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GES breakfast showcases sugar shack

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GILFORD — The community gathered for a big pancake breakfast topped off with maple syrup that was made right at Gilford Elementary School.

GES showcased syrup produced by its own “Sweet” Sugar Shack at the annul pancake breakfast on March 16. Volunteers cooked and served breakfast to a few hundred visitors. Visitors also got a look at the maple syrup themed projects that GES students have been working on during their maple syrup unit.

GES Principal Danielle Bolduc said it was great to see so many people at the breakfast.

“It’s so wonderful; it helped that we had a nice day today,” Bolduc said.

Members of the Volunteer Steering Committee helped at the breakfast and some of the students volunteered as well. Volunteer Steer-



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Mike Bolduc gives a presentation on the syrup making process at Gilford Elementary School’s sugar shack.

ing Committee member Leigh Cordella said people were there at 6:30

a.m. getting ready for the breakfast.

“We love it; it’s just

such a fun event,” Cordella said.

She said it was great

seeing so many people at the school outside of school hours.

Cordella said the kids are so happy to serve the maple syrup made in the sugar shack.

“It’s very wholesome, it really is,” she said.

The breakfast has been an annual tradition since the school’s maple syrup program started in 2016 and since 2018 has given people a chance to see the school’s own sugar shack.

The maple syrup program gives students a hands-on experience in making maple syrup including tapping trees, collecting sap, and many other tasks.

“Everyone is learning how to tap a tree,” Bolduc said.

Students also do projects on different aspects of sap and syrup production. Many of the projects were on display around the school during the breakfast. Each group of students will also make formal

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Barnstead voters defeat SB2, police vehicle articles

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BARNSTEAD — Articles to enact SB2, purchase police vehicles, and create a recreation area all failed at town meeting.

Barnstead voters met on the morning of March 16 at Barnstead Elementary School for town meeting.

Voters rejected a petitioned article to adopt SB2. Article 27 called for the town to adopt the provisions of the Official Ballot Act, commonly known as SB2, that would replace the traditional town meeting with a deliberative session and ballot voting on warrant articles.

Voters also struck down an article for a lease purchase agreement on two police vehicles. Article 7 would have authorized the selectmen to enter into a four-year lease purchase agreement for two police SUV’s and raise and appropriate \$35,936 for the first year’s payment.

A petition article to create a Barnstead recreation area failed and will be visited another year. Article 25 was a petition article to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to maintain and develop the Barnstead Recreation Area at 115 South Barnstead Road. Of this amount, \$75,000 would come from the federal Lakes and Conservation Grand Fund, which the town was already awarded. The remaining \$75,000 would be a local match. Town Clerk Jessie Fifield said the article was withdrawn and Parks and Recreation will examine this project at a later time.

All other articles passed.

Voters approved the operating budget of \$5,122,133 in Article 30.

The road agent position will now be appointed instead of elected with the passage of Article 4.

Article 5 will raise and appropriate \$33,426 for the third and final lease purchase payment on the Highway Department’s Dynapac Roller. Article 6 is the fourth lease purchase payment of \$52,674 for an ambulance.

Article 8 will put \$250,000 into the Road Paving and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Article 9 will put \$200,000 into the Road Construction and Maintenance ETF. The Municipal Building Repair and Maintenance ETF will receive \$20,000 under Article 10. Article 11 will put \$25,000 into the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund. The Highway Department Heavy Equipment CRF will receive

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GHS presents “Clue” this weekend

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GILFORD — Who did the murder with what and in what room? Find out this weekend during Gilford High School theater’s production of “Clue.”

This weekend, GHS will present the high school edition of the play based on the popular 1985 movie where Mr. Boddy is murdered in the dark by any one of his colorful party guests. The show will take the stage at the GHS auditorium Thursday through Friday, March 28-30 with all shows at 7 p.m.

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Gilford High School will present “Clue” this weekend with Luc Martin as Wadsworth, Avery Hennig as Miss Scarlet, and Ella Kelliher as Mrs. Peacock.

Golden Eagles, Timber Wolves named to girls’ basketball All-State teams

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the conclusion of the winter high school basketball season, the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization has announced the selection of the All-State teams.

In Division III, Win- nisquam’s Lauren MacDonald earned First Team honors, Gilford’s Ryan Guyer, Prospect Mountain’s Sophia Capsalis and Ainsley Savage of White Moun- tains earned Second

Team and Ella Smith of Prospect Mountain, Olivia Keenan and Mil- lie Caldton of Gilford, Darci Stone of Belmont, Caidyn Carter of Win- nisquam and McKen- na Kelley of Berlin all earned Honorable Men-

tion. Caldton also earned All-Defensive Team hon- ors.

Joining MacDonald in earning First Team honors were Shaylee Murdough of Hopkin- ton (Player of the Year), Kiley Bundy of Stevens, Tessa Marinello of Ke- arsarge, Genna Bolduc of St. Thomas and Shaylee Branon of Monadnock.

Second Team hon- ors also went to Emilie von der Linden of St. Thomas, Ava Shapiro of Kearsarge and Hannah Manley of Conant.

Also earning Honor- able Mention were Syd- ney Westover and Lizz Holmes of Hopkinton, Emily Seiler of Masco- ma, Cainen Avery of Mo- nadnock, Isabella Bovell of Stevens, Bella Hart of Conant, Emma Toriello of St. Thomas, Sophia

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Gilford’s Olivia Keenan was named All-State Honorable Mention for Division III.

ABA March Monthly Member Highlight: Market on Main

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! For March, we spoke with Christy Painchaud, Owner + Founder of Alton Market on Main. We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you're an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at info@altonbusinessassociation.com

Q: Tell us about your business?

A: Market on Main evolved from a vision to create a space and place where LOCAL growers, artisans and entrepreneurs could share their goods + services with community residents and visitors of all ages.

This is a vibrant community environment and is open to local farmers, artisans, businesses, professional dream makers and those who share a kind heart + positive community spirit! The Market was organized with the idea in mind to start rallying interest from small business owners who need to place to sell their goods AND a place for the community to shop their favorite small businesses and farmers while getting outside to mingle and gather with other residents.

The first outdoor market was held in June 2023 and we're going into our second season, which kicks off on June 1 with a "Spring Fling & Vintage Things" special event!

In October 2023, I took a huge leap to grow my business even more and purchased a historic 1880 building, 115 Main St., that had been vacant for many years (the old Alton video store), that is directly next to the outdoor market location. A portion of my plan for that building space is to

carry a piece of Market on Main inside, creating a space for the community to gather + for businesses and farmers to showcase their goods all year round! That project is currently undergoing renovations but stay tuned for more information on how you leave you Mark at the Market on Main!

Q: Tell us about yourself.

A: I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and met a New Hampshire boy along my journey while serving in the United States Air Force (USAF) and he brought me to New Hampshire, where I've called home since 2005. My husband and I planted our roots in Alton over 18 years ago in 2006, where we have lived in the same home and expanded our little family with two sweet boys! Nowadays, I describe myself as an average stay at home mama with a few SIDE endeavors who cherishes time with my family and spending the summers at our camp on Lake Winnepesaukee.

I'm a proud retired USAF Veteran, where I served over 20 years serving my country and being a part of something bigger than myself! In the Air Force, I served as a criminal investigator/federal agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (USAF Reserves). I conducted counterintelligence and major crime investigations and specialized in protective service operations for high-ranking dignitaries. My career journey has also included child abuse investigations with Children Service's Offices across three states, Federal Agent with the USPS/Office of Inspector General, Contract Investigator for the U.S. Government and Adjunct Firearms Instructor at Sig Sauer Academy. I hold a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor of Science degree from Way-

land Baptist University, Honolulu, Hawaii.

After I retired from the military in 2017, I embarked on a new mission and answered the calling in my heart to share my voice as a sexual assault survivor. My "voice" evolved to "Christy's Survivor Journey" now Christy Painchaud, LLC, which I started in 2019. A platform where I shared my survivor story, by raising awareness with public speaking, hosting intimate informative and healing events, workshops, and firearms education classes. This is a very (intended) part-time endeavor, but I love that I'm able to help

others by sharing my personal and professional experience to empower and inspire others!

