that strengthen the honesty and integrity of our elections, and we did. We pledged to advance needed modest reforms and oversight of the Governor's Emergency Powers, and we did. Over and over again, we promised to deliver, and we did our part. My voting record clearly placed me among the we!

I was the sponsor of the Parents Bill of Rights (HB 1431) that nearly passed on the final vote that was taken on May 26. Although strongly supported by House Leadership, our Republican Majority was betrayed by enough of our Members so that we fell short, 171-176. These Members not only

betrayed the parents and children of New Hampshire, but also the State Republican Party's Platform commitments to parents and families. My cosponsors and I have agreed that however many of us are returned to Concord next year, we will fight even harder for the enactment and securing of fundamental natural and constitutional rights of New Hampshire parents and their children. We have a Patient's Bill of Rights. We have a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. Now it's past time for a Parent's Bill of Rights.

Last but not least, I pledged to be accessible and listen to all of the people who I represented. I did so, answering or returning every phone call. I responded to every email I received, also, regardless of the person's party affiliation or views.

I look forward to seeing and listening to many more of you than was possible during the difficult 2020 campaign season. It's been an honor to represent and serve you, and I hope you will extend to me the privilege for yet another two years.

Rep. Paul Terry  
Alton

## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Coco

Looking for a fun, outgoing pup to keep you on your toes? Coco is your gal! This silly, active girl is the life of the party you never knew you needed. She's social and spunky, with the energy and smarts to back it up! Due to a few insecurities, Coco is in our behavior program. Check out what she's working on below!

Coco's strengths: smart, social, and motivated by food and toys, this little pup has a lot going for her!

What needs some improvement:

Coco can be nervous about her resources being taken from her such as food and toys. We have been working to teach her that people approaching her food bowl and other high value items means that good things happen and we aren't there to take her stuff away. So far, she is making great progress!

What Coco is working on: Coco is learning that she does not have to fear her resources being taken from her. She can also get a little uncomfortable with restraint, so she is working on building positive associations with handling.

What Coco needs in an adopter: Coco is looking for someone who is patient and has lots of love to give! She's a really sweet girl that needs to be shown that her fears in life aren't so scary after all. Through an adopter willing to continue down the path of positive experiences and training, Coco will grow up to be a lovely dog!

Adoption information-

Kids: no kiddos

Cats: no feline friends

Dogs: Coco may do well on some supervised doggie playdates, but is not ready to go home with another dog due to her insecurity around food and toys.



### Lina

Miss Lina. She is an adorable little cat looking for a quiet home where she can learn to trust and accept attention from her human friends. She might benefit from having another cat to help her warm up, but with the right patient human she should flourish.



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By JOHN HARRIGAN  
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Those who study movements of the earth’s crust tell us that the Connecticut River flows along one of the great rifts between plates that are pulling apart from each other. This gives rise to some great give and take today between New Hampshire and Vermont as to which state, given the slight tilt of one plate going under the other, is gaining land over time.

Similarly, the Thingvellir rift in Iceland is the result of the North American and Eurasian plates pulling away from each other by about one centimeter, or about four-tenths of an inch, per year.

Icelanders have a thing about Things. If I went to Iceland, I’d want to bone up first on regional history, which I’ve read. I’d want to visit the Thingvellir Rift, which is much more dramatic than most of the world’s great rifts. I’d also want to visit the Althing, Iceland’s ancient parliamentary body, founded in 930 A.D., half a century before Columbus struck out on the ocean blue.

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I’m pretty much a place-based person, meaning that I’ve always felt a strong connection to the landscape. I’ve been aware of this since my first trip through the zig-zagging old riverbed above Beaver Brook Falls.

This 80-foot Ice-Age waterfall is one of New

Hampshire’s best-kept secrets, and is right along Route 145, the so-called “back road to Pittsburg.” Local Kiwanians maintain a well-kept little roadside park there.

Ever since our parents drove us up to Clarksville Pond to visit longtime family friends, I’ve wondered what formed that deep, dark little canyon above the falls. At one time, a stupendous amount of water flowed out from under the ice just to the north, at Stewartstown Hollow. I know some of this from my lifetime friendship with Doc Gifford, another longtime family friend, and from a lifetime of reading ever since.

