

BRIEFS

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Keene, schools list meetings

Meetings for the coming week have been posted by the Keene city government, the Monadnock Regional School District and N.H. School Administrative Unit 29.

Monday, June 22
8:30 a.m., Keene Trustees of Trust Funds, conference room A, 34 West St.

6 p.m., Keene Planning Board, council chambers, second floor, City Hall.
Tuesday, June 23
5 p.m., Library Board of Trustees, trustees' room, Keene Public Library, 60 Winter St.

Wednesday, June 24
6 p.m., Keene City Council Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, council chambers, second floor, City Hall.

7 p.m., Keene City Council Planning, Licenses and Development Committee, council chambers, second floor, City Hall.

Thursday, June 25
8:45 a.m., Monadnock Regional School District Finance Committee, maintenance conference room.
10 a.m., Monadnock Regional School District Education Committee, maintenance conference room.

6:30 p.m., Keene City Council Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee, council chambers, second floor, City Hall.

Keene woman hurt in crash

By SENTINEL STAFF

DUMMERSTON Vt. — A four-car crash in Vermont Friday evening sent two people to the hospital and left a Keene woman with minor injuries.

Dawn Winslow, 38, of Keene was driving the third vehicle in the crash, and complained of minor injuries at the scene but was not taken to the hospital for treatment, police said.

The crash began when a 2005 Subaru Forester driven by Kevin Moran, 36, of Manchester, Vt., crossed the center line of Route 30 and struck a 1993 Dodge Spirit driven by 21-year-old Laura Thomas of Newfane, Vt., police said.

The Subaru then forced Winslow, in a 1997 Dodge van, into the guardrail. Her van then struck a 1993 Acura Integra, driven by 18-year-old Rochelle Leblanc of Newfane, head on, totaling the car.

Crows used the jaws of life to get Leblanc out of her car before taking her to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center by helicopter, police said.

She was later released from the hospital. Moran's passenger in the Subaru, Deborah Moran, was taken to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

Fire Mutual Aid log

Dispatchers at Southwestern N.H. District Fire Mutual Aid in Keene handled requests for medical aid and fire calls on Friday, June 19, including:

2:09 a.m., Roxbury Fire Department to Route 9, electrical transformer call.

8:33 a.m., Stoddard Fire Department to 270 Atten Road, electrical transformer call.
12:32 p.m., Swanzey Fire Department to 96 Westport Village Road, call for water rescue, no problem on arrival.

1:40 p.m., Jaffrey Fire Department to 422 Squantum Road, chimney fire.

2:55 p.m., Stoddard Fire Department to Kings Highway, motor vehicle crash, no injuries.

6 p.m., Jaffrey Fire Department to Route 124, electrical transformer call.

7:38 p.m., Keene Fire Department to 85 Key Road, fire alarm.
9:38 p.m., Dublin Fire Department to 1379 Main St., motor vehicle crash, no injuries.

11:50 p.m., Keene Fire Department to 140 Roxbury St., fire alarm.

A rousing sendoff at Hinsdale

Graduating class told 'find something you're passionate about'

By HANCY A. CAVANAUGH
Contributing Writer

HINSDALE — Rain clouds loomed overhead, but that didn't dampen the spirit of the Hinsdale High School Class of 2009 on Saturday.

Led by marshals Michael Copeland and Korinna Lagatolla, the graduating class made its way past seats filled with faculty, family and friends.

Salutatorian Stephanie R. Sanderson said she took a cue from Nickelback's song, "If Today Was Your Last Day." "The opening lines of the song ... fits perfectly for our

class," she said. Sanderson concluded her remarks by saying, "Whatever you decide to do, the last few years has prepared us."

Commencement speaker Alfred G. Hoel, English teacher and class adviser, said he was doubly honored to be asked to speak. He then presented some statistics about the students, kidded that he made them up, then serious said, "100 percent of these students will be missed."

Hoel offered the class two bits of advice in "chat speak," so it would be easy for the graduates to remember: BOB (Be Observant) and TTBFTH

(Take the Bull by the Horns). He used examples from his childhood and family to humorously illustrate why BOB and TTBFTH are important.