Once my children started school, I started to volunteer more of my "free time" serving in the community where I reside and immersed myself in any way I could to help bring about growth and positivity where I call home! I am very active in my community and have served on the Board of Directors for the Alton Business Association for six consecutive years, the Board of Directors for the Farmington Fish & Game Club for six years, and I'm an active member of the Alton Garden Club, Alton Central School PTSA and many other organizations.

In 2023, it only made sense to add an extra "side hustle" to my plate, lol!! I'll forever hold a passion for community connection and creating the Market on Main was an opportunity to do just that! As a proud 20-year retired USAF Veteran, it was an honor to serve my country and now I'm embracing the opportunity to serve my community by creating a thriving business that invites others to do the same.

Throughout my career I've held many titles, responsibilities and leadership roles. I do have limits, but there is nothing I'm not afraid to take on or put in the work for! Of all the titles, motherhood is my most cherished one! I do a lot to be semi-retired, but I do pride myself on effectively managing my side hustles around my family life, not the other way around!

Q: How did your business get started?

A: I just jumped, lol!! I decided to finally stop letting the ideas and visions just stew in my head and I hit

the gas pedal and took action to make it happen! The first outdoor market season started in

June 2023 and was held on the lawn area right across the street from Alton Town Hall (it's the grassy field in between 115 and 119 Main St.) and the land is utilized in agreement with and permission from the landowners, the Community Church of Alton.

Typically, most farmer/community markets are structured and set up as a non-profit, but I wanted something different that would complement my bigger vision down the road that didn't require volunteers to support and run it! This business model put a lot of pressure on me, as I manage and operate every aspect of it by myself but it's the market participants that make it our market and it would not be what is it without them! I'm so grateful for all the support and participation that's helped this new Market grow!

So far, the market has been a great success and is growing by the year as the second season starts in June 2024.

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

A: I answered the call for help in a newspaper ad in 2019 that our Alton Winter Carnival would be cancelled if they (the ABA) didn't have volunteers to help! Well, I showed up to help and plan that year's Winter Carnival and haven't left since! It's been an honor to be a part of a great association that's been in our community since 2006! It has definitely helped me grow my small business outreach and strengthened my networking and event planning skills by serving on the Board of Directors.

The ABA boosts economic development and community outreach by hosting monthly meetings and large community events throughout the year!

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: I love, love the small-town feel + energy we still have here! I've lived in several cities across the US and Alton is by far my favorite!

There are good people, doing good things in Alton and I love the support everyone has for each other!

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

A: I wanted to give

back to the community by creating a special place that businesses, farmers and organizations would be proud to be a part of and a place residents looked forward to going to! I wanted people to feel connected to the town that live in... the whole "Live Local" spirit!

As for purchasing the permanent home for Market on Main at 115 Main St. ... I could not let another day

pass letting such a significant piece of our history wither away!! I'm huge on preservation, and I know it's

going to take a lot of energy, time and funds... But I'm committed to turning the once vacant building in the center of town to something amazing that everyone can enjoy!

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: I would definitely have to say starting my parent business, Christy Painchaud, LLC., and having the confidence to share my voice and story as a survivor in a way that Empowers and Inspires others and turning that mission into a business model that worked for me and my family!

What I'm most proud of with Market on Main so far is to witness the growth and connections amongst the market vendors! My confidence to start, inspired others to start and grown their businesses and outreach too! It has truly been heartwarming to watch other entrepreneurs evolve and collaborate with others.

I'm a huge advocate of collaboration + connection and I love when I see that bleed onto others! So many people get intimidated by competitors doing what they're doing, I just don't... I see it as an opportunity to make a bigger impact TOGETHER! We all are unique in our own way, so don't be afraid to let your light shine!

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

A: I have big dreams and I intend to keep taking action to achieve those dreams!

I only hope our outdoor community market sustains high energy and community support for years to come!

There are no rewards without risks in life, and I took a big one when I purchased 115 Main St. for the permanent home

for Market on Main! I'm super excited to share my vision for this space and to enhance the atmosphere of our historical Alton Village, all for the betterment of our community!

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

A: Start networking sooner! The quicker you put yourself in the room with like-minded people, the more opportunities you have to learn things that will help you operate a success business. Invest in professional and personal development!

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

A: Please follow @altonmarketonmain on Facebook and Instagram, and our website is [altonmarketonmain.com](mailto:altonmarketonmain@gmail.com) or email altonmarketonmain@gmail.com

Come see us in person please!!! Our second season kicks off on June 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a "Spring Fling & Vintage Things" special event! The regular Market season starts June 12 - Oct. 2, every other Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. This year we'll also have four Food Truck Friday special events on July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11 from 3-7 p.m.

Market on Main is located at 115 Main St., across the street from town hall. The outdoor market is located next to 115 Main, on the grassy lot that is owned by the Community Church of Alton.

Email us to learn how you can leave your "Mark", at the Market on Main! There will be many different things available in this new space but one special thing will be a community table, where residents + businesses can GATHER for an array of purposes! Next to the table will be our community wall, where the names of residents, businesses and organizations will proudly be displayed as financial SUPPORTERS who helped make this monumental renovation come to life!

This is the space where you can leave your "Mark," at the Market on Main!

We look forward to seeing you this Market season and inside our new location once it opens!

Alton Roadside Clean-Up Day April 13

ALTON — Local groups, families and individuals are asked to join in a town-wide roadside cleanup on April 13, 8:30 a.m. to noon. The event starts with sign-in and bag distribution beginning at 8 to 8:45 a.m., followed by instructions and a safety briefing, a group picture. Participants will disperse to assigned roads and neighborhoods at 9 a.m. Online registration is highly recommended to assist with road assignments and logistics. Families and groups with younger children will be assigned in lower traffic areas, and organizers will attempt to accommodate requests to pick up specific roads or neighborhoods. Brian Beihl, organizer of the event for the Alton Democrats, hopes to build the event back to its pre-pandemic success, with more civic-minded citizens picking up more of Alton's roads. "The town of Alton owes a debt of gratitude to Bernadette Kaszynski, who organized the Alton clean-up day for several years and kept our town streets looking good for both locals and visitors," Beihl said. "The pandemic kept Scouts, business groups, sports teams and families from helping in recent years, but it's time that we pull together again and spruce up our town again." Ruth Larson, chair of the Alton Democrats, emphasized that the event is one of community service, not of politics. "Protecting the environment is something we can all agree on, and I hope as many community members as possible will

join with us to make Alton an even more beautiful place," she said. Links to pre-registration for the event can be found at the "Barnstead, Gilmanston, and Alton Democrats" Facebook page, Alton town Facebook groups, or by contacting Brian Beihl at Brian@Beihl.org or 603-620-8300.

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Flashlight Egg Hunt

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a nighttime Flashlight Egg Hunt for ages 14 and younger on Friday, March 29 at B&M Park on Depot Street. Glow with us as we search for hidden eggs in the park. Event includes: Egg Hunt, music, Easter Bunny and fun! Rain/snow location will be at the Alton Bay Community Center- same date and times. Please bring a flashlight and container to collect your eggs in and arrive at the following times: Ages infant-3 years- 7 p.m.; Ages 4-7- 7:30 p.m.; Ages 8-10- 8 p.m. and Ages 11-14- 8:30 p.m. The event is free to Alton residents. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109, parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

April Vacation- Boston Aquarium Trip

The Alton and New Durham Parks and Recreation Departments are sponsoring a Trip to the Boston Aquarium on Tuesday, April 23. Alton Students in grades 2-8 are invited to join Alton Parks and Recreation Staff in exploring the wonders of the giant ocean tank, and largest shark and ray touch tank on the East Coast. There is a lot to see at this aquarium. Adults of all ages are invited to join in the fun too, and explore the Aquarium on their own. Bus leaves New Durham Elementary School at 8:00a.m. sharp, please arrive by 7:45 a.m. to check in. Bus returns to New Durham Elementary School at 5 p.m. \$26 pp, includes aquarium admission

and student supervision. Bring a bag lunch and be ready for a great day. Register at alton.nh.gov. Space is limited, sign up early to guarantee a place. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov for more information.