We heard nothing in school about glaciers, certainly nothing to connect the latest glacier (about 15,000 years ago) to the present-day landscape we know. But I can easily imagine the scene, when water was flowing from beneath glacial ice backed up by the bedrock dike at Stewartstown Hollow.

Some of this water came out from under the ice and crept over the dike, and first flowed gently along, but was of such volume that it gained speed, and hit the adjoining bedrock walls with such speed that it bounced back and forth, creating the riverbed that Route 145 follows today. The roar must have been deafening.

Above this dike the water slowed enough to drop some of its silt, forming the swamp we can still see today. Some of the water changed course and went down Bishop Brook valley. The rest went west to bounce around a bit and create the out-wash that became Colebrook.

In more recent life,

I’ve walked, run, and biked the route, and today can talk about what happened there. I’ve also seen the canyon from above, during deer-hunting days. The dike is still there, of course, right where South Hill Road and Bear Rock Road meet the macadam.

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What I have a more difficult time explaining are the other topographical mysteries around the region. For instance, why does the Connecticut River, as it flows down the great rift, take a hard right at Beecher Falls and head for Pittsburg?

Could it be because of an obstruction not so deep in the earth’s crust—perhaps no more than an intrusion of magma—that is, if only temporarily, enough to overcome the effects of the rift? We must remember, here, that a glacier and 15,000 years are little more than an eye blink over the long course of time.

One hint to the answer is a deep, steep-sided trench just north of West Stewartstown village, in between it and Beecher Falls. Despite the allure of the topo maps, and with the passage of time and seemingly more important things, I’ve never been there.

Readers have a way of reacting to scenarios like this, and I would not be all that surprised to receive a note from some denizen of Stewartstown, beginning with “You dummy.”

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Beecher Falls is named for the family that homesteaded just above the falls and built the first sawmill. Above that point, the river is no longer the boundary between New Hampshire and Vermont.



COURTESY

With great photographs like this, I don’t really need to go to Iceland. It shows the Thingvellir Rift and Iceland’s largest freshwater lake, formed by surrounding volcanos. (Courtesy National Geographic)

In the late 1700s, northern New Hampshire and Vermont were at the ends of the earth, at least for European nobility and explorers—wild places between the French settlements in Canada and the English colonies around Boston and the Gulf of Maine. These settlements were often at official war with each other, based on the whims of European powers. Jesuit missionaries were seen accompanying raids during the French and Indian War, causing a faith-based resentment that continues to this day.

Traders from frontier towns on both sides held to the region’s habitual business-as-usual attitude, meanwhile, and visited far-flung villages and settlements. Meanwhile, speculators sold land “belonging” to the Abenaki (people of the Dawn Land), who had no comprehension of private ownership.

During this interim, long-established Abenaki trails connected people on both sides of what would become the border. The occasional



JOHN HARRIGAN

The Connecticut River runs free in this photo, taken from Route 3 just below Pittsburg village. It is one of the few places in its 406-mile course to the sea that it can do so.

Abenaki long-distance dog-trotters—warriors with a special status—traveled “over the hump” between Canada and the English settlements, bearing ransom notes to frantic families about captives taken in raids there and now held captive in Quebec and Montreal.

Ascutney, and on down to Georgia really belong with the long-ago plate of Gowanda?

Were we indeed once part of what is now Africa? And what ancient force made that deep cut in the earth just to the south of Beecher Falls?

(This column is syndicated in newspapers from Concord to Canada. Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN Audibles

I’m experiencing what might be called a rain delay. They said that there could be thunder storms this afternoon, and wouldn’t you know that a rumbling dark cloud came over while I was finishing planting my broccoli. Being a fair weather farmer, I packed up my stuff and headed for shelter. As it is, I’m now sitting at the table on the front porch watching the rain gaining intensity. You can judge the size of the drops that are enlarging by the sound they make as they hit the fresh new spring leaves.

It amazes me how some people don’t key into sound very much. Back when my ears worked well, I could drop a little screw while up on my ladder and know exactly where to pick it up by listening to the sounds. That ability has pretty much faded away. I can still stick the old coffee pot under the spigot and go off and do something else, and know how full the pot is by the sound. I can usually return and turn it off before it overflows. Looking to

the west I can see blue sky. If the sun manages to find a spot to peek through, we could have us a nice rainbow on the other side of the house. In no time, the blue sky is over head and the only drips coming down are from my roof and gutters. That was a quick shower. I can still hear thunder in the distance which strengthens my resolve to not rush out and start planting the tomatoes. But in the meantime. Here comes the sun again.

