



Dedication ceremony held for new boat ramp at Downing’s Landing

BY CATHY ALLYN
Contributing Writer

ALTON — A chilly morning in May with just a threat of a drizzle isn’t normally the best time to visit a lake, so why were 50 people doing just that in Alton Bay on May 3?

The reason for the gathering and subsequent celebration was a dedication ceremony conducted by New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) in honor of the new public access boat facility at Downing’s Landing.

Refurbishing the boat access to Lake Winnepesaukee at that iconic corner of town to improve service levels and recreational opportunities has long been a goal of NHFG.

But the project has also been a long time coming, beginning in 2012 with the purchase of the property and continuing with a phased approach to refurbishment.

Buried wood piles, cribbing, and log debris necessitated installation of a coffer dam, delaying the first phase. Construction by Alvin J. Coleman and Son, Inc. continued



A ribbon cutting marked the official opening of New Hampshire Fish and Game's new public boat access facility at Downing's Landing in Alton. Doing the honors at a dedication ceremony held on May 3 are Nancy Downing, Gov. Chris Sununu, Councilor Joseph Kenney, and Garret Graaskamp, coordinator of statewide public boat access.



Gov. Chris Sununu spoke at the Downing's Landing Boat Access Facility dedication ceremony in Alton Bay on May 3. Other local and state dignitaries also attended.



With the New Hampshire Fish and Game Color Guard at attention, members of American Legion Post #72 hoist Old Glory for the first time on the new flagpole at the state's completely refurbished Downing's Landing public boat access facility at a dedication ceremony held on May 3 in Alton Bay. The Post will maintain the American, POW/MIA, state, and American Legion flags at the site.

apace, however, and even came in under estimate, so pleased local and state officials took the morning to celebrate the unveil-

ing of the new ramps and facility, the only state-managed public boat access on the lake.

“It looks awesome,”

Nancy Downing Merrill said at the dedication. “They’ve done a nice job.”

She added there are

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Timber Wolf softball returns from vacation with a bang

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team returned to action after a week off from games and picked up a 13-0 win over St. Thomas on Monday, May 2, the team’s eighth win in a row to start the season.

The Timber Wolves started quickly, scoring three times in the top of the first inning, including a two-out, two-run base hit from Gwen Christie and they never looked back.

The Timber Wolves banged out 13 hits on the day, with Mariah Gates leading the way with a pair of hits, including a two-run homer, her

fourth of the season. Michaela Gates had two hits as well, driving in a run and scoring two. Ella Bernier, Tori Christie and Eve Roberge each had a pair of hits as well.

Bernier looked strong in the circle again, allowing just one hit and no runs while striking out 12 of the 15 batters that she faced.

Prospect is slated to be in action today, May 12, at Gilford, will be hosting Hillsboro-Deering on Monday, May 16, and will be hosting Bishop Brady on Wednesday, May 18.

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PMHS to stage “Little Shop of Horrors”

BY CATHY FRASER
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ALTON — “Little Shop of Horrors” comes to the Prospect Mountain High School stage May 19 - 21. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, free for senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased in advance through www.pmhschool.com or at the door. Show times are Thursday, May 19, Friday, May 20, and Satur-



MEGGIN DAIL - COURTESY PHOTO
(Right) “LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS” will take the stage at Prospect Mountain High School next weekend. Pictured are members of the cast and crew during the rehearsal process.

day, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Meggin Dail of the Pittsfield Players is directing this year’s musical production. Dail has been involved in community theater for several years and she has both directed and appeared in many shows in Pittsfield and at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. Some of her directorial credits at Pittsfield include “Christmas Eve and Other Stories,” “12 Angry Men,” and “Private Lives” (with Jay Sydow). She appeared as Laura (Boss’s Wife) in Bathroom Humor and as Sarah in Laughing Stock at Village Players Theater most recently. Cath-

erine Martinez (’10) is the musical director for “Little Shop of Horrors.”

The story takes place in a depressed area - think Skid Row - in a little flower shop called Mushnik’s that’s lacking for customers. One day one of the two employees, Seymour, brings in a plant that he got from Chang’s Flower Shop. The plant suddenly appeared on earth after an eclipse of the sun and it looks like a Venus Flytrap. Seymour harbors secret feelings for Audrey, the other Mushnik’s employee, so he calls the plant Audrey II.

Audrey has her own problems, not the least

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Village Players/VNA Benefit Tickets on Sale

WOLFEBORO — Tickets are now on sale for “Dying with Laughter,” a serious look at the humorous side of death. The Village Players present two evening performances, Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, and a Sunday matinee May 22, as a joint benefit for The Village Players and Granite VNA (Visiting Nurses and hospice care.)

New Durham playwright Jay MacNamee's play is made up of seven scenes set at a family home, a college reunion, a synagogue, atop a burning building, and other unexpected places. Presented as a fully-staged production for the first time, this world premiere has brought actors and crew from throughout the Lakes Region who embrace the poignant comedy of the vignettes.

Alton's Allison Brown says “Dying With Laughter” hits home for her. She has lost several people in her life to cancer and has one currently in



COURTESY — STEFANIE MARSH
Actor Tajoura Davis argues with imminent death in rehearsal for Dying With Laughter. Performances May 20 -22 benefit Granite VNA and Village Players Theater.)

remission. The play reminds her that in these situations, "We laugh when we can and cry when no one is looking." The dark of the

theater will allow both. Veteran Village Player Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler of Tuftonboro lost her father to Parkinson's in December. She finds her father in the sharp-witted humor of the play and is impressed by playwright MacNamee's ability to condense lifelong relationships into the scenes. She thinks audiences will see themselves onstage.

"Anyone who has been in a decades long relationship-marriage or otherwise-will recognize the ebbs and flows, heartaches and euphoria," she said.

The show is sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Home Instead caregiving agency, and Curtis Quality Care, the area's only caregiving agency staffed with trained death doulas who can provide spiritual, emotional and psychological care

to patients and their families.

“Dying with Laughter” will be performed at The Village Players Theater at 51 Glendon Street Friday and Saturday, May 20 and May 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available at <https://www.village-players.com/dying-with-laughter/> and at the door.

Please view the theater's complete COVID policy before buying tickets or coming to the theater: <https://www.village-players.com/covid-19>.

If you cannot make it to the performance but would like to donate to the fundraiser, please note "Dying with Laughter" in the subject line of your check and send to Village Players, Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 or give online.

NH Boat Museum to host America's Boating Course



WOLFEBORO — In collaboration with Lakes Region Sail & Power Squadron, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will present America's Boating Course (ABC) on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Wolfeboro Public Library. ABC satisfies New Hampshire law, which requires that every boat operator complete a National Association of State Boating Law Administration boater education course prior to operating a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or more.

“This course offers basic boating knowledge that can help people determine the size and type of boat they might need as well as how to recognize and handle hazards,” said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings.

The cost is \$45 for one person or \$55 for two people who share the course workbook

(included in the fee). America's Boating Course (ABC) takes place on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Wolfeboro Public Library. To register or learn more about NHBM, visit nhbm.org.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is open Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day Weekend in October.

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NEW DURHAM — The Farmington Fish and Game Club, located at 64 Old Bay Road in New Durham, will be hosting its annual Kids' Fishing Day on Sunday, May 15, from 8 to 11 a.m.

This is a free event for kids ages 4-12, and it will be held rain or


shine. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and all they need to bring is a pole and some bait. It'll be a fun filled day of fishing, food and raffles.

A free lunch will be provided to all participating children and will be available to all others for a minimal fee. Bait is not supplied for this fishing derby.



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Tri-Town Democrats hear from gubernatorial candidate Tom Sherman

GILMANTON — Sen. (and Dr.) Tom Sherman, candidate for New Hampshire Governor, was guest speaker at a well-attended May meeting of Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilman-ton and Alton at the Wagner Farm in Gilmanton.

Sherman lives in Rye with his family, and was a gastroenterologist for more than 30 years. He was elected to the House of Representatives in

(Right) Sen. Tom Sherman speaks to members of the Tri-Town Democrats.

2012 and became a senator in 2018. He has devoted much of his adult life to improving health care for all. As a representative, Dr. Sherman was instrumental in the expansion of Medicare and Medicaid; as a senator, he helped pass a bill that moved adults with mental illness out of



emergency rooms and secured critical funding for children in mental health crisis.

Sherman gave an impassioned speech to Tri-Town. During his six years as governor, he said, Chris Sununu has not addressed the serious problems facing New Hampshire. Children with mental health issues are still at risk (despite available funding). Affordable childcare is still nonexistent (14,000 children are still waiting for a spot in childcare). The need for affordable housing is acute. Sununu, he added, continues to ignore the school funding crisis (which relies on local property taxes). And his recent school voucher legislation has exacerbated

ed the problem by taking millions out of school funding.

Sherman believes that all these problems can be fixed (not by raising taxes but by utilizing the resources already available), but New Hampshire needs a governor who has the will, and knows how, to fix them. It seems clear that the current governor does not have that will or knowledge. Dr. Sherman has been solving problems his whole adult life and is anxious to start tackling the crises facing our state as governor.

Tri-Town's next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center, 7 Pearson Rd., in Alton.

SPORTS

Timber Wolf girls sweep past Lakers, Panthers

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain tennis girls came through with a pair of sweeps in the return to action this week.

The Timber Wolves opened the week with a trip to Meredith and came home with a 9-0 win.

Madilyn Neathery won 8-1 at number one, Erin Rawnsley won 8-2 in the second spot and Ella Misiaszek won 8-1 in the third spot. Sarah White won 8-0 at number four, Abby Wittenberg won 8-1 at number five and Abby Breuer won 8-0 in the sixth spot.

