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Fireboat issue among top 2016 stories for Gilford

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Gilford gained and lost a fireboat, discussed agritourism, and addressed speed issues on one road among many other stories in 2016.

Gilford was approved to receive a fireboat from Portsmouth, though the city council then decided to give it to another community.

In April Portsmouth offered its 30-foot Metal-Craft boat purchased through \$350,000 in Homeland Security grants to Gilford after determining it wouldn't meet the city's needs and was too expensive to maintain. After much discussion by city officials, the city council approved the transfer of the boat to Gilford. Gilford's board of selectmen accepted it at a public hearing, though the process wasn't finalized.

Shortly afterward, Gilford fire chief Steve Carrier announced to the selectmen that the Portsmouth city council had voted to recon-

sider giving Gilford the boat, reporting that the city voted in favor of transferring the boat to neighboring New Castle. Carrier said he learned of the vote in a text message from Portsmouth fire chief Steve Achilles that same night.

With consensus approval from the board, board chair Richard Grenier spoke with the Portsmouth city council in July during the citizen input to express the town's frustrations over this matter. He did not receive any response from city officials at that meeting.

Agritourism was a major topic of discussion around town meeting with debates on what should be allowed that would not disturb neighbors. Agritourism is the concept of events and activities on farms related to agriculture but outside the scope of usual farm activities including weddings, hayrides, farm-to-table dinners,



FILE PHOTO

Gilford Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee helps dedicate the new park outside the police department space.

and others.

The issue surrounded whether Timber Hill Farm should be able to host weddings and farm-to-table events on their

property. A number of neighbors protested the amount of noise produced at wedding receptions. Agritourism advocates said allowing such activities is good for agriculture and the local economy.

Timber Hill Farm owners Andy and Martina Howe submitted a petition for the definition of agriculture to include agritourism and allow for agritourism in all zones. The planning board proposed its own

set of definitions for agritourism, including rules on time, lighting, sound, and other details an included agritourism in the nuisance regulations.

Voters rejected the SEE FIREBOAT PAGE A9



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Cross country skiing is open at Bolduc Park. From left to right, skiers Victoria and Todd Chase of Canterbury, Bolduc Park founder Bob Bolduc, ski instructor Steven Hill, and volunteers Allen Hopkins and Jeff Moses.

Bolduc Park open for skiing

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The skiing is good at Bolduc Park, and cross-country skiing lessons will start right after the beginning of the new year.

With the golf course covered in snow, cross country ski trails are open at Bolduc Park. Bolduc Park has a 10-kilometer cross-country ski course and a five-kilometer course of alpine skiing.

"This is the earliest we've had excellent conditions at Bolduc Park for years," said Bolduc Park founder Bob Bolduc.

Their trails are being cleared with a brand new snowmobile. HK Powersports

helped Bolduc Park acquire a new Ski-Doo Skandex 900, replacing a 30-year-old Ski-Doo. Bolduc thanked HK Powersports and the Bolduc Park Association who allocated the funds "and the great people who donate to Bolduc Park."

Bolduc said a few patrons have said this is the best skiing they have seen.

A bonfire is set up at the park so visitors can warm themselves. There is also a warming hut and bathroom facilities.

The park will offer cross-country ski lessons starting on Jan. 7.

Bolduc said each student will be categorized according to

their ability. Steven Hill, who has been a ski instructor at Bolduc Park for around four years, said they will get a variety of people of all ages and abilities.

Those taking ski lessons can rent equipment from Piche's Ski and Sport. The cost of the ski lessons can be used toward the purchase of equipment at Piche's

The cost for lessons is \$70 per person including rental equipment. The cost is \$40 for those who have their own equipment.

Lessons start at 10 a.m.; those who do not have equipment can pick up their rental skis at Piche's at 9 a.m.

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Gilford Elementary School teachers and staff join in the Holiday Sing Along.

GES sing along celebrates the holidays

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Gilford Elementary School brought the community together in holiday song during the annual Holiday Sing Along last week.

Students, teachers, staff, and a number of

parents gathered together in the GES gym on the Friday before Christmas vacation.

The fourth grade chorus stood up in front of the audience and led the many different songs.

Music teacher Ra-

chel Auger said the entire school had been rehearsing for this event.

The students learned to sing the songs in music class.

"I think they had a wonderful time, and I SEE SING ALONG PAGE A10

Budget rejection, new superintendent highlight 2016 for the Gilford School District

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Budget concerns, new faces, and some big awards marked 2016 for the Gilford School District.

Voters rejected the Gilford School District's budget, which had been expanded by \$185,000 in the deliberative session.

At the deliberative session Virginia Johnson moved to amend the article to increase the budget \$185,508 more one put forward by the Bud-



FILE PHOTO

Participants in the New England Music Festival Band rehearse in the Gilford High School gym in March.

get Committee, bringing the total proposed budget to \$25,852,759.

Johnson said part of the intent was to restore the SEE GILFORD PAGE A9

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Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 15

The Gilford and Bel-

mont Parks and Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a bus trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday, March

15. Cost of the trip is \$137 for lower level Loge seats and \$92 upper level balcony seats and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and

tickets to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 5 p.m. and the Belmont Park & Rideshare (Route 106) at 5:15 p.m. You will have

time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Our seats are in section #19 (Loge) and 329 (Balcony) for the 7:30 p.m. game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at www.gilfordrec.com.

Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

Cost: \$70 per person includes rental equipment!

\$40 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.

Senior Moment-um Bingo Day on Jan. 9

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Jan. 9. We will meet in the Gilford Community Church's Fellowship Hall at noon for a fun afternoon of Bingo. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch and the Parks and Recreation Department will provide coffee, tea and water as well as some fun bingo prizes. Participants are asked to RSVP by Friday, Jan. 6.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Gilford Parks and Rec. Department at 527-4722.

Bolduc Park cross country ski program

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 and will continue through Jan. 28, 2017 (in the event a day is canceled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 28). Lessons begin at 10 a.m., and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop!

Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department,

Gilford PTA and Gilford Together sponsor "Screenagers" on Jan. 19

The Gilford Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) and the Gilford Together coalition are sponsoring a parent program "Screenagers," which will address the daily average of six and a half hours of nonacademic screen (smart phone and computer) time use by our youth. This one hour video will be shown at the Gilford Elementary School at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, and will be followed by a discussion of the film. Appetizers will be provided for all those that attend this important presentation. Please attend this

important presentation.

In this film, physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, explores her personal struggles with her own children and family concerning social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction. With poignant and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, 'Screenagers' reveals how tech time impacts child development and offers solutions helping kids navigate the digital world and find balance. A commentary on the decrease in pa-

rental interaction with a concurrent increase of social media is discussed; and the need for a better balance between the two is addressed.

This video will also be shown to the middle school students at the Gilford Middle School.

The Gilford PTA is a group of parents who are the bridge between the students' parents and the school district. The PTA addresses parents' concerns and provides additional financial support for school activities. Sharyn Sasserson is the PTA President, and further information on

membership is available at <https://sites.google.com/a/sau73.org/pta/home>.

