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Eagles finish off spectacular season with school’s first field hockey state championship

By Joshua Spaulding
Sports Editor
BEDFORD — This time, they were tears of joy.

Two years ago, the Kennett field hockey girls couldn’t contain their tears as they accepted their runner-up plaque after losing to Merrimack Valley in the Class I finals.

On Sunday, the girls couldn’t contain their tears again, but this time it was because they had just captured Kennett’s first field hockey title with a 3-1 win over previously-undefeated Bow.

“They were defeated, but they hadn’t played us,” Lang said as her team celebrated its title. “It was motivation (the undefeated tag), but we knew our girls were prepared enough to give them a game.”

The Eagles certainly gave their fans something to cheer about from the start, as Abby Gutowski slipped the ball past the Bow keeper only 18 seconds into the game to give Kennett a 1-0 lead.

“I don’t think anybody plans on scoring in the first 18 seconds, but we’ve been starting really strong,” Coach Lang said. “But we knew one wouldn’t be enough from the beginning.”

The Eagles continued to pressure the Falcons after the opening goal, as the Eagles got a penalty corner following a great look from Vicky Weigold.

Bow came back with some good pressure as well. The Falcons tested the Kennett defense, but Sam Meader, Aimee-Kate Gutowski and Katie Bishop helped to keep the ball out of the net.

The Falcons didn’t stop, as they finally broke through the defense and got a couple shots in on Eagle keeper Faye Roberts, but she more than handled the duties, knocking away a couple bids to keep her team in the lead.

Kennett came back and got a penalty corner at the other end but couldn’t capitalize and Roberts came way out of her net on another Bow bid to kick away a bouncing ball.

Bow got a couple of penalty corners in the next few minutes and again Roberts was on the spot, coming out to kick one away, while the defense did its job to push another scoring bid out of the zone.

The Eagles came back with some great pressure, as the ball squirmed right through the crease in front of the Falcon goalie.

Bow answered with a great bid of their own, forcing Roberts to make a save and then sending a shot wide on the rebound. Meader and Mel Glavin turned in great defensive stops and Walker and Weigold had offensive bids denied by the Falcons.

Kennett had two corners in the final minutes of the half, but couldn’t convert and the game went to the half with the Eagles up by a 1-0 score.

Eagles up 1-0 at half
The Falcons came out with a good effort in the opening minutes of the second half, forcing Glavin, Amber McPherson and Aimee-Kate Gutowski to turn in solid defensive plays to open the half.

The Bow girls finally got through with just less than four minutes gone in the half, as a shot bounced just over Roberts’ outstretched leg and into the net to tie the game at one.

From there, things went back and forth at a fierce pace, with both teams looking for the break they would need to clinch the championship.

Bishop had a shot saved by the Bow goalie, while Abby Gutowski’s bid was stopped by the defense. Weigold also took a nice feed from Bishop and Abby Gutowski that was saved by the keeper. On the other end, Glavin and Meader helped keep Bow off the board with good defensive efforts.

Bow took a timeout with 10:28 remaining in the game and came out and immediately sent a shot wide of Roberts in the Kennett net. However, Kennett bounced right back with a couple of great chances, with Abby Gutowski leading the charge.

Finally, with 4:41 to play in the game, the Eagles got a penalty corner and though the play didn’t go as it was drawn up, it worked.

Charlotte Walker sent the ball in and it was supposed to be Abby Gutowski’s shot.

On the Cover
Half Marathon Super Women
Nancy Page and Katherine Dormody of Goffstown participated in the White Mountain Milers Half Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 31, which began and ended in front of the Eastern Slope Inn in North Conway. Over 500 participants enjoyed a beautiful fall race day and many runners made the most of the holiday by dressing in their Halloween best. See Page 18 for story and photos.

(Dick Pollock/Mountain Ear Photography)

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Performing Arts Center
Calendar of Events – Fall 2010

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Fryeburg Academy
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- November 12-14 (Friday-Sunday)
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- November 13 (Saturday) at 1:00 pm
The Metropolitan Opera’s Live! in HD Series Presents: Don Pasquale

- November 20 (Saturday) at 7:30 pm
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However, the senior noticed that Bishop had a better look.

“I saw Katie had a better scoring opportunity than I did, so I gave it up to her,” Gutowski said.

“They were rushing fast so we needed to get it off as soon as we could,” Bishop said. “It was supposed to be Abby’s shot, but I had the open shot.”

“When we practice corners, if they don’t go exactly as planned, I tell them to do something else,” Lang said. “Katie and Abby pass back and forth and they work well together.”

Bishop rifled the shot home and Kennett had a 2-1 lead with just under five minutes to play in the game. However, knowing Bow would be pressuring, the Eagles didn’t back down and even added an insurance goal in the final 10 seconds, as Weigold took a pass from Abby Gutowski and buried it for a 3-1 lead, sealing Kennett High School’s first field hockey state championship.

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Organizers of public transportation system thank all for their patience

To the Editor,

As the Director of Tri-County CAP Transportation Division I haven’t many people contacting me asking when the Carroll County Transit service is going to begin. I know it seems like it has been a long time in coming, but compared to other systems that started from scratch, it hasn’t been very long. To date, the planning of the system and funding for the Carroll County Transit service has been a little over four years. In comparison, the last public routes CAP implemented took six years of planning and raising funds before it became operational. That system was comprised of only one route utilizing one bus that drove through three towns. The Carroll County System consists of three public routes and three curb-to-curb service areas, amounting to more than five times the service being provided in comparison to the other route.

One of the most time consuming and financially largest tasks that Tri-County CAP and the Carroll County Transit Advisory Committee did not have to conquer was raising the matching funds for the purchase of the eight buses. Fortunately, a golden opportunity presented itself through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, with funding for them at 100 percent. The funding amounted to $540,000. Without this funding opportunity the Carroll County Transit Project would have had to raise the required matching funds of $54,000 or 10 percent of the total cost to purchase the buses. As of present, we are awaiting the arrival of the buses. Their late arrival has delayed the start-up of the service, but considering the financial benefit I feel it is worth the wait.

The public routes and service areas along with the fares/fees are established and are available for review on the Carroll County Transit website www.carrollcountytransit.info. Our equipment for dispatching trips and a toll free number are in place and ready to use. I ask for your patience and support, realizing that Tri-County CAP and the Advisory Committee are doing their best to be prepared to begin service when the vehicles arrive.

If anyone has further questions regarding the service or would like further education on how to use the services, contact Ted LaLiberte at 323-8150 or email him at, tlaliberte@tccap.org.

For updates and other information visit our website at www.carrollcountytransit.info.

Beverly Raymond
Director
Tri-County CAP Transportation Division

Lunchtime Lecture Series

Carroll County Transit Project topic of Mt. Timberline EcoForum, Nov. 11

Could buses help ease traffic congestion and reduce the carbon footprint of the Mt. Washington Valley? The Carroll County Transit Project aims to provide a community transportation system for the area. Plans include public bus routes, door-to-door services, and services for seniors and the mobility impaired. Ted LaLiberte will present the when, where, and why’s of the project at Mt. Timberline’s EcoForum on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Nature Learning Center in Albany.

Ted LaLiberte is the System Manager for the Carroll County Transit Project. As System Manager, Ted collaborates with Tri-County CAP, Carroll County Transit’s Advisory Committee, community organizations, and government agencies to shape and manage a successful transit system for the county.

In his presentation LaLiberte will address the details of this multi-faceted community transportation system. He will also touch on dial-a-ride services for seniors and the mobility impaired.