In doubles play, Neathery and White won 8-3 in the top spot, Rawnsley and Misiaszek won 8-0 at number two and Wittenberg and Breuer won 8-1 at number three.

Prospect closed the week by hosting Moul-

tonborough and took another 9-0 win.

Neathery won 8-4 at number one, Rawnsley won 8-2 at number three and both Misiaszek at three and Aijah Thoroughgood at four won by 8-0 scores. Shannon Kelley won 8-3 at number five and White got an 8-0 win at number six.

Neathery and Thoroughgood got an 8-2 win in the top doubles spot, Rawnsley and Misiaszek finished with an 8-0 win at number two and Kelley and Breuer won 8-2 in the third spot to finish out the win.

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Prospect tennis boys sneak past Littleton

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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ALTON — The Prospect Mountain tennis boys went on the road to Littleton on Thursday, May 5, and made the return trip home with a hard-fought 5-4 win over the host Crusaders.

Prospect swept the top four singles matches and then was able to win one of the doubles to clinch the win.

Joey DeJager won 8-4 at number one, Dalton Lawrence picked up an 8-5 win in the second spot, Asa Guldbrandsen won 8-1 at number three and Cameron Gagnon won 9-8 (7-4 in the tie-breaker) at number four. Connor Meehan dropped an 8-5 decision at number five and Sam Francis lost 8-0 at number six.

In doubles, the win for Prospect came at number two, where Lawrence and Guldbrandsen got the 8-1 win. DeJager and Gagnon lost 8-4 at number

one and Meehan and Francis fell 8-0 in the third spot.

Prospect is slated to be at Bishop Brady on Monday, May 16, and at White Mountains on Wednesday, May 18, both at 4 p.m.

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THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY

THE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE, THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY & THE ALTON GARDEN CLUB

The Town-Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Friends of the Library and the Alton Garden Club will be sharing the Gilman Library lawn, once again, for both a Friends Book sale and a Garden Club Plant Sale. We have said before how appreciative we are of our Library Friends. Many of our Library Friends members are also in the Garden Club. We are so thankful for the hardworking members of the Alton Garden Club, who invest their time and efforts, sometimes involving blood, sweat, and tears, in decorating our landscape with beautiful flowers and gardens. Our courtyard entrance and our lawn garden are restful places to sit and read on a

balmy day. Please plan to take advantage of all that the Town Wide Yard Sale offers and do not forget to stop at the library and choose from the wares of these two volunteer groups. The Library will be open during regular hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on that day.

COOL STUFF

The next event on our activities calendar is LEGOS & Listen, on Saturday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. Relax and listen to stories that will be read out loud by your librarian, all while building with Legos. LEGO & Listen is a youth program that will be held one Saturday a month, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ALTON BOOK CHAT

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Spring cleaning
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It's been a week mixed with sunshine and rain, which means that spending time inside organizing and cleaning (along with watching the Red Sox) has been top on our list. Spring cleaning, a chore that happens every year feels great when complete. Why is it that something so tedious and boring could be so good for us?

Did you know that cleaning actually supports your immune system? Cleaning is of huge benefit, especially to those with allergies. Getting rid of dust, pet dander, mildew and mold can trigger the immune system causing unnecessary illness. Those with cluttered homes tend to suffer the worst. To avoid indoor allergies, vacuum regularly, this to include your furniture.

Cleaning reduces stress. While cleaning, your brain is able to relax. This mindless activity can give you a chance to de-stress. Experts say that cleaning for as little as twenty minutes can reduce anxiety by up to 20 percent. It's a win/win. Sure, it's no day at the spa, but constructive relaxation is always good. Using products with scents said to induce relaxation such as lavender is also an expert tip.

Heart health can be improved by cleaning by way of exercise. Just a half an hour of vacuuming can burn up to 100 calories. It's a known fact that people who like to keep their homes clean tend to take more interest in their overall health and well being.

A tidy bedroom is said to help you sleep better. Individuals who make their beds are roughly 20 percent more likely to get a more restful night sleep. Seventy-five percent of people polled sleep better on clean sheets, in a room with less clutter.

When you are in a tidy area, your production increases. Less clutter, means less distraction which is said to clear up mental space. A study from 2011, from the Journal of Neuroscience, used MRI's to track the brain's response to cleanliness. More clutter, was found to significantly limit the brain's processing capability.

Checking off the cleaning to do list can make you feel more satisfied and can boost your mood. A clean, fresh house is said to naturally boost endorphins and boost energy levels which leads to a decrease in depression.

Cleaning and organization can have a domino effect in that it can lead to sprucing up other areas of your life. Interesting, was the one finding that stated when individuals were placed in a clean, well organized space they were more likely to choose healthier menu items.

In the wise words of William Morris, "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."



COURTESY

Spring Craft Fair returns to Tanger Outlets

Come to the Lakes Region Spring Craft Fair at the Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, on May 21 & 22, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don't miss this fabulous arts & crafts fair with more than 100 amazing artisans! Some of the exhibits will include handsome soy candles, amazing wrought iron creations, unique macrame chairs & swings, cedar wood furniture, amazing leather jewelry, NH maple syrup products, folk art, pottery, beautiful hand painted wood/metal/snowshoes/glass, hand poured soaps/personal care products, charcuterie boards, cribbage boards, amazing wildlife photography, inlaid wooden furniture, pet products, clothing, Dick's sticks, whoopie pies, & lots more!!! Friendly, Leashed Dogs Welcome! Rain or Shine Under Canopies! Music with Sergei! Always free admission. For more information, call Joyce at 603-387-1510 or email joycescraftshows.com.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Notes

I just looked at the weather forecast for tomorrow and I see that it's supposed to be rain. That's a good thing. It's been looking like we're going to have another dry spring. That's good for keeping the populations of black flies and also mosquitoes down, but not to swell for people's wells.

I'm lucky, my well goes down two hundred feet into the bedrock, half-way down to town where there are two rivers that flow through it, joining into one before heading south toward the Atlantic. We're blessed with good water here. But there are lots of people who still have dug wells that may only go down ten feet or so that are prone to dry up come August. There wasn't a lot of snow melt this year and adding limited rain into the equation, that spells warning time.

The other day I headed out to check on my vernal pool and once again, for the third or fourth year in a row, it's lacked any sense of a pool. The weather people won't tell you any of this because they all sit in their shiny buildings and get all their information from the

internet. Their primary concern is looking pretty or sexy for the cameras. Hasn't video totally twisted our views of reality?

While looking at people the other day I saw this woman and my brain flashed "Dinah Shore", she had that look. The hair style. The cloths. How did I remember that? I was five years old when her variety show went off the air. It's amazing how we all seem to emulate the stars. Charlie's Angel gals? I'm regularly the mountain man in my plaid flannel shirts, or a business type in my dress shirts. But I never wanted to wear a suit, that's too over the top. Couldn't stand having a noose around my neck all day.

The same goes for flip flops, having that thing between my toes was just not going to happen. Speaking footwear, I've been noticing lots of kids wearing official Converse All Star sneakers. They still look the same as when I was growing up. I never got a pair of them because they were the expensive ones at around five bucks a pair. I always got the four-dollar specials. I liked the

black high tops. They kept the sand out better.

I just did a web search and found out that today they're charging \$75 for them. Where do these poor kids get that kind of money? I hope they're built better than those flimsy things we used to wear. One summer of running around in them and they'd be trashed. But we used to go out and run around all day, not stay inside and push little buttons on boxes. Kids these days have well exercised thumbs.

At school today I was observing the class as their teacher was helping the studious ones with their worksheets. The disinterested learners played games on their cell phones. I bet it's probably not allowed, but I'd want a phone jammer in my classroom if it was possible. Today everything connects to the internet directly on Wi-Fi, so that's probably a worthless wish. Every student now needs to be hooked up on Google Classroom. They've got the education world covered as well as they have everything else. If there was ever a need for breaking up a monopoly, I think that

this may be one.

For all you know, somebody could be monitoring you through one of your gadgets right now. Do you ever turn them off? Do they really turn off? I shut my computer off but not my phone. Those smart phones are just little pocket computers that can be hacked into easily. Everybody jumps on the newest free app and doesn't know what else downloads along with it. Everything is all hidden inside the little black box. Somewhat scary I'd say.

I was filling up my truck yesterday. What used to take less than \$25 took \$65. Thank you progressive policies. While there, a hybrid silently snuck up on me. All of a sudden, it was there. They're so quiet. It almost startled me. I know that all these electric vehicles are pretty cool, but environmentally speaking, I feel that these EV's will be much more polluting than our fossil fuel vehicles. Mark my words, I'll probably be gone from here by then.

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Letters to the Editor

Supreme brilliants

To the Editor:

Just to be clear, because a person has the finest education to be had, with a multitude of degrees, and even rises to the highest court in this land is no guarantee of intelligence. Take the opinion leaked from Justice Alito's rough draft. He says he can't find the word abortion in the Constitution, what he makes from that reading is abortions of any kind are not to be allowed. The mere omission of a word, even though the practice of abortions existed at the time the constitution was written and long before.

Well, using that kind of progressive thinking or logic, speaking in only the strictest terms or acceptable words, only found in the Constitution, 'We the people' will need to do away with a whole dictionary of words not included in one of the world's most precious documents written by the creative minds of men who strove for a new type of self-government, in which they attempted to make a living document that would grow, be subject to change as the times and need arose.

Words like "Jet Airliner" come to my mind. In 1776, there were no Jet Airliners, yet our government seems to go to a great length to oversee what our country does with these flying things, all in the name of public safety. Well, what about a person's right to have a medical procedure in the privacy of their doctor's office, for their personal safety. Personal safety is as important as group safety, at least in my mind.


