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Community salutes former Tilton Police Chief



Retired Tilton Police Chief Robert Cormier greets one of many residents and town officials who attended his drive-thru retirement party last Saturday, each stopping to thank him for all Cormier has done for their community over the past 14 years.

BY DONNA RHODES Contributing Writer

TILTON - After nearly 14 years as chief of the Tilton Police Department, Robert Cormier retired at the end of January and, after giving him a little time to readjust to his new lifestyle, state and local law enforcement officers, fire fighters, town officials and residents lined up to parade through the parking lot at Winnisquam Regional High School last Saturday to pay their respects to him as he moves on to the next chapter in his life.

Flashing lights, horns, fist bumps, cards, gifts and many well wishes were all part of the drive-thru sendoff for Cormier. State Police, Belknap County

Sheriff's Dept. representatives, local police departments and the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department were among the entourage that took part that day despite a steady morning snowfall. Each expressed their pleasure in working with the chief and assured him he would be missed.

The residents' well wishes touched him deeply as well.

"You're a phenomenal individual," one said as he drove through. "Thank you so much for all you've done for our community."

Others stopped to thank him for "selfless acts" and "the many sacrifices" he made over the years on their behalf.

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U.S. Marshals arrest third suspect with local ties in toddler's death

CONCORD — The United States Marshals Service is extremely happy to announce the arrest of the third and final suspect accused in the death of a New Hampshire toddler. The Londonderry Police Department had requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals – New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force to locate the three people accused of crimes related to the death of a New Hampshire toddler last

The first arrests connected to this investigation occurred this past Tuesday, when the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force located, Shawna Cote, 29, and Mark Geremia, 32, in a residence in Tilton. The final fugitive was Dana Dolan, 24 years-of-age, who was last known to reside in Tilton.

On Feb. 26, the Londonderry Police Department and the U.S. Marshals issued a press release and wanted poster offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the location and arrest of the final fugitive in this case, Dana Dolan. This offer of a reward greatly increased the number of tips received. A lot of this information was investigated and ruled out, while some of it pointed investigators to a variety of locations in and around the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Today, members of the US Marshals - NH Joint Fugitive Task Force worked with several agencies to locate Dolan. The information learned through today's investigation brought the task force to an apartment on Powder Hill Drive in Lancaster, NH. As members of the US Marshals, NH State Police and the Lancaster Police Department approached the residence, Dolan attempted to flee out the back door and was quickly arrested.

Dolan was transferred to the custody of the Londonderry Police Department where he will be processed on the following very serious charges; Negligent Homicide; Manslaughter – Reckless; & Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon. Mr. Dolan will be held at the Rockingham County Jail pending his initial court appearance on Monday.

U.S. Marshal Nick Willard said, "This is one of those investigations that truly pulls on the heartstrings of everyone, as crimes against children do." Willard continued, "The US Marshals Fugitive Task Force and countless other agencies worked tirelessly to ensure that all three of these fugitives were arrested so they can be brought to justice."

This extensive investigation and arrest was made by the investigative efforts of several member agencies of the U.S. Marshals - New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force including, the Belknap, Rockingham & Strafford County Sheriff's Offices, & the Greenfield, Danbury, Laconia, Lancaster, Littleton, Londonderry, Northfield, & TIlton Police Departments, along with the DEA and deputy US Marshals.

Since the inception of the U.S. Marshals - New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force in 2002, these

Tilton police officer saves infant's life

Wednesday, Feb. 24, Officer Richard Paulhus of the Tilton Police Department, along with two deputies from Belknap County Sheriff's Office, responded to a broken down vehicle in the middle of the intersection by exit 20.

While pushing the vehicle out of the intersection, officers heard woman scream from across the road. Paulhus ran toward the woman, suspecting that some type of emergency was taking place.

As he arrived, the woman frantically told him that her eightmonth-old baby

chocking and wasn't breathing, handing the baby to Paulhus. He immediately began to flip the baby over and perform the child style Heimlich maneuver. After multiple thrusts, the item became dislodged, and to everyone's relief, the baby began to cry, indicating that it was able to breathe freely again.

Tilton/Northfield EMS responded, treated the baby, and she was transported to a local hospital for precautionary measures.

Paulhus is a 37-year veteran of the Tilton Police Department, retiring in 2014 at the rank SEE **PAULHUS**, PAGE A13



Officer Richard Paulhus of the Tilton Police Department.