EcoForums are free and open to the public. The community is urged to attend to learn more about salient issues facing our natural environment and to hear the views of thought-provoking speakers. For more information or to make a reservation, call 447-0911.
Pet Parade Conway welcomes RMAA Pet Food Drive

All sorts of critters showed up Saturday, Oct. 30, for the Keeping Families Together pet food drive. Pet Parade of Conway held a customer appreciation day offering treats, toys, and discounts to help spread the word of the pet food drive. Rec and Kristie of RMAA were there to offer free nail clippings. Several dogs and Bruchs, one handsome cat, enjoyed their pedicures. Over 550 pounds of dog and cat food were collected. Over the next couple of weeks this weekend’s food will be distributed to food pantries from Bartlett to Tamworth. As we approach winter and the holidays, food pantries feel extra pressure. Thanks to a very generous community, Razzie May Animal Alliance is able to continue helping keep families together. (Courtesy Photo)

The Animals Thank Eric

Animal Rescue League of NH-North in Conway sends a big thank you to Eric Schandor, who celebrated his birthday at Uberblast recently with his John Fuller Elementary School classmates. They collected money, gift cards and donated items for his birthday to give to the shelter animals at ARLNH-N. He and his mom stopped in last week to bring the donations and to visit the animals. Eric is shown here with one of our kittens, Asia.
Bergeron receives Alumni Achievement Award

NORTH CONWAY — Ed Bergeron, president and founder of H.E. Bergeron Engineers of North Conway, was one of three University of New Hampshire alumni to receive the annual Alumni Meritorious Service Award this month. The award recognizes U.N.H. graduates who actively serve the university or alumni associations and assist in expanding the usefulness of the university.

A 1970 graduate of U.N.H.’s civil engineering program, Bergeron has contributed to the Kingsbury Hall renovation on the Durham campus, as well as establishing engineering scholarships in memory of his parents and one of his firm’s U.N.H. interns who died tragically, shortly before completion of his senior year. He also teaches a seminar series in engineering management through U.N.H.’s Professional Development and Training program. A leader and advocate for engineering in New Hampshire, Bergeron serves on U.N.H.’s College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Industrial Advisory Committee; is a trustee of the Mount Washington Observatory and is active in several other professional and community organizations.

One of world’s most advanced body imaging scanners

Memorial Hospital offers PET/CT Scanner for patient diagnosis, treatment

NORTH CONWAY — Memorial Hospital has expanded its state-of-the-art digital imaging services with the addition of a PET/CT Scanner.

A PET/CT Scanner combines the strengths of two well-established imaging modalities into one machine, which makes it a very precise tool to help pinpoint a particular diagnosis.

“The scanned image can help your physician come to a more precise diagnosis of an already established problem, determine the best approach for treatment, and also monitor your progress,” said Dr. Matthew Dugan, DO, lead oncologist at Memorial Hospital.

“Memorial Hospital has long been committed to being at the forefront of medical technology, and a PET/CT Scan is one of the most advanced medical imaging techniques available today,” said Scott McKinnon, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital. “Although PET/CT Scanners are routinely found at large medical centers like Dana Farber Cancer Care, Massachusetts General Hospital or Dartmouth-Hitchcock, it’s unusual for a hospital of our size to have such sophisticated equipment. We are particularly pleased to be the only hospital in the area to offer this service.”

“The new technology provides such accurate and detailed information that I use it ‘aggressively,’ since it can reduce the need for more expensive or more invasive procedures such as surgery, can help us assess the response to and effectiveness of a given treatment, and can also detect residual or recurrent disease,” said Dr. Dugan.

For more information on the PET/CT Scanner and other services provided, contact the hospital at 156-5461.

Purity Spring Resort opens Traditions Restaurant

EAST MADISON — After 99 years of serving meals to its resort guests, The Hoyt family and Purity Spring Resort of East Madison are opening their dining room doors to the general public.

Traditions Restaurant at Purity Spring will celebrate its grand opening beginning Wednesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 10 and 11, at 5 p.m. With renowned local chef Trevor Tasker at the helm, the restaurant will continue to serve classic New England-style meals.

“Dining has played such a key role at the resort for as long as I can remember,” said Bob Hoyt, part of the fourth generation of Hoyt family members operating the resort. “We’re looking forward to welcoming local guests and I’m sure that many are anxious to sample some of Chef Trevor’s new menu offerings.”

Chef Trevor Tasker, a graduate of Kennett High School in North Conway, obtained his degree in culinary arts from Newbury College in Brookline, Mass. Tasker’s career took him through a variety of restaurant styles, settings and cuisines in the Boston area, including the P.M. Chef at Pentimento Restaurant in Belmont, Mass., and the executive chef at Porcini’s Trattoria in Watertown, Mass. Just before joining Purity Spring in 2005, Tasker served as the executive chef at the Inn at Crystal Lake in Eaton.

Traditions will feature special-night, early-bird specials and wine tastings, as well as local beer samplings this fall and throughout the winter season. During the grand opening week, the restaurant will offer complimentary desserts for parties ordering two entrees or more. Detailed information can be found at www.traditionsnh.com or on Purity Spring’s website, www.purityspring.com.

Regular operating hours will be Wednesday through Saturday evenings beginning at 5 p.m. and in order to guarantee seating, the family is requesting that reservations be made by calling 367-4036.
The Jen’s Friends Amulet may be purchased at the following business locations:

Jen’s Friends is currently supporting 58 local cancer patients.

5 messages to choose from:
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Your choice of 5 inspirational charms on a unisex leather necklace is just $25, with all proceeds to benefit your friends and neighbors through Jen’s Friends.

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Kiwanis Club of Mt. Washington Valley stepped up once again to support children’s dental programs at White Mountain Community Health Center in Conway. The donation will allow the health center to assist the Kiwanis in providing elementary school oral health screenings. Shown here (left to right) are Patricia McMurry, Executive Director of WMCHC, Amy Stoddard, RDH WMCHC, and Kiwanis President Ralph Lutjen.

Recently, the Mountain Garden Club, in collaboration with Kennett High School’s Career and Technical Center students, designed and built a gardening workstation to donate to the Merriman House as part of the MGC Garden Therapy Program. The wheelchair accessible workstation was delivered on Sept. 29, much to the delight of the residents. Showing off the new gardening workstation are KHS Building Trades Instructor Jason Daggett (front left) with advanced building trades students and MGC member DD Warren with Jim Dunwell (both front right), who facilitated the project.

Kiwanis Keeps Kids Smiling

Alison Hoyt, Class of ‘08 KHS graduate and a junior at Cornell University, is studying abroad during a 108-day journey around the world. Through a program called Semester at Sea, she is sailing on a cruise ship around the world with 600 other students – and the Ear. The students and faculty are from various universities across the country, as well as a diverse set of majors. The students take classes while they are aboard the ship and then they travel around the country – independently or organized through Semester at Sea – once they arrive in a port. The time in each country is anywhere from two to six days. The ship left from Halifax, Nova Scotia in August and will return to San Diego in December. Along the way the ship stops in 10 different countries, including Spain, Morocco, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Singapore, Vietnam, China, and Japan. This photo was taken from the top of Table Mountain in South Africa, with the view of Cape Town below. FYI - after several days of queasiness, the Ear has found its sea legs and is now able to ride the waves with the best of ’em.

Gardening workstation donated through community effort

((Courtesy Photo))

Valley Folks & Focus

The Ear Cruises the Seven Seas

(Courtesy Photo)

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**Valley Feature**

**New millennium, new stage, new venue**

**Arts Jubilee, 1983-2010 and beyond!**

By Cindy Russell

**Arts Jubilee's** trip down “memory lane” began with memories of the birth of this non-profit organization in 1983, dedicated to expanding the cultural environment of Northern New Hampshire. Celebrating our 28th year in 2010, we are proud of our continued presence in the Valley, never missing a summer series of concerts in nearly three decades.

In 2000, with the new stage in place — thanks in part to assistance from the combined efforts of the Ham and Goldberg Charitable Foundations — our 18th season delighted thousands of enthusiastic adults and children, residents and visitors to the area, who were able to enjoy world-class entertainment under the stars in Schouler Park at no admission charge. Beginning with the traditional Symphony Pops Concert followed by fireworks, moving on to a matchless visit by the very talented “Lowe Family” on tour from Utah and ending with A Tribute to the Swing Era with the Clayton Poole Orchestra, our summer series was a great way to begin the new century.