The Gilford Together coalition is a group of parents, community advocates, and school administrators who are addressing the issue of illicit drug and alcohol use within the community. The coalition is chaired by Rae Mello-Andrews (Gilford School Board) and Serene Eastman (NH Department of Correction), and meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Gilford Community Center conference room. The recently released report "The Voice of New Hampshire Young Adults" showed that New Hampshire youth (18 to 25 years old) have experienced "a higher rate of illicit drug dependency and abuse than other states in the Northeast and the rest of the nation." New Hampshire also is leading the country on rates of binge drinking. To read the report, go to <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas/> and scroll down to the study link.

All are welcomed to participate in PTA and Gilford Together meetings and activities, which address issues affecting our teenagers and young adults. Further activities will be the "Mock Bedroom Hid and Seek" on Feb. 16 and the "Anonymous People showing" on March 16.

bring them with you to all sessions. Please contact Stace at 528-2555 or sdhendricks@wesleywoodsnh.org for more information.

The Mission of the Belknap County Area Committee on Aging is to advocate and inform the public on matters relating to the development and implementation of local, state and federal programs / issues affecting well-being, independence and dignity in keeping with New Hampshire's goal to keep seniors healthy, helping us to realize full potential.

The Belknap County Area Committee on Aging meetings start at 10 a.m., the 2nd Friday of each month. The committee meets in the Wesley Woods Community Room off Route 11A, behind the First United Methodist Church in Gilford. All are welcome.

regularly to federal and state policies regarding Medicaid, Social Security benefits, tax laws, probate and estate laws. A regular review of how these changes will affect your retirement is a most prudent practice.

At this meeting, we will discuss how to create financial security through the following topics:

- Avoid becoming a victim of financial fraud
- How does the Medicaid 'spend-down' work and how many of my assets are at risk
- How to lessen the impact of the Social Security double-tax hit
- How to allocate investment assets with appropriate risk/safety.

This event is open to the public and free of charge. Questions are encouraged, so please write them down and

Learn how to shore up the security of your retirement at next Committee on Aging meeting

GILFORD — Belknap County Area Committee on Aging welcomes Brandon Archibald on Friday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Wesley Woods Community Room. Archibald will discuss "How to Create a Bullet-proof Wall Around your Retirement Security."

It may be more likely that the assets you've worked all your life for are likely more exposed to risk in retirement than during your working years. Protecting yourself in this ever-changing environment is imperative for your retirement to be successful.

People are living longer than ever, do you have protection in place to be sure you never run out of money? Do you know what you will be required to do if you need to enroll in Medicaid? Are you protecting yourself from fraud?

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The Gilford Police Department responded to 149 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 22-28. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Steven D. March-

and, age 28, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 23 for Second Degree Assault.

Ryan L. Richard, age 38, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 23 for Driving While Intoxicated.

Michael Costa, age 42, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 24 for Simple Assault.

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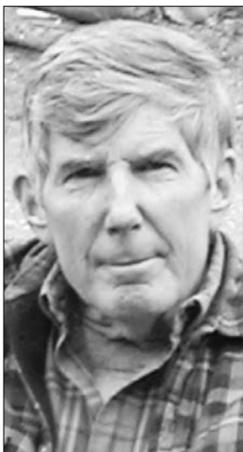
Pig Pen is the polar opposite of his Charlie Brown name, dapper, clean, neat as a pin, with a clear pristine will to find a new forev-

er home. His birthday is January 1st, shall Pig Pen not ring in the New Year still waiting in a kennel at the shelter for a new set of humans to fall in love with him.

Experienced dog owners in a cat free home is preferred, with adults who can 1st)give him a chance to thrive & 2nd)provide him a warm, safe environment to flourish and blossom into the devoted dog he was before and can be again. Merry Christmas Pig Pen, you ARE a good dog!

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

A big snowstorm? No problem: The snow roller will come along



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

As someone who lives on a country road, a question I'm sure to get before a big snowstorm is "Are you going to be able to get to town?" One implication is that I have some abiding need to get to town, which I don't, but the real implication is that my road will be impassible.

Quite the contrary. "My biggest challenge is getting from my barn to the road," is my standard reply. "The road's always in good shape." Which it is.

I have a mid-size tractor with a bucket loader, but this kind of rig is no good for clearing a big barnyard and long driveway. For this, I rely on a neighbor who plows commercially.

However, he has a long list of customers to take care of, so I al-



"The Road Roller," by Rockwell Kent (1909), depicts a snow roller and crew in a heroic scene, which was an actual fact of life on the farm.

(Right) Plows drawn by horses or oxen were cumbersome affairs, had to be weighted with rocks, and were no good in deep snow.

ways tell him "Plow me last." This is partly because I'm in no hurry to get anywhere, and partly because I want to get doorways and the outdoor furnace and woodshed all cleared out, and move the snow into his path before he gets here.

Some people from more urbane areas think I'm kidding about the road, but I'm not. During a typical extended snowstorm that promises to dump some substantial snow, I'm sure to hear the



When farm families began expecting roads to be cleared for cars and trucks, all kinds of early contraptions were tinkered up.

Thoughts from the Thrift Shop

News from the Gilmanton Community Church Thrift Shop and Food Pantry

Again, this year, the community has come together to help the Food Pantry provide food, toys, clothes & gifts to some of our less fortunate families. Thanking everyone for their generosity, whether it be the donations of toys, clothes, food, money or time.

During the month of January, the Thrift Shop will be offering all winter outerwear (jackets, coats, snow-pants & snowsuits) as well as boots and ac-

cessories at 50 percent off. We recently set up a 50 cent rack that you might want to check out. Hope to see you soon.

Donations are gratefully appreciated all year long and for your convenience there are drop off locations at the Academy building, the Year Round Library, and at the Pantry during open hours. Monetary donations may be brought to the Pantry or mailed to Post Office Box 16, Gil-

manton, N.H. 03237.

Additionally, donations of clean, gently used clothing is an asset to the Thrift Shop which in turn helps keep the pantry shelves stocked.

If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact Barbara Reed, Volunteer Coordinator, at 556-9449.

Gilmanton Food Pantry & Thrift Shop is an outreach program of the Gilmanton Community Church. Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/GilmantonCommunityChurch.

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FROM OUR READERS

Angel Tree program is another shining example of a caring community

To the Editor:

It is clear that community members in Gilford care about children. Our schools, Gilford Got Lunch!, community recreational leagues, programs offered at the Library and Gunstock, and the Community Center are all a testament to how Gilford puts kids and families first.

Angel Tree is another example of how Gilford supports its children. For about two decades, Angel Tree is a holiday program where many people and organizations support children of families in

need in the Gilford School District. The District, community members and local organizations solicit gifts for children in need, and if they have them, their younger siblings. Children request two types of gifts: items that they need (such as winter clothes) and items that they want for fun. People can go into each of the three schools in Gilford to choose a child to purchase gifts for. These people buy the items but do not know the name of the child. After the items are purchased, they are brought to the SAU, bagged, and given to the children. Some people donated cash to purchase last-minute items, wrapping paper, and gift bags. Several school staff and community members, the Gilford Fire and Police departments, individual students, student organizations, and local businesses purchased gifts and donated money for this important cause. Early Act, a student organization at the elementary school, ask for and receive donations and prepare stockings for each child. A total of 20 families with 48 children were supported by Angel Tree.