During her speech, Valedictorian and class President Kayla M. Matuzewski referred to life lessons she had learned from her passion: sports.

She told her classmates, "Find something you're passionate about ... and be the best you can."

Nathan E. Simeon, class vice president, sent the students on their way with

these remarks: "No matter what, always remember Hinsdale High School."

The following students graduated from Hinsdale High School on Saturday: Mistyrose Armstrong, Jake Turner Atherton, Coleste Eve Balcia, Ryan Michael Barrows, Jessica Michelle Barry, Samantha Hope Blake, Derrick Vincent Brooks, Nicole Lynn Butler, Orreste Chester Carbone 3rd, Amy Elisabeth Cooper, Benjamin E. Cyr-Silver, Daniel Adam Dalrymple, Sailetha Marie Easter, Katelyn Lee Ebighausen, Carolyn Wahnona Emerson, Lawrence Bernard Gilmet Jr., Wesley Field Graham Jr., Jaymee Greenia, Sarah Rose Gundry, Allen Hill,

Joslin Samantha Hodge, Kevin D. Hudon, Kevin Samuel Kileles, Zachary Alexander Klinker, Jillian Noel Leclair, Drew Myri Leno, Megan Ann Lewis, Kayla Marie Matuzewski, Tara Brooke McGrath, Nathan Allen Morris, Justin Norman Morrisette, Alexander James O'Malley, Eric Russell, Stephanie Rose Sanderson, Sarah Goum Schullinger, Nathan Edward Simon, Victoria Lynne Slicer, Samantha Lynn Smith, Andrews Davi Soumar, Matthew Francis Sprague, Derek Riley Symmes, Danielle Nichole Taylor, Nicolas Michael James Turanski, Adrianna Martina Vivenzio, Jami-Leigh Webber.

Emeline Bedoin-Maceri and Fari-na Mattioli are foreign exchange students who will be receiving a certificate of appreciation.



Monadnock Regional High School's class of 2009 files in at the start of the graduation ceremony Saturday.

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Sun shines on Monadnock graduates

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fied licensed nursing assistant and ready to make her mark on the health care profession. "I love helping people," she said. "I just love working with the elderly."

She's now looking for a job in the field. She plans to continue her education, becoming a licensed practical nurse and eventually a registered nurse through a program at River Valley Community College.

"I've been planning this my whole life," she said. "It's going to be hard out there," but she's confident things will work out, she said.

Jennifer M. Ellis of Swanzey has set her sights on becoming a baker. To get there, she plans to enroll in First Course, the Keene-based culinary training program. Getting to graduation may not be easy, she said. There were tough times, but her friends and family were there to support her. "I'm just proud of myself for making it this far."

Husky pride was evident throughout Saturday's ceremony. Bradley Miller, a teacher in the school's world languages department and a 1995 Monadnock High gradu-

ate, spoke of the time when he returned to Monadnock to teach, four years ago. "Why?" he was asked. Because "Monadnock had given so much back to me."

Natalie S. Novak of Swanzey, co-salutatorian along with Gwendolyn E. Hummel of Sullivan, told her classmates: "We know and we show that this is Monadnock and it is on the rise."

"Monadnock on the Rise" has been a motto this year, and Novak talked of points of pride such as the Be True To Your School (BeTYS) fundraiser, which raised about \$30,000 for building improvements; last year's state championship basketball team; and the award-winning Destination: Monadnock team, among others.

Miller also urged the graduates to continue their studies in the world around them. "Don't stop learning. Not every classroom has desks and white boards in it."

Class President Trevor S. Lippincott of Swanzey book-ended the ceremony, singing the national anthem at the start and ending with Green Day's "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)." He was accompanied by junior Ian Noyes on guitar, and singing special tailored lyrics for the

class of 2009. "Always remember where you came from," he told his fellow graduates during his speech.

Monadnock covers the towns of Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan, Swanzey and Troy. Valedictorian Thomas M. Geheran of Swanzey started off with a disclaimer: "I have absolutely no idea what I'm really supposed to say to you guys this morning."