When I headed out earlier today, I looked down as something round had caught

my eye. It was about the size of a quarter, so I reached down to check it out. It was a baby painted turtle. I know that turtles come the half mile up the hill to lay their eggs in my yard, but I thought it to be quite early to have baby turtles hatch so soon. I deposited it back in the grass and headed toward the garden.

When I returned to the garden after the rain delay, I looked down to see a surprisingly different looking rock along the gardens edge. It was a larger painted turtle about the size of a 45. That’s an old musical

recording 45. This one was a number of years older, and from what I could surmise, was out looking for a place to lay her eggs. I knew that the garden would have been perfect, but since I was in the process of planting it, I wouldn’t want to

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have to avoid disturbing any of her eggs deposited therein.

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# ABA June Monthly Member Highlight: ColdSpring Farm LLC

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sit down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! For June, we spoke with Diane Loudon, owner of Cold Spring Farm. We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you're an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at [info@altonbusinessassociation.com](mailto:info@altonbusinessassociation.com).

Q: Tell us about your business?

A: ColdSpring Farm is an event venue featuring weddings, birthdays, anniversary celebrations, music events, parties of all kinds and meetings, classes, conferences - we can accommodate almost any assembly need. We have been in business since 2020 opening in the midst of a pandemic! We are really ramping now

as we have a website and are branching out via our partners and different marketing activities.

Q: Tell us about yourself:

A: I have two wonderful and devoted grown children, Sarah who lives with me on the farm with Bob and her little one Cady and Zach, my son, who lives in Turlock, Calif. with his wife Alex and two little ones, Elliot and baby Eden. I am a widow - navigating life without my bestie, Alan but he is always with us on the farm. We feel his presence every day. I am also a retired executive. I have lots of moderately useful education from lots of wonderful and well-known institutions and I mostly utilize experience in the running and growth of my farm. I spent about 40 years in manufacturing environments predominantly in medical device and aerospace initially focused upon effectiveness of manufacturing processes - which was predominantly related to people! I was president of Albany Engineered

Composites when I retired in December of 2017. Now I operate on multiple boards guiding small manufacturing concerns and improving them where possible as well as developing ColdSpring Farm. Faith, family and community are my priorities!

Q: How did your business get started?

A: When Alan died, I really needed a project to consume me and help me work through things. He had always longed to complete the barn for other purposes and the latest purpose he had been interested in was as an event venue for weddings. And so, I completed it! After I spent lots of money, I petitioned the Town of Alton to establish the business and run it. This took a while as we were smack in the beginning of COVID but I did get my approvals and off we went. The seed was Alan's wish and my need to complete a chunky project that has now turned into a lively potential business for life for my family and a great spot for the com-

munity to utilize.

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: In just a short while we have met people who will help us transform our business in ways we had only dreamed of prior. We now have a financial partner to help us more fully develop commercial banking needs and a partner to help us with lodging for all our guests right in Alton Bay! And so much more...the sense of community through the ABA is EXACTLY what we are working to establish in our brand and business execution. Love it!

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: I love the size and knowing people wherever I go in town. It is comforting and special to have in a world that has grown so big and impersonal and even offensive. If we have nothing else, we have each other in this world and our community demonstrates

that.

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

A: I live here and if I never set foot on another plane in my life, I would be okay with that! This community is special and has so much more opportunity. I want to add to that opportunity and be part of that continuous improvement.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: In my executive career I am most proud of developing people - helping them to unlock their potential. At ColdSpring Farm I am most proud of simply launching it and guiding the business as the climate unfolds around us. Ultimately, I will be most proud of creating something lasting for my kids to run for years and years to come.

Q: What does the future hold for you and your business?

A: We vision constantly...the future will continue with weddings and an emphasis on value for the couple. To that end, we will be adding

features and including benefits for booking your wedding here at ColdSpring Farm. Additionally, we will be branching out with new associations for music, benefit events, Sunday brunches and Sunday Birthday specials. We are planning to make full use of our property and incorporate hikes and outdoor activities as well. And this year we are planning to be open for the holiday season with heat available now throughout the barn. It promises to be magical!!

Q: What is one piece of advice you wish you had as a new business member?

A: Get QuickBooks right away!!

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in touch with you?