As we enter into the Christmas weekend, it is great to be a part of a community that cares and does so much for its children and families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Black swans



BY MARK PATTERSON

I suppose we have all heard the phrase "black swan event," which is a metaphor to describe an event that comes as a surprise and has a major effect. Black Swan is derived from the Latin expression coined in the 16th-Century when

the thinking was that there were no black swans, only white. But in 1697 Dutch explorers first saw a black swan in western Australia. The sighting open the door to the theories of statistical outliers happening when it was thought they could not. We tend to remember black Swan events as surprises that are typically negative such as the attacks on the World Trade Center's twin towers in 2001. While this is certainly a black swan event, so is the discovery of the Internet which I think, most people would perceive as very positive.

So how does all this relate to the management of your assets

and investments? You cannot manage or should not manage for black Swan events, but your portfolio of investments should be managed per modern portfolio theory.

Harry Markowitz wrote an essay in 1952 on modern portfolio theory. Markowitz, an economist, wrote about mean-variance analysis. These phrases are straight out of the statistics textbook and I'm sure many of you are familiar with. But it is how they are applied regarding your investment portfolio what makes them significant and extremely relevant. In the event of a black swan event you will likely

see world debt and equity markets react in an extreme manner. In 1987, black Monday saw the Dow Jones industrials lose significant amounts of value. Those who were using margin or sold near the bottom did not recover. But if you remember the bell curve, as things move away from the statistical mean or average they will in fact revert to the average.

Markowitz believed having a variety of non-correlated assets you would enhance the yield of your portfolio and reduce the risk. This is very true today if you can obtain real asset diversification. Unfortunately, what

I see all too often, are mutual funds with different names which would lead you to believe that they are diversified but often have very similar holdings in very similar asset classes. I personally have not seen an occasion where one family of mutual funds can provide true asset diversification.

In a truly diversified asset mix, not all your investments will be doing great at the same time and conversely, they will not all do poorly at the same. Bull markets in equities often give us a false sense of security and tend to make us chase the winners and shun

the laggards. Things change and go through their various cycles. Rebalancing a diverse portfolio is necessary otherwise you no longer have properly diversified asset mix. Risk and your portfolios objective will also determine the asset mix. Is growth your objective? Income? Capital preservation? All these objectives can be managed in a properly diversified mix of low fee, high value investments.

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Bank of New Hampshire doubles donations to NH food pantries

REGION — Bank of New Hampshire's seventh annual Feeding New Hampshire Food Drive collected nearly 4,500 non-perishable food items and over \$670 in monetary donations, doubling last year's totals. These donations were delivered to twenty-one local food pantries throughout New Hampshire the week prior to Thanksgiving.

"We are very thankful to those who were able to help us double our donations this year. Our partnerships with local food pantries are important to us because it allows us to have a direct impact on the community," stated Vickie Routhier, EVP - Chief Retail Banking & Marketing Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. "Being an outstanding corporate citizen is very important to Bank of New Hampshire and we are proud to do our part."

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Kathleen Elizabeth Folliard, 69

WARNER — Kathleen Elizabeth Folliard of Warner, 69, died peacefully on Dec. 24, 2016 at Hospice House in Concord after a brief but well-fought battle with lung cancer. She was a long-time resident of Laconia before falling ill and moving to Warner with her daughter.

Kathleen was born on May 28, 1947 in Englewood, N.J. to the late Samuel and Kathleen Folliard (Gallant). She was the oldest of seven children, and is survived by her brothers Robert, Jeffery and Joel and her sister, Janet Folliard.

She was preceded in death by her brothers John and Bruce Folliard.

She is also survived by her son, Justin Folliard; her daughter, Holly Klawiter; her grandson, Justin Folliard, Jr.; her grand-



daughters Marisa Quinonez and Julie Klawiter; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Kathleen worked for many years in the restaurant industry at such places as Country Fare Inn, Stone Hearth Tavern and Christopher's. The most recent restaurant she worked at was The Common Man. Afterward, she worked for many years at Innisfree Bookstore doing what she loved: sharing her passion of literature. Her love for books was only ri-

valued by her love for music, with such varied taste in music to include such bands as Led Zeppelin, Jethro Tull, Muse, and even Rammstein. It was with great sadness that Kathleen retired from the bookstore following her diagnosis with cancer, and she left this world with many great memories from there.

Calling hours for Kathleen were held on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. at Mayhew Funeral Home, Routes #3 and #104, in Meredith.

Graveside services will be held in the Middle Neck Cemetery, Moultonborough, in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to National Public Radio, your local library, or you can simply read to a child as Kathleen loved to do.

Eileen Marie Pucci, 54

TILTON — Eileen Marie Pucci, 54, a long-time resident of Tilton, died suddenly at her home, Dec. 20, 2016 following a period of failing health.

Eileen was born in Laconia, Oct. 11, 1962, daughter of the late Richard Anthony Pucci and Mary Theresa (Twombly) Pucci. She lived in Tilton and the Franklin areas for most of her life. She was a graduate of Winisquam Regional High School, class of 1980. After high school and photography school, she worked in the photography field for many years in the Concord area. She joined Franklin Savings Bank in January 1998, retiring in September 2016. At the time of her retirement, she was a Senior Personal Banker and had worked in several of the Bank's branch offices, including Bos-



cawen, Franklin, Gilford and Laconia. She also served on the Board of Tiny Twisters Day Care Center. She loved animals and supported animal care and shelters.

In addition to her parents, Eileen was predeceased by her infant brother, Michael Richard Pucci.

She leaves, her sister, Kathleen Anne Brooks of Gilmanton; brothers Anthony Joseph Pucci and his wife, Gale of Northfield, Alfred Henry Pucci and his wife Debbie

of Belmont and Thomas Arthur Pucci of Tilton.

Eileen was a beloved aunt, and great aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves longtime companions, her two cats, Loudon and Phoebe.

Calling hours were held Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the William F. Smart, Sr. Memorial Home, Franklin-Tilton Road (584 West Main St.) in Tilton.

According to her wishes, there will be a private graveside service later in the spring at the family plot in St. John Cemetery in Tilton.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions in her name to the New Hampshire Humane Society, P. O. Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247-0572.

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When You Retire, Where Can You Find Investment Income?

As an investor, your main goals will change at different times in your life. During your working years, you need to grow as many resources as possible for retirement. Once you retire, however, you will likely need to focus more on getting income from your investments. But what are your options?

There's no shortage of income-producing investments, of course. You might immediately think of bonds, which can provide regular interest payments and probable preservation of principal, provided the bonds are considered "investment grade." Still, if interest rates are low when you retire — as they have been for several years now — bonds might not provide you with as much income as you need. And just as importantly, the income you receive from most bonds won't rise over time, leaving you susceptible to inflation and the loss of purchasing power.

Consequently, you may also need to explore other types of income-generating vehicles, including dividend-paying stocks and real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Some stocks have not only paid but also increased their dividends for many consecutive years. These stocks have historically

provided the potential for rising income to help combat inflation and are typically well-run companies that strive to reward their investors. Nonetheless, you need to recognize that even these stocks are not obligated to pay you dividends, and they are free to lower or discontinue them at any time without notice.