USTA Spring Tennis Lessons- Youth

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis Lessons for Grades 1-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from May 14-May 30. Grades are divided by times: 3:15-4:15 p.m.- Grades 6-8; 4:15-5:15 p.m.- Grades 1&2; 5:15-6:15 p.m.- Grades 3-5. Registration is \$60 for Alton residents and includes a brand new tennis racquet, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Non-resident fee is \$70. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhead and volley. Register by April 19, class size is limited to 7. Registration forms are available at altonparksandrecreation.com or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

USTA Spring Tennis Lessons- Adults

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis Lessons for adults on Wednesdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from May 15-June 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is \$70 for Alton residents and includes a brand new tennis racquet, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Non-resident fee is \$80. Basic tennis

skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhead and volley. Register by April 19, class size is limited to 7. Registration forms are available at altonparksandrecreation.com or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Adult Basketball

18 years and over- Thursday nights

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Adult Basketball 18+ pickup games at Alton Central School on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. now through April 18- stop in and play any time. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay- Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

DIY Charm Class

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a DIY Charm Class on Thursday, April 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Join instructor Cindee Vandermeid in making up to three beaded charms. Charms make great gifts or accents to jazz up a key chain, bag or outfit. See examples of the charms on the Parks and Recreation Department Face Book Page or photos of examples can be emailed to you. Cost of the class is \$10pp, bring a hand towel to use as a work surface, and scissors. Pre-register by April 4 at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Slow Flow Yoga with Pamela Mott, 200 YTT Certified

Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center or choose the online option and practice from home. All levels are welcome and encouraged. Class focus is Sun Salutation A and B; Hatha Yoga and the 8 Limbs. Pre-registration is preferred, text 603-393-0595. Cash and Venmo accepted. Pre-registration and virtual attendance is \$10; Drop in \$15. Classes are ongoing. For

more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Weight Training Classes- Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises and build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and wa-

ter. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Kharitonov

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursdays: April 11 and 25 and May 9 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Stop in and experience the positive state of meditation. Chairs

will be available; bring a pillow/cushion/mat if desired. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Alton Roadside Clean-Up Day- April 13

The Alton Democrats are organizing a community clean-up of the roads in Alton on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m.-noon. Contact Brian Beihl at Brian@Beihl.org or 603-620-8300 for more information and to sign up as a volunteer.

Barnstead voters choose officers, approve all zoning articles

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BARNSTEAD — Town voters made their choices for town offices and approved all zoning amendments, including regulations on short term rentals and condos.

Barnstead went to the polls on March 12 for town voting

For the board of selectmen, Robb Ellis was elected to a three-year term on the board over incumbent Paula Penney. Ellis received 265 votes and Penney received 197.

All other town offices were uncontested.

For the Budget Committee, incumbent Hilary Henry and Timothy Eade were elected to three-year terms with 331 votes and 310 votes, respectively. Michelle Rosado was reelected for a one-year term with 384 votes.

Nancy Carr will return as Town Moderator with 392 votes.

Rebecca Cowser will serve a three-year term on the Library Trustees with 398 votes.

Judy Forsyth was reelected as Trustee of the Trust Funds with 415 votes.

Elaine Swinford will serve another term as Overseer of Public Welfare with 385 votes.

Shirley Hayes was reelected as Supervisor of the Checklist with 409 votes.

Voters approved all nine amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Question 1 that added several definitions to the to match current table uses passed in a vote of 307-133.

Question 2 changing the sunset date in the Growth Management Regulation from April 1, 2024, to April 1, 2029, passed 284-154.

Question 3 will amend the Growth Management Regulation with updated census and statistical data (315 yes to 125 no).

Question 4 changed the definitions of “Aggregate Extraction” to “Mining of Land” in two places and Home Occupation” to Home Business in a vote of 279-163.

Question 5 added a section on Short Term Rent-

als with a definition and the requirement that owners or agents must receive a conditional use permit from the Planning Board. The article passed with 243 yes and 204 no.

Question 6 added definitions of the terms Condominiums and Condexs passed 268-172. Question 7 added a section on Condominiums and Condexs with requirements on condominium conversions and new construction. The article passed 281-155.

Question 8 amended the section on Two Family and Two Unit Dwellings to indicate they would be required by special exception in the Commercial and Suburban Districts. The article passed 250-192.

Question 9 amended the section on Business stating that businesses will be permitted upon approval of the Planning Board, selectmen, and health officer through the

site plan review process. The business will be permitted “...provided that the business or industry or structure would not be seriously detrimental or offensive to the owners of adjoining property, or to the town, or would lend to radically reduce property values of other property.” The article passed 300-155.

For the Barnstead School District, Eliza Drole was reelected to the Barnstead School Board with 177 votes. Doreen Wittenberg received 149 votes and Kevin Genest received 96.

The other school offices were uncontested.

John Savage will serve another term as School District Moderator with 413 votes.

Timothy Eade was reelected as School District Clerk with 404 votes.

Hilary Henry was reelected as School District Treasurer with 401 votes.

Celebrate Easter with Congregational Church of North Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — The Congregational Church of North Barnstead (CCNB), UCC, invites you to join us for our Maundy Thursday and Easter Celebration Services, led by Rev. Kate Kennedy, at our church, 504 North Barnstead Rd. Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. “Then he (Jesus) poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him” (John 13:5).

Join us for a solemn journey of scripture, reflection, quiet music, prayer and communion. Immerse yourself with insights from Mary Oliver and Eli Wiesel, and explore Jesus’ final days on earth. Join us for this opportunity of insight and understanding. Easter Celebration Service, Sunday, March 31, at 10 a.m. — “He is Risen, Alleluia!” Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb and found it empty.” But the angel said to the women. ‘Do not be afraid: I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here for he has been raised’” (Matthew 28:5-6).

Join us for a vibrant service of uplifting word and song, rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord with color and fanfare. After the service, you are invited for a time of fellowship and an Easter egg hunt for children on the front lawn. Bring the whole family for a day of joy, and the tradition of seeking out the Good News. Come rejoice with us in the hope and promise of Easter. We at CCNB care deeply for our worship of and service to God and our ministry to others. You are welcome to join us every Sunday at 10 a.m. Note: If you can’t come to our church due to illness, and want to come on zoom, send a request to media4ccnb@gmail.com to get the meeting number.

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The origins of the Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny will be getting a workout this season, as the newly fallen deep snow in some parts of New England may make for some difficult travel. But alas, with baskets filled with colorful eggs and chocolates, this beloved character has been a part of Easter celebrations worldwide. Where does this tradition stem from?

The legend of the Easter Bunny traces its roots back centuries, intertwining folklore, mythology, and religious symbolism. While its precise origins are a bit of a mystery, various theories and cultural influences have contributed to the emergence of this cherished icon.

One prevailing theory suggests that the Easter Bunny's lineage can be traced back to ancient pagan rituals celebrating spring and fertility. In pre-Christian Europe, the hare was revered as a symbol of fertility and new life, representing the arrival of spring after the barrenness of winter. As Christianity spread across the continent, pagan customs melded with Christian traditions, giving rise to a hybridized celebration that incorporated elements of both.

Another theory proposes that the Easter Bunny found its way into Christian festivities through German immigrants who settled in America during the 18th century. In German folklore, the "Osterhase" or Easter Hare, was believed to lay colorful eggs as gifts for children who had been good. This tradition evolved over time, with the hare eventually morphing into the familiar bunny we know today, and eggs becoming synonymous with Easter.

Furthermore, the association of rabbits with Easter can also be attributed to their prolific breeding habits, symbolizing fertility, abundance, and the cycle of life. This symbolism aligns seamlessly with the Easter narrative of rebirth and resurrection, making the bunny a fitting emblem for the holiday.

Whether nestled in the pages of children's books, adorning decorations, or delighting young hearts during egg hunts, the Easter Bunny continues to evoke a sense of wonder and joy.

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COURTESY

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The region suffered a plethora of power outages following a winter storm whose repercussions caught many off guard. This snapped tree in New Durham caused problems for many residents.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Reading

I've been reading this book for years now. You might think it strange that someone would keep reading and rereading the same book over and over again. But every time, it tells me different things. It's kind of magical.

I haven't always read it. When I was young, I was inspired to, and made it up to somewhere in Numbers or Deuteronomy. I'll bet that my place marker is still where I left off in my mother's little old King James version with all it's Jehovah, thee's, and thou's. The print was so small that my young eyes could read its text without magnification.