With the help of a spirited economy and additional grant assistance, Arts Jubilee began 2001 with plans to complete the renovation of the performance setup with the purchase of an acoustical performance shell. Because of its unique shape, the shell was quickly nicknamed “The Pringle.” The responsibility of learning the technique of installing the stage had been undertaken a year earlier by Mike Lynch and crew, and learning the highly technical execution of raising and lowering the acoustic shell was willingly taken on by Cort Hansen and Rob Nadler and their crew at Ragged Mountain Equipment. These gurus of installing Arts Jubilee equipment were called upon for each concert in the park to both install the stage and the shell and then take them down when the concert was finished. As the 2001 season was announced, Arts Jubilee declared a special time to celebrate the completed performance setup. A special presentation was made at the annual Symphony Pops concert, officially naming the combined stage and shell structure the Arts Jubilee Goldberg-Ham Performance Pavilion. In addition to recognizing the Goldberg Charitable Foundation and the Ham Charitable Foundation for their generous gifts to Arts Jubilee, we also honored Coca-Cola of Northern New England for its generous sponsorship of Arts Jubilee, which equaled more than $200,000 over a 16-year span from 1985 through 2000.

2002 was Arts Jubilee’s 20th season, and we kicked off the season with our good friends, Dennis and Davey. Instead of performing at the early concert, they agreed to be the hosts of the main performance highlighting their outstanding talents and spotlighting their special guests both from Ireland and the Golden Harp Irish Dancers, Celtic dancers from Connecticut. We continued the summer with the traditional symphony pops concert and fireworks, and ended with big band music, this time by the Terry White Big Band.

2003 marked the summer that Arts Jubilee directors voted to stop purchasing rain insurance, reasoning that our concerts are offered in an outdoor setting to provide the opportunity to enjoy these performances in nature’s most beautiful theater. However, we experience a variety of weather here in the Valley, and must be prepared to accept whatever we receive. Audiences, more and more, are coming to outdoor performances prepared for a “rain or shine” event, and many are so committed to taking advantage of the musical experience that they don’t let a little rain drive them away.

In 2004, RAIN BROUGHT beauty to the first concert and canceled the third. A return performance by Ceili Rain was greeted by an early rain shower, leaving a beautiful rainbow over the performance pavilion for the start of the concert. The symphony concert was the most perfect night in more than 10 years – another cause for celebration. However, on the morning of the final concert, featuring the Fr ease Brothers Big Band, a downpour that wouldn't stop — with a 70 percent rain forecast for the rest of the day — kicked in, with a soggy park expected. Arts Jubilee rescheduled the concert for Oct. 2, inside at Zip’s Pub/The Eating House, for an audience of about 150 people.

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Arts Jubilee's outdoor concerts, set as they are at the base of the north slope of Cranmore Mountain, continue to bring in crowds of music lovers.

ARTS JUBILEE CELEBRATED its 25th season in 2007 and with the help of a grant from the Goldberg Foundation, planned an extended season filled with special programs. We kicked off the season with a Summer Reception and Dance, reminiscent of the early days when we began our season, with a fundraiser Dinner Dance held at a variety of locations. The evening featured the Freese Brothers Big Band indoors at the 10th Mt. Pavilion at Cranmore. Outdoors at the Arts Jubilee Goldman Hammond Performance Pavilion, we created a 3-part concert season, including past favorites such as Celtic Rain, and an encore appearance by Axis Dance Company performing “Peace Has Broken Out.” The traditional symphony concert featured Dennis and Ances and was sponsored by the Granite State Symphony and honored North Conway’s Fire Chief, Pat Preece, as guest conductor. The final outdoor concert was a “Mardi Gras” celebration featuring James Andrews, trumpeter, from New Orleans. The season finished back inside Cranmore’s 10th Mountain Pavilion with a performance by the Maine State Ballet and two weeks later a grand finale dance with Center Stage. The summer was a grand celebration, but proved that additional indoor performances were not as popular or as profitable as we hoped, and once again, we decided to return to our old format of three outdoor concerts for the following year. In 2008, Arts Jubilee had the worst financial season that anyone could remember. As a result, Arts Jubilee’s budget suffered considerably, and once again, the Board was grateful to the vision of the Directors in the 1980s when they created the Guarantor’s Fund, meant to provide a respite when disastrous financial times occurred. However, we also knew we could not survive more than a year or two if future summers were to have similar results. As a result, after much discussion and consideration of options, it was decided that beginning in 2009 we would ask people to donate to Arts Jubilee as they entered the gate, and that we would suggest the minimum amount requested.

THE NEW “DONATE AT THE GATE” policy beginning in 2009 — in spite of gloomy economic times — proved to be the absolutely correct way to go. We asked everyone over the age of 12 to make a suggested donation of $5. The outcome was astonishing. In every case, the funds received at the gate surpassed the comparative collection totals from previous summers. We received almost no complaints and attendance remained at a comparatively good level. In fact, there were several traditional Arts Jubilee “fans” that encouraged us to continue this format because it was so successful. The first concert featured a return performance by Livingston Taylor, with an early concert by Dennis O’ Neil & Davey Armstrong. Our middle concert featured the North East Symphony Orchestra pops concert with a scheduled ending of a spectacular fireworks show by Atlas. Wet weather, however, caused the fireworks to be postponed to the finale of the final concert featuring jazz and swing presented by the Compaq Big Band. Even though we had rain prior to the symphony concert, which affected the size of the audience, changing to the “Donate at the Gate” format proved to be highly successful, bringing Arts Jubilee to a season’s end in the black for the first time in several years. “Don’t mess with success” was the mantra of the Board as we entered our 2010 season and voted to continue the “Donate at the Gate” program. Enthusiastic audiences greeted performances by Carol Noonan and the Stone Mountain Boys at the first concert, followed two weeks later by jazz and swing from a return engagement by the Compaq Big Band, and ending the summer with a rousing concert by the New England Wind Ensemble, under the direction of longtime Arts Jubilee friend, Clayton Poole. The firework-finale was awesome, and partly sponsored by Atlas Pyro Technical Company as their contribution to helping Arts Jubilee stay on budget.

SO, NOW IT’S ON TO 2011 and beyond! In spite of the economic environment, people still need their lives enlivened by great-quality live performances. Our Donate at the Gate program is an effort to encourage the people who look forward to Arts Jubilee concerts, and who attend with family and friends and enjoy the spectacular live music performances, to support the costs by contributing as much as they can afford. The suggested donation is a minimum guide, but, of course, we are always pleased to accept larger donations. The reward for the generosity of our concert audience will be the knowledge that they have helped keep our live performances coming.

It’s all about the great music performances that are brought to our part of north- east New England, but it is also agreed that those performances can only continue with adequate support. For such incredible financial backing and enthusiasm, Arts Jubilee is truly grateful and makes the commitment to remain a cultural enhancement to our area for as long as funding permits.

Editor’s note: This is the third in a three-part series on the history of Arts Jubilee, written by Cindy Russell, the organization’s executive director since its inception in 1983. Arts Jubilee is a community-supported nonprofit organization celebrating outdoor performances in the Mt. Washington Valley since 1983. Arts Jubilee needs your continued generosity to bring top-quality music and dance performances to the Mt. Washington Valley, resulting in great events for the whole family. Help from enthusiastic audiences has been an essential reason for Arts Jubilee’s success as a major presenter of world-class performing arts here in the Valley. For more information on Arts Jubilee, visit www.mwvevents.com.
‘A ray of sunshine’ on stage at Loynd Auditorium

‘Seussical the Musical’
adorable, affordable and colorful

By Rachael Brown
Contributing Writer

The wildly imaginative characters created back in 1937 by author Dr. Seuss will be brought to life by Arts in Motion in “Seussical the Musical” on the stage at Loynd Auditorium at Kennett High School beginning Nov. 5.

Dr. Seuss, the pen name for Theodor Seuss Geisel, wrote 44 books, translated into 15 languages and has sold over 200 million copies. An assortment of his books, including “The Cat in the Hat,” “Horton Hatches an Egg,” “Horton Hears a Who,” “Green Eggs and Ham,” “Turtle the Turtle and Other Stories,” (just to name a few), are woven together in this musical, which will be directed by Mary Bastoni-Rebmann.

“Seussical the Musical,” written by Stephen Flaherty with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, first debuted on Broadway in 2000. It was not a success. The buzz at the time was that the playwright didn’t get the right story at first. Flaherty revised the script and the buzz changed. The musical was excitedly received and embraced by community theaters, says Bastoni-Rebmann, and the musical has been bringing joy, laughter and life’s lessons ever since. “It is as cute as it gets,” she says. “A ray of sunshine.”