Now, let's turn to a second type of potential income-producing asset: Real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Different types of REITs are available. For example, equity REITs invest in and own commercial properties, such as hotels and shopping centers, while mortgage REITs, as the name suggests, own and invest in property mortgages. Is one form of REIT better than another? There's no simple answer. On the one hand, mortgage REITs are considered riskier than equity REITs. However, mortgage REITs often pay quite large dividends, although the payout can be inconsistent. (Like all REITs, mortgage REITs must pay 90% of their taxable income to investors in the form of dividends. Due to this requirement, REITs generally need to raise capital to finance their growth plans, and this necessity can affect their share prices.)

Other factors, such as changing interest rates, will affect the value of mortgage and equity REITs differently. Specifically, rising interest rates will likely cause the market value of the property mortgages inside mortgage REITs to fall, whereas equity REITs, which own actual buildings, might actually benefit if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, as such a move would indicate a strong economy, more jobs and greater demand for office space. In the short term, though, even equity REITs can react negatively to an interest-rate increase. But over the long term, this movement can be offset by the benefits of earnings and dividend growth driven by a growing economy.

Clearly, there's much to think about when considering potential income-producing options such as bonds, dividend-paying stocks and REITs. Ultimately, you will need to weigh the merits and risks of these investments — including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk — and determine which of them, or which combination of them, are most appropriate for your needs.

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Lakes Region Art Gallery announces free art winner

TILTON — Ginger Wells-Kay of Belmont was the winner of the November Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) Gallery free art drawing. The framed original watercolor, "Moose," was donated by artist and gallery member, Rebecca Frame.

Wells-Kay had been to the gallery prior to registering for the drawing and had also visited the gallery when a painting class was being held. She also visited the gallery to see Elaine Morrison's special art exhibit featuring veterans, which she felt was not only "touching, but revealing and heartbreaking, as well."

Wells-Kay said she enjoys art and tries to support local artists when she can. She is al-

ways amazed at the variety, depth and breadth of the art at the LRAA Gallery, where she is often surprised to see the work of a neighbor or acquaintance whom she did not realize was an artist! She recommends that others take the time to visit the gallery to see what local artists have to offer and the talent that exists in the area. She said that, while she would love to keep the artwork for herself, she would be gifting the art to some relatives from Maine who particularly love moose.

The artist, Rebecca Frame, is an accomplished artist who has been painting in watercolor off and on since she was in high school. She enjoys retirement, which has allowed her

the time and energy to get back to painting on a regular basis. She mostly does landscapes and botanicals and enjoys doing commission work for friends. She often paints along with other area LRAA members while trying to capture the beauty of our wonderful part of the world. Frame's work is on exhibit at the gallery along with approximately 29 other exhibiting artists from the Lakes Region Art Association.

Artwork for the December art drawing, a framed photograph titled "Grey Rocks-Newfound Lake, NH," has been donated by Justin Wheeler. Wheeler is an accomplished, self-taught photographer specializing in unique and expressive landscape photography that captures the natural beauty of New Hampshire. Several of Justin's limited edition prints are on display at the LRAA Gallery as well as on his Web site, www.naturallynh.com/home.html.

Anyone interested in art, as well as a chance to win free art, should stop by the gallery to view Justin's free artwork piece which is displayed in the window. Registration slips for the drawing are available at the gallery checkout counter; no purchase is necessary to register. One registration per person, per drawing.

The Lakes Region Art Association Art Gallery, located in the Tanger Outlets (near the Customer Service office), is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA), founded in 1940, is a non-profit group providing education and support to local artists, both amateur and professional, in the Lakes Region. For more information LRAA and the gallery, see www.lraanh.org.

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Two Laconia residential communities donate to Belknap House

LACONIA — This holiday season, two local residential communities generously pitched in and donated to Belknap House.

The facility will serve as the cold-weather shelter in Belknap County for homeless families with children. A late January 2017 opening is planned. Belknap House is located at 200 Court St. in Laconia.

The South Down Shores Garden Club traditionally uses a Giving Pail at the end of each club meeting to collect donations. This month, Belknap House was the recipient. The club co-chairs, Laura Polakowski and Susan Gilchrist, presented a check in the amount of \$100 to President Colleen Garrity. South Down Shores is a large residential community on Lake Winnepesau-



South Down Garden Club Co-Chairs Laura Polakowski and Susan Gilchrist present a check to Belknap House President Colleen Garrity.



Maureen Ballister, Taylor food drive organizer, Colleen Garrity, Belknap House President, and Taylor staff members Paul Charlton, Tammy Stevens, and Cathy Landroche prepare to load the Taylor Community's 146 bags of donated groceries.

kee in Laconia. Later in December, the Taylor Community held a food drive for Belknap House. Staff members collected 146 grocery bags of non-perishable food items and necessities including paper towels

and disposable diapers. Donations of cash added up to \$570.00. Maureen Ballister, Taylor administrative assistant, was instrumental in organizing the event, with assistance from staff members Paul Charlton, Cathy

Landroche, and Tammy Stevens. She remarked that on the day of collections, Taylor Community CEO Michael Flaherty drove a bus around the community, chatting with residents and gathering the groceries. The Taylor Community is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community that prides itself in being an active, good neighbor in Laconia and the greater Lakes Region. The slogan for the community's outreach efforts is "Taylor Cares."

Belknap House is grateful for the continued support throughout Belknap County. Donations from generous area residents, businesses, and community and religious organizations sustain the shelter and are of utmost importance. To donate to the current "Open Our Doors" \$25,000 Annual Appeal, please go to www.belknaphouse.org Belknap House encourages and needs volunteers. To view the current list of volunteer opportunities, please visit www.facebook.com/belknaphouse/.

Kelley Corner School preservation project receives LCHIP grant

GILMANTON — The Lower Gilmanton Community Club, and the Gilmanton School District have received a grant of \$17,250 from the State's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to support their project to preserve and renovate the Kelley Corner School.

The Kelley Corner School was the first school authorized by the Town in 1778. It is one of two surviving public buildings in Lower Gilmanton, the first village settled in the Town. (The other is the First Baptist Church on Route 107, just north of the junction with Stage Road.) The Lower Gilmanton Community Club has leased the building from the School District since the late 1940s after schools in the Town were consolidated and it was no longer used as a school. Since then it has been



The Kelley Corner School in Lower Gilmanton, the Town's first school and its only remaining publicly owned one-room schoolhouse, will be protected and renovated with assistance from the New Hampshire Land and Community Investment Program (LCHIP).

used as a meeting place and for neighborhood events such as the Harvest Supper and educational visits by school

classes. The project to renovate the school is supported by the Gilmanton Historical Society as well as the Gilmanton School District which owns the building. Tax deductible donations should be sent to the Gilmanton Historical Society, indicating support for the Kelley School project, at PO Box 236, Gilmanton, NH 03237.