Needless to say, and anyone who has read them will attest, those two books are very unlikely to retain the attention of a 12 year old. My story might be quite different if I had started with the New Testament. Being one trained to follow directions, I read books from front to back, not starting from three quarters of the way through.

A few years later, while walking down a late sixties city street, a long haired hippy type engaged me in conversation and handed me this

little pamphlet to read. The book of John. "He" kept trying to get my attention. I took it home and threw it into my little "things to get to" box and life went on.

It wasn't for a couple more years that I grabbed the pamphlet and read it. This was interesting, it really turned my head around and eventually led to my giving my life to Christ. Again, this time at a Coffee House, just down the highway from my dorm. And just like after saying a prayer years earlier in Sunday school, no big transition happened in my life. Everything continued as usual with me being totally distracted by the world around me and enjoying all that life had to offer.

Years went by, my life went through many changes, and it wasn't for many years before I picked up the book again. It was a cold winter night, the kids were asleep up in their room, my wife was off playing with her friends. I had nothing to do. The wood stove was cranking next to my rocking chair. So I reached for the Bible up on the shelf and sat down in my rocker.

Not knowing

where to start, I did the old close your eyes, flip the pages and let your finger fall where it may thing. Mark 10-9. That certainly fortified my resolve. I read on.

I've been reading ever since. After I got through the whole New Testament, I revisited the old one and eventually made it through that one too. I was amazed, I had read the whole Bible, quite a good sized book. Me, the guy who wasn't into reading.

So then what was I to do next? For some reason, I kept reading it. By then, I had formed a habit of reading a few verses before bed every night, so I continued. When I worked at a call center I would bring it with me to read during my breaks. I'm sure that carrying it provided some kind of a protective shield from fellow employees who probably stereotyped me as a Bible thumping evangelist and kept their distance. Who wants to speak with a Christian?

They all could sit around the break room and talk about their spouse, kids, the boss, the weather; their pets, their pains, you know how it goes. Talk about anything except

politics and religion and things go OK. I could read in peace.

I've kind of lost count at this point. It really no longer matters. It once was a badge of honor, I've read it three times. Now that it's nine or ten, it's become pretty much a continuous journey. An endless story so to speak. Like Sherry Lewis' "song that never ends".

Over the years I've become a voracious reader. Always having something to read within arms reach. Papers by the kitchen table, books by my rocker, magazines by the toilet and Bible by my bed. I still can't remember what I just read, but I have this faith that all the information is getting filed away somewhere inside my brain, even though I don't have random access to it.

Books are where information is stored almost permanently in a form easily accessible and decipherable. I challenge future archaeologists to read a CD extracted from the trash heap of time.

E.Twaste
Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW Early spring sightings

BY VIVIAN LEE DION

Contributing Writer

It was ironic to see low flying ducks gliding above the ice covered pond. The spring melt hadn't occurred and there was no open water for them to land. They made an oval arch like airplanes circling an airport and continued to fly across the pond in search of open water at nearby Merrymeeting Lake. Yet, less than a week later with the help of warm weather the ice finally melted. Winter's grip on our icy pond had finally disappeared and a few days' later slabs of ice like inflatable swimming rafts drifted near the water's edge. It was interesting to see miniature floats in the dark blue cold water. Soon they slowly drifted by and vanished.

The weather during spring can be fickle. One day a winter jacket and wool hat is needed then the next day a person gets too hot walking up

and down the street and removes outer clothing including the knitted hat.

Writer Doug Larson said, "Spring is when you feel like whistling even when a shoe is full of slush." I haven't encountered slush on my property, but I've certainly encountered mud. Spring is also known as "mud season" and this is usually from late March to May. Dirt roads become full of ruts from tires sinking into the saturated mud. Usually, it is warm one day and cold the next day. It's like the weather is playing tag with us. Near a small garden in my yard there were four sets of deer tracks sunken in the mud. The tracks were clearly visible because they were in one inch deep. Perhaps the deer were looking for sprigs of my perennial hosta plant. A couple years ago they had quite a feast on my largest thriving ones but because the plants grew

back better than ever with lush, green, leafy growth.

Yesterday afternoon I saw two most interesting birds: a tufted titmouse and a bald eagle. Both were not at the feeder but put on quite a show nonetheless. The tufted titmouse is a member of the chickadee family. I learned that they hoard food from birdfeeders in fall and winter. These smart little birds have light gray feathers on the upper side and white below. Their rusty or peach flanks make them very attractive songbirds. I viewed it on my railing.

The majestic bald eagle was a surprise spring sighting. Sitting in my favorite chair I caught movement in the sky. It was a lucky glance because the bald eagle's enormous wingspan was quite something to see. The bald eagle is our National Symbol and as the internet notes; "The choice was linked to the eagle's historical associ-

ation with strength and power. The design on the Great Seal included an olive branch (symbolizing peace) with arrows (representing war) in the eagle's talons." It was a fitting representation of the nation, and on June 20, 1782, Congress adopted the design.

Finally, I must mention the numerous sugar houses throughout New Hampshire where the task of producing maple syrup happens. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, 1989 edition - "Sugar's sweet, but sap is sappier; Cold nights make farmers happier!" (Now there are farmers as well as families, friends, and partners involved in making maple syrup).

The sweet taste of maple syrup on pancakes, waffles and other delicious treats is enjoyed all year long.

Vivian Lee Dion of New Durham is a writer and speaker.

Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events
March 28 - April 4

Thursday, March 28
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Melody and Motions, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Homeschool Game Club, Noon-1:30 p.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.
Gray Ghosts and Old Fence Posts, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Sometimes called marsh hawks, state-endangered Northern Harriers hover and glide low over open fields and marshes while hunting voles, snakes, and frogs. Their low buoyant flight, upswept wings, and white rump patch are very distinctive. NH Audubon partners with NH Fish & Game to find harrier breeding areas and document nest outcomes. For more than three decades, NH Audubon raptor biologist Chris Martin has recruited, trained, and supervised an enthusiastic corps of volunteer field observers who monitor endangered and threatened birds of prey all across the state.

Friday, March 29
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Bunny Hop Storywalk, 3:30-5 p.m.
Gilford Parks-Recreation Department have teamed up with us to celebrate Easter with an adventurous storywalk that includes an egg hunt! *Sign-up is required* Call Gilford Parks-Recreation Department: (603) 527-4722. The deadline to sign-up is March 27. This event is for 4th graders and under, accompanied by parents/guardians.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, March 30
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Drop-In Craft: Washcloth Bunnies, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Make a unique washcloth bunny!

Monday, April 1
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-11 a.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Writing Wizards, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Calling all writers to join us in reading and sharing our work with other wonderful writers!

Tuesday, April 2
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Dungeons and Dragons Club, 3-4:30 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3
Senior Stretch Yogaaaah!, 9-10 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Little Math Whiz, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.
T(w)een After-School Club, 3-4 p.m.

Thursday, April 4
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Melody and Motions, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Homeschool Game Club, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Crafter School Club, 3-4 p.m.
This month, we're making Pokemon Perler Beads. Missed out on the late-'80s to mid-'90s craft scene? Of course you did! Come learn the art of fusible plastic as we make Pokemon Sprites and other oddities.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Women" by Kristin Hannah
2. "The #1 Lawyer" by James Patterson
3. "Crosshairs" by James Patterson
4. "Three-Inch Teeth" by C.J. Box
5. "Missing Persons" by James Patterson
6. "After Annie" by Anna Quindlen
7. "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride
8. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
9. "Oath and Honor" by Liz Cheney
10. "Holmes, Marple & Poe" by James Patterson

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April events at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD—Good to Know Info: We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3 p.m. (April 11). Don't forget that Monday, April 8, is Total Solar Eclipse Day! Using Lancaster, NH, as our base, the eclipse is set to begin at approximately 2:16 p.m., and the total eclipse should commence at 3:27 p.m. Also, School Vacation runs from April 22 to 26.

Children's Storytime happens every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. here at the library. Join us for scintillating stories, spirited singing, and clever crafting. Storytime at the library is a great way to make new friends and learn about the world in a safe space. We also have - for all of the days we're open - comfy bean bag chairs, puppets, Legos, trains, tons of children's books, and more. Come for the Storytime, stay for the fun!