Since, it seems like Justice Alito wants to go down the road, of right-wing revisionism, more than just abortion will be on the chopping block, with a possible final coup de gras when the people of color where eman-

cipated by republicans during the civil war this same party may just try for the second civil war to bring an end to that emancipation, and return them to slavery. Trust nothing the extreme right wing of the Republican party has planned, that is the trump wing. Chuckle, laugh, call me a lunatic, the Jewish population in Poland in 1935 never thought by 1945 most of them would be slaves before they were gassed to death, oh sorry if this hurts your feeling white supremacist and others who want to ban books that expose what truth is out there to be learned about the life and crimes committed in the name of your causes, past and present that do not fit the main stream lives of normal but different people.

Seventy years a free American, I have seen growth in the field of human rights, all my life until now. I'm now a witness to the dismantling of what I believed could never happen, because I thought everyone loved this country the way I do, I was wrong, the people in the other party, the one I do not vote for, say they love it, they say all the right words, but they take all the wrong steps to protect it, not for all but, just themselves. They have let (one) religion become a cult and want to govern all of us by it. MAGA's belief is those who will not join the cult, should be put down, as Putin, is doing in the Ukraine. I vote with the Democrats; I vote for freedom and the Ukraine sprit. Not for Trumps and Putin's lies, and the tyranny they extrude. So, if you vote with Trump, you vote with Putin you are not making America anything but a loser. Shame on you.

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“On the trail of a mouse” sounds like a short subject at a movie, not quite on a par with following a wounded tiger into a thicket. But that was the stuff of yesterday, when a movie ticket was 20 cents. If you could spare a dime, Cob Sutton would stop buttering popcorn and fold it with his thumbs.

The smell hit me on the last step of the day, the last step of the stairs. It was the smell of bottled gas, except that it wasn’t. It was the Smell of Something Dead.

In this house, with me as the only large carbon-based creature (to quote Captain Kirk, or somebody), and with my Jeep sidekick Millie gone to the Chipmunk-Catching Happy Hunting Grounds of Dogdom, the smell--no, stink--of something dead could only be coming from--a mouse.

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Now, I’m pretty keen about mice, “keen” in the sense of “sharp.” Having spent most of my life in and around hunting and fishing camps, I learned about mice when they were, well, campy. Sort of like Mickey Mouse in “Steamboat Willie.”

In adult life, which is the reality check in this movie, I’m keen enough about mice to know when there’s probably a weasel around. For instance, I did not have to deploy my trap-line this past winter, because I had no mice.

If a mouse can get its head through any opening in your house--a shift of rocks from frost near your foundation, a crack under a shed door--it can squeeze the rest of its body through. This is a true axiom from the Book of Mice. Take it from a guy who’s had mice gallop across his face, which will ring true with anyone who’s ever spent a night in a loose camp.

Oh sure, I put a trap or two out last fall, when mice are so desperate to get in, but turned up none. “Aha!” I thought. “A weasel in the woodpile!” But I didn’t rush out to stare at my woodpile, because I could somehow feel it. If I’d wasted my energy by going out to stare at my woodpile, sure enough, a weasel--by then an ermine--would have popped its head out.

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There is something revolting yet compelling about the smell of death. First among the compelling parts, I think, is that you hope it’s not you. This is a silly thought, because if it were you, you’d be beyond smelling.

Bears, coyotes, and all sorts of other omnivores can smell death and home in on it like a tired pigeon. They are among the ill-named scavengers, the ones that keep the landscape clean.

Now here was a mouse that at least made scents

Birds on high have keen noses to go along with their incredibly sharp eyes. There is evidence that turkey vultures can actually smell the smell, even way up there. Like dung beetles, turkey vultures (given away by their V-shaped wings) have a bad name.

Turkey vultures first appeared in the North Country in the 1970s. One of my first friends at Fish and Game during my early days of newspapering was a biologist’s aid named Al Smith. He was on my list for the news of the day.

One day, Al had something unusual to say. “Saw a turkey vulture,” he said. “Was so big, thought it was an air-eo-plane.” He said it like the old-timers, just to be funny: “Air-eo-plane.”

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As with the coyote taking the place of the northeast’s original wolf, the story about turkey vultures is too simple for some people to take. It is a story of road-kill.

The turnpikes--the worst of wildlife killing fields--have reached beyond the notches. The length and breadth of New Hampshire, there is more than ever traffic--and the next year and the next, still more.

The chief food for turkey vultures is any dead creature--farm animals dragged out to the bone yard, wildlife carcasses of all stripe, but particularly road kill, the worst sort of death-trap for wild creatures, from hoppy-toad to tick-laden moose.

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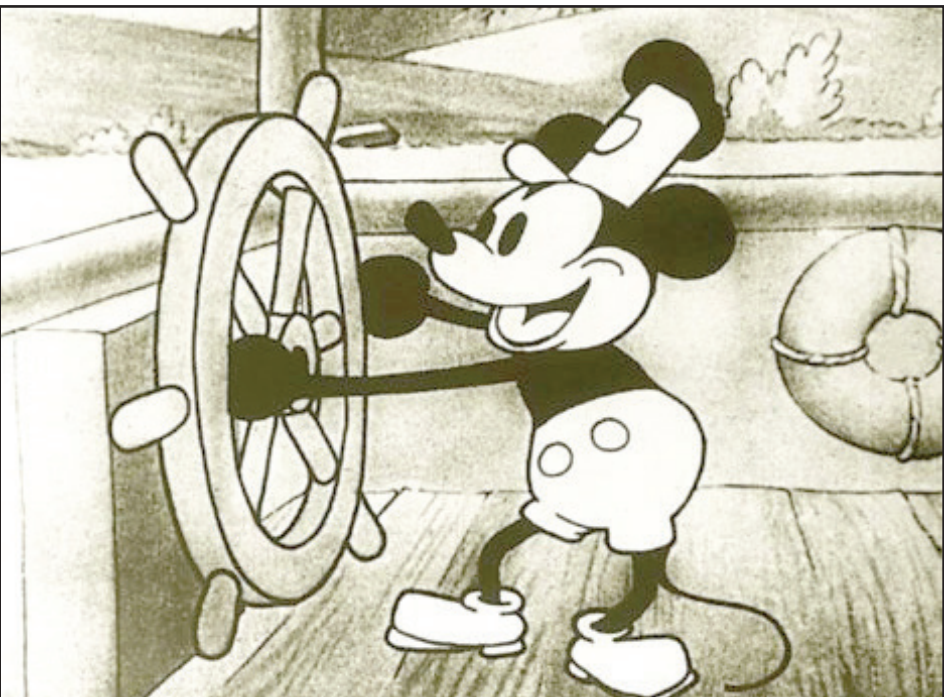
Bottled gas (propane) is deliberately instilled with a scent so that if it is where it’s not supposed to be, someone will smell it. Perhaps it is no coincidence that it mimics the smell of death.

I knew damned well that there was a dead mouse near my bedroom, somewhere, but still I took to bed, hoping I could drift off to somewhere else.

But no, it was not to be. My sniffer still works too well, and it sent messages to what remains of my brain, saying, “Find the mouse.”

So I got up and searched, and I was drawn to a wastebasket, which I thought contained only a few scraps of paper, but there it was--a little mouse, its little feet up in the air, stinking away, what we’ve always called a kangaroo mouse, the kind we love (but not in the kitchen, not the house, even), drawn to the lip of the wastebasket by who knows what, but then fallen in, from which there was no escape.

Practicality took over, and I took the wastebasket downstairs, picked the paper out for the fire, and heaved the rest of the



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(Left) A steamboat chuffed its way along as the original Mickey Mouse bee-bopped at the wheel in Disney’s feature cartoon, “Steamboat Willie.”

contents (the mouse) out onto lawn.

I’d have left the carcass atop a fence-pole for the owls, but it was just too close for comfort.

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1772 Meetinghouse to host multiple events Saturday

NEW DURHAM — The 1772 Meetinghouse will be jumping this Saturday with two events open to the public.

Storytime and Craft with Miss Cathy at 11 a.m. will feature songs, rhymes, stories, and craft materials that relate to the early settlers who built the Meeting-house.

All ages are welcome. “Most of the activities are for kids three to seven,” said Meetinghouse Restoration Committee (MRC) Chairperson and storyteller Cathy Allyn, “but there’s never any sort of age parameter for stories. Besides, there are a lot of youngsters out there that I would love to see at a Storytime again.”

Allyn led Storytime and other early literacy classes at the New Durham Public Library for 14 years during her tenure there.

“Trickster tales are always a favorite,” she said, “so that’s what we’ll offer.”

The program is part of New Durham Year, celebrating the town’s 160th anniversary, and the 250th anniversary of the Meetinghouse. The MRC is sponsoring events every month through December.

“There will be some good photo ops,” Allyn said. “The kids are inside the same building that children of New Durham came to before there was a United States of America.”

Following that, the MRC is holding a fundraiser kick-off at noon, complete with refreshments and a door prize.

The group is selling commemorative granite stones that can be personalized with up to three lines of engraved text. The stones will become a landscape feature on the grounds of Meetinghouse Park. Donations to

purchase them are tax deductible. Monies raised will go toward Phase II of the building’s restoration.

Although registration is not required for either event, the MRC would appreciate an email to

newdurhammeetinghouse@gmail.com to let them know how many people will be attending, since food and craft supplies are involved. The committee is also looking for those interested in baking for the events.

Milfoil Committee seeks volunteers

ALTON — The Alton milfoil committee is seeking volunteers to join the committee in helping direct the town’s efforts in controlling milfoil in water bodies within the Town of Alton.

