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Pub Mania raises \$276,267 for Children's Auction

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GILFORD — A full 24 hours of barstool sitting, fun, and hard work for Patrick's Pub and Eatery's annual Pub Mania raised more than \$276,000 for children across the Lakes Region.

From 9 a.m. on Thursday through 9 a.m. on Friday, 31 teams and a lot of other helpers and supporters rallied inside Patrick's for the seventh annual Pub Mania, a benefit for the Children's Auction of the Greater Lakes Region.

For 24 hours, each team had at least one representative sitting on a stool at the bar. With each of the 31 teams having 24 members, more than 744 people took part in the event.

In the past seven years Pub Mania has raised \$1.037 million for the Children's Auction. When all the numbers were totaled, the Pub Maniacs presented a

check for \$276,267 for this year's event.

Patrick's co-owner Allan Beetle announced during the Children's Auction finale that the theme for this year starting at the team captain's meeting was "Game on!"

"Pub Mania happens in the spirit of the Children's Auction, it would not be the same for anyone else," Beetle said.

Beetle described Pub Mania as a "24-hour celebration for the work that's gone on all the past year."

Normally 30 teams take part, but there was one extra this year; two teams moving into the place of one team that had dropped. Pub Mania had four new teams this year: Gunstock, Laconia Harley Davidson, Fusion, and the Ladies of the Lakes. Beetle said Laconia Harley Davidson's team raised \$6,800 and owners Ann and Steve Deli then matched that amount.



Pub Mania teams unveil a check for \$276,267 at the finale of the Children's Auction.

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Beetle especially recognized all the team captains who have put in so much effort for Pub Mania.

"It's really the team captains that lead this thing," Beetle said.

The teams will fundraise throughout the

year. Beetle said teams will solicit donations from friends, family, businesses, colleagues, and many more through

the year.

The event started at 9 a.m. on Thursday with opening ceremonies and SEE **PUB MANIA** PAGE A10



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Gilford Middle School performers rehearse for their coming production of "Legally Blonde, Jr."

Gilford Middle School getting ready for 'Legally Blonde'

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GILFORD — Gilford Middle School students will share Elle Woods' unexpected journey to become an attorney in the coming musical "Legally Blonde, Jr."

The show is based on the Broadway production of the Reese Witherspoon film of the same name, this version adapted for younger audiences.

"It's a fun show, the music's really hip and modern," said director Matt Demko.

Demko said one of the things that stood out about this show was its number of female leads. He said there are a lot of talented girls who are part of this cast who he wanted to utilize as much as possible. While many shows do not have a lot of lead female parts, Demko said this one does and was a good

option.

Demko said this show is a break from a string of, in his words, "Disney princess" based shows. He said he wanted to do something a bit more hip and contemporary.

"It sends a really good message that you can overcome obstacles and really do stuff despite what people think," Demko said.

Typically the middle school productions are double-cast with different shows with different casts. This time there are two separate productions for the fifth and sixth graders and the seventh and eighth graders.

"We have talent across all four grades," Demko said.

There are a total of 34 speaking roles in the show and a number of ensemble scenes, which Demko said utilizes all SEE **LEGALLY BLONDE** PAGE A8

Proposed transfer station costs contested

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GILFORD — A conceptual design for two possible options for a solid waste facility was presented to the selectmen, though a representative with the Gilford Solid Waste Committee says the proposed cost is way too high.

On Wednesday Paul Schmidt, project engineer for CMA Engi-

neers of Portsmouth, presented the conceptual plans for two possible designs of a new solid waste facility to the board of selectmen.

Gilford residents utilize the Laconia Transfer Station for management of solid waste and demolition and debris materials. The town does have a dual stream recycling facility, separating corrugated cardboard

from other recyclables.

In October of 2015 the solid waste committee recommended that the town contract with an engineering firm for conceptual design, permitting assessments, and cost estimates to make the current recycling facility into a full transfer station. In March voters approved an article for \$45,000 toward

this study.

Schmidt said he met with Public Works director Peter Nourse and his staff as well as meeting with the solid waste committee three times. Schmidt did an evaluation of possible facilities improvements through his work with the staff and the committee.

Schmidt said that in 2015 Gilford residents SEE **TRANSFER** PAGE A8

Candlelight Stroll brings warm cheer to a cold night

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GILFORD — The temperatures were frightful, though crowds still had a delightful time at the annual Gilford Village Candlelight Stroll.

For two hours on Saturday night Belknap Mountain Road from Potter Hill Road to Gilford Elementary School was blocked off to cars, allowing a heavy traffic flow of feet and even hooves.

A number of different holiday-themed activities went on during the evening at a number of different locations, including a number of private homes. Temperatures were in the mid-teens, though a number of people still came out bundled in multiple layers. Visitors could also get warmed up in buildings and from the bonfire



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Members of the Gilford High School Chorus go caroling during the Candlelight Stroll.

at Village Field set up by the Gilford Fire Department and then meet Santa Claus.

"For the low temperatures, it's wonderful people still have come out and are here," said Candlelight Stroll Committee chair Dee Chitty. Guests could enjoy

singing by members of the Gilford Elementary and High School Chorus. Heritage Farms offered carriage rides through the village.

Chitty and Geoff Ruggles both wore period costumes and went up and down the road as town criers.

Chitty Ruggles said she especially liked the community getting together for this time of year.

"It's wonderful for everyone to see each other and say Merry Christmas," Chitty Ruggles said.

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

GILFORD — 'Cozy.' What a cozy word. Reading cozy things makes me think of fireplaces, warmies and knit clothing. If you are reading this in front of a warm hearth with a shawl and some tea cakes then pay attention to the newest releases in cozy reads. If you are frowning because it snowed again and anyway today is the worst, come back next week. You can only read cozy things when you feel cozy, otherwise it comes off as contrived, utopian, or unfulfilling. Manics that can't feel cozy shouldn't even try. You also have to be optimistic, but not so optimistic that you can read something without the guarantee of a happy ending. These are safe reads, though they have more nuance than people give them credit for.

Nothing says cozy like Debbie Macomber's annual Christmas story. This year, 'Twelve Days of Christmas' has been as popular as ever. The subtle subtitle, 'a Christmas Novel,' is there to make sure you get what's going on. I could explain that a bubbly lady tries to share her boundless happiness with those around her, even her tall, dark, handsome, and brusque neighbor. I could explain that they gradually, and 'surprisingly' fall for each other, but a secret gets out and they have a quick misunderstanding before living happily ever after. I don't have to explain that because books like these are redundant. They are redundant in the same way a second helping of vanilla ice cream is redundant. They are redundant in the way that your spouse tells the story you like every time you meet with friends. They are as redundant as this paragraph.

Janet Evanovich's 'Turbo Twenty Three' isn't that different from the other 22, but no expects it to be. When I read the 15th book of the Dresden Files, I expected Harry Dresden to explain that the stakes are really high this time, and then watch as he burns down buildings and feels remorse, again. The real cleverness

is in the titles. It's a hobby to play book title or nonsense phrase with cozy mysteries. Which of the following are book titles? 'Hooking for Trouble,' 'Drowned by Earl Grey,' 'Egg Drop Dead,' 'The Glow of Death,' 'Death by Darjeeling.' The only one I made up was 'Drowned by Early Grey,' which will probably be taken in a few years. Laura Childs wins the contest with her newest release, 'Egg Drop Dead' and her classic 'Death by Darjeeling.' Jane Cleland's new release is 'The Glow of Death.' Some others from this Fall with more mundane titles are 'Family Tree' by Susan Wiggs and 'The Wish' by Beverly Lewis.

If you enjoy cozy reads, some other new releases may be interesting even if they aren't strictly cozy. Jojo Moyes has been enormously popular and she released 'Paris for One and Other Stories' to add to her series. Jeffrey Archer also released another book in his Clifton Chronicles called 'This Was a Man.'

Grab a cozy read, some hot chocolate or tea, and a shall. It's the best time of year to snuggle with a book.

Classes and special events

**Dec. 15 to Dec. 21
Thursday, Dec. 15**

Brown Bag Book Discussion, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Best Book Sharing. Kayleigh Mahan will lead the annual sharing of the best books you have read in 2016. Please be prepared to share 2-3 titles of the books you read this year that stayed with you, changed your life or opened windows into another world.

Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Conversational French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Elementary Gingerbread house building, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Elementary aged students are invited to sign up for this year's Gingerbread house building.

Evening Book Discussion, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Best Book Sharing. See above.