Start your week off with Yoga Monday! Gentle Hatha-Flow runs from 10:15-11:40 a.m., Senior/Beginner/Chair Yoga is noon-1 p.m., and Intermediate Hatha-Flow lasts from 5:30-6:50 p.m. Classes are by donation (suggested \$8). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate.

Our Meet and Read

Computer workshop series schedule amended

ALTON — The "Your Digital Footprint" Computer Workshop Series with the 'PC Handyman,' Don Campbell. The workshop series was originally scheduled to begin March 23 for three consecutive weeks. That start date has been postponed due to storm forecasts and unsafe travel weather. The series will begin on March 30th and the Saturdays are not consecutive. The dates below have been amended and are correct.

Gilman Library is pleased to offer the "Your Digital Footprint" Computer Workshop, a series of three modules developed by PC Handyman, Don Campbell. This workshop is scheduled on three Saturday mornings, from 10 to

Book Club (ages 18 and up) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (April 3, from 6-7:30 p.m.), in the library's Meeting Room. This month's book will be "Anil's Ghost" by Michael Ondaatje. Next month's book is "A Passage to India" by E.M. Forster.

Trivia Night: Battle of the Generations. It's on, folks! Thursday, April 4, from 5-7 p.m., come test your trivia knowledge against other generations. Gen Alpha, Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, Boomers, come help your generation win! Categories include music, pop culture, film, sports, history, and more. Spread the word, 'gen'erate some hype. Light refreshments provided.

Tuesday, April 16, is an incredible day. Yes, it's National Librarian Day. Woohoo! Feel free to come into the library and let us know that we are the wind beneath your wings. And if you could sing it, that would be great. Or check out a book or a DVD or a game. We like when you do that stuff, too.

NEW! The OFML Sewcial Club will meet the third (April 17) and fourth (April 24) Wednesday of the month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Guests can bring any sewing or quilting project they are working on (along with

their sewing machines and supplies) to the library to socialize and share tips while they sew.

It's a Shire-Fest Planning Meeting, and it's happening Thursday, April 18, from 4-5 p.m. Calling all lovers of adventure! We are looking to put together a committee to plan our summer reading finale featuring a Hobbit-themed Renaissance Fair-like party. Anyone interested in helping plan and/or to volunteer to help out at the party is welcome to join us in the meeting room!

Family Crafternoon - where everybody can be an artist! - happens every third Friday of the month and runs from 4-5 p.m. This month (April 19), we are offering Basic Hand Sewing. Learn basic hand sewing techniques: Blanket stitch, running stitch, overcast, and French knot. Then we will create a small keepsake for you to bring home. Materials provided. Space is limited, so registration is required. Light refreshments will be served.

Writers Forum meets the last Thursday of the month (this month it will be April 25), from 6-7:30 p.m., in the library Meeting Room. For ages 14 and up and all levels of writing experience/expertise.

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ing your digital footprint The ninety-minute Saturday sessions will be conducted in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room, on the lower level

On Friday April 26, from 4-6 p.m., we are hosting Film to Table: A Harry Potter Dinner Experience! We are pairing a screening of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" with a fabulous dining experience. Enjoy the food on screen at the same time as the characters! Fancy some butter beer? How about a piece of Harry's Birthday Cake? Ages second grade and up. Registration is required.

On Saturday, May 4, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., we are hosting a Spring Swap Meet! Got stuff? Need stuff? Let's swap! Here's the scoop: Bring gently-loved items to the library between April 30 and May 3 (no earlier, please). Acceptable items would be books, toys, home decor, gently-used clothing, tools, and more. For each item you drop off, you'll get tickets to use as "currency" to "buy" some cool stuff. It's all about giving things a second chance! No items to swap? No problem. You can still join in. Buy tickets on swap day and dive into the treasure hunt. Bonus: You'll be helping fund more awesome library programs with your purchase. May the fourth be with you!

For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

GILFORD POLICE LOG

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from March 15-24.

Eric Lanigan, age 40, of Shapleigh, Maine was arrested on March 16 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent offense).

Jennifer L. Brunelle, age 43, of Laconia was arrested on March 17 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Jakob Michael Neylon, age 20, of Laconia was arrested on March 17 in connection with a warrant.

Nicholas T. McKenney, age 30, of Belmont was arrested on March 17 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and operating a motor vehicle with an Unofficial Inspection or Registration Decal.

Jessica M. Gelinis, age 44, of Gilford was arrested on March 21 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Elizabeth Flanders, age 51, of Canaan was arrested on March 23 for Possession of a Controlled Drug and in connection with multiple warrants.

David F. Bailey, age 54, of Gilford was arrested on March 24 in connection with a warrant.

ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 242 calls for service during the week of March 10-16, including four arrests.

-1 Male Subject was arrested for 2nd Degree Assault, Strangulation.

-1 Male Subject was arrested on a Warrant – Fugitive.

-1 Female Subject was arrested for Operating After Certified as Habitual Offender, Disobeying An Officer and on a Warrant.

-1 Female Subject was arrested for DUI – Impaired.

There was 1 Motor Vehicle Accident.
There were 9 Suspicious Person/Activity Reports on YMCA Road, (3) Homestead Place, East Side Drive, Echo Point Road, Stockbridge Corner Road, Alton Mountain Road and Mt. Major Highway.

Police made 78 Motor Vehicle Stops and handled 3 Motor Vehicle Complaint-Incidents.

There were 151 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 3 Assist Fire Department, 3 Assist Other Agencies, 3 Animal Complaints, 2 Juvenile Incidents, 2 Domestic Complaints, 3 General Assistance, 1 Wanted Person/Fugitive, 4 Alarm Activations, 1 Lost/Found Property, 4 Highway/Roadway Hazards, 1 Simple Assault, 7 General Information, 1 Vehicle ID Check, 1 Harassment, 1 Criminal Threatening, 3 Business/Property Checks, 5 Civil Matters, 4 Wellness Checks, 3 Disabled Motor Vehicles, 26 Directed Patrols, 6 Medical Assists, 51 Property Checks and 16 Paperwork Services.

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Alton	N/A (Lot 10)	N/A	\$700,000	Ernest L. Luttig Trust	David J. II and Michelle C. Kern
Barnstead	41 Colbath Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$435,000	Sara T. and Robert J. Zinn	Nathan Demers
Gilford	119 Cumberland Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$860,000	Marjorie Wiggins and Martha M. McDrury	Joseph Rouzaut
Gilford	108-A Kimball Rd.	Mixed (Industrial/Other)	\$925,000	Ea Aircraft Storage Facility	Meadowbrook Ampitheatre
Gilford	19 Upland Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$567,533	Fortress LT and Stephen M. Cunha	Ostrowski Fiscal Trust and Matthew J. Ostrowski
Gilford	Varney Point	N/A	\$234,000	Varney Point RT and Douglas P. Kumph	Glen and Patricia Tagliamonte
Gilmanton	655 Middle Route	Single-Family Residence	\$325,000	Jonathan A. and Justine E. Lemire	Jonathan A. Lemire

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Tri-Town Democrats meet April 1

GILMANTON — Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton, and Alton will hold its first in-person meeting of 2024 on Monday, April 1 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Gilmanton Community Church, 497 Prov-

ince Rd. (parking and entrance in the back). Come early at 6 p.m. to socialize and enjoy some tasty food treats! Feel free to bring a food item. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet new members and

become reacquainted with old friends.

Our guest speaker will be Marc McNamara, who has lived in Gilmanton with his wife Grace for more than 35 years. Marc is the founder and

CEO of The Enablement Group (TEG), a training and communications company headquartered in Laconia. For the past four decades, Marc's career has focused on using technology to facilitate communication, collaboration and learning within the workplace. He has worked with and volunteered for many nonprofit organizations throughout New England, including United Way, Junior

Achievement, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Boston Center for Adult Education, Prescott Park Arts Festival and UNH. Locally, he has served on the board of directors of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and is a volunteer broadcast producer for the annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

Currently, Marc serves on Laconia Mayor Hosmer's Housing Task

Force and was recently appointed to participate in the Task Force's Action Plan to solve the homelessness crisis in the City of Laconia. This should prove to be an interesting and lively discussion about one of the State's most pressing problems.