Everyone knows Dr. Seuss. “Everyone is familiar with Dr. Seuss,” says Bastoni-Rebmann. “Our youngest actor is two years old, and we have actors in their teens, twenties, thirties, forties and fifties. There are 56 people in the performance, five to ten adults,” she adds. Performers hail from both Kennett High School and Fryeburg Academy. The show appeals to all ages, she adds.

It is a family affair for some. Bastoni-Rebmann’s husband, Tom, is the set designer. “Tom has interpreted Dr. Seuss’ magic for the set design. What a talented man,” says Bastoni-Rebmann of her husband. Kennett Middle School teacher Reed Van Rossum performs with his three children, and his son Liam is double cast, playing two roles. Catrina Carous from Brownfield and her two children also join the cast.

It is a talented group of mostly local talent. “Everyone is tapping toes and smiling; we are so proud of our local talent,” says Bastoni-Rebmann. Aimee Frechette, a special education teacher, is the choreographer. “Aimee is such a

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Speaking of music, Bastoni-Rebmann says Weise put together an eight-piece pit orchestra, which includes the theremin instrument. The theremin is an electronic instrument played without touching. The player moves his hands near the antennae, which pick up frequencies to create sound. The sound is an eerie, scary tone, explains Bastoni-Rebmann. The story is narrated by the Cat in the Hat. The audience can see Jojo, Gertrude McFuzz, Horton the Elephant, The Whos, Mary Lee Bird and many more Seuss characters come to life on sets blazing with color. Like the books, the production teaches life lessons. The performance is one and a half hours of affordable family fun. Bastoni-Rebmann says they will be offering Seuss hats, glow bracelets and other souvenirs for sale in the lobby. Seussical The Musical wraps up the 2010 Arts in Motion season, which Glenn Noble, treasurer and co-founder of Arts in Motion, says was bigger than last year and a great success. Proceeds from the season go toward two $1000 scholarships for one deserving Kennett High student and one Fryeburg Academy student. Bastoni-Rebmann is looking forward to opening night “Dr. Seuss’ stories take you to a magical world, much like Harry Potter. It is absolutely unique, loveable,” she says. “I’ll be crying my eyes out opening night.”

Performances will be held at the Loynd Auditorium at Kennett High School on Nov. 5 and 12 at 7 p.m., Nov. 6 and 13 at 1 and 7 p.m., and Nov. 7 and 14 at 1 p.m. Tickets are $8 for children and seniors, $10 for adults. For more information and tickets, visit www.artsinmotiontheater.com.

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talented choreographer, I can’t say enough about her,” she says.

The musical benefits from local Maine talent, too. Some of the musicians are from the University of Southern Maine, as is the music director, George Wiese. Ever heard a theremin?

Entertainment

Lounges, Taverns & Pubs

Almost There - Albany
Open Mic Night Every Tuesday
Host: Simon Crawford
Simon Crawford Fri., Nov. 5 (A) Classic Pop
Bob Rutherford Sun., Nov. 7 (A) Guitar & Vocals

Club 550 - North Conway
Dj All Week (N) Karaoke/Dancing
The Conway Cafe - Conway Village
Open Mic Night Wednesdays (N) Host: Romzony

The Corner House Inn - Center Sandwich
George Radcliffe Thurs., Nov. 4 (D) Storytelling/Dinner
Peter Lawlor Fri., Nov. 5 (N) Classic Rock & Folk

Delaney’s - North Conway
Arthur James Wed., Nov. 10 (N) Country
Homestead Restaurant - North Conway
Bob Rutherford & Every Wednesday (N) Acoustic Guitar & Vocals Jon Deveneau

Inn at Thorn Hill - Jackson
Mike Jewell Saturdays (N) Solo Piano

May Kelly’s Cottage - North Conway
Dennis & Davey Fridays (N) Celtic Crooners Celtic
Sunsuns Sundays (A) Irish Music

Red Jacket Mountain View - North Conway
Bucky Lewis Fri., Nov. 5 (N) Adult Comedian

Red Parka Pub - Downtown Glen
Amoroso Band Fri., Sat., Nov. 5 & 6 (N) Rock Open
Mic Night Mon., Nov. 8 (N) Host: Carl Iaconelli

River’s Edge Tavern – Indian Mound Golf Club – Center Ossipee
Karaoke & Dj Saturdays (N) Host: Bill Grover

Shannon Door Pub - Jackson Village
Dennis & Davey Saturdays (N) Celtic/Folk

Shovel Handle Pub – Jackson
Tim Gurshin Fri., Nov. 5 (N) Acoustic Folk

Up Country Tavern- North Conway
Dj Ryan Thursdays (N) Dj /Karaoke/Dancing Dj Johnny “V” Fri., Nov. 5 (N) Dj /Dancing Dj Brian Sparhawk Sat., Nov. 6 (N) Dj/Dancing

The Wentworth - Jackson Village
Judy Harris Fri., Sat., Nov. 5 & 6 Piano

White Mountain Hotel - North Conway
Heather Pierson Fri. and Sat. (D) Piano Mike Jewell un., Nov. 7 (B) Piano Brunch Wildcat Inn & Tavern - Jackson Village
Karaoke Every Thursday (N) Host: Bob Rutherford
Hoot Night Tues., Nov. 9 (N) Host: Jonathan Sarty

Jon Sarty & Sun., Nov. 7 (N) Acoustic & Country Chuck O’Connor

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Out & About

Around the Town on Halloween Weekend

Text and Photos By Lori Lenart

It might be a bit brisk outside, but that’s never stopped our hearty Valley residents from getting to a good yard sale, and even better if it’s to benefit a good cause. A popular spot this weekend was the Mt. Washington Valley Habitat for Humanity yard sale at the old Lenox building in North Conway. By 10 a.m., many of the sale items had been picked through, with tape on many of the items with “sold” on them. Then there was Halloween, a holiday celebrated by people of all ages. Staff at local grocery stores dressed for the occasion and possibly for cash prizes. Others took their dogs over to Karla’s Pet Rendezvous for a canine costume party with people snacks for their owners.

1.) Bonnie and Romeo Robinson, of Ottawa, Ontario (Canada), bought a TV from Judy Morehouse and Barbara Magoun at the MWV Habitat for Humanity sale. 2.) Cathy McClellan and Rita Champagne, of North Conway, peruse the lighting fixtures at the MWV Habitat for Humanity sale. 3.) Jessie Barter, of Fryeburg, dressed as Pippi Longstockings at Shaw’s in North Conway. 4.) Desiree Olivo, of Tamworth, is dressed as a maid at Shaw’s Supermarket. 5.) Jan Graham, of Effingham, and Dakota Robinson dressed up at Hannaford’s in Ossipee. 6.) Addie and Molly, of North Conway, share in the fun with Melissa Carter of North Conway at Bark in the Dark at Karla’s Pet Rendezvous on Sunday. 7.) As Robyn Powell holds Lily, she gets greeted by Tae, a Siberian husky and Pancake, a golden retriever from North Conway. 8.) Roxie stands at attention (as any good dog cop should) in her Halloween costume with Payton Schwartz at Karla’s Pet Rendezvous on Sunday. 9.) Jiana and Tyler Daley-Rendenan of North Conway, headed to the photo contest put on at Shaw’s in North Conway from 10 a.m. to 5 pm. on Saturday, Oct. 30.
On Friday, Oct. 29, the last school day before the official Halloween holiday, kids at area schools got to show off their costumes. Below is a sampling from the Pine Tree Elementary School's Kindergarten class during their Nursery Rhyme Show.