But after jokes about the "privilege" of eating lunch on the floor of the senior hall— "we wined three long years to eat on the floor," rather than in the cafeteria — he ended with a quote from Dr. Seuss: "I'm a little bit blue."

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

The following students graduated from Monadnock Regional High School on Saturday:

Sandra E. Adams, Yerrigson Y. Arhulo-Otero, Kayla Marie Arguin, Eric Allen Austin, Naomi Jean Balaban, Evan Wesley Barlow, Skyla V. Barnett, Lily Emanuelle Bartlett, Katrina Elise Baumgartner, Chelsea Ariel Bell, Girard F. Bell, Sarah Nicely Bell, Tyler Scott Bergin, Brandon Michael Bernier, Phylis Ann Bischof, Adam Kaleb Blakey Marie Blanchard, Christopher Gilbert Blumh, Timothy M. Boscar-

no, John E. Boufford Jr., Emma Elizabeth Brady, Elizabeth Theresa Brundley, Dylan Taylor Bresnahan, Ian Michael Bresnahan, Arthur J. Brockelman, Joshua A. Burdick, Jordan Elizabeth Bryussas, Justin Edward Carter, Ashley Christina Castor, Michael Todd Cavadini, Sarahanne Elizabeth Cavio, Sarah Cole, Brian Scott Corbett, Ryan L. Cormier, Elizabeth Anne Marie Costa, Jennifer Mary Cotzani, Brittany Anne Croteau, Lacey Marie Croteau, Sarah MacLean Cunningham, Jacob Alex Cushing, Chelsea Vera Daniels, Danielle Elizabeth Davini, Rachel E. Davis, Amanda Elizabeth DeSorcio, Jessica Lee DeSorcio, Patricia Lynn Debeimer, Benjamin M. Deys, Sarah Drew DeGala Garcia, Thomas Martin Drury, Derrick Ethan Dubois, Justin W. Dunham, Colin P. Dunn, Katarzyna A. Duz, Kevin Sheffield Egger, Jennifer Marie Ellis, Molly Lynn Ella, Evan S. Engelhardt, Caitlin Michelle Evans, Jillian Hope Firmin, Gideon E. Fisher, Matthew Brian Fisk, Amanda S. Frodette, Elizabeth Marie Frates, Leoni Andre Degala Garcia, Thomas Martin Drury, Derrick Ethan Dubois, Christine Giles, Courtney D. Gross, Jamie L. Goodell, Andrew Bishop Gordon, Breanna Lynn Grover, Joshua Robert Grover, Joshua M. Guion, Robyn Elizabeth Guyette, Samantha Lynn Guyette, Vlad Costin Iatagan, Michael Merrill Howard, Keith A. Huckins, Maxwell Flint Huelt, Gwendolyn Eve Hummel, Christopher O.J. Jablonski, Ryan H. James, Stephanie Jenine Jardine, Melanie Mae Jernberg, Kendra Mabel Karson S. Keith, Kyle Edmund Kenney, Kevin James Kozak-