The committee works closely with

the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to identify milfoil infestations and determine the priorities for mitigation. The committee meets in person monthly from May to October and occasionally via Zoom during the re-

mainder of the year. If you are a current resident of Alton and are interested in serving on this committee or have questions, please contact the Parks and Recreation office by phone or email. Contact information is 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT – SAU 86
BARNSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Barnstead School Board will hold a Public Hearing #1 Pursuant to 198:20-c

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Barnstead Elementary School Library

Purpose: To withdraw funds from the following expendable trust fund account and their purpose:

BES Expansion Fund

- Barnstead Elementary School Facility & Educational Assessment and Conceptual Designs & Budget services

The Barnstead School Board will hold a Public Hearing #2 Pursuant to 198:20-b

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Barnstead Elementary School Library

Purpose: To accept and expend unanticipated funds

NOTICE of
PUBLIC HEARING

As required by NH RSA 36-A:5 and 675:7, The Alton Conservation Commission will hold a

PUBLIC HEARING

on Thursday, may 26, 2022, beginning at 6:00 pm

in the second floor meeting room, Town Hall, 1 Monument Square, Alton NH.

At that time, the Conservation Commission will hear public comments on its proposal to withdraw \$62,125 from the Conservation Fund to support the acquisition by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests of a conservation easement on 260 acres of land in the Belknap Range, known as Map 14, lot 3, stretching from the Morse Preserve to Jesus Valley Road

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Burnt Timber puts spotlight on charcuterie

WOLFEBORO — Where there is smoke, there is fermentation and salt at Burnt Timber Brewing & Tavern, which employs these concepts as techniques in a menu that is expanding this summer to include charcuterie. “Charcuterie is a natural extension of our culinary identity,” noted Owner Eddie Michno, who said they recently held Charcuterie Weekend, April 22-24, to test new recipes. “The response was



great.” During this week-end, highlights included three sausages (Mettwurst, Spanish Chorizo, and Korean Garlic), two cheeses (Double Creme Brie with Blueberry Reduction and Blue Cheese), Kimchi’d (Fermented) Pineapple, and Dilly Beans. Noting they made everything in-house with the exception of the cheeses, Michno said he and Chef Oliver Harston are “constantly testing new recipes.”

“It’s a slow and measured process, but time is a big part of the time-honored process of smoking, salting, and fermenting many of our foods,” he said. “There are no shortcuts here – and I guarantee you will taste the difference.” Regarding the immediate future, Michno said the plan is to introduce new charcuterie offerings throughout the summer during which time Burnt Timber will also expand its

space, nearly doubling in size. “We look forward to a busy summer and also welcoming locals back and greeting new guests, too,” he added. A family-friendly brewpub that features live music, on and off-site catering, and an extensive food and rotating beer menu, Burnt Timber is located at 96 Lehner St., Wolfeboro. To learn more about Burnt Timber, visit burnttimbertavern.com.

ABA Monthly Member Highlight: NH Concussion Center

Every month, we sit down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! For May, we spoke with Dr. Denise Pickowicz, owner of NH Concussion Center. 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 in-fo@altonbusinessassociation.com.

Q: Tell us about your business?

A: NH Concussion Center is the first of its kind in the State dedicated to providing exclusively brain-based chiropractic care and clinical neuroscience/functional neurology approaches to concussion and neurological rehab.

Q: Tell us about yourself.

A: My name is Denise Pickowicz and I am a wife, mother, Chiropractor, Certified Brain Injury Specialist, and owner/founder of Functional Chiropractic Care of New England & NH Concussion Center. I found my passion and purpose in Chiropractic when at the age of 14 years, I finally found relief of my chronic childhood migraines and sinus infections. As it so happened, it was as a "last resort" when my parents took me to a chiropractor. The experience changed my life and after seeing every western medical professional under the sun up to that point, I finally had answers and understand-

ing of how structure of the body can affect function and how this related to true health. I knew then and there I was destined to help others the way this doctor helped me. I spent my high school and college years working in every aspect of the medical system in physician offices and hospitals as an EMT, receptionist, medical records specialist, phlebotomist, Emergency Room Liaison - you name it - until I finally was able to attend and graduate from Chiropractic College. My educational history includes earning my Bachelors of Science degree in Health Sciences in 2003 From Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, FL, and graduating with research honors from Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida in 2008 (and hence being inducted into the Chi Rho Theta Honor Society for work as a co-author in publishing an article on Orthopedic and Neurological Exam in the Journal of Chiropractic Medicine). I am Board Certified in Chiropractic as well as Physiotherapy, completed my post-doctorate diplomate program in Clinical Neurosciences/Functional Neurology through the world-renowned Carrick Institute in March 2019, and passed my Fellowship Board Exam in 2020 through the International Board of Functional Neurology which gives Functional Neurology Fellowship distinction and the ability to contribute research. Most recently, in January 2022, I obtained Certification as a "Brain Injury Specialist" through the Brain Injury Association

of America. I was also nominated by Governor Sununu in 2020 to serve on the NH State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and have been serving proudly since.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: After graduating from Chiropractic College, I moved back to my home state of NH and worked for 2 different Chiropractors before deciding to open my own family practice out of my home in 2011. I was pregnant with my second child at the time, and wanted to be able to serve my community locally while also being home for my children. Over the years as my life evolved and changed, and I was personally influenced by a variety of incredible people that graced my office, my practice also evolved and changed. My passion for treating and supporting individuals with brain injury began 7 years ago when I had a 13-year-old female basketball player present to my office with a mild traumatic brain injury. I was not well versed in brain injury at the time and when my normal Chiropractic treatments were not alleviating her headaches, dizziness and cognitive issues, I knew there was more I needed to learn. I felt helpless and heartbroken watching this "A+" student suddenly fail all her classes in a matter of months. Having young children at the time, and empathizing with her parents, I knew I needed to learn more. This set me on a post-doctorate educational journey and path working with incredible indi-

viduals with all types of neurological, brain, and spinal cord injuries, and each person and experience further fueled my passion to help. When I realized there were limited resources for this population of patients and no one focusing specifically on concussion and brain injury utilizing a functional neurology and brain-based Chiropractic approach, especially in the Lakes Region where I reside, it led me to open NH Concussion Center.

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

A: The Alton Business Association has been an incredible resource for me. Living just 8 minutes away in Gilmanton Iron Works, my family always tended to gravitate to Alton for dinner and entertainment and the events hosted by the Alton Business Association prior to relocating my practice to town. The ABA is the "go to" association to find out about local businesses and events on their webpage and Facebook sites and because of this, they were the first organization I thought about joining when my business moved to the area. Christy and Kelly of the ABA spent time reaching out and visiting my practice and made me feel incredibly welcomed into the community. Their willingness to set up a ribbon cutting ceremony for my business and advertise for that, as well as passing out my business information at ABA sponsored events and word of mouth promotion has been invaluable. I am extremely grateful and excited to be a part of this group.

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: I feel the people are what I value most about the Alton community and the ABA. The willingness to put the effort into stopping by to introduce themselves, spread

the word, and their genuine interest and support of my business has been mind blowing. The networking and events offered are creative, fun, and give business owners the chance to interact and support each other and foster the true sense of community.

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

A: As mentioned above, ever since my family moved to Gilmanton, we always have found our-selves gravitating towards Alton for dinner and shopping. The community is welcoming and offers a bit of everything for locals. The people are warm and there is an heir of genuine support and caring from them. From a business perspective, the area also had a hospital, other medical centers, an urgent care with lab and imaging capabilities, and other alternative health businesses nearby that could support my patients in the work I was doing.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: I would have to say my biggest business accomplishment, which I cannot solely take credit for, is just being open for the last 11 years and the wonderful relationships formed and knowledge gained on this journey. I think back to opening my home practice in New Boston, NH and the juggling act as mom and business owner, and the wonderful people who stuck with me, supported and promoted me, guided me, and in many ways unknowingly educated and inspired me to learn more and be a better doctor because of with what they were going through when they presented to my office for care. I feel blessed and honored to have had the experiences I did and the opportunity to have met and cared for these patients. Furthermore, if it were not for these incredible people, who despite the pandemic and the evolution and relocation of my practice on a couple of occasions, still continue to drive from around NH and beyond following me to receive continued treatment, there is no way my practice would have survived or continued to thrive. This is the biggest compliment any business professional or provider could ask for and I know I wouldn't be here if it were not for the individuals who continue to seek the services I provide.

I also would have to say as a provider, having the knowledge and clinical skills to properly assess and care for patients that gave symptom resolution and greater health

is a huge win. I am proud to say that over the years I have performed thousands of spinal adjustments on people of all ages and helped with a variety of ailments, all through improving the function of their nervous system and allowing their bodies to work more optimally. Knowing that I had the opportunity to be part of their healthcare journey and effect positive change is something I will always be grateful for and not take for granted.

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

A: I am excited to help people who are experiencing persistent post-concussion symptoms (such as headaches, dizziness, balance or cognitive issues) from past slips & falls, recreational activities, or home injuries & accidents discover real solutions to restore the quality of their life. I plan to do this by delivering personalized, compassionate care through high-level clinical neuroscience applications, state-of-the-art technology, and a comprehensive chiropractic brain-based approach. I also look forward to being a leader and mentor in the concussion arena by providing education about brain injury and being a resource to our community with my business.

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

A: I think rather than answer what piece of advice "do I wish I had", I would like to answer the piece of advice that influenced me the most was "follow your passion" and "treat others how you want to be treated". Although most people open businesses to "make money", that cannot be your sole intent. I found money flows in when you focus on your purpose and the more you do what you love with the intention of making a difference in the world, I found the more you are provided for if you have that confidence and faith. Relationships are key and supporting those who support you, and those you believe in, makes the world go 'round. We cannot truly do anything on our own.