A: Email is easiest at [diane.loudon@gmail.com](mailto:diane.loudon@gmail.com) or call at 603-556-0321 and always check the website <https://www.coldspringbarn.com>

## Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

### Line Dancing Lessons

Line Dancing with Joan Lightfoot is scheduled on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. from June 16-Aug. 25 at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$3/season. Register on site.

### Alton Old Home Week 5K Road Race

Co-Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Aug. 13 at the Alton Bay Bandstand, 9:00a.m. Sign up by July 15 and receive a long sleeve race shirt. US-ATF Certified Course through Alton. Comput-

erized timing with bib chip; results posted online. Scenic, slight varying course, flat/downhill with one moderate incline, paved. Prizes, refreshments, water stops, traffic control and raffle for racers. Forms and map available at [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Alton/AltonOldHomeWeek5KRoadRace>.

### ALTON COMMUNITY FORUM

The Alton Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Community Forum on Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. at the Pearson Road Com-

munity Center to discuss recreational opportunities in the Town of Alton. Residents are invited to share their ideas on programs, facilities and accessible resources they would like to see offered in the Town of Alton. Come with ideas for your community, and the Commission will provide the ice cream! For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

### Yoga Sculpt Class with Sheila Marston

A new energetic class that is a combination of

vinyasa, strength training, cardio and core at the Alton Bay Community Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting June 8. Bring two sets of weights, water and a yoga mat. Drop in cost is \$12 or \$40 for four weeks.

### Totally Fun Thursdays- B&M Park

Ages 6-11 join the Parks and Recreation crew for a fun afternoon full of games, crafts and outdoor play on Thursdays, June 23-July 7 from noon-2 p.m.; \$5 per day. Snack will be provided. Activities include: cooperative games; water games; scavenger hunts; hikes; making slime and

more. Bring a towel and bathing suit for water games. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by June 17.

### Lil Picassos- Pre-K Art Program

An interactive program for ages three to five years held on Tuesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 10-11 a.m., June 21- July 5, \$5 per day. Finger painting, sculpture making and other sensory art projects. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by June 20.

### Tiny Tots Playgroup- B&M Park

An outdoor playgroup for children 3-5 years, led by the Parks and Recreation crew on Thursdays, June 23-July 7 at B&M Park from 10-11 a.m.; \$5 per day. Program includes great games and activities to play like short hikes; nature scavenger hunts; fun with bubbles and much more. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by June 20.

## Barnstead Parks & Rec presents Summer Concert Series

BARNSTEAD — Barnstead Parks & Recreation is pleased to welcome to the Summer Concert Series Stage, Ken Sheldon on Saturday, June 18 and Catfish Howl on Saturday, June 25.

Ken Sheldon is a singer/songwriter, humorist, and performer that specializes in songs for the young and young

at heart. His bestselling series Sing Along and Learn, published by Scholastic, has sold more than 150,000 copies and has been used in classrooms around the world. His independent recordings, Ice Cream Soup and Talking to My Food have delighted children and adults alike. If you enjoy silly songs and songs that help children learn, this is the show

for you! He is also the creator of Frost Heaves, a comedy show from "the most under-appreciated town in New Hampshire." This event is for the whole family so pack up the kiddos and come on down.

Catfish Howl is a New England based five piece Zydeco band performing Zydeco (Blues, Rock, Country, New Orleans Style) and maybe even a

Cajun tune or two. There is a festive New Orleans feel to this New England band's music. The sound is a cross between what you would expect to hear on a countryside hayride and uptempo rural blues. There is no typical show with the Catfish and you never know what you might see and

hear, but everyone will have a good time!

Summer concerts will take place at the Barnstead Parade Grounds every Saturday from June 18 through Aug. 20 from 6-8 p.m (with the exception of Aug. 6 due to the Pittsfield Balloon Rally). This year's lineup features a wide

array of music and can be found at [www.barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/events](http://www.barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/events). Concessions will be offered by local organizations and the concerts are free so grab a chair or a blanket and come on down to enjoy the show!

## Edwin

FROM PAGE A5

Funny thing though, she didn't seem interested in the garden. I placed myself in a distant enough position to be able to watch her and to not be imposing. When she felt safe, she headed off in the direction of the log pile. From my higher vantage point, I could easily see that she could have chosen a much easier path for herself, but from her perspective, it was all just one big grass jungle.