czek, Travis C. LaBounty, Tonja Anne Langevin, Alecia B. Lavigne, William C. Lavigne, Marissa Lee Ashley Lynn Lefebvre, Trevor Shane Lippincott, Kyle J. Louder, Bradley L. Loopa, Samantha Joy Latz, Heather Mary MacNeil, Maryann G. Maguire, Brianna Jean Mannion-King, James R. Martinson, Kara A. Matson, Kirk Eric Matteson, Ralph Merchant, Meghan M. Mestic, Danielle Beth Messier, Brigitte M. Miller, Jerod D. Miller, Tyler Patrick Mitchell, Bryce Adam Morin, Tyler Joseph Nollan, Natalia Smith Novak, Rebecca Andrienne Nyhan, Christopher Robert O'Brien, Erin Elizabeth O'Brien, Robin Gayle O'Brien, Daniel O'Connor, Amanda Carolyn Page, Hanna Lin Patnode, Timothy Michael Patnode, Hannah E. Payne, Matthew Ryan Pelkey, Shara Lynn Pettifer, Menachi Leah Pillai, Shannon M. Pogos, Benjamin Fredrick Prescott, Zachary Lennox Panch, Tiana Donna Qian, Laura Ann Radt, Timothy Michael Richmond, Shane Alexander Sandman, Casey Jordan Sandman, Chase M. Saunders, Riley M. Saunders, Christine V. Scott, Philip H. Scripture, Patrick E. Shaugnessy, Casey L. Short, Sarah E. Short, Levi T. Smith, Ryan Jeffrey Smith, Sabrina Michelle Snyder, Andrew David South, Brandon Williams Stoddard, Cameron Ramsey St. Pierre, Thomas Joseph Tague 3rd, Marissa Michelle Tom, Zachary P. Tomlin, Andrew M. Tucker, Matthew R. Tuller, Kristopher Aaron William Upright, Susan Nancy Vaughan, Savannah Ashley Ward, Kayla Marie Webber, Matthew P. Wheeler, Joshua David Whipple, Nathan C. Wolski, Christopher D. Wilder, Ashley Nicole Wilson.

Bad economy breathes down on summer camps

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Takodah has seen a drop in attendance only in the camp's first session, Therrien said, which he attributes to a longer school year.

In general, when parents are forced to cut costs, one of the last items trimmed is spending on their children, he said.

Rebecca Linna, who reserves all school and summer camp programs at Stonewall Farm in Keene, agreed.

Parents tend "to cut corners in areas, but not with their children's summer camp," she said.

Like Takodah, Stonewall's summer camp registration has remained steady. Linna said, thanks to plenty of repeat campers.

But in today's economy, a robust registration can lead to financial strain for camps. "Our requests for scholarship assistance has actually doubled, and it continues to escalate," said MoCo Arts Ex-

ecutive Director Carol M. Batchelder.

In the past, scholarships have covered 60 percent of the cost for a camper to attend MoCo's Creative Arts in Keene summer camps, she said.

But with this year's rising demand, MoCo has cut that funding, giving out scholarships covering less than 60 percent.

This year, there have been families who cannot afford the other 40 percent, Batchelder said, and children who decided not to attend camp after being told there weren't any scholarships available.

"It's been very sad and it's very difficult for us," she said.

Though registration is about equal to last year — around 120 students — many have opted to attend camp part time.

"Families who would normally sign up for two weeks are signing up for two weeks or four weeks half-days," Batchelder said.

This increased camper turnover forced MoCo to adjust the camp's format, she said, adding smaller performances and exhibits throughout the summer, so each student — no matter when he or she arrives or leaves — has a chance to participate.

Shortened visits have also become common at summer camps run by The Orchard School in Alstead.

"Parents are saying, 'Oh, I can only do one week. Oh, this year we're just going to hang out at home,'" said Eleanor Elbers, founder and camp director of the school.

The school will probably have the same amount of campers as last year, Elbers said, but will be stretched thin trying to meet their increased financial needs.

Because the camps work with disadvantaged children and children with disabilities, the school receives funding from Monadnock Family Services and Monadnock Developmental Services — but both organizations shrank Orchard School contributions

this year, as they dealt with funding cuts of their own.

Like The Orchard School, the Ellen Lambert Murphy Memorial Community Center in Winchester receives funding from the state's Department of Health and Human Services, through its child care reimbursement program. The program is designed to help low- and moderate-income families.

"This year, we have more campers who receive DHHS childhood reimbursement," said Danielle M. Borges, director of the community center.

It makes it hard for the center to secure enough up-front cash to run the camp — to have money available to buy supplies or pay for field trips — since the center only gets reimbursed at the end of the summer, after children attend camp.

Summer camp at the center usually draws about 65 children, Borges said.

This year, only 32 campers have registered. Borges is hopeful that

number will rise, since camp doesn't start until next month and there are usually plenty of last-minute registrations.

But she's already heard from some previous campers who won't be attending this year.

"A lot of our families are facing layoffs, so if parents are home they see no need to send their kids to summer camp," she said.

Others just don't want to spend the money, she said, since they can't know what the future could hold.

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