1.) Donna Towle and Mary Malkin, both from Conway. 2.) Group performing Humpty Dumpty: Jayce Anderson, Paul Costello, Jr., and Cadence Pomerlea. 3.) Boy with train conductor hat: MacCary Kelsch; fisherboy: Jacob Infinger; boy with baker's hat on: River Pullan; girl with orange dress: Lilly Hoyt; girl with tiger dress: Karina Knapp; girl with tie-dyed dress (behind conductor boy) Lauren Violette; far right: Grant Barahona. 4.) Group singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Lauren Violette, Shannon Abrams, Paige Battles, Grace Acone, and Aiden Parker. 5.) Grant Barahona with his teacher, Robin Winters, heads for the stage. 6.) Girl with pink apron (front left): Alexis Drew; girl with pink tutu on: Cadence Pomerlea; conductor boy and fisherboy and orange dress girl (same as above); girl in flower dress: Lily Holt-Tillinghast; girl with black dress and black beads (back very left of pic): Trinity Butler. 7.) Back row (left to right): Paul Costello, Jr., Grace Acone, Abbey Whitinghton; front row: Ben Biche, Aiden Parker.
Jose DaFonseca

José DaFonseca, 88, of Glen, died Oct. 23 at the Memorial Hospital in North Conway.

Born in Bristol, R.I., the son of Jose and Maria (Flora) DaFonseca, he grew up in Woonsocket, R.I., moved to Danielson, Conn., in 1975 and had lived in Glen since 1987.

José was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked many years in highway construction as a foreman for Forte Brothers Construction.

The family includes his wife of 35 years, Glória DaFonseca of Glen; six children, Michael DaFonseca and his wife, Karen, of Stow, Ohio; Ronald DaFonseca of Calif.; Joseph DaFonseca of Conn., Debbie Eastman and her husband, Allen, of Glen and Mark Cloutier of Dayville, Conn.; six grandchildren, including Grace and Abigail DaFonseca of Stow, Ohio, who brought much joy to his life as he was very proud of them and loved the time spent with them. He was pre-deceased by a son, Steven DaFonseca, in 2008 and two brothers and two sisters.

A Memorial Service was held Thursday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. at the Furber and White Funeral Home in North Conway. There were no visiting hours.

Donations may be sent to the Bartlett-Jackson Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 422, Glen, NH 03838.

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Week of October 26 through November 1
Story of week was huge storm system sweeping the country

By Erica Sandshulte
Summit Intern
Mount Washington Observatory

IF YOU WERE able to catch glimpse of the storm track last week on satellite imagery or on your local news station, you may have seen the impressive work of the system extending clear across the United States, creating a well-defined comma shape from southern Canada sweeping down to the south Atlantic.

The week began with a warm front that lifted through the region Monday, keeping the skies mostly cloudy over the summits. The passing of the warm front allowed for a southwesterly flow to bring temperatures into the upper 40s by Tuesday, but the big story of the week was the massive storm system making its way across the states. Ahead of the storm was the southwest flow that continued to keep temperatures unseasonably warm; Wednesday morning the summits maxed out with a high of 51 degrees. Quickly following was a cold front associated with the low pressure system; temperatures began to fall throughout the day and light winds began to pick up as the pressure gradient over New England tightened.

As the massive storm closed in on the summits Thursday, it managed to generate a series of cold fronts that swept the region through the better half of the weekend. The first front arrived Thursday evening, returning clouds, fog and a few snow showers to the summits. The second front continued to pass Friday, keeping summits foggy under cloudy skies along with an endless snow shower. Conditions then became favorable for upslope snow showers on the summits, delivering some additional snow accumulation to make up for what was lost with the warm-up ahead of this low.

Showers started as a mix of freezing rain Friday, but with each passing cold front a reinforcing shot of cold air allowed precipitation to quickly turn over to snow showers through the weekend. Along with the cold air, winds remained high, making for plummeting wind chills. These fronts continued to drop temperatures into the single digits by Saturday. Upslope fog kept the summit from much of any visibility along with snow measuring a total of 8.6 inches for the week.

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MT. WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY
Compiled by Observatory Staff

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Highest recorded wind gust, Oct. 27, 81 miles per hour out of the Northwest.

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Come learn about the life history and habitat of bats this Halloween season. Naturalist Emberly Hudak will demystify these fascinating mammals of the night sky in the Tin Mountain Conservation Center Nature Program, “The Basics of Bats,” on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Betty Whitney Center in Jackson. Hudak holds a Masters in Environmental Biology from George Mason Institute in Virginia and has taught Tin Mountain environmental programs in the local schools.

Bats are not flying mice, nor are they blind. They are shy, gentle, and intelligent and their populations are drastically decreasing. There are eight species of bats in New Hampshire and more than half are of “conservation concern.” Bats are true hibernators and many N.H. species have already flown to their winter “hang-outs,” some in caves or mines more than 200 miles away. Bats gain approximately 25 percent of their body weight in the last months of summer and early fall to produce enough fat to last seven months in hibernation. Did you know that the bat’s heartbeat slows from 210 per minute to just eight, that a bat’s body temperature may drop from nearly 100 degrees F to 32 and shivering prevents their body temperature from dropping below freezing? Come to this Tin Mountain program and get the facts on bats! Community programs are open to the public. Donations of $5 per family and $1 per person are appreciated. To learn more about Tin Mountain call 447-6991, email info@tinmountain.org, log on to www.tinmountain.org or click on the Tin Mountain facebook page.

Presented by
Friends of Freedom Public Library
Michael Tougias
to discuss ‘Ten Hours Until Dawn,’ Nov. 9

The Friends of the Freedom Public Library has received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council to present the program, “Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do,” with Michael Tougias on Nov. 9 at the Freedom Public Library in Freedom.

This true story chronicles the ill-fated final voyage of the Can Do, a harbor pilot boat that, in the Blizzard of ’78, left port to aid a floundering Coast Guard cutter. Award winning author, Michael Tougias will lead a discussion on his well-researched, vividly written tale of brave men overwhelmed by the awesome forces of nature.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Copies of “Ten Hours Until Dawn” are available at the Freedom Library for those interested in reading this book before the presentation. For more information, call 301-1107.
Hosted by Fryeburg Academy Ski Team

Ski Museum of Maine Night slated for Nov. 4

The Fryeburg Academy Ski Team will host “Ski Museum of Maine Night,” on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the Stone Mountain Arts Center in Fryeburg, Maine. The $5 cost includes a dessert and coffee reception. Call SMAC at 207-935-7292 or visit www.stonemountainartscenter.com.

Seventy-five winters ago, Fryeburg was the epicenter of Maine skiing. The state’s first ski lift was built on Jockey Cap, a new snow trains rolled between Portland and Fryeburg, people schussing down three hills in town and a network of cross-country trails were cut through Stowe, Maine and Chatham.

Then, after three years in the spotlight, the action moved elsewhere, and Fryeburg’s crucial role as a cradle of Maine skiing was relegated to an historical footnote.

Scott Andrews, Research Director of the Ski Museum of Maine, will present a Fireside Chat, a narrated digital slideshow that features more than 100 vintage photos. The title of the show is, “An Avalanche of Interest: The First 75 Years of Skiing in Maine.” It will cover the period from 1870, when the first Swedish settlers arrived in Aroostook County, to the end of World War II, Fryeburg in the late 1930s will be a special emphasis.

The Ski Museum of Maine and the Fryeburg Academy Ski Team invite members of the public to share photos and memories of those “lost” ski areas on Nov. 4.

Presented by Valley Promotions

Second annual ‘Meet the Non-Profits’ set for Nov. 7

Have you ever wondered what a certain non-profit organization does? Have you ever considered volunteering and wondered what organization would be the best fit for you?

The second annual “Meet the Non-Profits” Fair will be held Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett. Presented by Valley Promotions, the intent of this non-profit fair is multi-faceted. Networking opportunities will be offered to the local non-profit organizations, to introduce organizations to businesses that work with non-profits, to inform the public about the various organizations and the services they offer and to recruit volunteers for the organizations.

Representatives from the following organizations will be on hand to answer questions about their programs and services: Mount Washington Valley Promotions, M/D Productions, Mount Washington Valley Addiction Treatment Solutions, Gifts of Life Charities, Miss Mount Washington Valley Teen Scholarship Program, Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains, The Art Center, A Stepping Stone Resource Center, Vaughn Community Services, White Mountain Community Health Center, Granite State College, Dollars for Scholars of Mount Washington Valley, Rotary Club of North Conway, National ABLÉ Network, Jen’s Friends Cancer Foundation, Bartlett Regional Hospital, White Mountains, The Artery Cultural Center, A Stepping Stone Resource Center, Vaughn Mountain Waldorf School, A Stepping Stone, Tuckerman Brewing Company, Jammin DJ Entertainment, ReMax presidential, Drummond and Drummond.