While she was crawling through some dry leaves, her sounds alerted the houses small intruder patrol, who came prancing across the yard to investigate.

The feline enforcer stealthily approached the location of the alarming audio. The cat froze into observation mode. In the few moments that followed, the turtle somehow knew to freeze also. The cat quickly got bored and hopped off toward the stone wall. What a letdown; I wanted to see what kind of confrontation would ensue between them. Maybe she was already familiar with turtles coming up from the swamp to lay their eggs. In the past they've usually been snappers.

The tomatoes finally did get planted. Butternut squash and some corn too. I raked and spread clover seeds where the potatoes will

go in a month or so. My pseudo crop rotation. I'll roto-till it all in before I plant. Clover's good for that. It never did rain, so I made use of the hose and gave everything a good drink. I'm glad that there has been some precipitation, but I know that the water table must still be somewhat low.

They say that we're going to have a showery week. That's good, I won't have to water, and hopefully there will be some that soaks into the ground before it runs off into the sea. That's what showers are good for.

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# Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission has some exciting news!

BARNSTEAD — A dedicated and passionate group of volunteers, former commission members and the current Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission have gathered to create the “Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation” non-profit organization! The Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation is a group who believe in the Parks and Recreation Commission’s mis-

sion and want to help us achieve our goals through fundraising, getting sponsorships from local businesses, and more.

What does this partnership mean? Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission is still offering programming, recreational activities, and opportunities for all Barnstead Residents. Often, we wish our events came at a lower cost to residents, or that we

were able to offer more scholarships so everyone could participate in what we have to offer or have additional funds for new events or purchases (for example a movie screen for outdoor movie nights). The Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation was formed to address these needs without putting additional burden on Barnstead’s taxpayers. The Friends will have the ability to take

sponsorships from local businesses, do independent fundraising, and fundraising at existing Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission events. They exist to support the Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission’s mission through financial support.

Is the Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission changing? Nope! Not at all – we have a dedicated group of volunteers and former

commission members who saw a need that the Commission had and decided to take action by forming this non-profit organization. Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission will still be doing all the same fun events and programming residents have come to know and love.

How can you get involved? If you’re interested in learning more about Barnstead Parks and Recreation, send us

an email at barnstead-parks@gmail.com. Also keep an eye on our website and social media for different opportunities to learn more. Join the team or volunteer. If you’d like to volunteer with Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation, feel free to email them at friends.bpnr@gmail.com.

## Hazardous Waste & Drug Disposal Saturday

WOLFEBORO — Saturday, June 18, the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) will hold its monthly collection including the 1st special medication drop-off of the season from 8:30 a.m.-noon at 404 Beach Pond Rd., Wolfeboro. The Facility is open the third Saturday May thru October.

Human, farm animal and pet medications: controlled and non-controlled prescription, non-prescription, over-the-counter, personal care products, vitamins and supplements, including pills, salves and liquids, can be safely disposed of.

To keep the line mov-

ing swiftly, please obtain passes BEFORE collection day at Wolfeboro Solid Waste Facility. Alton residents should get a pass at the Alton Transfer Station prior to arrival at LRHHPF (additional on-site collections in Alton second Saturdays of July & September.) Ask attendant for the brochure when getting your free pass as it contains collection details and special medication disposal dates. See Site Coordinator at LRHHPF if a pass was not obtained ahead.

All other communities may attend by cash or check: \$45 for each increment up to five gallons, counting the cans (not the ounces within).

LRHHPF will accept multiple increments with adequate funding.

Place containers in a cardboard box to speed up removal and keep the vehicle tidy. Boat and mower gasoline containers can be emptied and returned at Wolfeboro site.

Call Site Coordinator at 651-7530 for the most accurate information. No latex paint, it is not a flammable hazardous waste. Oil base paints, stains, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, cleaning products, and pesticides are common items collected. As always, no one may exit their once inside the fence.

ALTON — The Father’s Day tradition continues on Sunday, June 19, as the Masons of Winipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly Breakfast Buffet on Father’s Day starting at 7:30 a.m., open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter

mile south of the Alton Circle.

With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, french toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and

enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. Cost is \$12.

The Masons serve breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m.. They hope to see you there. For more information, contact Kirby Wood at 603-875-2979.