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

A: If you are interested in learning more about my office, feel free to contact NH Concussion Center at 603-855-2031, email me at nhconcussioncenter@gmail.com, visit our website www.nhconcussioncenter.com, view our Facebook page, or follow me on Instagram at [dr.denise.pickowicz](https://www.instagram.com/dr.denise.pickowicz).

Masons to host monthly breakfast buffet

ALTON — Finally, they are back. On Sunday, May 15, the Masons of Winnepesaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly Breakfast Buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With

fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast

buffet. So join them for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. Cost is \$12. They hope to see you there, always on the third Sunday of the month. For more information about the breakfast or Freemasonry, contact Kirby Wood at 603-875-2979.

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 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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NH playwright's world premiere Benefits Granite VNA & community theater

WOLFEBORO — When Jay MacNamee attended his 35th college class reunion and heard a class-mate's tale of his near-death inside the World Trade Center on 9/11, seeds for a scene were plant-ed. He wrote that scene and shared it with classmates five years later. Plants took root when those class-mates shared their own experiences with death. Now years later, “Dying With Laughter,” MacNamee's play-told-in-seven-scenes, is mature and will be fully staged for the first time May 20 - 22 as a benefit for Granite VNA and Village Players Theater.

A new resident of New Durham, MacNamee has considered himself a writer since second grade, and has written plays that have been produced around the U.S. Most tend to be humorous takes on serious issues affecting families and interpersonal relations, he says. A newspaper once described one of his plays as "Eugene O'Neil Simon," an accolade "wholly undeserved," the self-effacing writer says, "but it gets the point across pretty concisely."

It's likely audience members will see themselves, friends, and family members in the seven scenes of “Dying With Laughter.” Who can't-with minor revision, perhaps- say along with Charles in "Smoke and Mirrors," "Thing is, when I look in a mirror...— I see myself as I used to be. Young. Strong. Full head of hair. — A babe in one hand, a beer in the other. —Can you imagine me as a handsome guy?"

Or who hasn't had to wonder if an aging or dying loved one should have license to indulge their vices, instead of sacrificing pleasure to prolong life? Dying of cancer, Charles argues with his neph-ew,""— I love to smoke. I love what nicotine does to my brain — calms me down and energizes me at the same time. I love the shape of a cigarette, the smooth feel of it in my fingers. I love watch-ing — that thin plume of smoke rising slowly straight up then twirling madly in the air like Martha Graham. I have a short time left — Can't I do something I enjoy?"

MacNamee, a market-

ing executive, explains that being a playwright involves planning and purpose-ful use of his time, noting "Having a full-time job that involves writing leaves little energy for crea-tive work, so I tend to cogitate on ideas for a long time until I have the full picture, then go away for a few days, holing up in a motel or friend's empty vacation home, writing day and night for a long weekend (broken up by a little golf or skiing, just to give the mind a chance to recharge). I make sure I get a first draft completed, even if it's very rough. I can then rewrite to my heart's con-tent, as time allows."

And like the first seeds randomly planted for “Dying with Laughter,” its world premiere as a joint benefit for Granite VNA at Village Players Theater was serendipitous, too. "When we were building our house, I regularly drove by the renovation being done by Central NH VNA & Hospice to their new facility in Wolfeboro. Years ago, I had presented a reading of an early version of



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New Hampshire Playwright Jay MacNamee will be available for audience Q & As after the World Premiere performances of “Dying With Laughter” at Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro May 20 - 22.

“Dying with Laughter” in Portsmouth as a benefit for a local hospice. I thought I should offer to do the same for Central NH to help cover the cost of renovations, but being new to the area, I didn't have any knowledge of or connection to local actors, so I asked The Village Players if they'd like to do the reading. They said no... they wanted to do a full production. The pandemic interrupted our plans, then Central

New Hampshire merged with Concord Regional VNA and became Granite VNA.

"Even before I moved to the Lakes Region, I had heard of The Village Players and the wonderful support they had from their community. I find that local theatre companies bring a more genuine feel to my work than professional theaters, where the emphasis is often on production values rather than content. I felt

the pieces in 'Dying with Laughter' would benefit from a similarly honest production by people who do theatre not because it's their job, but because they love it. The Village Players fits that bill perfectly, and the people working on this production 'get it.'"

With this production, Jay MacNamee makes us ponder life's big questions, and ahelps raise needed funds for two non-profits integral to life (and death) in the Lakes Region. For himself, he reaps the harvest of seeds planted two decades ago. He will never have to repeat the words of his regretful Girl in "Latin for Love:" "Where's the applause? Don't [I] get to take a bow? It's like [I]ve been watching this sprawling, crazy Broadway musical, and the grand finale is just about to happen when power goes out... The house manager comes out and says sorry folks, please make your way up the aisles and head out into the night. No refunds..."

“Dying with Laughter” will be performed at The Village Players Theater

at 51 Glendon St. Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at <https://www.village-players.com/dying-with-laughter/> and at the door. After the play, there will be a Q & A with members of the beneficiary organizations and playwright MacNamee.

The show is sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Home Instead caregiving agency, and Cur-tis Quality Care, the area's only caregiving agency staffed with trained death doulas who can pro-vide spiritual, emotional and psychological care to patients and their families.

Please view the theater's complete COVID policy before buying tickets or coming to the theater: <https://www.village-players.com/covid-19>.

If you cannot make it to the performance but would like to donate to the fundraiser, please note "Dying with Laughter" in the subject line of your check and send to Village Players, Box 770, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

It's “Murder Madness” on LRPA all month long!

LACONIA—Throughout May, Lakes Region Public Access Television will highlight some of the most dark and gritty movies ever to come out of Hollywood! Join us each Friday and Saturday night at 10:00 p.m. for “May Murder Madness.” Some films fall in the category of film noir, some are thriller-adventures – but all have murder on their minds! This weekend (May 6 & 7), we get the month started with 1946's film noir classic “The Strange Love of Martha Ivers,” star-ring Barbara Stanwyck, Van Heflin, Lizabeth Scott and Kirk Douglas (in his debut role!).

In 1928, the young heiress Martha Ivers tries to escape her claustrophobic life with her authoritarian aunt, Mrs. Ivers (Dame Judith Anderson). She wants to run away with local bad boy Sam Masterson, but the police catch them and bring her home. Martha and her aunt argue, and in the heat of the moment, the teenager pushes Mrs. Ivers down the stairs, killing her.

The son of her tutor, Walter O'Neill, witnesses the event. When Martha lies to her tutor about how the accident happened (an intruder killed her!), Walter backs up her story. Walter's father suspects that young Martha is lying, and so manipulates the situation to one of financial gain for his son. Fast forward nearly 20 years. A grown Martha (Stanwyck) is now married to Walter (Douglas), an alcoholic district attorney. Martha has built her aunt's factory into a small empire. Their marriage is a disaster, as he loves her, but she doesn't return the feelings. Meanwhile, Sam Masterson (Heflin), now an aimless drifter, winds up back in his hometown dues to a car wreck. While waiting for his car to be repaired, he meets the lovely Toni Marachek (Scott), who's just gotten out of jail. After Toni gets picked up for violating her parole, Sam visits Walter to see if he can help her out of this jam. Walter is wary of Sam, as he thinks that Sam is

in town to blackmail the couple for what he knows about Miss Iver's death. Martha sees Sam again for the first time in nearly two decades, and Walter jealously realizes that Martha never lost her feelings for Sam. What follows is an unfortunate chain of events that prove the cold, calculating and vengeful nature of four human beings.

If you're a lover of classic movies and of film noir in particular, then Martha Ivers has it all: murder, blackmail, greed, deceit, dirty secrets and ruthless dames. It received an Oscar nomination for Best Original Story, and deservedly so. Every actor gives a stellar performance, particularly Van Heflin, who played here against type as the sneering, hard-boiled bad boy. In writing about the film debut of Kirk Douglas, famed columnist Louella Parsons noted that Paramount Pictures had “unearthed themselves another wonder boy,” and she certainly was right. Critic Leonard Maltin described

Martha Ivers as a “... gripping melodrama – 3 out of 4 stars.” What more do you need to know? So grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this vintage classic!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming murderous movies:

May 6 & 7: 1946's “The Strange Love of Martha Ivers”

May 13 & 14: 1932's “The Most Dangerous Game”

May 20 & 21: 1954's “Suddenly”

May 27 & 28: 1956's “Please Murder Me!”

You can't find television like this anywhere but LRPA TV, Breezeline Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our Web site (www.lrpa.org) where you can catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

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“Caddyshack” to screen at Village Players Theater this weekend

WOLFEBORO — Enjoy the comedy classic “Caddyshack” Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Players Theater in downtown Wolfeboro.

At an exclusive country club where golf is a way of life, the status quo is shaken up by a rich put-down artist, an aggressive gopher and class warfare between the caddies and the wealthy club patrons. Down on his luck caddie Danny Noonan (Michael O'Keefe) hopes to win the Caddie Day golf tournament and a scholarship that can turn his life around. Corrupt club president Judge Smails (Ted Knight) can't abide brash newcomer, the newly wealthy Al Czervik (Rodney Danger-

field). Golf pro Ty Webb (Chevy Chase) teams up with Czervik to challenge the Judge in a tournament where the stakes keep getting higher and higher. Through it all groundskeeper Carl Spackler (Bill Murray) continues his fight against the gophers, and one in particular, eating their way through the carefully tended greens. This rowdy 1980s flick has plenty of the humor you'd expect from Dangerfield and the SNL alums. Note: “Caddyshack” is rated “R.”

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OBITUARY

Mary M. Batchelder, 98

ALTON BAY---- Mary M. Batchelder, 98, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at her home in West Alton.

Mary was born on October 12, 1923, in Torryburn, Scotland, the daughter of John and Janet Meikle.