Friday, Dec. 16

Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m. Holiday cookie decorating for teens, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Rescheduled time. Show off your decorating talents at our holiday cookie workshop for fifth grade +. Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Evening line dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come to Fiber Friends for a chance to work on your fiber crafts. Rug hooking, latch hooking, quilting, needle felting, and any other fiber crafts are welcome to join in.

Special Storytime with Karel Hayes, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Karel Hayes, the wonderful children's book illustrator who

brought us the pictures for New Hampshire favorites like The Witches and The Weirs will be here for a special story-time and project for her new book, Santa's Tatty Old Boots. Sign up required.

Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Teen Early Release Movie, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Come to the Teen Room at the library during early release for a movie and popcorn.

Elementary Early Release Santa's Workshop, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Elementary aged students are invited to sign up for this year's Santa's Workshop.

Farm-fresh produce still available at Gilford Farmer's Market

GILFORD — There may be snow on the ground but it is still possible to purchase fresh produce at the Gilford Farmer's Market held at the Gilford Youth Center in Gilford on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thanks to their greenhouses, Beans and Greens in Gilford have many varieties of lettuces and greens, along with squashes and beets. They also offer chicken that is GMO free, along with pork and beef, plus eggs from their free roaming hens. If you are looking for a practical gift, they offer gift cards for medium and small sized gift baskets that can be filled with either produce or meats. If you have relatives who do not need more "things," this could be a very helpful gift. They usually alternate coming with Winnepesaukee Woods Farm since they both offer a similar wide assortment of produce that they both grow in their greenhouses.

Our Place Farm in Loudon also offers a wide variety of healthy beef products, their cattle were grass fed and their pork was also pasture raised, all drug free, as are their chickens. They also offer suet bird feeders that are made by their six year old daughter.

At the Stage Road



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Some of the fresh produce offered by the farmers at the Gilford Farmer's Market at the Gilford Youth Center. It will be open on Saturday, December 17th and December 31st, from 9:00 am. to noon.

Farm Stand from Gilman Iron Works, you can also find mixed greens, radishes, potatoes, squashes, along with apple cider, sweet breads and their special cinnamon and cranberry applesauces.

Picnic Rock Farms from Meredith also offers a variety of goods and produce, they still have some of the tastiest apples, try one and you will want to buy more. They also have maple syrup, eggs, jellies and pastries.

Some of the farmers took a week or so off, but they are now back. If you want food that you know is healthy, come and see what they have to offer.

If you want a tasty treat for yourself, come to the Double Ranch table and see all the Italian cookies that are offered. Marie has handmade Sicilian cannolis and she will fill them to your or-

der while you watch.

If, after going to all the craft fairs, you realize you still need a gift or two, come and see what our craftspeople have to offer. Art Sweatt from Gilford has unique pens that can last a lifetime as the ink cartridge replacements may be bought at Staples. For the sportsman, give a pen with a fly fishing, hunting, or sports motif; he also has beautiful pens that any woman would be delighted to use.

Emma Chase Designs from Salisbury offers a wide variety of jewelry, many necklaces and earrings to choose from. Good quality and beautiful.

If you are looking for items to give at a Yankee Swap or as a Secret Santa gift, come to Andrea's Quilted Kitchen table and you will find a wide variety of placemats, potholders, and hot pads. If

someone is interested in yoga, her yoga potholders have been a popular seller.

At the Big Bag and Under Things table you will find the perfect items for those interested in sports, there are wine bags/holders, insulated washable lunch bags, all with a sports motif, plus many other items.

Sue Harris of Gilford has many quilted Christmas items, such as place mats and runners that will give your table that special festival look, they are one of a kind so no one else will say, "I have that same runner on my table." The same can be said for her fabric art postcards (with envelopes). She also has a few wall hangings still available, along with the warmest double layer mittens.

The Gilford Farmer's Market at the Gilford Youth Center will be open Dec. 17 and Dec. 31, from 9 am. to noon. Come and see what healthy items the farmers of the area are offering and what our craftspeople have to offer.

The proceeds benefit the Youth Center; if you buy a cup of coffee and a Brother's Doughnut those proceeds benefit the Rowe House Restoration project to replace the roof with new wood shakes.

Gilford Parks and Recreation offers wide variety of activities

BY HERBERT GREENE

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GILFORD — The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Dec. 19. They will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. for breakfast and a movie. They will be watching the holiday comedy "Trapped in Paradise," starring Nicolas Cage, Dana Carvey and Jon Lovitz. The movie and coffee are free of charge. They will also have breakfast available for anyone interested at \$2 per person, which will include breakfast sandwiches and hash brown patties. So please join in to watch this holiday classic. Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 15.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the Parks and Recreation Office 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, and will continue through Jan. 28 (in the event a day is cancelled 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, 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 Strides weekly walking program on Wednesday mornings

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Center are co-sponsoring a weekly walking program for senior adults on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Gilford Youth Center. Participants can track their progress or just walk for fun and socialize with friends. There will be plenty of chairs available to take a break as you wish and coffee, tea and water will be provided. A \$2 donation is suggested and fees will go towards monthly raffles and prizes.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 15

The Gilford and Belmont 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 for upper level balcony seats and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and tickets to the game. The deluxe motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 5 p.m. and the Belmont Park and Ride-share (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. The 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 website at www.gilfordrec.com.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. The Whistler by John Grisham
2. Night School by Lee Child
3. Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
4. Cross the Line by James Patterson
5. Turbo Twenty Three by Janet Evanovich
6. No Man's Land by David Baldacci
7. This Was a Man by Jeffrey Archer
8. The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly
9. Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks
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Children's Auction raises over \$489K

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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REGION — Holiday generosity was alive and well throughout the region, bringing in more than \$489,000 for the Children's Auction of the Lakes Region.

The auction started on Tuesday and went through Saturday afternoon. A number of different items and services were donated for the auction benefiting organizations across the region.

On Saturday afternoon the final total for this year's auction was \$489,435.

Board member Mike Seymour said every year they want to raise more than they raised the previous year, though figures like this set the bar high.

"To come in again at 20 grand more than what we did last year is both frightening and exciting at the same time," Seymour said.

This is the second year the Children's Auction has existed as its own organization.

"For us to still reach these kind of numbers is a testament to everybody's commitment to the process," Seymour said. "It's emotional, it's draining, but it makes it well worth all the work."

Auction chair Sandy Marshall said these numbers are a testament to the community.

"We're a very unique community," Marshall said. "I don't think there's a lot of communities that put this much engagement."

This year the Children's Auction had to find a new home after the closing of the Lake Opechee Conference Center in Laconia. The auction moved to Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford.

Seymour said the move worked really well and Marshall said the new venue was great.

The Children's Auction set is designed to be collapsible and can be adjusted to fit in different spaces. Seymour also said Jim Contigiani of Contigiani's Catering was really great to the auction.

Seymour said they realized while going through the insurance process how much they do with so little. They do not have any employees or their own equipment and everything is done on a volunteer basis. He said this means that, compared to a number of

other non-profits, all of the pie chart goes to the cause. He said this is what makes this process especially unique.

One of the biggest contributors to the auction was Pub Mania at Patrick's Pub and Eatery. Patrick's co-owner Allan Beetle is also a Children's Auction board member. Beetle said he is aware of the effort that goes on to make the Children's Auction possible.

"I think all of us feel the same way, how this event has enriched all our lives, all the friends we've made," Beetle said. "It's been an amazing journey."

During the finale Beetle thanked the many people who work at the Children's Auction and make everything possible.

"I don't think it meets the need that's out there," Beetle said. "We're trying to do more to meet that need."

Beetle also said he wants to make it easier for people to make cash donations online.

The money raised will go to a number of different organizations across the Lakes Region. The auction's distribution committee reviews each application and prioritizes each need from immediate needs to longer term projects.

Funds will be distributed as early as this week. On Wednesday checks for the Process A requests, those representing the most immediate need, will be handed out at a presentation at Lakes Region General Hospital. Seymour said they anticipate all the funds, from



Board members and supporters of the Children's Auction of the Greater Lakes Region celebrate the announcement of the final numbers.

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the most immediate needs to those for longer term needs, will be distributed by the end of January.

Seymour said that amount is a large sum of money, but it is only a small amount compared to the need.

"Just from the applications we see, it's not enough to meet the need of the greater Lakes Region," Seymour said.

Marshall asked that people not stop contributing, because the need is there all year long.

"The need in this community is so huge, there's such a need in all of the Lakes Region," Marshall said.



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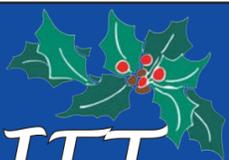
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Put a little love in your heart

Alongside the bright red ribbons, boughs of holly, and countless images of Jolly old Saint Nick that seem to greet us everywhere we go during the holidays, those of you who have braved the malls or, better yet, stayed closer to home and browsed the shops in your own community this season have likely encountered another iconic holiday image in your travels — the dedicated volunteers who bundle up and brave the chilly air to collect donations for organizations such as the Salvation Army.