## Masons hosting Fathers’ Day breakfast

## Antique car show June 26 at Alton American Legion

ALTON — The Alton American Legion Post 72 will be hosting its fifth annual antique car and motorcycle show on Sunday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Legion hall, located just north of the traffic circle on Route 28.

The theme for this year’s show is 70s flower power and the registration fee for each car and motorcycle is 10 dollars.

There will be raffles, best of class trophies and best costume, with all proceeds going toward helping veterans.

The car show will benefit the New England Chapter of Hometown Hero Outdoors, a non-profit dedicated to facilitating outdoor adventures for actively serving military, military veterans and licensed law enforce-

ment officers. These adventures include hunting, fishing, backpacking, foraging, camping, snowmobiling and more. The primary goal is to assist the individuals as they begin healing and building healthy relationships within the community. The money raised is earmarked for a side-by-side.

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GRADUATION

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will face.”

Class advisors Ronda Fernald and Tom Stevens brought a few props to the podium, noting it was great to be able to get back to doing the fun things seniors get to do and even attempted a wrap before leaving the group with a quote, “be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Fitzpatrick noted that in his 16 years he has never seen a class president who has had as much pride in his position as this year’s president, Luca Pellegrine.

Pellegrine told the crowd that he was diagnosed with autism at age five and for the years before he enrolled at Prospect Mountain as a sophomore, he grew up with kids like him and formed friendships that helped him become the person he is today.

“When I enrolled here after my freshman year, I was just determined to get through the three years,” Pellegrine said. “Then I started to enjoy things.

“The last three years helped me grow like I don’t think any other place would let me,” he continued. He went on to thank the class advisors, his fellow class officers who “were responsible for everything that went right this year,” Fitzpatrick, his teachers and his friends, noting Stevens was the type of man that all boys should strive to be when they reach “his ripe old age.”

The keynote address was given by former math teacher Douglas

Farquhar, who taught at Prospect Mountain from 2016 to 2020 and praised Prospect as the place where he “rediscovered my love of teaching mathematics.”

“I will always hold Prospect Mountain and the people I met in my time here in a very special place in my heart,” he said.

He noted that people seem to have lost the ability to effectively communicate with each other and empathize with anyone who’s opinions don’t align with their own.

“You’re not going to love what everyone has to say, but we can come together with differing opinions, listen to each other, find a way to compromise and move forward,” Farquhar said.

He pointed to the climate change and the wealth and inequality gap as things the next generation need to be looking at as they move forward.

“It will not be easy, but things worth doing are never easy,” he said. He advised the graduates not to take things too personally, to take things one day at a time and to be kind to themselves.

Before certifying the diplomas, Superintendent Tim Broadrick offered up a special mention of former Barnstead Elementary School Principal Tim Rice, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

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GRADUATE HANNAH CAPSALIS mugs for the camera after receiving her diploma on Friday night.



SENIOR MEMBERS of the band play the National Anthem to kick off Friday’s graduation ceremony.

Carolanne O’Brien  
Simon Paris  
Madison Paul  
Luca Pellegrine  
Austin Perreault  
Hunter Perreault  
Valeria Ramos  
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Leah Scott

Daniel Silver  
Dennis Simpson  
Gilbert “Deuce”  
Smith  
Devyn Stanley  
Brooke Stellon  
Melody Sylvester  
Samuel Taber  
Mary Taylor  
Jaren Unzen  
William Warr  
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ASA GULDBRANDSEN gave the Salutatorian Address during Friday’s graduation at Prospect Mountain



AMBER FERNALD has a hug for her mom, Ronda, who presented her with her diploma on Friday.



PERRIN MCLEOD gets a hug from his mom, Pam, after she presented him with his diploma on Friday night.



FORMER PMHS teacher Douglas Farquhar gave the keynote address at Friday’s graduation.



SYLAS KENERSON offers up a chest bump to Principal J Fitzpatrick as he received his diploma.



PRINCIPAL J FITZPATRICK presided over Prospect’s graduation on Friday.



CLASS PRESIDENT Luca Pellegrine points to his classmates during his speech on Friday night.



VALEDICTORIAN JAREN UNZEN speaks to the crowd during Friday night’s commencement ceremony.

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Deuce Smith was presented the Father George Ham Memorial Scholarship, the Joe Holliday Memorial – LRSF was presented to Mackenzie Renner and the Joseph R. and Winona V. Houle Scholarship was given to Amber Fernald.