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Shopping in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire is worth every penny! Here are a few highlights:

Beautiful Scenery – While shopping in the Lakes Region check out the Mill Falls Marketplace in Meredith along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee and find a truly unique shopping experience. The Marketplace features 11 shops through-

out the resort, brick walkways, 40-foot waterfall and views of Lake Winnepesaukee. While in Meredith visit Annalee a unique doll making company that has been around since 1934. Annalee Dolls remain a New Hampshire tradition, operating out of the same picturesque town of Meredith. A holiday favorite is the Annalee Santa, mice, elves and animals collections. Hermit Woods is a small boutique winery and tasting room on Main Street in Meredith. They are known for making fruit-based wines like a kiwi wine, blueberry and other local fruits along with traditional wines. Hermit Woods is a great place to pick up some wine gifts or bottles of wine for the wine connoisseur in your family or friends. Looking for a unique shopping experience that represents hundreds of New Hampshire's finest artists



Annalee Dolls in Meredith.

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and craftspeople? Visit the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen in Meredith for pottery, jewelry, glass and much more. Also visit

the Old Print Barn of Meredith, for their collection of framed pieces of art, prints, painting and much more. Arts and Antiques

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unique and hard-to-find antiques and collectibles. You can also find many antiques and collectibles along New England's oldest antiquing trail with more than 500 dealers dotted along Route 4 Antique Alley. From there drive down Route 25 toward Ossipee and stop at the Beyond Obsessions for a beyond exceptional variety of quality fashion jewelry and accessories. Shopping for quality craft gifts and home accessories? Visit the Tramway Artisans at Tramway Marketplace in West Ossipee, with more than 70,000 gifts in their shop, there is something for everyone. Enjoy an elegant, vintage Christmas at the Castle in the Clouds this holiday season while visiting the decorated castle, Stop by the holiday Artisan Fair in their Winnepesaukee Room. This will help you get a jump start on your holiday shopping by browsing local arts and crafts.

nizations to consider making a donation to this worthwhile project," further stated Lang.

In accepting the donation, Justin Slatery, Executive Director of the Belknap EDC, stated, "We are honored to receive a donation from the Laconia Rotary Club. The Rotary Club has a long history of supporting community projects in Laconia and we appreciate their support of the Colonial Theater project." Any business or resident interested in learning more about the Colonial Theater capital campaign to contact us at 524-3057 or 609MainStreet.org."

Kids and Shopping – Shopping with children can get a little hectic especially around Christmas time. So, stop by the Kellerhaus to pick up homemade candies, gift baskets, decorations and much more, while your kids enjoy splurging on making their own ice cream sundae.

History – As you pull into the entrance of the 600-acre Shaker Canterbury Village in Canterbury, you'll be able to visit the lovely gift shop that will take you back in time and provide you with delightful timeless treasures. Admission is not required to visit the gift shops that feature items produced on site and in the spirit of the museums. You will find traditional and Shaker inspired crafts, such as oval boxes, baskets and brooms, many of which are handmade by regional artisans.

Outlets and More – Located in Tilton, Tanger Outlets offers you stylish savings on 50 brands you will SEE SHOPPING PAGE A10

Laconia Rotary Club pledges \$35,000 to Colonial Theater project

LACONIA — Recently, the Laconia Rotary Club pledged \$35,000 toward the Colonial Theater project.

Seeing the economic and community development potential for a completed Colonial Theater in Laconia, the club generously voted to financially support the project in November. Joanne Lang, President, stated, "As a long standing service club supporting the Laconia community, Laconia Rotary is proud to support



Rotary Club Board Members and Rotary President, Joanne Lang presenting a check to Randy Eifert, Belknap EDC Chairperson.

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the Colonial Theater Project. Many of our members have fond memories of the theater when it was a focal point of the downtown and look forward to at-

tending a performance there in the future! It is exciting to see the theater re-emerging as an anchor to our community. We encourage other non-profit orga-



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petition articles, though accepted the planning board's articles.

Construction plans for Potter Hill Road were scaled back after a number of road residents expressed concern that road repairs would exacerbate speed issues.

Potter Hill Road was scheduled for roadwork in 2017, especially due to drainage issues. A number of residents gave reports of people traveling that road at high speeds. Residents asked the town to return a portion to unpaved with ledge pack to deter speeders and install a speed radar sign.

After discussions between the selectmen and the Public Works Department, a decision was

made to redo the portion of the road up the hill to number 169 with ledge pack and not asphalt and install a T-intersection at the southern intersection of the road. A speed sign will also be installed on the road.

The Gilford Police Department now has body worn cameras through a deal with TASER International.

The purchase agreement with was for 18 TASER units and 18 AXON Flex body cameras for police officers. Police chief Anthony Bean Burpee said the cameras are a good idea for transparency reasons and to make it safer for the officers. He said there have not been any complaints against Gilford officers,

but considering national events it would be a good idea.

The Gilford Police Department has a new park created with a lot of community support and donations.

The park was created outside of the department's new space. It has two memorial benches, pavers, and a flagpole among other features with donations of labor and materials from individuals, families, and businesses.

The department held a special dedication ceremony for the park in November. At the dedication Bean Burpee spoke of the importance of community and of people coming together.

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Lessons will start on Jan. 7 and end on Jan. 28.

Residents of Gilford, Laconia, and Belmont can sign up for the

lessons through their Parks and Recreation Departments. People can also sign up for cross-country skiing at Piche's and at Bolduc

Park. The program will also take walk-ins.

For more information, call Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.

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\$115,000 that the Budget Committee cut from the school board's initially proposed budget. Johnson's amendment also included \$70,000 for a world language arts teacher at the elementary school.

Voters at the deliberative session passed the amendment to the budget by a significant majority, but the article failed on the ballot. As a result the budget went to the default budget of \$25,688,824.

Later in the year, the school board discussed different options to bring world languages to the school.

Kirk Beitler became the new superintendent following the retirement of Kent Hemingway.

Beitler was chosen after an extensive vetting and review process by a search committee of district personnel and community members working in conjunction with the New Hampshire School Boards Association. Beitler previously served as the assistant superintendent to the Laconia School District and was once assistant principal of Gilford High School.

Beitler and David Ryan, Assistant Superintendent of the Manchester School District, were the final two candidates but Ryan withdrew his candidacy from the position.

Gilford Elementary School now has some new building systems following a summer-long project.

In March, voters approved a \$2,242,646 bond to conduct repairs, replacement, and upgrades to GES'

mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems. The project resulted from a study that revealed many systems in the school are older, many dating to the 1960's, while some dated back to the 1930's, when the original building was built.

Over the summer crews replaced all the plumbing and fixtures in all the bathrooms in the school, including bathrooms in classrooms and the bathrooms in the hallways. Additionally the parking lots and roads around the school were repaved.

The next phase of the MEP project will be to replace and upgrade the buildings electrical and data systems, a project aimed for 2017.

The Gilford School District welcomed its new athletic director Rick Acquilano. Acquilano recently served as the associate principal of Belmont High School and has an extensive background with athletics.

Acquilano took place of retiring athletic director Dave Pinkham.

This year, GHS hosted the annual New England Music Festival. Band and chorus students came to Gilford from across New England to rehearse and perform in special concerts.