Conway Historical Society Monthly Program

Bill Aughton to speak on wilderness rescue, Nov. 9

If you have ever followed a local wilderness rescue story as it unfolds or are just interested in learning more about them, you will want to attend the November program for the Conway Historical Society to learn about the origins of mountain rescue work here in the Valley. On Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Salyards Center for the Arts in Conway Village, guest speaker Bill Aughton will share the history behind our local wilderness rescue organizations and share some of his own personal experiences as a professional Wilderness Medical Emergency Technician.

Bill has done medical work in 17 countries and 5 continents, most recently in Haiti as a medical volunteer after the recent earthquake. As residents of the Mt. Washington Valley, we hear about these events on our local mountain climber that gets injured or caught in bad weather, wilderness rescue workers can mean the difference between life and death. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 447-3515.

Conway Historical Society Monthly Program Series at Salyards Center for the Arts

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Out & About

WHITE MOUNTAIN MILERS HALF MARATHON

Over 500 people participated in the annual White Mountain Milers Half Marathon held on Oct. 31 in North Conway. The USATF-certified 13.1-mile out and back course started and finished in front of the Eastern Slope Inn in North Conway Village. The runners covered a course set on scenic rural roads, highlighted by late fall foliage and was fast, with no big hills. In honor of the holiday, many runners were decked out in their Halloween best.

Dick Pollock/Moat Mountain Photography

A newly revived endeavor on behalf of a few folks in the Valley, Girls Just Wanna Have Fun night is a monthly chance to get out, enjoy some great food, and bring business to North Conway Village during midweek. Deb Jasien, of Fields of Ambrosia, said that some of the proceeds also get donated to a different non-profit each month. This month the Vaughn Community Food Pantry benefits. On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the benefactor of this fun social event will be Angels and Elves, just in time for the holidays. The event is sponsored in part by The Mountain Ear and Fields of Ambrosia and is held the first Tuesday of each month at Wine Thyme in downtown North Conway.

Debbie Mulvey of Center Conway

The first man to cross the finish line was Brent Wilmot of Claremont with a time of 1:21:21.

David and Erin Wood of Falmouth, Maine

Laurel Pulsifer, of Conway; Cathy Smith, one of the owners of Wine Thyme; and Darlene McEnaney, of Bartlett, enjoyed some great wine and tapas at their night out at Wine Thyme Tuesday night.

Jessica Lauder, recently returned to the area, gives Janice Brotherton, of Bartlett, a massage during this month’s Girls Just Wanna Have Fun at Wine Thyme in North Conway.

Deb Jasien, of Fields of Ambrosia, had some gift boxes out for sale at the most recent Girls Just Wanna Have Fun night at Wine Thyme in North Conway.
This weekend cyclists race through Story Land in Glen during the Porky Gulch Classic Stage Race to crown best ‘All-Around Cyclist’ in New England.

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7, Great Glen Trails in Pinkham Notch will host the Porky Gulch Classic Stage Race — two days of bicycle racing at the most scenic and unique venues in New England. The champion can claim the title of “Best All-Around Cyclist in New England.”

The Porky Gulch Classic is made up of three stages: hillclimb, criterium and cyclocross. On Saturday, the Porky Gulch Classic begins with the Toughest Two, a two-mile hillclimb up the Mt. Washington Auto Road, home of the toughest hillclimb in the world. In the afternoon, the competition shifts to Story Land in Glen for the Story Land Criterium as cyclists race through the famous amusement park.

Sunday morning, the action heads back to Great Glen Trails for the cyclocross portion, the Rockpile Rampage. Cyclocross is a fall and early winter form of bike racing that combines elements of mountain biking, road cycling and cross country running — with some steeplechase mixed in for good measure. From mountain vistas to pumpkin houses and pavement to gravel paths, the Porky Gulch Classic combines them all.

Points are awarded based on finish order in each event. The cyclist with the most combined points after the three events is declared the champion. The race features categories for riders of all skill levels from experts to beginners, and prizes are awarded in each category.

In 2009, due to the success of the Porky Gulch Classic, Great Glen Trails was able to make a donation to the Eastern Slope Ski Club to enhance youth ski programs, and race organizers hope to do the same in 2010. Complete information and registration is available at www.PorkyGulchClassic.com.

M&D holds auditions for ‘A Family Christmas,’ Nov. 6 & 7

M&D Productions, in keeping with its mission to work collaboratively with the community, has partnered with Andriana Knapp (-Freeman), a local singer/dancer/actress, to perform her show “A Family Christmas.”

Open auditions will be held to cast the show on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m., and again on Monday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. at Your Theatre in North Conway. Performances of this family friendly show will be on Dec. 10 thorough 12, and Dec. 17 through 19 at Your Theatre.

Parts are available for the following: male vocalist/guitarist of any age; Little Andriana (6-10 year old girl); Grandmother and grandfather both 60-70 years old (ability to speak with accents helpful); young grandchild (10-14 year old boy); Halnya/mother (45-60); Aunt Mira and Uncle Glenn (both in their 50s); Greg (35-45); Santa Claus; Rosie (female 25-45 able to do comedic, nasal voice); Susie (female 30-40); Ian (boy 6-10); plus four or five chorus members (especially seeking those who can play musical instruments and sing). Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and require a Christmas carol as a musical audition piece. For more information or to schedule a time slot, contact Ken Martin at 662-7591.

A Hampstead Stage Company production

‘A Christmas Carol’ returns to Theater in the Wood, Nov. 5

The Believe in Books Literacy Foundation will present a public performance of Hampstead Stage Company’s “A Christmas Carol” for K-8 graders at the Theater in the Wood in Intervale on Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” is a story that is both timeless and universal. It is the delightful tale of the miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, and his clerk, Bob Cratchit. Through visits from the spirits of the season, Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas. In this charming tale, The Grandmother and grandfather both 60-70 years old (ability to speak with accents helpful); young grandchild (10-14 year old boy); Halnya/mother (45-60); Aunt Mira and Uncle Glenn (both in their 50s); Greg (35-45); Santa Claus; Rosie (female 25-45 able to do comedic, nasal voice); Susie (female 30-40); Ian (boy 6-10); plus four or five chorus members (especially seeking those who can play musical instruments and sing). Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and require a Christmas carol as a musical audition piece. For more information or to schedule a time slot, contact Ken Martin at 662-7591.
‘Once Upon a Mattress’

Fryeburg Academy students will present the musical “Once Upon a Mattress” Nov. 12 through 14 at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine. The show, based on the story by “The Princess and the Pea,” is a hilar- ious, fast-paced musical with the perfect formula for a successful show. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. A matinee will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $8.50 for adults, $6 for students and senior citizens (65+). They may be purchased at the box office or online at www.fryeburgacademy.org.

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A.A. Meetings. There are several A.A. Meetings held daily throughout Carroll County. Call 1-800-991-3373 or go to www.nhaa.net to find one near you.

Al-Anon. From 8 to 9 p.m. at the Ossipee Center, corner of White Mountain Highway and Grove Street in North Conway.

Bingo Every Friday. The VFW Post 5783 in Livermore Falls, Maine will hold bingo every Friday. Early bird games start at 6 p.m. and regular games start at 7 p.m. For more information, contact David at 207-935-7807 or 207-935-3322.

Community Food Center. The Sandwich/Tamworth Community Food Center based at St. Andrew’s in the Valley in North Conway on Old Route 25 is open every Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon for residents of freedom Food Pantry. Information or to reserve a meal, call 356-3251.

“Seasexual the Musical.” Art Forms of the Sea presents a week-long camp, July 25-29, at the Community Center. All ages, abilities and medium. For more information or to signup, call 356-2961.

TGIF Book Discussion Group. The TGIF Book Discussion Group meets at the North Conway Library at 10:30 a.m. This month’s selection is “Tenderness of Wolves,” by Ste芬 Penney. Copies are currently available at the library. For more information on or to reserve a copy, call 356-2961.