These hearty souls can be seen everywhere, from their traditional outpost on Main Street in Laconia to the entrance of the recently re-modeled Wal-Mart supercenters in Gilford and Tilton. Always seeming to be ready with a cheerful greeting and a warm smile for the crowds of shoppers who file past them every day, their presence serves as an important reminder to all of us that now, more than any other time of year, is the time to turn our thoughts toward the less fortunate among us ... and that sometimes, the greatest gift of all can be a helping hand in a time of need.

With the continuing cloud of economic uncertainty causing many of us to tighten our belts more than usual when it comes to our holiday shopping in recent years, and the stress of dealing with family dysfunction or traveling away from home for the holidays occupying our thoughts, it can be all too easy to forget that times are that much harder for those who have been victimized by the stagnant economy of the past few years. Right here in our own backyard, there are a great many families who have fallen on hard times, often through no fault of their own, and who have nowhere left to turn for help but the generosity of strangers.

Fortunately, there are no shortage of charitable organizations throughout the area that are prepared to meet the growing demand for assistance, but only with the support of their respective communities. So as they rush around this season grabbing those last-minute stocking stuffers or that much sought-after game system, we encourage our readers, as we do every year at this time, to think of their fellow man and put a little love in their hearts (as Jackie DeShannon once sang) and remind themselves of the true meaning of the season by offering a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it be through a donation of canned goods to the Lakes Region Food Pantry in Moultonborough; a monetary gift to the Tilton-Northfield-Sanbornton Christmas Fund; a donation of used clothing to the Goodwill or Salvation Army thrift stores in Laconia and Belmont; a shopping trip to fulfill the wish list at Bristol Community Services; a donation in support of the annual Keep The Heat On fundraiser in Plymouth; or simply by slipping a handful of bills into one of the bright red Salvation Army coffers manned by those spirited, bell ringing volunteers, remember that it may only take a small amount of effort to make the season bright for a neighbor in need.



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Strolling along

Horses from Heritage Farm pull along visitors to the Candlelight Stroll in Gilford last weekend.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Every once in a while, a ride up through history



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

By choice, my way home from Concord one day last week was up the old Route 3, the Daniel Webster Highway, which runs from the Massachusetts state line to the Canadian border at Pittsburg.

Which is, by the way, New Hampshire's only (legal) international crossing.

This is not to say that there is smuggling going on along the northern New England frontier. To more or less quote from the movie "Casablanca," "What -smuggling going on here?" (blows whistle). "Round up the usual suspects."

I'd taken Kevin Shyne, my partner at Camp No-Name on Unknown Pond, down to the airport at Manchester.

Now, that was a trip, on a Monday of snow and sleet. Manchester is a full three hours from my doorstep, and I fear naught for the geography or the weather, but am on full alert for the other hazards of the road, meaning people.

And so we slowly maneuvered our way around state police handling skids off the highway or into the center strip, and out of my truck and into his hotel went Kevin, his first steps toward the West Coast.

And I turned for



JOHN HARRIGAN

IN CONCORD, the middle of Main Street is a pretty safe place to be, if only long enough to shoot a frame or two.



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A FEW steam locomotives like this one escaped the breakers and wound up as static museum pieces, most left out exposed to the elements.

home.

Back onto the old Route 3, I crossed the Concord rail yards. Sixty years earlier, riding in my grandfather Merton White's car, I'd seen those yards from the Bridge Street crossing, with scores and scores of steam locomotives parked there awaiting transit to the scrapyards at Billerica, Mass., a sight I'll never forget.

When I was a young boy, spending summers with my Harrigan grandparents in Lisbon, my grandfather Carl was nearing the end of his 47 years with the Boston and Maine, culminating as track

section foreman, and so the Lisbon train station was my home just down the hill from home. And of course because I was Pa Harrigan's grandson, the station crew and hangers-on spoiled me rotten.

But I got to witness the end of the age of steam, there at the Lisbon station, where seven of those huffing, chugging, hissing monsters rolled in each day, most hauling freight, but some still passengers.

And then almost overnight they were gone, collected from all over the Northeast and sent to the breakers.

I stopped along Concord's Main Street, which has undergone a wonderful renovation that makes the city's downtown more pedestrian-friendly yet.

Concord has always had a well-earned reputation for respecting pedestrians, and now the downtown's vehicular traffic is narrowed into one lane either way, with a beautiful center strip that appears to mimic the old trolley lines.

Above Concord, the old Route 3 is, well, the old Route 3. Lots of abandoned tourist cabins, lots of stories of old.

But then, long before the age of tourism, there was the agrarian past.

I looked, again, at the so many library, school, mill and industrial buildings, and the incredible houses. Such architectural magnificence. They were built on faith in a system, the grass-based agrarian way of life people thought would last forever.

And so on I went, up through Pembroke, Boscawen, Bristol and north, to what was once called the way back up of beyond, my home.

This column runs in weekly newspapers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire from Concord to Lower Quebec and parts of western Maine and northeastern Vermont. Letters must include the writer's telephone numbers and town. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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PTA on the rise in Gilford School District

Organization supports students in all grades

GILFORD — The Gilford District Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which serves the three town schools, Gilford Elementary, Gilford Middle and Gilford High Schools has been around since the mid-1980s. Affiliated with the better-known National PTA and a fully sanctioned N.H. non-profit charitable association separate and apart from the schools, it has long supported the extra efforts undertaken to improve and enrich the education of all students in the Gilford district. According to Merry Jeffreys, a past-president of the association, "Something that makes the Gilford PTA unique is that there is only one PTA for the entire district, including the high school whose students come from both Gilford and Gilmanton. While there are other booster and club organizations in town that support children who participate in certain activities, our PTA is devoted to empowering families and advocating for all our children."

Benefiting from a groundswell of recent support from private and corporate donations, Gilford PTA recently hosted a Rock 'n Roll and Fall Extrava-

ganza at Bank of NH Pavilion at Meadowbrook attended by families, staff, teachers and administration mingling together to raise money for support and sponsorship of qualifying children wishing to attend the elementary summer camp, as well as all of the exciting opportunities to be offered to students in grades K-12 this year and in the future. Fundraising Chairperson and Event Coordinator Virginia Johnson explained that this type of fall fundraiser was a new idea for Gilford. It was piloted on a smaller scale last spring to test the waters for what kind of support such an event would garner. Fresh on the heels of a sold-out event last spring, Johnson hit the ground running this year with a much more expansive event hosting more than 100 supporters for dinner, dancing to live music and fundraising through both live and silent auctions. "It was a resounding success," noted current PTA President Sharyn Sasserson. "Sasserson has been with the PTA for eight years and is excited for the possibilities this kind of community support will bring to town."

"It was impressive to



GILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — COURTESY PHOTO

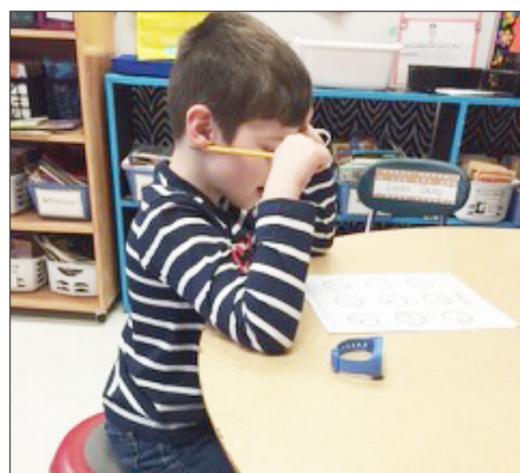
Mrs. Anderson's first grade class learns about boundaries and personal space on a specially designed rug, which outlines where children should sit to meet expectations during story and instruction time, provided by funding from Gilford District PTA.

see the support from the different Lakes Region businesses that donated items for the auction and then the community members and their willingness to bid on those items was fun to witness," noted SAU 73 Superintendent Kirk Bietler, "who went on to thank everyone who participated in any way."