Mary was studying Library Science in Dunfirmline, Scotland, when World War II broke out. While serving as a Red Cross nurse in England during the war she met a young American aviator named Calvin Batchelder. They were married in Scotland on February 26, 1945. Mary emigrated to the US the following year, arriving on one of the first voyages of the re-commissioned ocean liner, Queen Mary, dedicated to bringing war brides to the US. Calvin and Mary settled in Alton, NH, Calvin's hometown. They built a house which was their home for the rest on their lives. At the time of Calvin's passing in December 2021, Mary and Calvin had been married nearly 77 years.

In addition to her par-



ents and husband, Mary is predeceased by her brother, Walter Meikle. She's survived by her four children; Carol, Bruce, Joan and Mark, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mary was active in the community throughout her life, serving as a Civil Defense organizer, Girl Scout leader, school aide and library volunteer. She was an avid reader with thirst for knowledge. Among her favorite hobbies were gardening, canning, sewing and braiding rugs. She enjoyed outdoor activities, especially skating on Lake Winnepesaukee,

After the last of her four children started school, Mary began vol-

unteering at the Alton Elementary School. Following completion of education classes at UNH, she was hired by the Alton school system to help develop their Enrichment program and to assist in cataloging the school library. She also worked at the Gilman Library in Alton for many years.

Upon their retirement, Calvin and Mary became avid hikers. Together, in 1992, they hiked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail. They climbed most of New Hampshire's 4000 footers and made hiking trips to Scotland, Wales, England, and New Zealand.

A private joint service for Mary and Calvin will be held later this month.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services and 603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

BOAT RAMP

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"bittersweet memories," though.

Merrill is part of the Downing family that first put down roots in Alton in the 19th century.

Samuel Downing, a successful farmer in New Durham, and his children purchased land along Alton Bay at the mouth of the Merrymeeting River throughout the mid-1800s, and established a store and hotel, as well as the local railroad depot.

The family purchased the property now called Downing's Landing in the early 1890s, and the tract served as a boat launch and site for family enterprises that included a lake property delivery-boat service, speed boat tours, boat sales, a water recreation business, and even a miniature railroad.

Merrill said that public access to the water is important.

The parking for this no-fee trailered-boat launch facility is for boat access only.

The ceremony featured remarks by

Gov. Chris Sununu, who expressed congratulations and said he "can't wait" to try out the launch himself, Councilor Joseph Kenney, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative Bill Perry, and NHFG Director Scott Mason.

Kenney thanked everyone "involved in the project," complimented the Town of Alton for its support, and recognized that the Downing family owned the land for more than 100 years.

A Ribbon Cutting with outsized scissors and two cutters on each ramp followed. Sununu, Kenney, Nancy Downing, the last owner of the property along with her husband Jonathan Downing, and Garret Graaskamp, NHFG Statewide Public Boat Access Coordinator did the honors.

The NHFG Color Guard then presented arms and attended while American Legion Post #72 raised the American, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action, American Legion, and state flags

on the new flagpole. Chaplain George Feneeny served as bugler. Post members will maintain the flying of the flags.

As boating and angling lead outdoor recreation in the state, the dedication ceremony marking the completion of this project made for a happy and greatly anticipated event.

"I'm very pleased," Graaskamp said. "People who had a role to play or had a connection to the place were here, and we're honored by that. That was an important part of this day."

The Statewide Public Boat Access Program under NHFG acquires land for public water access sites, refurbishes and maintains existing sites, and builds new public boat access areas.

It is funded through a \$5.00 fee per motorized boat registration. That revenue is combined with matching federal Sport Fish Restoration funds of about \$500,000 annually, generated from manufacturers' excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure craft, and taxes on motor boat and small engine fuel, and administered through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The NHFG noted that the Downing's Landing project is an instance of successful partnership with the USFWS, essential in the purchase of the property and in funding the complete design and construction of the facility.

"This is an example of good things that happen," Graaskamp said, adding, "which we need more of these days."

LITTLE SHOP

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of which is dating a dentist with a decidedly dark side. She appears oblivious to Seymour's crush and helpless to stop the abuse of the dentist, Orin. Seymour soon discovers the plant has some peculiar properties, but it brings people to the shop, so he accommodates Audrey II's macabre tastes.

This year's production comes as a welcome reopening of the PMHS house after a long

COVID-induced silence. The cast comprises seven seniors, one sophomore and one freshman. Luca Pellegrine ('22) is playing the dentist, Kyle Dube ('22) is cast as Mr. Mushnik, Jaren Unzen ('22) is playing Seymour, Valeria Ramos ('22) is bringing Audrey to life, Teagan McCausland ('24) is playing Chiffon, Sophia LaGraize ('22) is playing Ronette, and Katie Healy ('25) is playing Crystal. Audrey II is a unique

role requiring two players: Sylas Kenerson ('22) as Puppeteer and Liam White ('22) as Audrey II's voice.

Ramos' credits include two productions at Brewster Academy. As a freshman she played Mock Turtle in their staging of Alice in Wonderland. She also appeared in High School Musical as Ripper. She is drawn to theater because she likes to sing but she really appreciates acting as "a good outlet for self-expression." Ramos has had fun being

involved with Little Shop production. "Playing Audrey is entertaining. She is very different from me," she says. She hopes the show draws a large audience.

White's theater experience at PMHS includes being cast as Grandpa Joe his freshman year in the production of Willie Wonka. "It was super exciting to get a lead role as a freshman," he said.

"As a consumer of the arts, I am a bit of a perfectionist when it comes to acting. I take direction

but I love the power of making acting choices so I can put out the role the way I want it to be." As a freshman, he listened to Little Shop of Horrors and became "obsessed" with the play. He didn't think it would be done during his time at PMHS because this will be the third time the play has been staged there.

"The music is stellar - fantastic, the story and characters are unique but they're based on archetypes - the play on the tropes is interesting. The story is satirical with a light-hearted delivery and the themes of greed and corruption are relevant. It's a great show."

Lousie B. Shields

Lousie B. Shields Born in North Reading MA lived most of her years in New Durham employed at the New Durham Elementary School and Church organist for many years. Passed Peacefully January 29, 2022. A graveside funeral service will be held at the John C. Shirley Cemetery in New Durham on Friday May 20th at 11:00am Reception to follow at the First Congregational Church UCC in Farmington.

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Barnstead	2 Winwood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$320,000	Marcus B. Manning	Michael N. Miskell

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Barbara Roberts to present at next Historical Society meeting

ALTON – The Alton Historical Society is pleased to present its monthly program for May on Tuesday, May 17,

at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Gilman Library on Main Street. Barbara Roberts, daughter of Irving and Jean Roberts, will

share stories, pictures, and genealogy of the Roberts family in Alton.

The Roberts Family built a cabin in New

Durham Gore (Alton) in the 1770's, and has been active in the community throughout the years. Early members of the

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SPORTS

Knight boys earn victory in Kennett meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — The Kingswood boys' track team ran to the win at a meet hosted by Kennett last Tuesday.

The Knight boys beat out Fryeburg, host Kennett, Merrimack Valley and Berlin while the Knight girls finished in third behind Kennett and Merrimack Valley.

Emerson DeNitto jumped to the win in the high jump, clearing five feet, 10 inches. He also took third in the long jump at 18 feet, 2.75 inches, with Ethan Arnold in sixth place at 17 feet, 9.5 inches, Quinn Bouwens in 13th place at 15 feet, 2.75 inches, Mack Carpenter in 14th place at 14 feet, 9.5 inches and Elliott Giessler in 15th place at 14 feet, 8.5 inches. DeNitto also finished second in the triple jump at 33 feet, six inches.

Alex Marks threw his

way to the win in the discus at 109 feet, three inches, with Camden Colson in seventh place at 75 feet, Warren Blaney in eighth place at 72 feet, three inches and Cormack Welch finished 18th at 48 feet.

Arnold took top honors in the javelin with a toss of 137 feet, 10 inches, with Caleb Russo in third place at 127 feet, two inches, Seth Charest in 10th place at 78 feet, eight inches, Carpenter in 13th place at 65 feet, seven inches and Welch in 19th place at 54 feet, six inches.

In the 100 meters, Casey Arsenault was third at 12.23 seconds, Arnold was fourth in 12.45 seconds, Cam Kean was seventh in 12.86 seconds and Giessler was eighth in 12.88 seconds.

Damien Gavell finished in sixth place in the 200 meters with a time of 27.06 seconds, Caden Laing finished in eighth

place in a time 27.84 seconds, Xander Brooks was 17th in a time of 31.67 seconds, Adrian McAllister placed 18th in 32.1 seconds and Owen VanBrunt was 20th in 33.78 seconds.

Lou Arinello finished in third place in the 400 meters with a time of 54.56 seconds, Matt Perkins finished in fourth place in 56.58 seconds, Laing was seventh in 1:01.57 and Tyler Olkkola was eighth in 1:01.58.

Gabe Arinello took second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:16.05, Blaney was fourth in 2:28.39 and Carpenter was fifth in 2:34.14.

Olkkola finished in third in the 3,200 meters in a time of 13:19.38, while in the 1,600 meters, Jacob Kantz was 12th in 6:43.15 and McAllister was 13th in 6:43.19.

Bouwens finished in third in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 19.96

seconds and Michael Wainwright took fifth in 21.36 seconds. In the 300-meter hurdles, Wainwright took sixth place in a time of 51.99 seconds.

The Knight team of Arnold, Kean, Perkins and Arsenault took the win in the 4X100-meter relay in 47.18 seconds and in the 4X400-meter relay, Lou Arinello, Gabe Arinello, Perkins and Arsenault finished in second place in 3:48.03.