The festival ran into a major issue trying to place 200 students with host families for the weekend. Festival organizers put a call out to school districts and communities around the Lakes Region for hosts.

In the end they received an outpouring of support and found

host families in Gilford, Laconia, Gilmanton, Belmont, and Meredith. The Sutton House in Center Harbor and Fireside Inn and Suites in Gilford both offered free rooms to students and parents.

Gilford High School's robotics team scored a big win during a state competition. The weekend of March 4 through 6 the Screaming Eagles from GHS competed in the Granite State Event at Windham High School, one of the events held by the New England District of First Robotics. In the end the team was declared one of the events winners.

The 22 members of the team under the mentorship of Mike Andrews and Jackie and Chris Drever built their robot over a six-week period.

Gilford High School's drama company was declared one of two winners at the New Hampshire Drama Festival's state competition. Their performance of "Epic Proportions" also won two awards for acting and tech work and went onto the New England Theatre Festival in Connecticut.

GMS teacher Nancy Allen received the Beane-Broadhagen Award for Integrated Curriculum from the New England League of Middle Schools. Allen was given the award for her annual eighth grade class project where students will design a house and landscaping that takes into consideration site plans, environmental details, and many other real life considerations.

NOTEBOOK

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town plow rumble by at least two or three times during the night. And in the morning I could set my watch, if I wore one, by the plow coming by at 7, just before the school bus runs.

But imagine what life was like before snowplows. What if everybody all over the countryside had to wait for the snow roller?

I can practically envision younger readers rushing for their computers, to Google "Snow rollers." But that's no good, because what they'll get is a description (and photos) of a weather phenomenon in which wind-driven wet snow begins rolling downhill and forms rolls that look like muffins, or even more precisely, muffins (I have actually seen this). No, "Horse-drawn snow rollers" is what Google needs to seek.

These were basically giant wooden cylinders drawn by horses or oxen, heavy enough to pack the snow down so that horse-drawn

sleighs and pungs could travel without floundering.

But this took time, far more time than today's diesel-powered snowplows, and far-flung farm families could be cut off from the outside world for days.

In farming's heyday, schoolhouses were scattered all over the countryside, each town supporting multiple schools so that they were within reasonable walking distance for students. The stories from grandparents that teenagers rolled their eyes at, about walking three or four miles to school, were no joke, and even in winter children were expected to trudge their way through a few inches of new snow to school and back, and no argument about it. But a big snowfall was something else.

For children, being cut off from school by a big storm was a double-edged sword. In such circumstances they were expected to tackle a list of hose and

barn chores, ranging from sewing on buttons to splitting kindling to hauling heavy loads of wood and cleaning out livestock pens. Thus the alternative of school soon took on a rosy hue--an emancipation from hard work at home.

The impending arrival of the snow roller was therefore a major event, and the literature of the day is full of stories about children cut off from school, the little ones spending the days in the front room of the house, noses pressed against windows and eyes scanning the distance, waiting for the all-important arrival of the heroes on the snow roller.

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SING ALONG

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think they're excited for the holiday," Auger said.

In addition to singing, everyone was encouraged to get up and dance for a few songs, especially "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

"I love getting them up and moving," said Auger.

The sing along marked the end of a fun day before vacation.

Kids could wear their pajamas to school that day. During the day holiday parties took place in each of the classrooms. Principal Danielle Bolduc said kids were sledding down the hill by the field too.

"It's a nice way to end the day," Auger said. "I'm so glad we got to do something fun and relaxing."

Art teacher Kim

Valpey worked with the kids, helping out as part of the integrated arts program.

"They were full of spirit and loud and clear and happy as could be," said Valpey. "They had fun and they sang well."

Bolduc said the kids were all ready for vacation. She said this was a good way to kick off the season and end the year.

"I think they did wonderful," Bolduc said.

Bolduc also remarked on the number of parents who came to the sing along.

"It was nice to have some parents too to enjoy it," Bolduc said.

The fourth grade chorus has been active in the community in a number of other ways. They also performed during the Gilford Village Candlelight Stroll as well as for a group of seniors.



Kids and teachers show their best moves for "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

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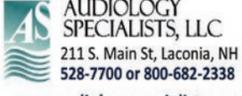
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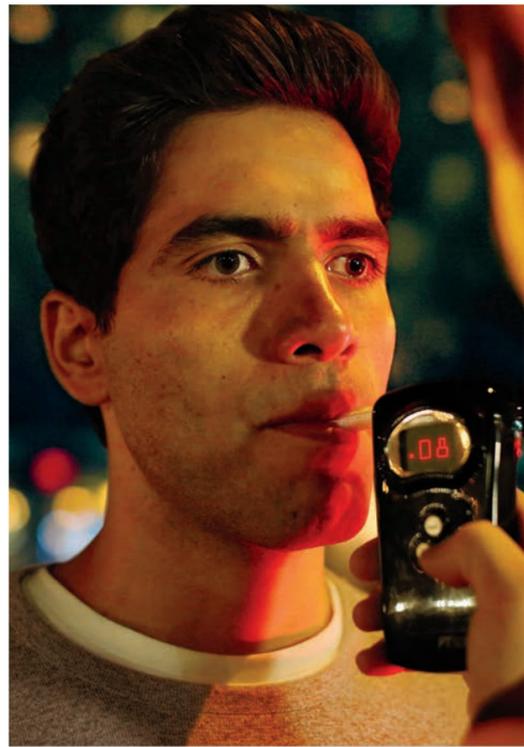
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Both Eagle squads stopped in holiday hoop semifinals

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – Not much stood in the way of a trip to the championship game for the Gilford High School boys' basketball team. Ahead by six points with 3:32 remaining in the team's semifinal game against Kingswood on Dec. 28, the Golden Eagles seemed destined for a spot in the finals and a rematch with rival Belmont High School.

But the Knights had other ideas. The Division II squad took advantage of some Gilford turnover issues, and the squad closed the game on an 11-2 run to ultimately capture a wild 58-55 victory at the 43rd annual Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament.

"I don't think I've ever experienced an ending quite like that before," admitted Gilford head coach Chip Veazey. "It was bizarre, just a major, major collapse by us. There's no way to say it other than that we had a complete mental breakdown the last few minutes of the game."

Gilford still led 53-



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford's Ethan Carrier tries to get a shot up over Kingswood's Cole Johnston in the first half of the Eagles' semifinal contest in the Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament on Dec. 28.

50 with 1:26 remaining, but a three-pointer from Kingswood's Nick Duntley tied the game at 53-53. Two free throws from Korey Weston put the Eagles up 55-53 with 59 seconds remaining, but

again, Kingswood had an answer with a pair of freebies from Patrick Meyers to tie things at 55-55.

That would be the beginning of the end for Gilford, as the Eagles



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford's Stevie Orton pulls down a rebound between a pair of Newfound players in the Eagles' semifinal loss at the 43rd Annual Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament on Dec. 28.

turned the ball over on their final three possessions without getting a shot off. Kingswood scored what wound up being the game-winner

on a layup from Cole Johnston with 34 seconds to play, and Meyers added a free throw with 17 seconds left for a 58-55 lead. Gilford had one

final chance but couldn't find a shot to its liking. The Eagles turned the ball over and Kingswood dribbled out the clock for the 58-55 victory.