Hope to see you on April 1! If you have any questions, contact Tri-Town Democrats at trietowndems@gmail.com.



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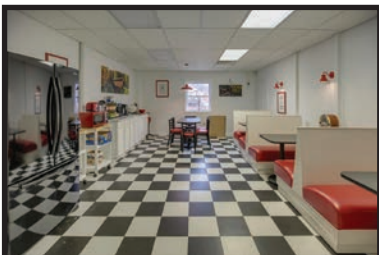
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Too good to wait

A spaghetti dinner proved too tempting to eat sitting down for one attendee at an Italian meal event held recently at New Durham School. Sponsored by the PTO, the well-attended event's proceeds were put toward the new school playground.

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Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance meets Wednesday

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Singletrack Alliance, the 501(c)(3) organization that builds and maintains mountain bike and multi-use trails, encourages everyone that uses the trails to attend its monthly public meetings at the Wolfeboro Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3. Come be a part of this exciting community organization.

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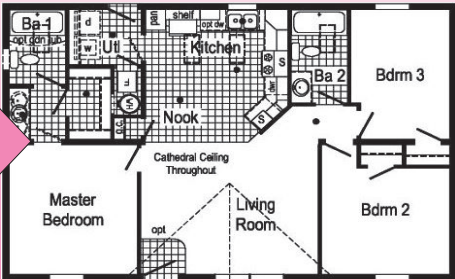
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SUGAR

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presentations at a later date.

This year the warmer winter made for a shorter maple season with less sap.

Tapping started on Feb. 15. Bolduc said boiling started on March 3,

whereas it started on Feb. 17 last year.

Sap collection was a significantly down this year because of the weather. Bolduc said this year the school collected 168 gallons of sap, whereas they collected 360 gallons of sap last year. They were able to produce dark robust syrup and didn't get much of the golden delicious

syrup.

The sugar shack boiled sap collected from trees around the school. Students from neighboring schools also contributed sap as well as members of the community.

Sanbornton Central School and Belmont Elementary School were two of the schools that visited the Sugar Shack. Both schools came by

with sap from their own trees to be boiled down in GES' shack and receive a portion of the syrup. GES fourth graders showed the visiting students how to turn their sap into maple syrup.

Bolduc said seeing other schools and others from the community bringing their sap to the sugarhouse is exactly

what she wanted to happen.

"It's really become the community sugar shack I wanted it to be from the beginning," Bolduc said.

Bolduc's husband Mike Bolduc has been helping with the sugar shack and gave presentations throughout the morning.

"I think it's such a great idea, the kids are

so into it," Mike Bolduc said. "They want to see the tradition, engage in something that's such a local thing."

He said this is an opportunity that only people in a certain part of the world can experience, making this especially unique for the kids.



Volunteers including some students helped serve food at Gilford Elementary School's annual pancake breakfast.



Guests at the pancake breakfast line up for maple syrup made right at GES.

BARNSTEAD

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\$100,000 under Article 12. Article 13 will put \$60,000 into the Fire Rescue ETF. The Barnstead 300 Year Celebration ETF will receive \$2,500 in Article 14 leading up to the big celebration in 2027. Article 15 will put \$75,000 into the Public Safety CRF. Article 16 will put \$50,000 into the Emergency Preparedness ETF. Article 17 will put \$15,000 into the Emergency Fuel and Heat ETF. The Municipal Computer and Equipment ETF will receive \$25,000 under Article 18.

Article 19 will discontinue the Milfoil Prevention Non-Capital reserve Fund with funds being transferred to the general fund.

Article 20 would establish the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund and raise and appropriate \$33,433 to put into the fund.

Article 21 will put \$15,000 into the current Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund. Article 22 would put \$7,817 into the Milfoil Expendable

trust fund from the unassigned fund balance with the amount representing the state's reimbursement for costs associated with the Milfoil Grant.

Article 23 will add \$10,000 into the Cistern Construction and Maintenance ETF. The Parks and Recreation Facility CRF will receive \$5,000 under Article 24.

Article 26 will increase the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$500 a year to \$750 a year.

Article 28 will modify the elderly exemption in the town's property tax based on assessed value. For people ages 65 to 75, the exemption would be \$30,000, for ages 75-80 the exemption would be \$40,000, and for ages 80 and older the exemption would be \$50,000. Requirements for qualifying for this exemption are also listed in the article.

The passage of Article 29 moved forward the annual lease agreement between the town and the bus company to lease town owned land on South Barnstead Road.

CLUE

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Luc Martin plays Wadsworth, Mr. Boddy's British butler. Martin said Wadsworth is loyal to Mr. Boddy, but has his own secrets. Wadsworth was an original character from the film who didn't appear in the original game.

"It's the most different character I've done," he said.

He has never played a British character and said he has been working on the accent.

Avery Hennig plays

Miss Scarlet.

"She's scandalous. She's pretty smug, pretty sarcastic," Hennig said.

Ella Kelliher plays Mrs. Peacock.

"She's kind of batty, neurotic and a little hysterical," Kelliher said.

The students came into the show with a good understanding of the movie or the game.

Martin said he used to watch the movie on a regular basis. Hennig said she has played the game.

"Clue" is different from a lot of other GHS

shows in how it's not a musical, which has led to performers having to adapt for something different. Hennig said it was nice doing something different for a change. She said the lines do require a lot of memorizing.

There are several scenes with characters talking fast, engaging in quick back and forth dialogue, and sometimes running around. Hennig said it is a bit chaotic.

"This one's a lot more humorous than the ones I've done in the past, it's

a cool change" Kelliher said.

Martin said he's been working on the fast-paced scenes and dialogue since the first rehearsal.

"This is a pretty high energy play," he said. "Most people know it; most people have seen the movie."

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/gilford-high-school>.

ALL-STATE

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Grillone of Fall Mountain and LeAnn Ramos of Campbell.

Joining Caldon on the All-Defensive Team were Shapiro, Bovell, Murdough and Branon, while Mike Mahoney of Hopkinton was named Division III Coach of the Year and Celeste Best of Gilford was named Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year.

For Division IV, Groveton's Delaney Whiting was named Player of the Year while Littleton's Dale Prior was named Division IV Coach of the Year.

Littleton's Addison Hadlock joined Whiting with First Team honors, while Woodsville's Makayla Walker, Littleton's Lauryn Corrigan and Groveton's Aspen Clermont all earned Second Team honors and Honorable Mention went to Littleton's Addison Pilgrim, Woodsville's Paige Royer, Moultonborough's Alicia Johnson, Gorham's Sara Godin and Profile's Kyah Knight.

Clermont, Hadlock and Johnson were also named All-Defensive Team along with Littleton's Juju Bromley and Newmarket's Jillian

Long.

Also earning First Team honors were Haley Rossitto of Colebrook, Ava Buchanan of Portsmouth Christian, Courtney Kaplan of Franklin and Saidy Placey of Pittsburg-Canaan.

Second Team honors also went to Madison Ricker of Farmington, Lexi Bausha of Wilton-Lyndeborough and Newmarket's Long.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Newmarket's Amya Beckles and Kiara Rugora, Hinsdale's Addy Nardolillo and Brooke Pagach, Wilton-Lyndeborough's Adri Bausha, Colebrook's Niomie Nadeau and Lexi Santamaria, Farmington's Zoey Johnson, Mount Royal's Katherine McMenaman and Holy Family's Ryenn Pedone.

In Division II, Kennett's Kaley Goodhart earned First Team honors, teammate Sam Si-doti was named Second Team and Plymouth's Kayley Merrifield earned Honorable Mention. Goodhart was also named to the All-Defensive Team.

Joining Goodhart in earning First Team honors were Pembroke's Annelise Dexter (Player of

the Year), Hanover's Sydney McLaughlin, Laconia's Macy Stormstedt, Eleanor Giradet of John Stark and Lilli Carlisle of Concord Christian.

Also earning Second Team honors were Juliette Tarsa of Bow, Vivian O'Quinn of Oyster River, Emma Smith of Concord Christian, Mekhia Burton of Laconia and Kayla Smith of Merrimack Valley.