The Karla A. Merfeld Memorial Scholarship was presented to Annabelle Noyes, Jaden Burt received the Keith Pepin Memorial Scholarship, Benjamin Breuer was given the Klaus Biemann Science Scholarship and the Lakes Region Board of Realtors Scholarship was presented to Veron-

ica Dowd and Samuel Francis.

Melody Sylvester and Madison Fifield were presented with the Lakes Region Technology Center Awards while Emalee Bunker, Hannah Capsalis, Amber Fernald, Samuel Francis, Spencer Grow, Ji Woo Hwang, Mackenzie Renner, Devyn Stanley, Jaren Unzen and William Warr were presented with the Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund – LRSF awards.

Annabelle Noyes received the Maureen Fitzpatrick School Board Scholarship, Asa Guldbrandsen was presented the Maxfield Real

Estate Scholarship and the Meredith Village Savings Bank James D. Sutherland Scholarship was given to Devyn Stanley.

Haylay Berry, Benjamin Breuer, Megan Burnette, Jaden Burt, Hannah Capsalis, Veronica Dowd, Amber Fernald, Piper Flood, Abigail Gida, Asa Guldbrandsen, Cloe Hillsgrove, Mak-enzy Holden, Ji Woo Hwang, Trevor Lavigne, Charlize Locke, Connor Meehan, Annabelle Noyes, Brooke Stellan, Jaren Unzen, William Warr and Liam White were named New Hampshire Scholars.

The Paul and Eunice

Landry First Robotics STEM Scholarships were presented to Simon Paris, Willow Sanborn and Caitlynn Krull. The Paul Landry Scholarship was given to Liam White and the PMHS Teachers Association Scholarship was presented to Mallo-ry Reynolds.

The Prospect United Scholarships were given to Annabelle Noyes, Amber Fernald and Veronica Dowd, Jaden Burt received the Red Sox Scholarship and Jaren Unzen was presented with the Ruth S. and Wil-lard D. Rollins Scholar-ship.

Hannah Capsalis was presented with the

St. Stevens Episcopal Church Scholarship, the Steven S. Jewett III Memorial Scholarship – LRSF went to Spencer Grow and the Summer People’s Scholarship was given to Samuel Francis and Ji Woo Hwang. Emalee Bunker received the Suncook Valley Rotary Club Scholarship.

The Tessa Carter Memorial Scholarship from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation was given to Liam White and Mackenzie Renner, while the Timber Wolves Booster Club Scholarships were given to Hannah Capsalis, Christopher Cox, Connor Meehan, Spencer

Grow, William Warr and Mackenzie Renner.

The Tri-M Music Awards were given to Aidan Conrad and Mackenzie Renner, the Tyler D. Houghton Memorial Scholarship – American Legion was presented to Mackenzie Renner and Syllas Kenerson received the William B. Messer Scholarship.

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SOFTBALL

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turned out to welcome home the champions. “The school has been great.”

It took a while for anyone to get on the board in the championship game, as neither team scored until the fourth inning.

Prospect pitcher Ella Bernier worked around a two-out double in the top of the first inning, getting a strikeout to end the inning. Mackenzie Renner and Mariah Gates worked walks and Bernier was hit by a pitch to load the bases in the bottom of the first, but they were all stranded. Bernier responded by striking out the side in the top of the second inning.

Alexis Wilson had a one-out walk and moved up on an Eve Roberge sacrifice bunt and Tori Christie worked a walk, but again the Cougars got out of trouble, this time with a popup to shortstop. Bernier then worked around a one-out base hit, betting a fly ball to right and a pop up to third. Gates and Bernier both reached in the bottom of the third inning, but they were both stranded as the Cougars continued to work their way out of sticky situations.

Campbell got a leadoff

walk and after a strike-out, another walk and a base hit in the top of the fourth to load the bases with one out. Bernier responded by getting a strikeout and got a pop-up to Michaela Gates at shortstop to end the in-

ning. Wilson led off with a base hit in the bottom of the fourth, took second on a passed ball and one out later, Tori Christie was hit by a pitch. Mar-en Rayno followed with a sacrifice fly to right field to move both runners up and then Renner roped a shot to left field, driving in both runners and the Timber Wolves had the 2-0 lead.