Raider girls head to playoffs with two wins over Kingswood

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Belmont hoop girls changed up things in the final week of the season. Instead of the scheduled gamed with Inter-Lakes, the Raiders met up with

Division II Kingswood for a pair.

The opening game of the week was postponed from Monday to Tuesday in Wolfeboro and Belmont came home with a 45-27 win.

The Raiders came out of the gate strong and led 10-1 after one quarter and led 28-21 after three. They then came out of the gate in the fourth quarter and scored the first 10 points to put the

Morgan Hall had 23 points and 15 reboudns to pace the Raiders, with Courtney Burke adding 10 points and 14 re-

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KATHY SUTHERLAND

Courtney Burke looks to get the ball away from a quartet of Kingswood Knights last week in Wolfeboro.

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Buying Local Just got Even Easier!

The Belknap Foodshed adds a new pick-up location in Tilton!

Meredith, NH: Today more and more people purchasing local



Macdonald and Belknap Foodshed Employee hand off goods for curbside pick-up to be brought directly to customers.

The convenience of online ordering makes it easier for the Belknap Foodshed to advance its mission of connecting the community with more local food. community support has been amazing and the Belknap Foodshed is proud to announce their newest pick-up location in Tilton!

In addition to curbside pick-up in Meredith, Laconia, Gilford and Loudon, beginning on March 6th customers can start placing online orders for the first curbside pick-up at the Tilton Senior Center at INSERT ADDRESS. The pick-up will begin Friday, March 12th, from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

We often hear, "Why shop with us?" and the answer, according to

grown and made food. Belknap Foodshed owner Mary Macdonald, is simple: "it is a way for everyone to experience the convenience of online orders and contactless, curbside pick-up while enjoying great, fresh food. Safe, fresh and easy, what shopping trip could be better?"

> Currently offering over 160 products, from fresh New Hampshire made bagels, to goat milk cheese, tender meat and delicious baked goods, the Belknap Foodshed has something for everyone in your family. The process is as simple as a few clicks! You pick the goods you want to take home with you, place an order, and then you come to the most convenient of four curbside pick-up locations and receive your farm-to-table goods!

People in the Lakes

Region have asked for an easier, more accessible way to access clean and local food, and launching the online shopping portal, 'Our Local Table', is the first step of many to come toward providing greater access to local food in the Lakes Region.

Orders can be placed each week beginning Saturdays at 7a.m. until Wednesdays at noon, and are ready for curb-side pick-up based on your selected location: Meredith on Fridays from 4-5:30 (Genuine Local, 5 Winona Road); Laconia on Fridays from 4:30-5:30 (parking lot on Pleasant Street behind Wayfarer Coffee Roasters), and Gilford on Friday's from 4-5:30 (Gilford Community Church). The Loudon location at Purely Wholesome Farm is closed until spring.

Links to the online shopping portal, 'Our Local Table', and the Belknap Foodshed can be found at www.belknapfoodshed.com, Facebook by searching

BelknapFoodshed, and on Instagram at @belknapfoodshed. For more information please call (603) 279-8600 or email connect@belknapfoodshed.com.



Clarissa Macdonald, welcoming customers to curbside pick-up



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Swim season wraps up with state championships

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

PELHAM — One swimmer from Plymouth and one from Belmont took to the waters in Pelham on Sunday, Feb. 21, for the Division II State Meet.

Plymouth's Megan Metivier finished second in the 200-yard IM, touching with a time of 2:15.96. She also finished with a third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly, recording a time of 1:00.11.

Belmont's Ella Winteriter finished in 13th place in the 100-yard breast stroke, touching the wall with a time of 1:21.26.

With her pair of top-five finishes, Metivier placed 10th overall in the team standings, with Hanover winning the girls' championship and Hollis-Brookline taking second place. Oyster River won the Division II boys' championship with Hanover finishing in second place.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@ salmonpress.news.



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BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT - The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests from Feb. 12-22.

Nathan G. Bishop, age 21, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 12 for Stalking (violation of a domestic vi-

Kevin A. Kenneson, age 31, of Northfield was arrested on Feb. 14 in connection with a warrant.

Tevin A. Mitchell, age 23, of Warner was arrested on Feb. 15 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Ryan D. Shurtleff, age 35, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 15 for Disobeying an Officer, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, driving an Unregistered Vehicle, Breach of Bail Conditions, and two counts each of Misuse of Plates and Criminal Trespassing.

Elisabeth M. Gates, age 48, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 16 for Operating After Certification as a Habitual Offender.