Joining Merrifield in earning Honorable Mention were Sophia Joncas of Pelham, Maia Parker of Timberlane, Abby Duclos and Avery Geaumont of John Stark, Abby Fournier and Tia Ferdinando of Derryfield, Kalina Kasprzak of Coe-Brown, Emma Gillis of Sanborn, Bryana Szepan and Ella Trefethen of Bow, Avery Fuller of Milford, Kaitlin Arenella of Pembroke, Claire Starosta of Hanover and Maddie Mousseau of Laconia.

Szepan, Burton, Joncas and Sam Chappell of Derryfield joined Goodhart in earning All-Defensive Team honors, Laconia's Jeff Greeley was named Division II Coach of the Year and Rebecca Wright of Hollis-Brookline was named Sub-Varsity Coach of the

Year.

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Gilford's Ryan Guyer was named Division III All-State Second Team.



Millie Caldon of Gilford was named All-State Honorable Mention and All-Defensive Team.

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Village Players putting final touches on “Wit”



Nurse Sue Monaghan (Jayson Andrews, left) and Dr. Jason Posner (Joshua Brown, right) talk with Vivian Bearing (Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler) during rehearsals for Wit, opening April 5 at the



Village Players Theater. Professor E.M. Ashford (Kathleen Hill) reads to a bed-ridden Vivian Bearing (Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler) as the Village Players prepare for opening night of Wit, coming next Friday.

Pulitzer Prize-winning play opens Friday, April 5

WOLFEBORO — With a cast mixed with veteran actors and newcomers to the Village Players stage, director Michaela Andruzzi and assistant director Jay Sydow are putting the finishing touches on the production of “Wit,” which opens next Friday, April 5, at the theater on Glendon Street.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play revolves around the character of Vivian Bearing, a professor of 17th-century poetry who is diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer. Even though it’s a serious subject, audience members find themselves laughing out loud as Vivian narrates the story of her treatment.

Tackling the challenging role of Vivian is veteran Village Players actress Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, who notes that due to the complexity of the character and her battle with cancer makes it one of the most challenging roles she has ever played.

Joining her on stage are fellow Village Players veterans Christian Boudman (as Dr. Harvey Kelekian) and Kathleen Hill (as professor EM Ashford) along with newcomers Joshua Brown (as Dr. Jason Posner) and Jayson Andrews (as nurse Sue Monaghan). Playing multiple roles as medical fellows, college students and hospital staffers are Delina Bickford (also using her medical background to double as the stage manager), Ryan Devolve, Helen Rautenberg and Stefanie Marsh.

In addition to the directors, crew members on the show include Joshua Spaulding (producer), Dawn Alie and Ester Roakes (house managers), Matt Johnson, Chris Tedcastle and Mary Foedermair (lights and sound), Cathy Fraser (program), Marjorie Owen (makeup) and Carol Bense (tickets). Sydow designed the set and worked with Andruzzi, Keith Lion and Bob Tuttle on putting the set together while Andruzzi and Bickford handled the costumes.

The performances are set for Fridays, April 5 and 12 and Saturdays, April 6 and 13, all at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Village

Players Theater, located on Glendon Street in downtown Wolfboro. Tickets are available

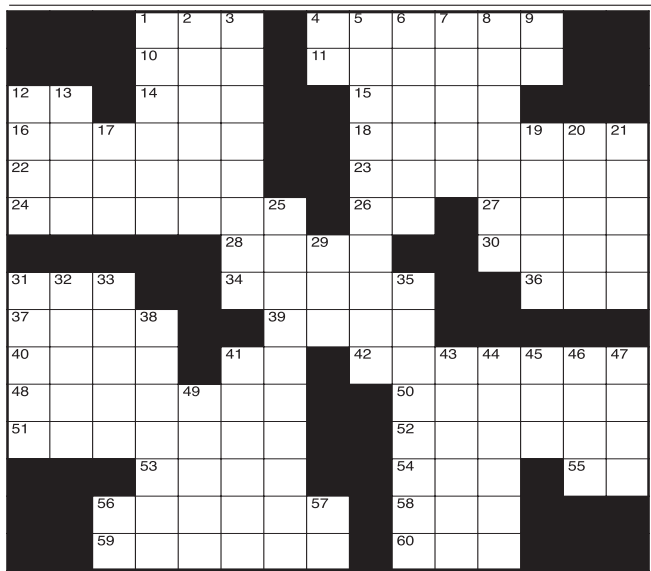
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- 11. ___ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
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- 18. Quay
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. A way to address an adult man
- 25. Ends
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- 27. Taxi
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- 29. A famous train station
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- 38. Confused situation
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- 21. Equally
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- 40. Small American rail
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- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military figure (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Paid to get out of jail
- 47. All of something
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
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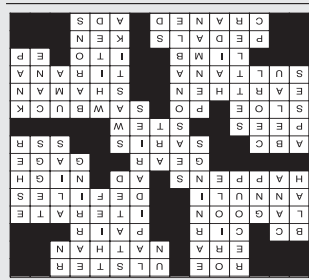
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Grant, Baldi earn All-State hoop honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization recently released the All-State lists for the 2023-2024 boys' hoop season.

For Division III, Avery Woodburn of White Mountains earned First Team honors, Belmont's Keegan Martinez was named Second Team and Hayden Poulin of Berlin, Logan Grant and Brendan Baldi of Gilford, Anakin Underhill of Belmont and Alex Nichols of Winnisquam all earned Honorable Mention.

Joining Woodburn with First Team honors were Will Mollica and Cole McClure (Player of the Year) of St. Thomas, Drezell Duffault of Raymond, Noah Whipple of Kearsarge and Manny Hodgson of Conant.

Joining Martinez on Second Team were Jordan Nagle of Conant, Logan Rice of Campbell, Brayden Pierce of Mascoma, Abram Standefer of Hopkinton and Tanner Moulton of Masco-



Brendan Baldi of Gilford earned Division III All-State Honorable Mention.

ma. Also earning Honorable Mention were Ben Dean of Monadnock, Aaron Fellows and James Thomas of Mascoma, Parker Goin of Kearsarge, Carson Couperthwait of St. Thomas, Ledger Williet of Fall Mountain, Noah Aframe of Hopkinton, Alex Brown of Somersworth, Lucas Belisle of Stevens and Austin McHugh of Campbell.

en Smith of Mascoma and Jashaw Hawkins of Campbell. Nate Camp of Kearsarge was named Division III Coach of the Year. In Division IV, Profile's Josh Robie was named Player of the Year and was joined on First Team honors by teammate Alex Leslie, Littleton's Kayden Hoskins and Gorham's Isaac Langlois. Profile's Mitchell Roy was named Division

IV Coach of the Year. Woodsville teammates Ryan Walker and Landon Kingsbury both earned Second Team honors. Honorable Mention went to Littleton's Mikey Rodriguez and Dre Akines, Gorham's Brendan Saladino, Groveton's Kaden Cloutier and Woodsville's Connor Newcomb. Akines, Woodsville's Connor Houston and



Gilford's Logan Grant was named All-State Honorable Mention for Division III.

Profile's Riley Plante all earned All-Defensive Team along with Cody Brazee of Farmington and Connor Hickey of Portsmouth Christian. Also earning First Team honors were Jack Krasnof of Derryfield and Kolten Dowse of Colebrook. Second Team honors also went to Gabe Lacasse of Holy Family, Zeke McCoy of Franklin, Connor Hickey of Portsmouth Christian and Brayden Eastman of Hinsdale. Also earning Honorable Mention were

Shawn Murphy and Demery Hedges of Farmington, Cai Summers of Portsmouth Christian, Parker Sweitzer of Newmarket, Lucas Leroux of Mascenic, Enzo Ynkeu of Holy Family, Connor Dixon of Hinsdale, Brayden Pelletier of Pittsfield, Isaac Bowers of Concord Christian and Alex Drake of Derryfield. In Division II, Kingswood sophomore Brady Moulton earned Second Team honors and Kennett's Daven Bailey and Plymouth's Chance Twomey both earned Honorable Mention.

First Team honors went to Keaton Beck of Laconia (Player of the Year), Joseph Fitzgerald of Pembroke, Zach James and Dom Herrling of Pelham, Max Shosa of Manchester West and Ryan McLaughlin of Hanover.