Saturday 6

Freedom Food Pantry. Open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Located at 94 Old Route 25 in South Freedom, Effingham and Ossipee at the First Christian Church located on Main Street in South Freedom. All ages, abilities, coping skills, handling problems and learning situations. Free and open to the public. There will be raffles, fundraisers and snacks for purchase. For more information, call 374-6241.

Rotary Bountiful Harvest Dinner Auction. The Rotary Club of Fryeburg will hold the 5th Annual Bountiful Harvest Dinner Auction from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds dining hall located on Main Street in Fryeburg, Maine. The evening includes hors doeuvres and light dinner fare, wine and beer, a silent and live auction and live music by Heather Sheehan. Tickets are $25 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 207-935-3733. All proceeds benefit scholarships for students throughout the area.

White Pine Management for Landowners. The N.H. Timberland Owners Association will present a program on managing the growth of white pines from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Green Crown Log Yard in Tamworth. This “in the woods” workshop will focus on techniques for improving growth of white pine. The cost is $10 for members and $15 for non-members. Registration is required and class size is limited. This a rain or shine event. For more information or to register, call 224-9609.

Sunday 7

2nd Annual Meet the Non-Profits Fair. Valley Promotions will hold the 2nd Annual Meet the Non-Profits Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett. The program will offer networking opportunities to local non-profit organizations, to introduce organizations to businesses that work with non-profits, to inform the public about services offered and to recruit volunteers for organizations. The fair is free and open to the public. There will be raffles, fundraisers and snacks for purchase. For more information, call 374-6241.

Armed Forces Appreciation Day. The Conway Scenic Railroad in North Conway will hold “Armed Forces Appreciation Day,” to honor all military personnel past and present. As a special thanks Conway Scenic Railroad will offer free coach seating on the Valley train. Valid military ID or DD214 required. For more information, call 356-2521.

Monday 8

Agape Food Pantry. Agape Food Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m., located at the Ossipee Valley Bible Church on Route 16 (across from NAPA) in Canterbury. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 356-2787.

MWV Choral Society Rehearsals. The MWV Choral Society will hold rehearsals every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Joseph’s Community Center in North Conway. The group meets in the church’s choir room at the Met Center at 8 p.m. For more information, call 356-2787.

Tuesday 9

Bread Basket Food Pantry. The Bread Basket Food Pantry at the River Church across from McHenry’s Nursery in Center Conway will be open the second and third Wednesdays of the month from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 447-4691.

Carroll County Kennel Club Program. The Carroll County Kennel Club will host Dr. Gary J. Sturt, DVM from Bethel Animal Hospital in Bethel, Maine at 7 p.m. at the Red Jacket Mountain View in North Conway. He will speak on the use of laser treatment, alternative medicines including acupuncture and Chinese herbs on pets. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 207-697-2517.

Crohn’s, Colitis, I.B. Support Group. The Crohn’s Colita and I.B. Support group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the private conference room at the Met Coffeehouse in North Conway at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, email nmc2009@yahoo.com.

Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser. The Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser at the Eastern Slope Inn in North Conway will hold a pizza fundraiser for the MWV Visual Arts Center located in Center Ossipee. For more information, visit www.nhaa.net or call 356-3231 for details.

Bingo Every Friday. Join the MWV Stompers Square Dance Club Program. The Conway Scenic Railroad in North Conway will hold “Armed Forces Appreciation Day,” to honor all military personnel past and present. As a special thanks Conway Scenic Railroad will offer free coach seating on the Valley train. Valid military ID or DD214 required. For more information, call 356-2521.

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fundraiser for Valley Promotions from 4 to 9 p.m. A portion of the pizza sales will include a 10% tip to benefit the organization whose purpose is to provide industry groups and their employees with educational information, call 374-6249.

The MWV Children's Museum Music Program for Kids. The MWV Children's Museum will present the Monday Morning Series for children ages nine to thirteen. The program is instructed by Mountain Top Music and will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., each Monday through Thursday until October 15. The admission fee is $8 per child; individual sessions are $8 per class. For more information or to make a reservation, call 356-2992.

Tin Mountain Conservation Society. The Friends of the Freedom Public Library will host author Michael Tonga in at 7 p.m. at the Freedom Library located on Old Portland Road in Freedom. He will discuss his book “Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Jesse Red Eagle, Who Aboard the Can.” The program is free and open to the public. Copies of the book are available for those interested in reading the book before the presentation. For more information, call 310-1107.

White Mountain EcoForum. The Conway Historical Society will present the monthly program series at the Salyards Center for the Arts located in Conway Village at 7 p.m. The speaker this month is Bill Aughton of SOLO. He will discuss wildlife rescue in the White Mountain National Forest. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 477-5515.

Wednesday 10

Bridgeston Mom’s Group. Come meet other moms and babies to share your joys and frustrations, and just get to know each other. The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Birth House located on Main Street in Albany. The group is open to all women with preganancies, breastfeeding, or young children are welcome, at mother’s discretion. For more information, contact Anne Marie at 479-5417.

Community Market & Klotz. Meets at the Chocora Public Library at 11 a.m. Coffee, tea, sweets and great conversation are all part of this morning. Bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome.

Computer Tutoring. Every Wednesday, free one to one tutoring is offered at Gibson Center. Co-sponsor- ing this program is a member of Teachers Association and the Gibson Center. To make an appointment at 356-3231.

Dinner Bell North. Elizabeth Bell will present a program of Christian music in Fryeburg. Main will hold their Heart Healthy program every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m.

Grief Group. A grief group will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday in the meeting room at the Freedom Library. The program is free and open to the public. A registration form is available from the death of loved ones. For more information, call Sheryl Power at 569-2729 or 497-1116 or 960-5555 or 960-5700. A grief group will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday in the meeting room at the Freedom Library. The program is free and open to the public. A registration form is available from the death of loved ones. For more information, call 356-3231 or 960-5555 or 960-5700.

Knit and Crochet Group. The Knit and Crochet Group meets at the Effingham Library every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Bring along your project and anyone is welcome to participate. The group is open to the public. A registration form is available from the death of loved ones. For more information, call Sheryl Power at 569-2729 or 497-1116 or 960-5555 or 960-5700.

Nature Nuts. Tin Mountain Conservation Society presents “Nature Nuts,” the nature program for ages three through five and their parents. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the TMCC Nature Learning Center on Bald Hill Road in Albany. Enjoy nature songs, crafts, hikes and games based upon the theme of the day. Cost per child is $5 for members, $8 for non-members and $4 for children from five to 12. For more information call 477-6991 or on the web at www.tinmountain.org.

Self-Help Meeting. Every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. adult children of alcoholics and other dysfunctions meet in Suite B of the Eastern Slope Inn in North Conway. The group is open and open to all who wish to discuss the issues growing up in a dysfunction- al home.

T.O.M. Take Off Pounds Sensibly will meet every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the O.C.C. building at the corner of North Main and Moultonville Road in Center Conway. For more information contact Mary Styffe at 684-2147.

White Mountain Stamp Club. The White Mountain Stamp Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Savary, located at 2174 NH Route 16 (on the corner of Depot and Bald Hill Road in Albany). Everyone in col- lecting stamps is welcome to attend. For more information, call Frank 447-5461 or email at frank@januaryvalley.com.

Thursday 11

Canterbury Trails. The Fryeburg Walking Group at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will meet every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the parking lot, weather permis- sion. All welcome. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. For more information, call Bebe Toor at 207-356-6056.

Grief Support Group for Children and Teens. The Mountain of Hope grief sup- port program for children and teens is held every Thursday at All Saint’s Episcopal Church on South Main Street in Wolfeboro. The program is open to any child or teen that is grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information, call 763-5676.

EcoForum Lecture Series. The Nature Learning Center located on Bald Hill Road in Albany will hold EcoForum Lecture Series from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Nature Learning Center. The topic of discussion this month will be about Carroll County Transit Project presented by Ted LaRochelle. Learn the details of this multi-faceted community transportation system. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments, sculptures, art and crafts, view exhibits and take part in hands-on activities. For more information or to register, call 477-6991.