Troy Cram, age 49, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 16 for two counts of Domestic Violence-Assault.

Eric R. Lombari, age 33, of Manchester was arrested on Feb. 17 for Penalties-Control of Premsies where a Controlled Drug is Kept, being a Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Distribute, and multiple counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic

Katelyn M.J. Lewis, age 36, of Hartford, Maine was arrested on Feb. 17 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and Breach of Bail Conditions.

Kevin P. Kenny, age 47, of Tilton was arrested on Feb. 17 for providing False Information concerning Hand Guns.

Tyler M. Greenhalgh, age 28, of Franklin was arrested on Feb. 18 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Patricia A. Clark, age 65, of Belmont was arrested

on Feb. 18 in connection with a warrant. Michael T. Valotta, age 38, of Franklin was arrest-

ed on Feb. 18 for Breach of Bail and in connection with multiple warrants.

Crystal M. Merchant, age 37, of Laconia was arrested on Feb. 19 for Control of a Premises Where Drugs have been Kept, Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent), and Possession of Drugs.

Janelle D. Moulton, age 33, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 20 for multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug (subsequent).

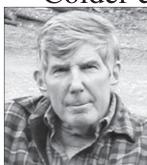
Bethany Menton, age 33, of Derry was arrested on Feb. 20 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Raymond G. Martin, age 40, of Meredith was arrested on Feb. 21 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension; DUI.

Timothy E. Peavey, age 60, of Laconia and Ellen V. Stewart, age 76, current address unknown, were arrested on Feb. 21 for Criminal Trespassing.

North Country Notebook

Colder climes and jasper mines, and chickadees flitting through flakes



By John Harrigan

COLUMNIST

Thursday was one of those gray days with almost no shadows, and ambient light all around. It was a perfect day for portrait photography, but too cold and windy to expect anyone to sit on the porch.

Initially, you can become disoriented in a world made small by the weather, a world with no shadows. It is suddenly like a world without The Other, but in this case, a friendly other that for the most part just follows you around. Occasionally your shadow makes you look at yourself, and many times in life, probably more than most of us know, it saves your life. It has saved mine, plenty.

Initially, the wind came out of the West, then from the East for a little bit, and then the snow became driven, first sideways and then straight down at the ground. Those are the vagaries of the winds, the whims at their will, the whirls and twirls of the selkies, what you expect of a life among knobs and nubbles.

It was almost February's last gasp. Every now and then the sun tried to burn a hole through the low nimbus clouds and swirling snow.

Through it all the chickadees flew, ever busy as usual. Most always when I'm asked about my favorite bird I'll say "Raven" right away, but I'm easily swayed by the chickadees, out there working away with an eye out for hawks, and every now and then stopping for a chat.

"Division of labor" is not exactly a trendy phrase in discussions about domestic chores. The Loosey Goosey crowd (which on some issues includes me) tends to view it as too rigid, traditional, and gender-specific.

Still, when archaeologists at a 9,000-year-old burial site in Peru found projectile points and hunter's tools among preparations for Great Beyond, they initially assumed that the deceased was a man. Wrong! Ernk! (Make buzzer-sound here.) Recently developed tests on tooth enamel can determine gender, and this hunter turned out to be a young woman.

This is a reminder of that old saying about the word "assume." Archaeologists love to discover ancient hearths and charcoal, because fire pits and surrounding areas often reveal rich data on the region's flora and fauna.

The Peru dig was one of the features in the March/April issue of Archaeology magazine. It is one of many forums where a lively exchange on the peopling of the Western Hemisphere has been going on among readers and experts for years.

New evidence keeps turning up, which should surprise nobody interested in the topic. The old theories and dates on the last Ice Age (roughly 15,000 years ago) and the exposure of the Bering Strait landbridge constituted one of those nice, neat, tidy little packages that left diminishing room for new discoveries and data.

Then, to no one's great surprise, archaeologists on digs from Yukon to Central America to Brazil and down to Terra del Fuego began turning up fire-pits and flaked tools carbon-dated to well beyond 15,000 years.

So the peopling of the Western Hemisphere remains an open book and a fascinating question. Theories from Southeast Asian island-hopping to colonists from the cosmos abound.

Photos of spearpoints and arrowheads from digs in North and South America reminded me about the raw material used to make them (basically, jasper), and the rare outcroppings of volcanic core-rock where it is found.