Joining Moulton with Second Team honors were Jake Reardon of Bow, Connor Bagnell of Coe-Brown, Jaysen Oriol of Hanover, Nolan Colby of Souhegan and Evan Berkeley of Pembroke Academy.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Dylan Rego and Chase Frizzell of Sanborn, Tevin Edmunds of Manchester West, Matt Jernigan of Oyster River, Quinn Salter and Jack Matson of Coe-Brown, Logan Goubor of Merrimack Valley, Logan Sanchez of Laconia, Peter Hemmerdinger of Pelham, Ryan Casey of Bishop Brady, Brendon O'Keefe of Bow, Nick Brill of Lebanon and Weston Hickman of Souhegan.

Beck, Herrling, Dave Frechette of Hanover, Edmunds and Peyton Larabee of Bow all earned All-Defensive Team, Ben Davis of Hanover was named Division II Coach of the Year and David Daigle of Coe-Brown was named Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year.


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PETS OF THE WEEK




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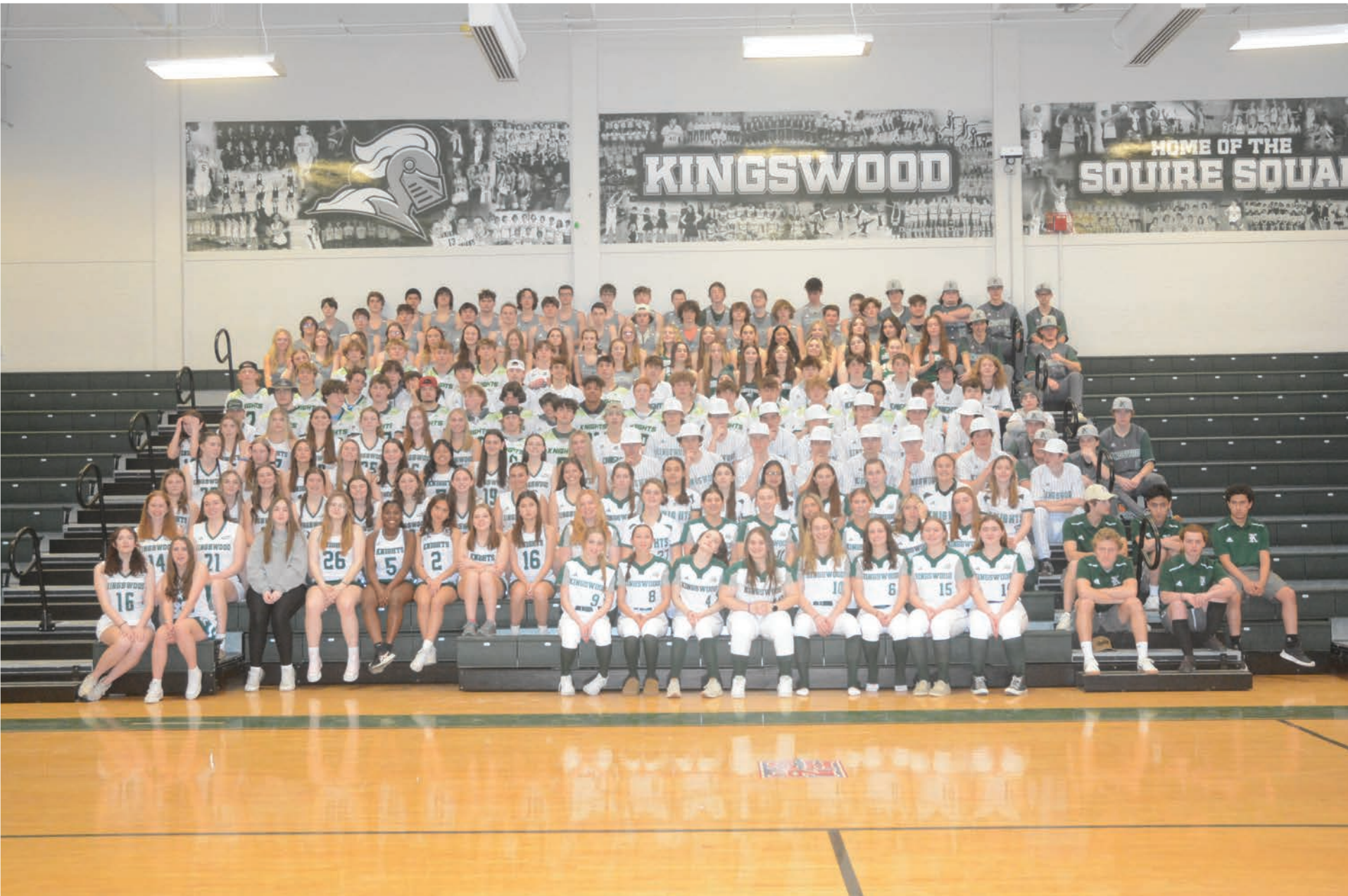
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Media night kicks off spring sports season at Kingswood



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Kingswood spring sports athletes pose for a photo at the annual spring media night last Friday evening.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

WOLFEBORO — While Mother Nature wasn't exactly screaming spring, spring sports at Kingswood kicked off last week and the annual Spring Sports Media Night was held on Friday, March 22.

Players from each of the spring sports teams got the chance to speak about their hopes and goals for the upcoming season. There is a number of new varsity coaches for the Knights this year, with former Knight player Asa Stockton

taking over for retired coaching legend Chip Skelley with the baseball team, Jillian Lawlor leading the girls' tennis team, former Knight Lucas Bonenfant taking on the boys' tennis team and former Knight Sam Danaïs leading the outdoor track team.

For the boys' tennis team, senior Jackson Hall and junior Brody Brown took the table to talk about their new season.

"It's a restart (with a new coach), but we're going to push together as a

team and improve," Hall said. "We have a few new kids and we'll see what we can do."

"There's not a lot of returning players, we're a fairly new team," Brown said. "I'd like for us to win a few more games and build the skill level and with the young guys, build the program."

Coming off a trip to the championship game last season, the Knight softball team was represented by senior captains Danica Chominski, Morgyn Stevens and Carley Johnson.

"We're going to take it one game at a time, focus on winning the games up to the championship," Chominski said of the team's goal. "And if we get there, we'll focus on winning the championship."

"We want to bring the same atmosphere as last year, building a family group and enjoying the season," Stevens said. "And as a senior, I want it to be the best year I've had here."

"We're hoping to get all the rust off and prepare for the season," Johnson said of her hopes for the team's upcoming trip to Florida for a little spring train-

ing. "We're just looking for another good run and going to Florida will help us with that."

Emerson DeNitto represented the track team and had some solid hopes for his team in the upcoming season.

"We've started off with a lot of cohesive unit work and general endurance with a lot of new kids," DeNitto said. "We're introducing kids to being a track athlete."

He noted a couple personal goals for him in the new season included jumping more than 20 feet in the long jump and clearing six feet, two inches in the high jump, which would be a new school record.

Juniors Calvin Sanft and Hayden Eastman, senior Brady Clarke and sophomore Nate Cloos represented the baseball team.

"It's been pretty smooth," Sanft said of the coaching change, as Stockton moved up from the JV program. "Coach Asa is leading the charge and everyone filling the roles has been great."

"Our goal is to win the championship," said Cloos. "The semifinal loss last year was definitely tough, this is a revenge season."

"We've already been putting in a lot of work in the offseason and coming in during the preseason and getting the reps in," Clarke said. "If we keep our focus in practice and keep working as a team, we'll get there. Everyone has to have each other's backs."

"Pitching is our strength, with two returning starters," Eastman stated. "And the defense is a pretty big strength too."

The girls' tennis team was up next, with junior Addison Lawlor and senior Megan Ouellette taking to the table.

"We have a lot of numbers, 16 girls, so we're hoping to build up the program," Lawlor said. "We've been doing agility stuff inside and getting ready for the matches."

"We want to have an uplifting, positive season and make an environment where everyone feels welcome and wants to come back and gets positive memories from," Ouellette stated.

Due to a previous commitment, the first few groups to the table happened before we arrived. If we get input from boys' and girls'

lacrosse, we will share when they become available.

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