Remick Country Doctor’s Open House. The Remick Country Doctor will present a multi-faceted community transportation system. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments, sculptures, art and crafts, view exhibits and take part in hands-on activities. For more information or to register, call 477-6991.

Tunxis and Tails Auction. The Tunxis Local Rescue League of N.H.-Now will hold the Tunxis and Tails Auction at the Wentworth Hotel in Jackson this Saturday, November 6th. The auction will feature both live and silent auctions to benefit the shelter. Fun games and trivia items to bid on. Tickets are $60 per person and include a three-course meal and dancing to the tunes of DJ Andre. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or to reserve tickets, call 447-5605.
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The public is invited to the opening reception for “The Art Group: Eleven Artists for November,” an exhibition featuring multiple works of eleven juried artists from The Art Group, taking place at the MWV Arts Association’s Visual Arts Center located at 16 Norcross Place in North Conway. The exhibition will open on Friday, Nov. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit includes works by Norman Boyle of Wakefield, Peggy Brewster of Middleton, Peter Abate of West Newfield, Maine, Anita Muise of Wakefield, Marion Blomster of Brookfield, Ruth Willet of Wakefield, Shawn Peelech of Portsmouth, Mable Doyle of Wakefield, Joy Loud of Ossipee Village, Ken Eason of Acton, Maine and J.P. Goodwin of Marblehead, Mass.

“The Art Group” formerly known as “Ossipee Riverlands Artists League” was founded in 2004. Comprised of a diverse group of artists from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, artist members work in various mediums including watercolor, oil, acrylic, encaustic, mixed media, collage, ceramics, tapestry and photography. The group was founded by marine watercolor artist Ron Harrison of Marblehead and Salem, Mass. and is coordinat- ed by watercolor/ mixed media artist Peter Abate of West Newfield, Maine and landscape painter Norman Boyle of Wakefield.

The public is invited free of charge to view and purchase the artists’ work from Nov. 5 through Nov. 26. The MWV Visual Arts Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our apology and understand, we will be happy to work with everyone again next year. For race information, email info@whitemountainmilers.com
Valley Round-Up

Storytelling Dinner Program, Nov. 4
‘Uncle’ George to spin tales at the Corner House Inn

The Corner House Inn welcomes back popular storyteller George Radcliffe of Webster to its Storytelling Dinner program on Thursday evening, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

“Uncle” George strings a yarn that is magical, captivating and entertaining. A professional storyteller since 1994, he shares a unique collection of folktales that he has made his own and calls this smorgasbord of stories “Slumgullion Tales.”

Uncle George combines his original telling style with a sense of humor, thus bringing the magic of each story to young and old alike. His animated and engaging approach draws his audiences deep into the stories he narrates. George teaches people of all ages the art of the oral tale and at any given time has a range of stories that run the gamut from intense to humorous.

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Hiking

A rebuilt dam and a mountainside fire scar
The work of man and nature at Province Pond

By Steve Smith
Contributing Writer

THERE ARE MANY fine areas to explore among the eastern hills of the White Mountain National Forest. I especially enjoy visiting these lower elevation areas in late fall, when the higher ranges are already becoming locked in snow and ice.

One of my favorite treks in this region is the easy ramble along the Province Brook Trail to Province Pond. Sometimes I combine a pond visit with some off-trail exploration on the range of small mountains immediately to the west.

A couple of weeks ago I returned to Province Pond for a look at some recent works of both man and nature. From South Chatham Road in Chatham, I drove 2.5 miles to the end of gravel Peak Hill Road and the sign for the Province Brook Trail. This wide, gently climbing route is a snowmobile trail in winter, and was recently upgraded as part of a Forest Service project to restore the dam at Province Pond. The muddy footing that once plagued parts of this trail is now mostly gone.

A quick 1.2-mile walk brought me to the earthen dam embankment, which had been rebuilt this year and recently seeded. In the middle was a new concrete spillway. According to the Decision Memo issued by the Saco Ranger District, the purpose of the project was to stabilize the water level of the pond.

The embankment was originally built in 1960 by New Hampshire Fish & Game, enlarging an existing glacial pond. In 2003 a timber crib that supported the dam collapsed, and since then water levels in the pond had been irregularly controlled by beavers. The view from the edge of the pond by the dam is striking, with 2,385-foot Mount Shaw rising steeply to the northwest. On my last visit here, in 2006, I noticed a prominent bare, rocky scar on the eastern shoulder of Mt. Shaw. I had bushwhacked to this cliff top back in 1990, when it was heavily wooded with spruce. One of my objectives for this day’s hike was to return to that spot and see what had levelled the forest up there, whether it be a fire or a “microburst” windstorm.

I continued north on the Province Brook Trail, which soon turns left off the snowmobile trail onto a narrow and at times obscure footpath. I followed it along the shore, making a side trip to a big tent-shaped rock where there is a view across the water to the peaks known as the Gemini, or the Twins. From here the trail circled through the woods north of the pond and back to the shelter near the shore. This open-front structure is considered historic, as it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

After a break in the sun at the south-facing lean-to, I struck off into the woods. In a short distance I passed by a new open-air privy (with a privacy screen on the side nearest the shelter) that was built as part of the dam restoration project.

It took an hour or so of bushwhacking up the steep eastern slope of Mt. Shaw — mostly through fine, colorful hardwood forest with one open area, where the stumps and pines had been cut by lightning, and burned 2.5 acres before it was contained. Among those involved in the suppression effort, in very difficult terrain, were Ron Shorey of the Saco District, Chris O’Brien of the Androscoggin District, and recently retired Fire Safety Officer Dave Govatski.

The view from the brink of the burned cliff was spectacular, looking down on Province Pond and the Kimbrell Ponds, and out to Pleasant Mountain and surrounding lakes in the lowlands of western Maine. It was a warm and bright October day, I lingered for an hour or more in the sun.

From the back of the burned area I continued southwest up the ridge. In one place I found a trace of the old Mt. Shaw Trail — part of an extensive network of paths that criss-crossed this mini-mountain range in the 1930s and 1940s. These can be seen on AMC trail maps of that vintage, and on the 1942 version of the North Conway quadrangle.

The Mt. Shaw Trail extended from the Mountain Pond area across Walter Mountain, Mount Shaw, the North and South Gemini, and Rickers Knoll before meeting up with the eastern trail to Kearsarge North. This path and several connecting trails were abandoned after World War II, and few traces of them remain today.

A few days after the hike I contacted the Forest Service for more information on the Mount Shaw fire. In an email reply, Marcia Smith of the Saco District noted that it occurred in 2002, was ignited by lightning, and burned 2.5 acres before it was contained. Among those involved in the suppression effort, in very difficult terrain, were Ron Shorey of the Saco District, Chris O’Brien of the Androscoggin District, and recently retired Fire Safety Officer Dave Govatski.

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I continued up to the summit of Mount Shaw, a wonderful crest of open hardwoods, and down to a bare ledge on its southeastern shoulder. Views here looked south to the Gemini and beyond to the looming mass of Kearsarge North. To the southwest a line of distant peaks in the Sandwich Range and the Mt. Carrigan and Mt. Tecumseh area.

The first time I visited Mount Shaw, back in December 1990, I had met a local deer hunter on the shore of Province Pond. He said he’d been up on Shaw often, and that if I poked around down off the summit I would find a ledge where I could see “many mountains.” I think this was the spot. I dropped steeply down through rocky terrain to the saddle on the south side of Mount Shaw, and pushed up through clinging spruces to the top of the North Gemini.

An outcrop near the summit opened a sweeping northeasterly view, with late afternoon light hustling back down to the saddle near the end, and walked across the dam embankment following a fisherman’s path near the end. Passage through these would have been very difficult in impending darkness, so I made my way along the swamp shore of the pond, following a fisherman’s path near the end, and walked across the dam embankment to the trail. The way out on the wide trail was illuminated by a near-full moon.

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Editor’s note: Pick up “The AMC White Mountain Guide” for maps and descriptions of these and other trails in the White Mountains. Steve Smith, author of “Wandering Through the White Mountains: A Hiker’s Perspective,” has hiked and written about the White Mountains for more than 20 years. He owns the Mountain Wanderer Map and Book Store in Lincoln, and lives with his wife, Carol, in Lincoln.
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