Johnson elaborated that, "The intent of the renewed efforts from PTA is so that grants can be offered to support the dynamic educational efforts made in the district, as well as to partner with other organizations to support families with issues that matter to them most." In that vein, a School Safety Night was held

on Dec. 6 covering safety concerns and emergency preparedness, as well as volunteer training and review of the district's bullying policies. The PTA has also been able to support grant requests from the elementary and middle schools. The Reflections Arts Recognition Program is also under way now through January, and a Winter Fun Night is being planned, which will include snowshoeing and sledding for elementary and middle school children that will coincide with the annual One School One Book selection. The annual spring poetry competition will be held in April and May, along with other various parent information nights on relevant family topics throughout the year, including guest presenters on topics including stress/anxiety in students and substance abuse and how families can recognize the signs.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible



GILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — COURTESY PHOTO

A second grader uses a "wobble ball" designed to encourage subtle bouncing/rocking movements without getting up from his seat, which studies have shown improves academic performance, provided by funding from Gilford District PTA.



GILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL — COURTESY PHOTO

Older middle schoolers enjoy playground balls provided by P.T.A. to support quality and productive recess time, provided by funds from Gilford District PTA.

donation to support making every child's potential a reality, PTA volunteers will be happy to hear from you. Further information is available on the PTA web site, <https://sites.google.com/a/sau73.org/pta/home> or by e-mailing GilfordDistrictPTA@gmail.com.

LRPA After Dark to present A Christmas Without Snow

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Dec. 16 and 17) for the "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1980's made-for-TV Christmas movie "A Christmas Without Snow," starring Michael Learned and John Houseman.

Zoe Jensen (Learned) moves to San Francisco to restart her life after her divorce. She joins a local church choir in hopes of connecting with new people, but runs into personality conflicts with the gruff, demanding choirmaster Ephraim Adams (Houseman), who has been hired to whip the choir into shape to perform Handel's Messiah for a Christmas concert. Zoe struggles to find a job, a home, and her way in this new life. In the meantime, the viewer meets many members of the choir who are working through their own issues, including racism, ageism, single parenthood, and change. Will the choir overcome these obstacles to perform at the Christmas concert? "A Christmas Without Snow" is very rarely seen tele-movie that celebrates the season — and life — with warmth, heart and humor. So grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this wonderful holiday treat.

Be sure to join in on Dec. 23 and 24 for 1944's "Christmas Holiday," starring Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly. On Christmas Day, LRPA be supplementing its regular Sunday pro-

gramming with a day of family-friendly holiday movies, shows and cartoons starting at 5 a.m.

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

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a non-profit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers

in the member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via LiveStream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower community members to produce content that fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas, encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and unites its communities through the power of media and technology.

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Thomas P. Sellew, 62

LOCHMERE - Thomas P. Sellew, 62, passed away peacefully after a long and courageous battle with COPD and lung cancer.

He was born on March 21, 1954, the adopted son of the late Philip G. and Sara A. (MacDonald) Sellew of Natick, Mass. and the biological son (nee Eamon Dennis Keyes) of the late Monsignor David Montaigne and Elinor Keyes, both from Brighton, Mass.

Tommy, to those who knew him, had an imposing presence, a larger-than-life personality and a very big heart. Originally from Natick, Mass., Tommy was educated at Marian High in Framingham, Mass. and at Litchfield Prep in Connecticut.



cut. He went on to be a front-door fixture at several Massachusetts clubs and for years at the Gunstock Ski Resort, where he greeted patrons with a warm smile and a keen eye. He was equally adept at being gracious as he was at taking on groups of drunk bikers. Tommy was also known for his candid and lively letters to the editors to the local papers. In ad-

dition to being charismatic, upbeat and outspoken, Tommy also had a tender heart. For years, he took care of a wheelchair-bound, totally-dependent man who lived with them - with great care and genuine compassion.

Tommy is survived by his devoted wife Lois, with whom he enjoyed a 27-year roller coaster love affair held together by respect, trust, teamwork, patience and forgiveness. He is also survived by his brother, Jon and wife Helen of Sherborn, Mass.; his sister, Ann Ladner of Holden, Mass.; a number of nieces and

nephews including Jason Sellew of Roswell, Ga. and his two sons, Nick and Tony, along with many friends and acquaintances. While Tommy's spirit lives on in our hearts, he will be greatly missed, especially by his loving wife Lois and me, his brother Jon.

Calling hours were held Friday, Dec. 9, at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A prayer service followed at 7 p.m., also at the funeral home.

Burial will be private.

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

Fern M. Sturgeon, 91

PLYMOUTH - Fern M. Sturgeon, 91, of 1316 River Road, died Sunday, Dec. 4, at Lakes Region General Hospital.

She was born on July 31, 1925 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Harry and Alida Landry. Fern worked for a number of years as a sales clerk for many companies, such as for The Fabric Store, Baker's Remnant Store, G&G's and House of Fabrics. She also worked for a short time for Franklin Brush. She enjoyed sewing and trips to the ocean.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Morgan of Australia and Debra LaCroix of Plymouth; one brother, Roger Landry and his wife Gail of Bel-



mont; her Goddaughter, Stephanie Landry and her son, Keith of Belmont; four grandchildren, Eric LaCroix, Joshua LaCroix, Danielle Rowe and Megan Ikenberg and five great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, William Sturgeon in 2013.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian

Burial will be celebrated at a later date at St. Andre Bessette Parish - St. Joseph's Church in Laconia.

Burial will be in the family lot at Union Cemetery in the spring.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

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

Lorentz named new Executive Director of Land Trust

LACONIA — Carmen Lorentz will be the new Executive Director of the Laconia Area Community Land Trust starting in January. Lorentz will succeed founding executive director, Linda Harvey, who is retiring in May after 24 years.

A Lakes Region native and resident of Belmont, Lorentz is currently serving as Director of the Division of Economic Development at the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. She was appointed by Gov. Hassan in 2014, and was responsible for the division's first-ever strategic plan, which resulted in new marketing initiatives for the state and new economic development services being offered to local communities and organizations.



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Carmen Lorentz

Prior to serving at the state level, Lorentz was Executive Director of the Belknap Economic Development Council.

"I am excited to contribute my skills and experience to the Land Trust's mission of providing high-quality, permanently affordable housing in the Lakes Region," said Lorentz. "Affordable housing is an essential element of both community and workforce development, fields in which I have a lot of experience and about which I am truly passionate."

Lorentz and Harvey will work together for the first few months to ensure that the transition goes smoothly.

"We are thrilled to welcome Carmen on board," said Jason Hicks, Chair of the Land Trust's Board of Directors. "And we are grateful to Linda for her continued service during the transition. We have all the right pieces in place for success in our first-ever transition to a new Executive Director."

To learn more about the Land Trust, visit www.lact.org



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Here's Your Retirement "To Do" List

At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual - so you may have assembled an impressive "to do" list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future - but have you ever thought of developing a "to do" list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement? If not, you may want to think about it - and here are a few list-worthy items to consider:

- **Examine - and re-examine - your planned retirement age.** You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.
- **Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle.** When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-

time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses - and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

- **Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules.** It isn't enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans - you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 1/2, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is "required" - if you don't withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50% rate.
- **Review your health care situation.** When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you'll want to become familiar with what it does - and

doesn't - cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

- **Think about long-term care.** One service that Medicare doesn't cover - or, at best, covers only minimally - is long-term care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.
- **Develop your estate plans.** Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents - such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. - so you'll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you're making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement "to do" list will eventually get "done." And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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Gilford Got Lunch collects food at polls

GILFORD — Gilford Got Lunch sponsored an Election Day food drive on Nov. 8 at the Gilford Youth Center and the response from the Gilford community was overwhelming. Throughout the day, the collection bins were emptied and refilled through the generosity of the res-

idents. In addition to the collected food, the program also received more than \$300 in cash, which will be used to purchase additional food to fill the weekly food bags.

The Gilford Got Lunch program provided meals for 53 children this past summer. Many volunteers as-



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Michael Graham, Cindy Tomlinson, Tracey Blandford, Thom Francouer and Sue Allen helped collect food for Gilford Got Lunch at the polls on election day.

sist with the packing and delivery of the food bags every Monday morning. The deliveries also included bags of fresh produce, which was co-ordinated by Aaron Lichtenberg from Winnepesaukee Woods Farm.

During the school year, weekend bags are packed for children to provide them with meals for the days that school is not in session. The children are also provided food

for holiday and vacation weeks. Fresh produce was also extended into the beginning of the school year for the families. Currently the program provides weekend meals for 45 children.

Gilford Got Lunch will be sponsoring another food drive in March on Election Day. For more information about the Gilford Got Lunch Program, visit the web site at www.gilfordgotlunch.com.

Timber harvest planned in Kimball Wildlife Forest

GILFORD — The Kimball Wildlife Committee has announced that a timber harvest is planned for the Kimball Wildlife Forest and may begin as early as Dec. 8.