"We talked at halftime about how this is a game of runs and the guys managed to stay composed against a tough Gilford team," Kingswood coach Dan Place said.

It was a huge start for the Golden Eagles, as they jumped out to leads of 14-6, 17-11 and 21-13 in the opening quarter. Playing an up and down tempo where they managed to successfully turn defense into offense, Gilford scored a good chunk of its points in transition. Big man Ethan Carrier had eight points in the first half and Branden Lemay added six in the frame, with both getting to the basket and finishing in traffic.

Weston bolstered the backcourt in the first half, finding open teammates while consistently being in key spots defensively. The Weston/Lemay duo were at the center of things when Gilford went on a big run to take a double digit advantage in the second quarter.

The Eagles led 29-13 after a 6-0 run to open the second, but Kingswood chipped away at the deficit the rest of the half. The Knights closed the quarter on a 9-0 run, pulling back within striking distance down 32-25 at intermission.

"There were a lot of positives to take from this game because we played an excellent first quarter, our best one of the year," Veazey said. "We had a lot of guys step up in this tournament."

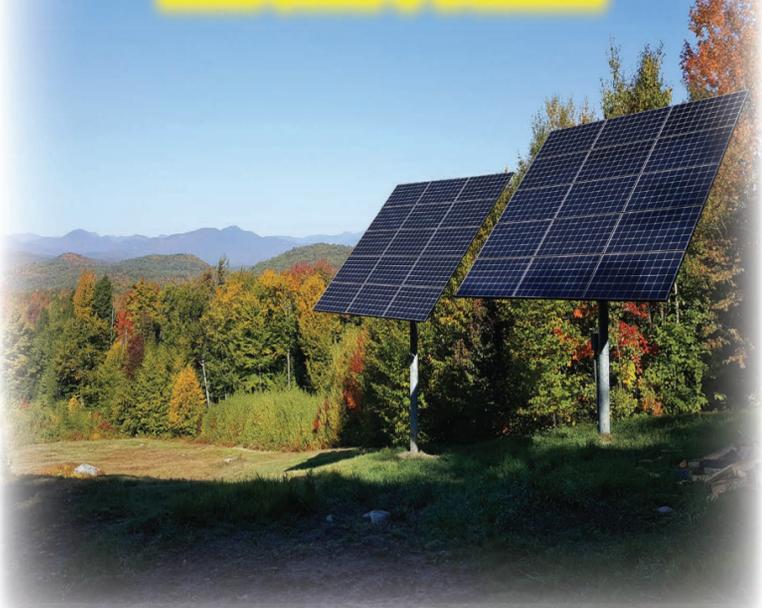
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Bulldogs edged in holiday tournament

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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NORTH CONWAY – In just a few years of existence, the Peter Hall Christmas Tournament has resulted in some tight games for the Belmont-Gilford hockey team. Last week's opener was no exception for the Bulldogs, as they forced overtime against host Kennett but ultimately fell, 3-2, in the fourth annual event held at Ham Arena on Dec. 26. The Eagles scored just 28 seconds into

the game on a shot from the slot, but it didn't take B-G long to come charging back. A failed clearance attempt that hit a player's skate stayed in the zone, and Harrison Parent managed to poke a shot past the goalkeeper with assists from Alex Muthersbaugh and Ethan Becker to tie things 1-1 with 12:14 remaining in the opening period.

Kennett took a 2-1 lead 1:01 into the second period, but B-G tied things just 1:54

into the third frame. The Bulldogs scored off a faceoff, as Chaz Hacking beat Kennett keeper Johnny Biggio to make it a 2-2 game. Hunter Dupuis earned the assist on the Hacking tally.

The game eventually moved to overtime, and despite B-G spending the first 1:52 of the extra session on the power play, Kennett managed to kill off the penalty and score the game winner with 2:13 remaining for a 3-2 victory.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Belmont-Gilford's Hunter Dupuis corrals the puck in the corner during the Bulldogs' 3-2 overtime loss to Kennett in the Fourth annual Peter Hall Christmas Tournament at Ham Arena in Conway last week.



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Sophomore defenseman Alex Muthersbaugh moves through the zone in Belmont-Gilford's 3-2 loss to Kennett on Dec. 26.

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Wernig leads Eagles at UNH

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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DURHAM – Competing against primarily bigger schools last week, the Gilford High School indoor track and field team continued its winter campaign at UNH on Dec. 26.

The boys' team was

powered to a ninth place team finish by Michael Wernig, who scored a pair of top 10 finishes on the day. Wernig was fifth overall in the 600 meters with a time of 1:35, and he added an eighth place showing in the shot put (32 feet, 9.75 inches).

Anthony Eldridge also added a top 20 showing for the Eagles in the long jump, where he was 16th overall with a top leap of 14 feet, 3.25 inches.

The girls' team also took ninth place overall, with Madison Relf's fifth place showing in the 3,000 meters the top scoring performance of the day (13:28). Katiana Gamache was busy for Gilford, taking 12th in the shot put (23-3), 14th in the long jump (12-6) and 15th in the 55 meters (8.94 seconds).

Elizabeth Relf ran to a 15th place finish in the 1,500 meters for the Eagles, crossing with a time of 6:19.

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Eagles slam Moultonborough in holiday opener, 65-30

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – For the second year in a row, it was a mismatch on the opening night of the Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Host Gilford High School steadily built a lead over the course of the 32 minutes of action, and the Golden Eagles took care of business against Division IV Moultonborough Academy, 65-30, for the second year in a row in the 43rd annual event. A year ago, Gilford also dominated in a 88-25 first round win over the Panthers.

“You want to get your guys who don’t see a ton of minutes during the season some solid time, that’s a big part of what we try and do in this tournament,” offered Gilford head coach Chip Veazey. “And fortunately, we got an early lead and were able to use a lot of guys (against Moultonborough).”

The contest opened evenly, with big shots from Nate Hudson for Gilford and Matt Norton for MA. The teams were even at 7-7 before the Eagles took off on a 9-0 run. Hoops from Patrick Carr, Ethan Carrier, Jeremy LaChance and Branden Lemay in the final 1:39 enabled the hosts to open up the 16-7 advantage.

Trailing 16-7 entering the second quarter, the Panthers did their best to hang around. Senior Connor Porusta hit a pair of three-pointers in the frame, finding the groove for a much-needed offensive jolt for MA.

Porusta would add

two more layups in the frame, as he scored all 10 of his team’s points in the second quarter.

Gilford, which had its lead cut to 22-17 with 2:52 left after Porusta’s offensive outburst, responded with a nice run before the halftime break. Lemay hit a layup, and David Hart scored four points in a row to close out the half. The Eagles took a 29-17 lead into the locker room.

“We have spurts but being able to play for an extended period of time, that’s the issue for us,” MA head coach Matt Swedberg said. “As soon as we give up consecutive runs, everything kind of starts to fall apart.”