Marks took third in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet, nine inches, William Dixon finished in fourth place at 29 feet, 6.5 inches, Colson threw 27 feet, 5.25 inches for fifth place, Hadden Gerber was 15th at 23 feet, 6.5 inches and Welch threw 20 feet, five inches for 17th place.

For the girls in the 100 meters, Lauren MacPhee finished in second place in a time of 13.34 seconds, Kylie Rapoza finished third in 13.74 seconds, Karleigh Kluft was eighth in 15.27 seconds, Lenna Hooper was 12th in 16.48 seconds and Lacey Arno was 14th in a time of 17.09 seconds.

In the 200 meters, MacPhee was second in a time of 27.52 seconds, Kluft was seventh in 31.17 seconds, Maya Colson finished in 11th place in 33.67 seconds, Hooper was 13th in 35.48 seconds and Arno was 18th in 36.42 seconds.

Marcella DeNitto finished in third place in the 400 meters in a time of 1:05.02.

The Knight team of MacPhee, Rowan Donovan-Laviolette, Rapoza and DeNitto took the win in the 4X400-meter relay in a time of 4:20.78 while in the 4X100-meter relay, the team of Sierra Rose, MacPhee, DeNitto and Rapoza took second in 54.9 seconds.

Rapoza finished second in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, .5 inches, Donovan-Laviolette took third at 13 feet, 10.25 inches, DeNitto jumped 13 feet, 2.5 inches for fifth place and Kluft was 10th at 11 feet, 3.5 inches.

Marina Roy was fourth in the javelin at 68 feet, Rose was eighth at 52 feet, 10 inches, Donovan-Laviolette was 12th at 48 feet, three inches, Colson threw 35 feet, five inches for 15th place and Hooper was 16th at 31 feet, three inches.

The Knights are scheduled to compete at Oyster River on Saturday, May 14, and at Pembroke on Monday, May 16.

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SPORTS

Sprince tosses shutout as Knights knock off Coe-Brown

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Senior Tyler Sprince spun a beauty as the Kingswood baseball team knocked off Coe-Brown in the first game after vacation week. Sprince pitched a complete game, striking out nine over the six innings, walking just one and giving up just two hits. Kingswood scored four times in the first inning, added one in the third inning and another four in the fourth inning before plating the game-ending run in the bottom of the sixth inning. The fourth inning outburst was keyed by Christos Zavas, Will Danais and Shaw Swinerton, all who drove in runs in the frame. Sprince finished with three hits

on the day to pace the of-fense, while Danais, Hossack and Ethan Mosher each had two hits. Danais drove in three runs as well. The Knights dropped a 3-2 decision on the road at Pembroke on Thursday, May 5, a game that coach Chip Skelley said really should have been a win. Jessie Leighton got the start on the hill for Kingswood and went the distance, allowing all three runs, though only one was earned. He walked only two and gave up six hits. Swinerton led the way at the top of the lineup with two hits on the day while Zavas and Da-nais each chipped in with RBIs. James Yarling added a triple for the Knights. The Knights are scheduled to be in action on Friday, May 13,

at Merrimack Valley at 4 p.m. and will host Merrimack Valley on Thursday, May 12
KENNETT
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack Valley; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Con-Val; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Manchester Memorial; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball at Gilford; 4
Girls' Tennis at Pelham; 4
Softball at Gilford; 4
Friday, May 13
KENNETT
Baseball at White Mountains; 4
Boys' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4
Softball at White Mountains; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball at Merri-

mack Valley; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Portsmouth; 7
Boys' Tennis vs. Con-Val; 4
Softball at Merrimack Valley; 4
Saturday, May 14
KENNETT
Track at Newfound; 10
KINGSWOOD
Track at Oyster River; 10
Monday, May 16
KENNETT
Baseball at Bow; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Kingswood; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Portsmouth; 5:30
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Boys' Tennis at Kennett; 4
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PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Boys' Tennis at Bishop Brady; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Trinity; 4
Softball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Tuesday, May 17
KENNETT
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Oyster River; 4:30
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Manchester Memorial; 6
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Track at Gilford; 4
Wednesday, May 18
KENNETT
Baseball vs. Hanover; 4:30
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Timberlane; 4
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KINGSWOOD
Girls' Tennis at Manchester West; 4
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Baseball vs. Bishop Brady; 4
Boys' Tennis at White Mountains; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Gilford; 4
Softball vs. Bishop Brady; 4
Thursday, May 19
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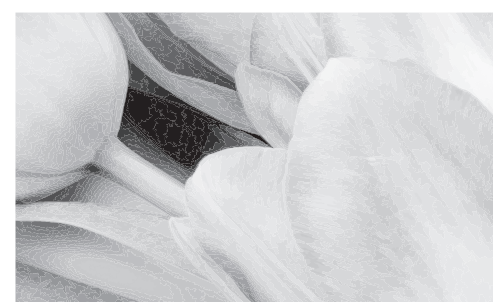
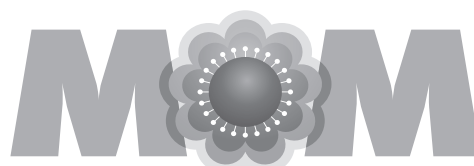
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7	4	2	9	1	3	5	6	8
1	8	5	7	6	4	3	2	9

ANSWER:

SPORTS

Knights pull away in second half to beat Eagles



JOSHUA SPAULDING

KINGSWOOD'S AIDAN CURTIS controls the ball as Kennett's Evan Fisette defends in action last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood boys' lacrosse team held Carroll County rival Kennett to just one goal in the second half and pulled away for a 10-4 win on the turf of Alumni Field in Wolfeboro on Tuesday, May 3.

"It's been an up and down season and it's been a struggle at times offensively," said Kingswood coach Mike Manning. "There are times where it clicks for us and today we were on the upswing."

"Kingswood played great and we worked hard," said Kennett coach Steve Graustein. "But we had some ups and downs."

The Knights didn't waste much time getting on the board, as they scored just 1:07 into the game for the 1-0 lead, with Will Crane firing the shot on net for the first tally of the game. Kennett answered right back just seven seconds later, as Isaiah Mojica raced down the field right off the faceoff and scored to tie the game at one.

Just 41 seconds later, the Knights took the lead again, this time with Keegan Russo working his way through the defense and firing a shot into the net for the 2-1 lead. Mojica answered with a shot at the other end that keeper Josh Paraskos stopped and Kennett's Tanner Bennett made a nice defensive play on Russo. Tristan Taatjes had a shot stopped by Kennett keeper Kyle Stearns.

The Eagles were able to tie the game with 4:39 to go in the first quarter, as Carver Petell rifled a shot into the net on a nice feed from Robbie Murphy for the tying goal.

After a bid from Russo went high, the Knights got the lead back on a goal from Myles Mayhew with 3:49 to go in the first quarter. Kennett got chances from Mojica, Jacob Infinger and Aiden Costello that either Paraskos stopped or missed the net. Crane and Gage Lamontagne had bids for the Knights that Stearns stopped.

With a tick less than a minute to go in the first quarter, Russo fired in a shot from the side of the net and Kingswood took a 4-2 lead to the second quarter.

Russo and Crane had early chances for the Knights and Petell had a chance for the Eagles in the second quarter. The teams ate up more than half of the second quarter clock before the Knights got the first goal of the quarter, with Crane firing the ball in for the 5-2 lead with 5:12 to go in the first half.

Less than a minute later, the Knights added

another goal, with Carter Morrissey making a nice feed up the field to Russo, who buried the ball in the twine for the 6-2 lead. Kennett answered 1:10 later, as Infinger was able to get the ball in the net to cut the lead to 6-3 with 3:15 to go in the first half.

The teams exchanged late chances, with Infinger, Murphy, Petell and Evan Fisette getting bids for the Eagles that Paraskos turned away and Kingswood had chances from Crane that missed the mark and the game went to halftime with the Knights up 6-3.

Mayhew and Crane had early chances in the second half and with 8:51 to go, Mayhew finished off a feed from Lamontagne for the 7-3 lead. Just nine seconds later, Russo scored again for the 8-3 lead. Crane and Russo had bids denied by Stearns while Mojica fired a shot off the post at the other end of the field.

With 4:51 to go in the third quarter, Lamontagne fired a shot from high in the circle past the goalie for the 9-3 lead. Fisette and Sean Carrier had bids for the Eagles that went wide of the net while Crane, Taatjes and Russo had bids for the Knights that missed the mark and the game went to the final quarter with Kingswood up 9-3.

Paraskos made a huge save on a close bid from Petell early in the fourth quarter and the Eagles were able to capitalize on the pressure with 9:09 to go in the game, as Noah Deyak collected his first varsity goal to cut the lead to 9-4.

Deyak had another shot go wide for the Eagles and Carrier had a shot stopped by Paraskos while Russo sent a shot off the cross bar at the other end.

With 2:13 to go, Crane got the final goal of the game for the 10-4 lead. Mojica had a late shot for the Eagles that Paraskos stopped and Kingswood had the 10-4 victory.

"Defense is always a strong point and we hope that we can give them a little break so they don't have to play defense for 48 minutes," Manning said. "And we have a phenomenal problem with three senior goalies all capable of starting."

"It's a balancing act on who fits the mold and each game the best and Josh did that tonight," the Knight coach said. "And Keegan has come on strong. He moved up to attack and has done well and is learning quickly."

"He takes every opportunity to learn and get better," Manning added.

"I think the second half we were more competitive than the first half," said Graustein.

"We worked the ball well and had a good patience level on offense."

"And the defense was very positive," the Eagle coach continued. "They played well today."

Softball Knights edge past Eagles again

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — For the second time this year, the Kingswood and Kennett softball teams played a close game with only a couple of runs crossing the plate.