The timber harvest will promote general forest health by removing diseased, weaker or less vigorous trees and promoting healthier trees throughout much of the 125-acre harvest area. It will also meet some specific wildlife and research goals.

Approximately 60 red and white oak “crop

trees” were selected and are being monitored during and after the harvest to look at the growth response to different thinning treatments. The acorns produced by oaks are an important food source for many native birds and mammals, including wild turkey, deer, squirrels, chipmunks, crows, blue jays, and more. Researchers at UNH will be using the results of this study to improve technical forestry and wildlife management recommendations.

The timber harvest

will create an eight-acre clearcut to promote young forest, an important habitat type in the state because of its temporal nature and the declining species that depend on it. The Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee, an advisory group for the property, has collected bird activity information on the property through a recent survey. The advisory group will be able to resurvey the harvest area in the future to gauge the effectiveness of the treatments. San-

dra McGonagle, Kimball Wildlife Committee Chair, has advised that the committee is pleased to take these initiatives to assure that the Kimball Wildlife Forest and Lockes Hill Trails will continue to provide an ideal habitat for animals, as well as a place for citizens in our community to hike and learn about our environment.

For public safety, recreational use will be limited in the Kimball Wildlife Forest during the timber harvest.

LRGH provides donor milk as standard of care

LACONIA — Lakes Region General Hospital has introduced pasteurized donor human milk as standard of care at the LRGH Family Birthplace for babies with low blood sugars, Jaundice, inability to latch, a medical condition, or for mothers unable to feed baby or express her milk.

LRGH is one of only eight New Hampshire hospitals offering donor milk from Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast (MMBNE), non-profit community milk. “Our goal is always to have mothers nurse their own babies, but sometimes it is necessary to provide a supplement while the mother's milk comes in,” commented Dr. Robert M. Insoft, medical director of MMBNE.

Some mothers have more milk than their babies need and generously donate to other mothers and babies in need. Milk donor screening is modeled after blood donor screening, and includes health history, physician approval, and blood test. These are some of the many measures taken to ensure the safety of milk for the fragile newborns served by LRGH. Milk from mothers who pass the screening is also pasteurized and tested by an independent lab to ensure safety before being dispensed to hospitals or families. Donor milk can be lifesaving for preterm infants and lowers hospital costs by reducing costs for care and shortening hospital stays.

While donor milk is now widely used for preterm babies in hospitals with neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), LRGH is on the leading edge of hospitals offering it in regular nurseries. In the case of full-term and near-term births, pasteurized donor human milk can be offered as “bridge milk,” until a mother's own milk supply increases. For more information on Family Birthplace and the programs and services provided, please call 524-

3211, ext. 3707. LRGHealthcare is a not-for-profit health-care charitable trust representing Lakes Region General Hospital, Franklin Regional Hospital, and affiliated medical providers. LRGHealthcare's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and to strengthen the well-being of our community.

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their good talent.

He said they have a lot of strong talent among the fifth and sixth graders. The program will also be losing around 17 eighth graders to the high school

next year and they will need talent in the younger grades to take their place.

Demko is getting helping with this production from Gilford xHigh School students

Ceci and Kayla Zarella, Izabelle Mitchell, and Riley Alward.

Demko said it is nice to have that kind of support, which blends the middle and high school levels.

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dents put 4,223 tons of municipal solid waste through the Laconia Transfer Station and 243 tons of containers, paper, and cardboard through the Gilford recycling facility. Schmidt said the amount of recycling could go up if solid waste and recycling facilities were in the same place.

The evaluation came up with two options, each with different sizes and distances between the drop-off points for recycling and solid waste.

One option carries a total estimated cost of \$1.121 million and another has an estimated cost of \$1.009 million. The only difference in the two is the cost of the building, in the first option the cost is \$946,000 and the second carries an estimate of \$834,000, though the costs for equipment are the same. Both come with the option of staff bathrooms for \$35,000.

"I'm not the happiest person right now," said Kevin Leandro, vice chair of the solid waste committee and a member of the budget committee.

Leandro, who has a background in the

waste industry, said the committee looked at one came to a consensus agreement on the design and was waiting for more accurate cost figures. The other design was brand new, but similar to a design they had been presented that the committee rejected as being too complex and expensive.

Leandro said the committee had not yet made any recommendations to the selectmen. Leandro vehemently disagreed with the presented numbers. He said a simple building can be constructed and a number of other items can be done for significantly less than what was stated in CMA's report. He said the overall cost estimation is closer to \$784,000, including taking the option of having a bathroom for staff.

Leandro said there is no rush to get this done.

"I want this project to go through, I'm a big supporter of this project," Leandro said. "But if we were rushing it to get it on the warrant I'm going to lead the charge on the budget committee to not rec-

ommend this article and you know that will probably mean it's going to fail at town meeting and it's very difficult to bring it back up. The simple fact is, respectfully, we can't allow the taxpayers to be screwed for the sake of expediency."

Leandro said he would not proceed with this engineering firm and recommended starting all over, including utilizing these conceptual drawings that they already paid for.

Leandro said a lot of the project can be done by the town and local contractors for a lot less. Leandro said he can provide new figures, especially for waste handling equipment. He recommended going to the local contractors and finding out what the project would cost.

He said this project can wait a year.

"I would feel more comfortable having solid, realistic figures to work from," Leandro said.

After discussion, it was agreed another meeting of the solid waste committee would be scheduled to discuss this further.

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Winnepesaukee Playhouse presenting Jack and the Beanstalk

MEREDITH — A poor lad, his long-suffering mother, a cow, and a beanstalk make for a giant good time this holiday season at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse.

And while American audiences may be more used to seeing A Christmas Carol and The Nutcracker at the holiday time, this version of Jack and the Beanstalk, which will be presented in the style of a Traditional English "panto," will bring the Lakes Region a new New England tradition, straight from old England.

Jack and the Beanstalk features sensational songs, dynamic dance, silly slapstick and mysterious magic. This zany and interactive show will be a treat for audience members of all ages and families are encouraged to come as a group. The show is specifically written with jokes that will appeal to young children, along with double entendres and humor aimed directly at adults. A mixture of favorite pop songs, coupled with classic musical theatre tunes, will also have wide appeal.



COURTESY PHOTO
Last year's holiday panto was Sleeping Beauty. This year's performance will be Jack and the Beanstalk.

This new version of Jack and the Beanstalk is written and directed by the Playhouse's

Artistic Director, Neil Pankhurst. It will encourage kids to get involved in the action,

asking them to "boo" the villain, cheer the hero and help the cast along the way. Says Pankhurst, "the show will be fun, silly and interactive. Parents who worry that their four year old can't sit quietly in the theatre should rest assured that Jack and the Beanstalk will keep them interested, engaged, and shouting at the stage — on purpose."

The cast includes favorite professional actors from the Playhouse's summer productions, plus some talented locals. It also features

young dancers from local dance studios who will all share the stage with talented professional and local actors.

Jack and the Beanstalk will run for 12 performances over the holiday period with different performance times to accommodate many different family's schedules. A full list of performance times can be found at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org. Tickets range from \$12 to \$22. Tickets can be ordered by calling 279-0333 or online at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org.

CANDLELIGHT

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She said there are a lot of people reuniting that night who haven't seen each other since Old Home Day.

"For the temperature I think there's a lot of people out here," said committee member Mike Marshall said. "Everyone seems to be having a good time. I think it's a great community event."

A total of 1,040 candles were laid out along Belknap Mountain Road, 168 of which are memorial candles.

A number of candles were put in place by members of Gilford High School's National Honor Society. Marshall worked with Ann Saulnier from the school district to get the students involved. Marshall said he thought the effort from the students was "awesome."

"I'm amazed with the National Honor Soci-

ety students," Marshall said.

He said they put out the candles that afternoon in 20-degree weather and said they were still having fun

The Gilford Public Library was one place where people could warm up. Visitors could also do crafts and enjoy refreshments.

"The library has been the coordinating force behind this whole event," said library director Katherine Dor-mody.

She said a lot of people's efforts come together to make the event possible.

All three of the Thompson-Ames Society's buildings, the Benjamin Rowe House, the Mt. Belknap Grange, and the Union Meetinghouse were open during the event. Volunteers described the houses and their



ERIN PLUMMER

Alex and Mark Thompson make cookies in the Grange.

features and many different activities were scheduled.

"It's a good crowd tonight, a nice mix of families and older people," said Thompson-Ames Historical Society president Karin Landry.

She said a lot of people seemed to be enjoying the festivities.

The First Methodist Church of Gilford and the Laconia Hallelujah Chime Choir joined forces to sing at the Union Meeting House. Later Dan Carter performed at the meeting-house singing carols and playing keyboard.