The Cougars responded immediately in the top of the fifth. A hit batter, a base hit and a sacrifice groundout put two runners in scoring position with one out. A base hit delivered one run, but Renner was able to gun down a runner stealing second, with Prospect holding the runner at third and a grounder to short ended the inning with the Timber Wolves still on top, 2-1.

Bernier then gave them the two-run lead back in the bottom of the fifth, launching a leadoff homer over the fence in left for the 3-1 lead. Gwen Christie worked a walk, stole second and moved



JOSHUA SPAULDING

COACH JAMES CHRISTIE rises above his team as the Timber Wolves celebrate after the final out of the Division III championship game.

to third on a throwing error. She scored on a sacrifice fly by Michaela Gates for the 4-1 lead before the Cougars got out of the inning.

Bernier worked around a two-out base hit in the top of the sixth, thanks in part to a great catch in center by Roberge. Prospect went in order in the bottom of the inning and the Cougars opened the top of the seventh with a triple and a base hit to plate their second run. The next bat-

ter grounded to short for the force at second and Tori Christie snared a line drive to right and no- ticing the Campbell runner wasn’t getting back, fired to Mariah Gates at first for the double play, clinching Prospect’s first softball championship.

“When the game gets tight, sometimes the stress level goes up,” Christie said. “And sometimes some kids act differently in that situation, but I saw none of that today. “Offensively, we knew

we’d break through at some point,” the Timber Wolf coach continued. “Kenzie stayed back and roped that ball to left field and the stress level went right down.

“But Campbell, they came right back,” Christie continued. “I thought the biggest play was Kenzie throwing out that girl at second and holding the other runner at third.

“They scored, but we came out and got a homer, a walk, a stolen base, an error and a sacrifice fly to answer,” he

added.

The Timber Wolf team was met at the Mount Major parking lot by a parade of vehicles and emergency vehicles that led the team through town to the high school, where the parade drove through and acknowl- edged the girls on their impressive run.

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EVE ROBERGE makes a sliding catch in centerfield during Saturday’s title game in Plymouth.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

MICHAELA GATES fires a throw from shortstop during the Division III title tilt Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

COACHES STEVE RENNER (left) and James Christie pose with captains Mackenzie Renner and Michaela Gates and the Division III championship plaque.



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ALEXIS WILSON fires the ball in from left field during action against Campbell on Saturday.

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GWEN CHRISTIE (20) is greeted by her coach and father James and the rest of the Timber Wolves after scoring a run in the Division III championship game.

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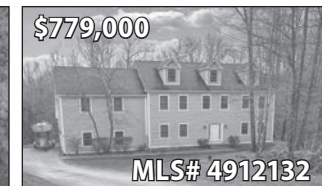
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The Alton Dance Academy will present its 16th show, “Inside Out,” at Prospect Mountain High School the weekend of June 17 and 18. The story follows a young girl, as she learns to deal with all the emotions that happen when you grow up. The dancers and staff have been working very hard to present our first (no limitations) show since 2020. For show times, ticket information and more, please visit [www.altondanceacademy.com](http://www.altondanceacademy.com).

# Alton Historical Society hosting program on weathervanes



Glenn Norblock

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society has received a grant from NH Humanities to present “From on High: Historic and Unusual Weathervanes of The Granite State.” The program will be presented by Wolfeboro Resident, Glenn Norblock, a NH Humanities presenter, on Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. in the Alton Gilman Library, 100 Main St., Alton.

Norblock notes that weathervanes began as a practical weather instrument and progressed to an architectural decoration on churches, town halls, barns and public buildings. He will talk about their construction and will show examples of vanes found throughout our state, especially the “made to order” weathervane on our own Gilman Library. It was designed by Alton’s Peter Ferber, and shows silhouettes of a boy and girl, sitting back-to-back while reading their books. Put in place in 1997, it was purchased by the Gawlicki family in memory of their father, Edward Gawlicki.

Glenn Norblock is an author of 15 books and over 100 articles, as well as scholar and historian of New England covered bridges, New Hampshire cemeteries, brewing history and African-American military history. He has served as the main military contributor to Harvard and Oxford University’s African-American Biography project.

This program is open to the public and free of charge. New Hampshire Humanities nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire. They connect people with ideas. Learn more at [www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org).

For more information, contact Sandy Hammond at [sandy2@metrocast.net](mailto:sandy2@metrocast.net). The Alton Historical Society provides engaging programs from April through October and people can sign up for membership at any meeting.

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