And once again, the runs were in the column for the Knights and they came away with the 2-0 win on Friday, May 6, in North Conway.

The Knights got on the board in the top of the first inning and never looked back. Carley Johnson had a two-out base hit and scored on a Morgyn Stevens base hit. Stevens in turn scored on an infield hit from Avery Gregory and the Knights had the 2-0 lead.

Ashley Garside had a one-out base hit for the Eagles in the bottom of the first inning and Ashley Glaze worked a walk, but Stevens came back with a strikeout to get out of the inning with no further damage.

Kennett pitcher Catherine Chick worked around a walk to Lindsey Desrochers in the top of the second inning, striking out two in the frame, but Stevens came back and struck out the side in the bottom of the second inning.

Emilia Galimberti led off the top of the third inning with an infield hit and one out later, Stevens had a base hit, but Chick got a fly ball to right field and a fly ball to left field to close out the inning.



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KEEGAN RUSSO had four goals in Kingswood's win over Kennett last week.

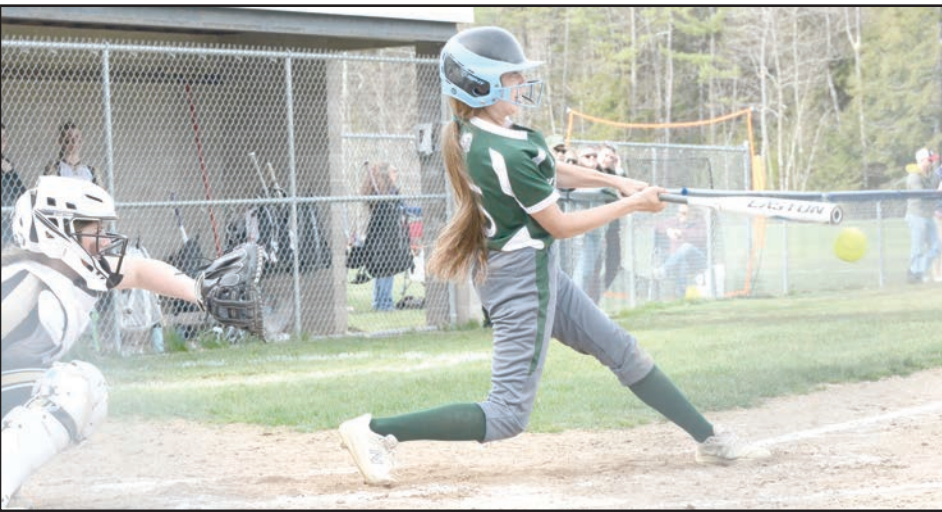
The Knights are scheduled to be in action today, May 12, at home against Con-Val, will be hosting Portsmouth at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 13, and will be hosting Manchester

Memorial at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.

The Eagles are scheduled to be hosting Oyster River on Tuesday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. and will be at Manchester Memorial

on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

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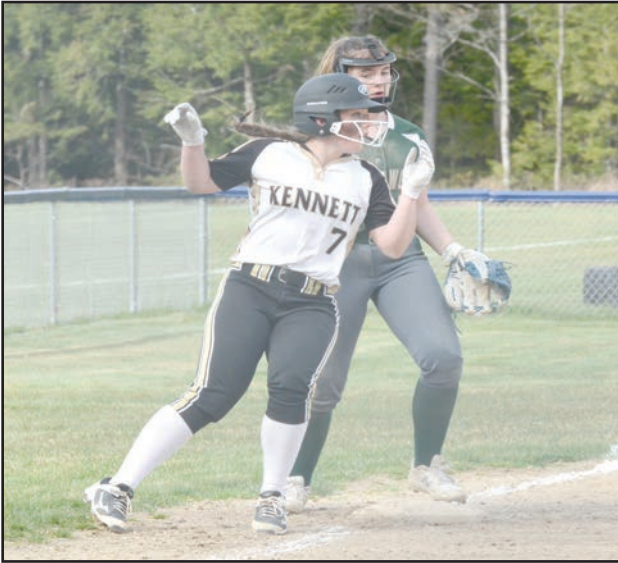
SOPHIE FORD connects with a pitch in action in North Conway last week.

Stevens struck out another batter in the bottom of the third and also grabbed a liner back to the circle and a grounder back to the circle to get through the inning with no trouble at all.

Chick got a pair of groundouts to third base and a strikeout to set the Knights down in order in the top of the fourth inning. In the bottom of the inning, Allie Hussey ripped a two-out triple down the right field line and Georgia Coleman took over on the bases. Stevens was able to get a strikeout to end the inning and the threat from the Eagles.

Chick worked around a two-out walk to Johnson in the top of the fifth inning and Stevens worked around a walk to Glaze in the bottom of the frame. Chick set the side down in order in the top of the sixth inning and Stevens did the same in the bottom of the inning.

In the seventh, Chick set the Knights down in



JOSHUA SPAULDING

KENNETT'S ALLIE HUSSEY rounds third after tripling on Friday while Kingswood's Avery Gregory keeps an eye on the play.

order to give her team one more chance to get runs on the board. However, Stevens got a strikeout, a grounder to first and a grounder to third to close out the 2-0 win.

Stevens finished with 13 strikeouts and Chick finished with five strikeouts on the afternoon.

The Eagles are slated to be in action on Friday, May 13, at White Mountains and Monday,

May 16, at Bow before returning home to host Hanover on Wednesday, May 18.

The Knights are slated to be at Merrimack Valley on Friday, May 13, and will be hosting Merrimack Valley for a noon game on Saturday, May 14.

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Eastman, Desrochers lift Kingswood baseball past Kennett



KINGSWOOD’S CALEB DESROCHERS pulls into second as Kennett’s Matt Charrette takes the throw in action Friday afternoon.

By JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NORTH CONWAY — Anyone who saw the Kennett and Kingswood baseball teams battle in Wolfeboro early in the season may have experienced a little déjà vu when the teams met in North Conway for the rematch on Friday, May 6.

Like in the first game, it all came down to the seventh inning, with the Knights coming out with a one-run win for the second time this season.

“It’s always nice to come up with a win at Kennett,” said Kingswood coach Chip Skel-

ley. “It’s a tough couple week span for us, we need the victories. Yesterday (loss to Pembroke) should’ve been a win, so it was a good bounce back for the guys.”

“It was a good baseball game, just like the last game,” said Kennett coach Josh McAllister. “We haven’t pieced together a lot of good games lately, so it was good to put one together today.”

Kennett starter Sam Seavey had control problems out of the gate, walking Shaw Swinerton and Jonathan Hos-

sack to start the game. A James Yarling sacrifice fly moved Swinerton to third, but Seavey came back and got a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

Freshman Hayden Eastman got the start on the hill for the Knights and he and freshman catcher Ben Libby both had good plays in the bottom of the first inning and the Eagles went down in order. Kingswood went down in order in the top of the second and Kennett had a chance in the bottom of the inning.

With two outs, Devin Jakubec singled and Jack Robinson worked a walk, with both runners moving up on a wild pitch, but Eastman got a strikeout to end the inning.

After a quiet third inning, both teams got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning. Kingswood got walks from Yarling and Desrochers and Tyler Sprince put down a sacrifice bunt to move both runners up. Christos Zavos followed with a shot to third and the Eagles tried to get the out at the plate, but the ball got away and both runners scored for the 2-0 lead.

Kennett answered right back in the bottom of the inning. Seavey doubled and Brady Robitaille worked a walk and both moved up on stolen bases. Jakubec then reached on an error, allowing both runners to score and the game was tied at two.

Desrochers and Sprince both had two-out walks in the top of the fifth, but Seavey got a strikeout to end the inning. Brody Nagle worked a walk with one out in the bottom of the

inning and after a nice catch by Yarling in center, the Knights intentionally walked Seavey and Eastman got a strikeout to end the inning.

Will Danais led off the top of the sixth with a base hit and McAllister brought in Robinson to pitch. He got a trio of fly balls to end the inning, including a nice grab from Nagle in left field for the third out.

Jakubec reached on an error with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning and moved up on a groundout by Robinson. However, Eastman got a foul pop to Desrochers along the third base fence line to get out of the inning and the game remained tied at two heading to the seventh.

Hossack was hit by a pitch to start the top of the seventh, but Jakubec gunned him down stealing second. Yarling was then hit by a pitch as well and stole second. He then came around to score on a monster double to the fence (and under) by Desrochers, plating the go-ahead run. Pinch runner Kolby Place took third on a Sprince groundout, but Robinson got a strikeout to end the inning.

Eastman then came out and set the side down in order in the bottom of the inning, giving the Knights the 3-2 win.

“I hadn’t seen him (Eastman) pitch, but his dad played for me on the 1998 championship team,” Skelley said of his freshman hurler. “He did a great job today, he things the game really well, like Ben (Libby).”

Skelley also noted that the middle of the order did the job in the seventh as well.

“We have a couple of grip and rip guys and that’s what we were looking for from Caleb there,” the Knight coach said. “And that’s what he did.”

“We made a mistake on a play at home, we just have to squeeze that ball with both hands and make the tag,” McAllister said. “And we’re not executing our offense as planned, we’re not hitting the way we can and the way we have in the past.”

“Three runs for the other team shouldn’t be an issue for us,” the Eagle coach continued. “We aim for one run an inning, if you score seven runs, you can win most games. But we’re not getting runs on the board.”

He also praised Eastman for a strong game, noting he really filled the strike zone all day long.

The Eagles are slated to be at White Mountains on Friday, May 13, and at Bow on Monday, May 16, before hosting Hanover on Wednesday, May 18.

The Knights are slated to visit Merrimack Valley on Friday, May 13, at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Merrimack Valley on Saturday, May 14, at 12 p.m.

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