At the Rowe House Jerry Murphy had a sing-along and the special "Fashions of Yesteryear" exhibit was on display.

At the grange Mark Richardson and his son Alex baked cookies in a converted wood stove.

This is the second year they have been volunteering for the Candlelight Stroll and Mark Richardson said they have a great time doing this.

"On a night like tonight it's a good thing," Richardson said.

Alex Richardson said his favorite part of the



ERIN PLUMMER

Mark Young, Zach Ennis, and Eliza Deery of the Gunstock Nordic Association brave the cold to offer drinks, cookies, and raffle tickets during the Candlelight Stroll.

Candlelight Stroll was all the activities going on at the Rowe House.

"It's a great community event, kicks off the holiday spirit," Mark Richardson said.

Members of the Gunstock Nordic Association were out in the cold under a ski tent selling raffle tickets and offering hot drinks and cookies. Members of the group dressed in their

ski wear in multiple layers. Head coach Nina Gavrylyuk said they were still having fun.

"I like to that people are still having that tradition during so many years," Gavrylyuk said.

She said she is glad people are still coming and having fun.

"It's a lot of fun getting to meet new people," said association member Sander Valpey.

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PUB MANIA

ended with closing ceremonies at 9 a.m. on Friday. A number of different representatives from different organizations talked about the impact these funds have. A number of activities go on through the night to keep people having fun the whole

time. Participants could do arts and crafts, barstool yoga, and "some things we can't even talk about." Bands played every two hours throughout the night. Attendees could also sample from the 24-hour buffet. Beetle thanked the

staff for their hard work in this 24-hour event. In their third year at Pub Mania, Bonnette, Page & Stone's team raised \$33,000. Keith McBey of BPS said they had a lot of support this year. "We really appreciate Allan letting us be

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involved," McBey said. He said Pub Mania overall was "fantastic." It was a long night though they were regularly cycling people through.

"It's a great way to kick off the Christmas season," McBey said.

Ladies of the Lake, a Facebook group with more than 1,000 members from all around the Lakes Region, was one of the new teams this year.

"There's nothing better than helping children," said team captain Holly Ruggieri. "For us this was such an easy decision to be part of it."

This was also the first year for Fusion, an organization of young professionals from around the Lakes Region.

"We're so excited to be here," said Fusion resident and team captain Kara LaSale.

She said the overall event was "a blast" and there were a lot of good people there.

Fusion has raised money for the Children's Auction with its annual Bowlathon.

LaSale said they want to participate next year, this time they will have a whole year to fundraise.

On Saturday the Pub Mania teams came together on the set of the Children's Auction and unveiled a check for \$276,267.

"The impact that this will make in the community is massive," said Children's Auction board member Mike Seymour.



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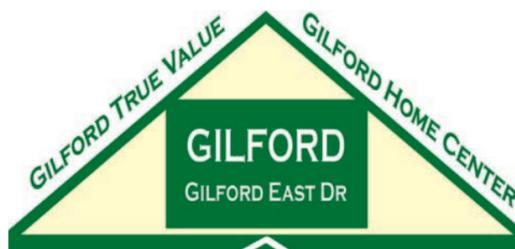
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Eagles edged by Belmont in double OT thriller, 60-57

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – It was a playoff atmosphere on opening night.

Rivals Gilford High School and Belmont High School needed two overtimes to decide a winner on Friday, as the squads traded blows and runs before the visiting Red Raiders survived a missed three-pointer at the buzzer to escape town with a 60-57 victory in the first game of the 2016-17 season.

“The guys really banded together and fortunately we were able to get out of here with a win,” said Belmont head coach Jim Cilley.

The Golden Eagles, which feature a decisively different lineup than a year ago, had a look at the game-tying three-pointer in the waning seconds of double overtime. But junior David Hart's desperation three was off the mark and Belmont managed to hang on.

“We're a young team

and figuring out how to win games like this is something you need to learn,” admitted Gilford head coach Chip Veazey. “Hopefully the team took away some things from this for down the road. I will say I was really happy with the competitiveness of our team. They certainly didn't give up and they're only going to get better.”

Belmont took a 54-50 lead in double OT thanks to a pair of free throws from Derek Stevens and a jumper from Trevor Hunt. The advantage was 57-52 after Hunt sank a free throw, but a huge play from Gilford's Nate Hudson saw the guard sneak by a pair of Belmont defenders and bank home a layup while being fouled. His three-point play pulled the Eagles within 57-54 with 1:28 remaining.

After a pair of Stevens free throws made it a five-point game, Gilford's Mason McGonagle drilled a three-pointer with 25



Gilford's Mason McGonagle tries to put a shot up in traffic during the host Eagles' 60-57 loss in double overtime to Belmont on Friday night.

JEFF LAJOIE

seconds remaining to make it a 59-57 contest.

Matt Pluskis made a free throw with 11 seconds left, but Belmont was unable to salt the game away at the charity stripe. Gilford ultimately had one final chance, as the Eagles grabbed a rebound with 7.2 seconds remaining and got a look at a three that fell just short for the 60-57 final.

“For the most part, we executed down the stretch,” lauded Cilley of his team, which was able to take valuable seconds off the clock running its offense. “To get a win like this, game one of the year, on the road against a rival... the conditions weren't ideal but they found a way. Last year we would've lost this

game by five or seven points at the end of regulation.”

The Raiders trailed 43-39 with 1:32 left in regulation, but a pair of free throws from Hunt made it a 43-41 game. With less than a minute left, Belmont stole the ball and found Pluskis, who drained a three-pointer with 55 seconds left to put the visitors up 44-43.

Greg Madore tied the game with 15 seconds left for Gilford after hitting one of two free throws, and Belmont missed two potential game-winners on the other end to force OT.

The host Eagles built a 49-44 lead in overtime after a 5-0 run to open the first extra session. Hart hit a 3-ball and

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Belmont holds off Eagles despite Orton's 20-20 outing

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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BELMONT – Despite some ridiculous numbers from senior Stevie Orton, the Gilford High School girls' basketball team was unable to generate the offense necessary to keep up with Belmont High School on Dec. 8.

The host Red Raiders picked up a key early season victory, outscoring the defending state champion Golden Eagles by a 28-16 margin in the second half to earn a 44-33 victory in NHIAA Division III action.

“(Gilford) is a little different team than



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Gilford senior forward Kailtyn Van Bennekum reaches around Belmont's Mariah Watson to make a pass in the paint during the Golden Eagles' 44-33 loss in Division III action on Dec. 8.

they were last year but we were able to control the tempo and get out and run,” said Belmont head coach Mark Dawalga, whose team improved to 2-1 overall entering this week's games. “And defensive-

ly, I counted something like 52 pass deflections for us and that's a lot. We did a good job distributing their possession.”

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Drouin gone but depth still strong for B-G

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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LACONIA – For the second year in a row, the Belmont-Gilford hockey team found itself playing in the NHIAA Division III state championship last winter. Champions of the 2014-15 season, the Bulldogs had to settle for the runner-up spot a year ago, falling in controversial fashion against Berlin-Gorham at SNHU Arena in Manchester.

It's clear that B-G (14-7 a year ago) has powered through in establishing itself as one of the preeminent hockey programs in Division III. After several years knocking on the door with quarterfinal appearances, the 'Dogs have firmly planted their flag as a team to fear.

Things will look a bit different this winter, with a few significant changes to the roster as well as behind the bench. Head coach Jay Londer's tenure came to an end in unceremonious fashion during the offseason, and former assistant coach Dave Saball is now in the big chair calling the shots. Add in some key losses to graduation, and B-G will be relying on some different players in order to continue the momentum of the past few seasons.

"It's been good so far," explained Saball, who was an assistant at B-G the past two seasons, of the coaching transition. "The kids have been reacting to it well but it certainly wasn't an easy

thing. It helped that I've been here, have a good rapport with the players. They've been responding well and listening, which I expected.

"I think our styles were very similar and we worked very well together," Saball continued in reference to Londer. "That part of it, there's some small changes but no major changes. That makes it a lot easier for the players, as far as philosophies and styles. I don't think it's a huge change, just a different voice."

As far as the heart-breaking loss in the finals a year ago, Saball said his message thus far has mostly focused on looking ahead, while using the runner-up showing as a source of motivation.

"We've talked about it very little, but we have talked about it," he explained. "It's been more, 'We've been to the championship two years in a row. You know what it takes to get there, a lot of hard work.' This year is going to be hard. Being in the finals two years in a row, everybody wants to beat you. So you have to work extra hard and stay focused at all times to not let that (loss) happen again."