Porusta found himself in some foul trouble in the third quarter, as he picked up his fourth personal with 5:36 remaining in the frame. His exit coincided with a big Gilford run. The Eagles opened the second half on a 18-1 run, with Mason McGonagle scoring 10 points in the stretch. McGonagle scored in a variety of ways, getting to the basket for hard-working layups and also draining a three-pointer to showcase his full arsenal of offensive weapons. The run put the Eagles well in control, holding a 47-18 advantage.

“I thought we came out in the second half and picked up the ball pressure; did things more aggressively,” Veazey lauded. “We had numerous opportunities in the first half and didn’t convert. We finished much better in the second half.”



Gilford's Korey Weston rises for a layup attempt over MA's Joey McClay in the Eagles' 65-30 victory in the opening round of the Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament on Dec. 27.

Eagles dump Moultonborough in opening round tournament tilt

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – It was certainly a daunting task for the Moultonborough Academy girls' basketball team. Opening the 43rd annual Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament with defending NHIAA Division III state champion and tournament hosts Gilford High School, the Panthers fell into an early hole and were unable to climb back on Dec. 27.

In a rematch of last year's opening round tilt that the Eagles won

by a whopping 72-22 margin, things were much more competitive in the 2016 edition. Gilford never trailed however, waltzing to a 44-22 victory to advance to the semifinals.

“Everyone contributed, everyone got a chance to play and that's what this tournament is all about for teams,” Gilford head coach Rick Forge offered. “You want to give kids an opportunity to show you some things.”

Senior Kaitlyn Van Bennekum put the Gilford lead at double dig-

its with a three-point play to open the third quarter, as she hauled in an offensive rebound and buried the put back attempt. The free throw put the Eagles on top, 25-13. Van Bennekum added another second chance basket on the team's next possession down the floor, and her quick 5-0 burst had Gilford up 27-13, forcing a timeout from MA head coach Jim Duddy.

Stevie Orton followed with a pull-up jumper, and the Eagles' 7-0 run to start the second half had them up 29-13 with 3:59 remaining in the third.

MA's Liz Eaton finally got the Panthers on the board in the second half, as she drilled a three-pointer with 3:32 left to pull within 29-16. Eaton was a bright spot in defeat for MA, as she hit several big shots on the day. Eaton showed off some much-needed range for her squad against the D-III champs.

“Going into the game, I told the girls we were going to get some open shots you just have to be able to knock them down,” Duddy said. “And Liz is a confident shooter who showed she can make some shots.”

The Eagles bumped the lead to over 20 points in the fourth, when Karly Sanborn hit a pair of layups and Lexi Boisvert also added a bucket for a 39-18 advantage.

After hoops from MA's Lauren Shipp and Kayla Galipeault offered a response, Emily Bell's three-pointer Olivia Trindade's jumper made for a 44-22 final.

“Defensively, I thought we were quick and took advantage of being able to control the tempo,” Forge said. “Our shooting wasn't good but we created a lot of shots and had a lot of great looks.”

Gilford opened the game on fire, as the Eagles stormed out to a 9-0 lead on their home floor against the Panthers. Lauren Dean, Olivia Harris, and Stevie Or-

ton all contributed offensively to the scoring spree, as it took Moultonborough until the final minute of the opening quarter to get on the scoreboard for the first time.

Senior Megan Duddy's trio of free throws put MA on the board down 9-3 with 55 seconds left, and the Panthers ended things nicely when Liz Eaton drilled a three-pointer at the buzzer to pull within 11-6 after one period.

“This was a good test for us against a top team,” Duddy said. “They're comparable to the top teams we see up north. Win or lose, it doesn't count as a loss (in the standings) so you just take what you can from a game like this and move forward.”

Gilford opened the second quarter much like it did the first however, as Orton jump-started things with four quick points, and Harris drilled a three-pointer to extend the advantage to 18-7 with 4:46 remaining before halftime.

MA freshman Lauren Shipp stopped the run with a layup after the Panthers went a span of 3:40 without scoring. Eaton added a pair of jumpers late to give her seven first-half points, but Gilford's Karly Sanborn and Taryn Breton added layups in the final two minutes to put the Eagles up 22-13 at intermission.

Gilford got contributions from nearly the entire roster, with players like Laurel Normandin, Emily Bell, Lexi Boisvert and Emily Smith all making their presence felt.

It was a much closer final than the teams' opening round game last year where the eventual state champion Eagles won by 50 points.

“That was like playing the Dream Team last year,” recalled Duddy. “This year I think if we had played smarter and done a few things better, we could've been right in the game.”

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Korey Weston of Gilford goes in hard to the basket during semifinal action against Kingswood last week.

For host Gilford, there was no climbing back in the semifinals of the event, watched as Newfound stormed out to a 15-2 lead. Savannah Bony hit a pair of three-pointers early, and Ashlee Dukette scored nine points in the opening quarter to spur the Bears to the hot start. Newfound led 20-8 after one frame.

The lead grew to 26-12 at halftime, as Gilford managed just four points in the second quarter – two free throws from Stevie Orton and a jumper by Olivia Trindade.

Newfound continued to roll in the third quarter, improving the lead to 31-14 with 5:12 to play. But the Eagles put

game for us.”

Gilford, the defending champions of the event, together their best run of the night in response. Lauren Dean started with a layup, and Orton followed with another basket. Freshman Shelby Cole came through with a huge three-pointer to get the hosts back within 31-21, and back-to-back oops from Lexi Boisvert and Olivia Harris had the Eagles within 31-25 with 2:44 remaining in the third.

The 11-0 run gave Gilford newfound hope, but the game of big runs continued with the Bears responding yet again. This time it was a 10-0 run to close the quarter, using a pair of three-pointers in the waning 30 seconds to regain control up 41-25.



Gilford's Lexi Boisvert pulls up for a jumper in her team's 50-39 loss to Newfound on Dec. 28.

The Eagles outscored Newfound by a 14-9 margin in the fourth, but the margin never reached single digits en route to the 50-39 final.

It was a big tournament for Cole, who made her mark on the varsity lineup after being called up from JV. She hit a trio of three-pointers, finishing with nine points on the night.

“It was a breakthrough tournament for the (Cole),” Forge offered. “She got her feet wet and played some quality minutes for us. We were able to see her under pressure situations and that'll only help going forward into the rest of the season.”

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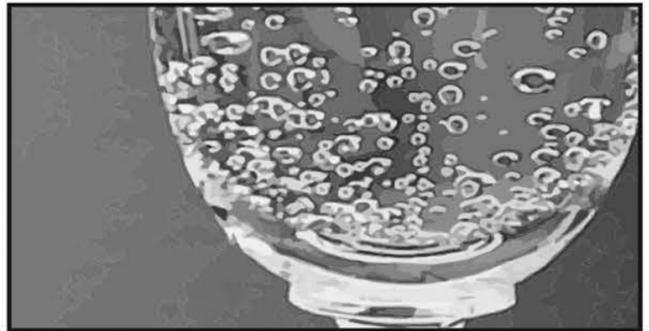
Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase

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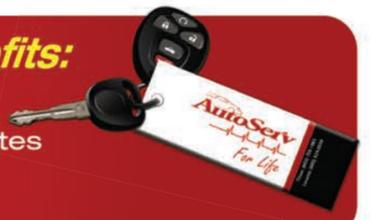
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