Who's out: B-G graduated five players from last year's team. The headlines from that class were a pair of senior first line forwards in Caleb Drouin and Dylan Treamer. The team's top scorers from



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Senior defenseman James Buckley anchors a blue line unit that returns in full this season.

last year, both were four-year contributors and monsters on and off the ice for the program. Their production, and subsequent departure, leaves a giant hole in the offensive portion of the B-G lineup. Drouin was the Division III Player of the Year after putting up video game statistics, and he's now playing junior hockey in hopes of earning college recruitment.

"It's tough because I was looking at it the other day and I think we lost 80 goals from last year," admitted Saball. "Drouin had 50 goals himself, which is just ridiculous to replace. You can't really replace a kid like that. We do have some returning players who have been stepping up their game and we're

looking for them to pick up some of the slack."

Christian Karagianis was another key loss to graduation, as he aided the forward unit as a second-liner. The squad also lost contributors in Jeremiah Freeman and Sarah Lachapelle, both forwards.

Who's in: Belmont-Gilford has six freshmen on the roster, and as has been the case the past few seasons, expect immediate contributions from at least one or maybe multiple rookies.

Nate Shirley is the lone defenseman out of the freshman class, while Hayden Parent, Joey Blake, Eddie Demers, Will Robarge, and Cam Jarvi all enter the fray up front as forwards looking to make their mark.

Who to watch: There's a lot to like about the unit returning for the Bulldogs, beginning between the pipes with the goalkeeping situation. Senior Bailey Defosie returns for his final winter, and the experienced netminder has now played in two state championship games. Add in junior Cody Hodgins, a talented and extremely capable backup, and B-G has quite the strong backbone entering the season.

"It's great to have them both back," lauded Saball. "Bailey's been in the finals two years in a row so he's got some experience. Cody's very solid, and he's worked really hard all summer to improve. That part, having both of them back, gives me comfort."

The defensive unit is back completely, led by the play of senior James Buckley and sophomore Alex Muthersbaugh. Buckley has been an anchor throughout his career on the blue line, while Muthersbaugh immediately made his presence felt last year as a freshman, both defensively and offensively with some key goals and a powerful shot.

Senior Chaz Hacking and junior Owen Ramsey also return to the starting blue line group, as does sophomore Troy Gallagher. Classmates Connor Dupuis and Liam Lacey will likely also be in the mix in addition to seeing some shifts up front as forwards.

"They're looking really good," said Saball of his defensemen. "A lot of the kids did stuff over the summer, some of them played on the Wolves as well. They came to tryouts looking

really good and ready to go."

Offensively, the Bulldogs have plenty of depth and experience. Senior Ethan Becker is back as the rough and tumble leader of the contingent, while talented juniors Hunter Dupuis, Miles DeFosses and Harrison Parent have all been in the starting rotation since they were freshmen. Fellow juniors Anthony Gentile and Jillian Lachapelle also bring experience and depth to the program.

"Offensively, we have to change the type of game we play this year," admitted Saball. "We're not going to win games 6-1, 8-2, like last year. It might be a 4-2, 3-2 kind of game so we have to adjust. It's going to be a lot closer, different completely and we have to play the game differently. Having all our defensemen back really helps us. I think we're very solid back there. We have experience up front as well, we'll just need a variety of kids to step up and score for us."

Projection: The Division III landscape will once again be balanced and difficult. Defending champion Berlin-Gorham always seems to be loaded, while programs like Kennett, Somersworth (back down from Division II), and John Stark/Hopkinton remain formidable foes.

"The kids that have been there, they know what to expect this season," said Saball. "That's the good thing about having an experienced team. The attitude has been great, they're all pushing each other. The level of play has been very high so I'm excited about what we can do."

Eagles host meet at Gunstock Inn

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – In what was slated to be the lone local meet of the season, the Gilford High School swim team hosted an event with the Lakes Region schools on Sunday at the Gunstock Inn.

The Golden Eagles swept the top spots on the day, with the girls' team breezing to a victory with 76 points, well ahead of runner-up Kingwood's 26 points. The boys' team also captured the win with 34 points, holding off Bishop Brady with 24 points.

"The kids were amazing," said Gilford head coach Lynne Morea. "The sportsmanship between the teams and teammates was inspiring. They all helped each other, especially those new to the sport, cheered for each other, and had a



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Gilford freshman Madison Eastman swims a freestyle leg during Sunday's season-opening meet at the Gunstock Inn.

lot of fun."

Gilford went 1-2 in the girls' 200 Medley Relay, with the quartet of Kaitlyn Callahan, Laurel Gingrich, Zoe Fullerton and Olivia Morea capturing the win in 2:14.53. The squad of Jennie Gannon, Madison Eastman, Michele Young and Cynidal VanSteenburg was next in 2:41.54.

The boys' team also won the 200 Medley Relay, with Ryan Witham, Michael Hart, Beck Mc-

Lean and James Richardson swimming to a victory in 2:22.73.

Fullerton, a senior, won two individual events on the day for the Eagles. She was first in the 50 Freestyle, sprinting home to a winning time of 28.15 seconds. She added a victory in the 100 Freestyle, touching the wall in 1:02.35.

Freshman Laurel Gingrich also won two events, taking first place in the 200 Individual

Medley (2:37.86) and the 100 Backstroke (1:23.60).

Callahan (200 Freestyle, 2:43.47) and McLean (200 Individual Medley, 2:29.67) also won individual events for Gilford to cap the day.

The boys' team won the 200 Freestyle Relay in 2:02.17 with Hart, Witham, Richardson and McLean holding off the team from Bishop Brady. The girls' team was also victorious in the event, with Morea, Eastman, Fullerton and Gingrich cruising to a win in 2:02.68.

Runner-up performances on the afternoon went to Hart (second, 50 Free), Witham (second, 100 Breaststroke), Morea (second in both 100 Breaststroke and 100 Butterfly), Eastman (second, 200 Freestyle), and McLean (100 Butterfly).

Winter flag football set for January in Tilton

REGION – Registration is now open for Lakes Region Flag Football League's third season of winter indoor flag football at the Tilton Sports Center beginning January 2017.

Co-ed age divisions 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. Players ages are as of Jan. 1, 2017.

Commitment is only one day a week, with action coming on Saturday afternoons beginning Jan. 21 and run-

ning until Saturday, April 1. The schedule is posted at lrffl.com.

Games for the 5-7 year old division will be played at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Games for the 8-10 year old division will be played at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., while 11-14 year old division games will take place at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The season will start with a combine, one week of practice, six weeks of regular season

games (with a break for February vacation) and ending with playoff and Super Bowl games.

This will be an official NFL Flag season. The registration fee is \$150 for a 12-week season (breaks down to \$12.50 per week). Fee will include an official NFL Flag jersey, flags and field rental fees. Money is not due until after Jan. 1. Register online today at lrffl.com.

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Talented swimmers for pool Eagles

BY JEFF LAJOIE
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GILFORD – With a good mix of veterans and talented up and comers, the Gilford High School swim team has its eyes set on making some noise in the Division II landscape this winter. The Golden Eagles, which had their lone local meet of the season on Sunday at the Gunstock Inn, are coached by Lynne Morea and Dave Gingrich.

There's a solid returning core in the pool for Gilford this winter, as

seniors Zoe Fullerton and Michael Hart lead the way as the lone members of the Class of 2017.

Juniors Kaitlyn Callahan, Olivia Morea, Michele Young and Beck McLean all return, as do sophomores Ryan Witham and James Richardson.

Junior Carly White is new to the roster, as is sophomore Jennie Gannon and freshmen Laurel Gingrich, Madison Eastman and Cyndal Vansteenburg.

"It's an awesome

team," lauded coach Morea. "We have a great group of returning athletes and some strong freshman swimmers. Everyone is working hard and perfecting their strokes."

Gilford did graduate top swimmer Rebecca Cook from last year's team. Cook finished sixth in the D-II championship in the 200 freestyle and eighth in the 100 butterfly.

There's a strong returning core who competed in the state meet as

well however, with Fullerton, Morea, Hart and McLean all qualifying individually last winter for

the big event.

"We have some strong returning swimmers with a lot of experience,"

offered Morea.

The D-II championship is set for Feb. 11 at UNH's Swasey Indoor Pool.

GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 16
BOYS BASKETBALL
Gilford at Stevens, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 17
UNIFIED BASKETBALL
Third Annual Lakes Region Jamboree, 9 a.m., Belmont

HOCKEY
Pembroke at Belmont-Gilford, 4 p.m.
INDOOR TRACK
Gilford at UNH, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, December 20
GIRLS BASKETBALL
White Mountains at Gilford, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21
HOCKEY
Belmont-Gilford at Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 22
ALPINE SKIING
Gilford, Belmont, Moultonborough at Bretton Woods, 10 a.m.

GIRLS

Orton posted a monster 20-20 game for the Eagles in the loss. The lone returning starter from last year's championship team, Orton scored 23 points and pulled down 22 rebounds to keep Gilford within striking distance for much of the night. She scored 12 of her team's 16 points in the second half.

"She's gonna give us as much as she can," said Gilford head coach Rick Forge of Orton. "If you had told me before the game that she was going to have (23 and 22), I'd have figured we'd have a pretty good chance. But you knew they'd start doubling on Stevie eventually."

Gilford's inability to shoot the ball at a high percentage plagued the Eagles in the loss. While the team did make their first three-pointer of the entire season (an Olivia Harris three in the first quarter), the offensive woes continued on a night where Forge was left looking for another option besides Orton.

"As you can see, teams are going to pack it in and we haven't established an outside shooter," he said. "Word's out that we don't have shooters to challenge a defense. We're going to continue to see teams pack in their defense until we start to make some

shots."

Belmont sophomore guard Julianna Estremera was outstanding offensively in the win, as the scrappy guard scored a team-high 18 points, including a trio of 3-pointers in the first half that set the tone.

"The good thing about us is that we're a balanced team so even I don't know where the points are going to come from on any given night," said Dawalga.

Gilford took a 17-12 lead in the second quarter when Emily Bell connected on a three-pointer, but a late flurry in the final minute before halftime from Belmont saw an Estremera jumper and

BOYS

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Branden Lemay of Gilford attempts to rip a rebound away from Belmont's Trevor Hunt in the first half of play on Friday night.

Hudson sank two free throws.

But the Raiders composed themselves in time, as Pluskis hit a layup with 1:08 left to pull within 50-48, and senior Doug Price calmly swished two free throws with 42 seconds remaining that sent things to a second OT.

"I think both teams probably thought they were out of it a couple of times and both teams probably thought they had it won a couple of times," said Veazey. "But I thought for us, the game was there to win and we showed some bad judgement

which you can't have in tight situations."

Hunt and Pluskis scored 17 points a piece in the win, as Belmont got key contributions from several players including Dylan Gansert and Tommy Pare.

McGonagle had 13 points on the night, while Branden Lemay added 12 points for Gilford. Hart added nine points while Hudson scored all six of his points in the overtime periods.

Gilford played the majority of the night without the services of senior big man Ethan Carrier, who was sad-

dled with foul trouble and only saw about five minutes of action before fouling out.

"For us to play that well without Ethan is a credit to the guys," said Veazey. "We had a lot of sophomores in there when he went out and they really stepped it up."

The teams play once more in the regular season with the rematch in Belmont on Feb. 17. The opener was originally slated to be played at BHS, but a robotics competition over the weekend there forced the move to Gilford.



Junior Lauren Dean chases down a loose ball under the hoop for Gilford in first half action against Belmont on Dec. 8.

two free throws from senior Nicole Antonucci to pull the Raiders within 17-16 at intermission.

The Raiders took the lead for good early in the third, when Antonucci and Sarah Chase both scored to put the hosts up 21-17.

Back-to-back hoops late in the quarter from senior Taylor Yelle staked Belmont to a 29-21 advantage entering the fourth, and despite

some big work from Orton to pull the visitors within 31-26, Makenzie Donovan drilled a huge three-pointer and added another jumper for a 36-26 lead.

Sarah Fillion scored late for the Eagles, but Belmont's lead never got below nine points the rest of the way en route to the 44-33 win.

"I have a ton of respect for Gilford and Rick, they're a great program," lauded

Dawalga. "We made some big foul shots down the stretch to finish it out."

Kaitlyn Van Bennekum had two points and five rebounds in a busy night on the floor for the Eagles, while Belmont got a nice boost thanks to nine points from Donovan.

The teams will meet once more in the regular season finale on Feb. 17 with a rematch in Gilford.

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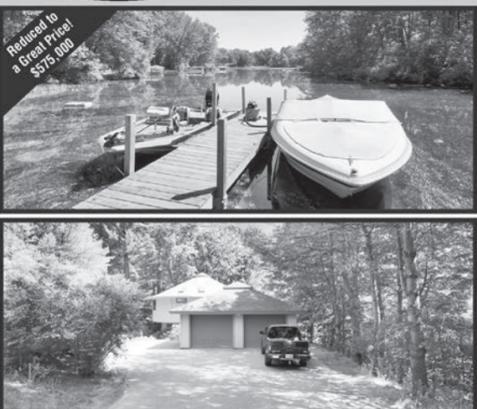
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IT'S A FACT. New research shows alcohol affects a teenager's developing brain differently than an adult's. Memory, learning and impulse control can be impaired seriously. The risk of addiction goes up dramatically. So talk to your kids about the dangers of alcohol and set clear rules about no alcohol use.

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WASH YOUR HANDS!
IT'S THE BEST WAY TO STOP SPREADING GERMS

WHY

- MOST (98%) INFECTIONS ARE SPREAD BY HANDS
- CLEAN HANDS HELP PREVENT YOU FROM GIVING YOUR GERMS TO SOMEONE ELSE

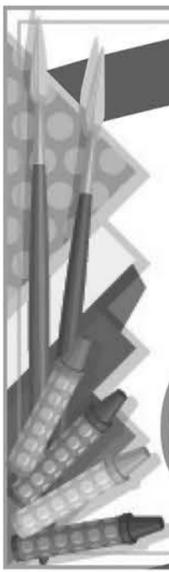
WHEN

- AFTER USING THE BATHROOM
- BEFORE TOUCHING ANY FOOD
- BEFORE YOU EAT ANYTHING
- AFTER SNEEZING, BLOWING YOUR NOSE, COUGHING, OR TOUCHING YOUR FACE
- AFTER PLAYING WITH TOYS USED BY OTHERS

HOW

- USE SOAP AND WARM WATER IF YOUR HANDS LOOK DIRTY
- USE WARM WATER AND SOAP
- RUB HANDS ALL OVER FOR A COUNT OF TWENTY
- DRY THEM WITH A PAPER TOWEL
- IF YOUR HANDS DON'T LOOK DIRTY YOU CAN USE ALCOHOL-BASED HAND RUB

CLASSIFIED SELLS IT ALL



KIDS' CORNER

Necktie Word Find

Just in time for a cheese-filled meal, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| APPAREL | CLOTHING | HANDSOME |
| ARRANGE | DRESS | MAN |
| BOWTIE | ETIQUETTE | NECKTIE |
| BUSINESS | FORMAL | SUIT |

G N I H T O L C S Z J E
 A Y G E B M L S Z M T L
 R B V M N I E A G S K D
 R E U O N R E C M C Z B
 A I B S D O T R O R U U
 N T A D N K I A M S O C
 G W E N G M Q G I A K F
 E O R A Y P U N G S N L
 T B D H C L E R A P P A
 I D G J Y S T G U H Q W
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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

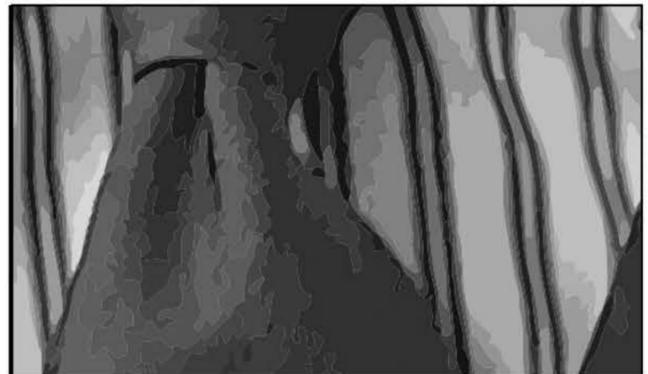
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- * 1939: "GONE WITH THE WIND" PREMIERES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.
- * 1967: THE SILVER BRIDGE CONNECTING WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO COLLAPSES DURING RUSH HOUR.

New
word

FORMAL

prim or stiff

GET THE PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: NECKTIE

Did you know?

THE RECOMMENDED SAFE WEIGHT A CHILD SHOULD CARRY IN A BACKPACK IS 10 PERCENT OF HIS/HER



BODY WEIGHT. STILL, MANY KIDS CARRY AROUND ROUGHLY 15 TO 20 PERCENT.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase

N O H E T B O J

Answer: On the job

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Winter
- SPANISH:** Invierno
- ITALIAN:** Inverno
- FRENCH:** Hiver
- GERMAN:** Winter

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