Right here in New Hampshire, we have one of the longest-used jasper mines ever found, in the form of a mountain of that name in Berlin. Material from a similar site in Maine has turned up in digs in the lower Mississippi valley, more proof that a vibrant net-



As February gives up the ghost, a snow squall walls off the world and leaves you with a couple of familiar old friends waiting for you on the porch, firewood and snow.

work of Native American trade existed for millennia, from sea to shining sea.

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In a paper I'm reading on the past, present, and future of wildlife habitat and the ongoing conservation movement, I found this statement:

"Children are spending less time outdoors."

And this:

"This general disconnection from the undeveloped environment indicates an uncertain future for conservation."

(Source: Daniel Decker, et al, "Governance Principles for Wildlife Conservation in the 21st Century," Conservation Letters, Wiley Periodi-

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Franklin BPW names 2021 Young Careerist



The Franklin Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club announced Kayleanna Porch as the 53rd recipient of the Virginia Allen Young Careerist Award this month.

FRANKLIN — The Franklin Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club announced Kayleanna Porch as the 53rd recipient of the Virginia Allen Young Careerist Award this month.

Porch is a New Hampshire native and graduated from Franklin Regional High School. She continues to reside in the area with her new, young family and their pets. She loves the outdoors and spends time enjoying it on family hikes.

Porch is passionate in all that she does and this shows in her work and connection with her

customers. Her passion for dogs led her to White Mountain College for Pets where she received her certification in dog Currently, she is growing her own business as a dog trainer where she travels to ence training. She uses her knowledge, passion, and interpersonal skills to help owners better understand the relationship between the owner and their pet to provide effective training and a positive experience for all. She has provided public presentations on

dog training in the past. As an additional profession, Porch uses her talents and customer service skills as a Personal Banker for Franklin Savings Bank. Her passion for helping her customers with their financial needs is evident in her work. Both positions present a plethora of opportunities to increase her customers quality of life. She is a very ambitious young woman and looks forward to growing her business exponentially while advancing in her career as a banker, particularly in the area of financing.

As the 2021 Young

Careerist, she gave a speech at the Franklin BPW meeting on a selected topic. This year's topic asked the Young Careerist to describe how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted them in personal and profeshelp owners with obedi-sional life. Her passion for both her careers and for her customers filled the room, virtually and in vivo, as she shared how she has worked to overcome the hurdles of this global pandemic as

> a young professional. Porch will compete against other New England Young Careerists in a regional competition where judges will select a winner based each candidate's four-minute speech, a personal interview and a biographical statement outlining his/her accomplishments. There is a monetary prize for the Young Careerist winner at each level.

> The Franklin BPW is proud to recognize such a dedicated and active Young Careerist. For more information about BPW and our programs,

please contact Kristine at kboland@ Boland ccsnh.edu.

The Virginia Allan Young Careerist Program was created in 1964 by the BPW/USA President Virginia Allan to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of successful young professionals. Criteria for candidates include being between the ages of 21 and 35 (inclusive), being employed in their profession for at least one year, and living or working in the area of the local BPW organization. http://www.bpwfranklin.org/franklin.htm



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How can women overcome obstacles to financial security?

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let's consider a few

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than \$300,000 over her lifetime,

according to the National Academy of

Women also may be more suscepti-

156,000 jobs, while men gained 16,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also reported that women accounted for 54% of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020. And women are not unaware of their

ble to financial downturns. Consider

the COVID-19 pandemic: Just a few

months ago, in December, women lost

circumstances and outlook. Just 41% of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56% of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age

But if you're a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions: • Take full advantage of retirement plans

If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you'll want to choose the mix of

Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor

efits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you

You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you'd be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you're married and your spouse earned more money than you. You're generally even eligible for spousal ben· Look for unexpected income opportu

haven't remarried.

Even after you've formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you're a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren't the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future.



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Reserve your judgment

We see it on Facebook, and other social media accounts — seemingly happy people carrying on about their lives without a care in the world. As we scroll, we tend to pass judgements on what is in reality, a blip in the lives of those who's photos we are currently looking at. A mere moment that perhaps lasted less than a second is captured, and in that moment, we feel that we are free to make a distinction on what that individual is going through in the moments and days prior, or what they may be feeling like in the moments just after. Don't do that.

The best way to find out how a friend, co-worker or family member is, is to simply ask them. With the past year being what it was, mental health issues and rates of suicide are sky rocketing. Is this really a time to pass judgement? Or is this an opportunity to lift those up around us and to make sure that we're all hanging in there?

As humans, some of us can handle any given situation with more grit than others. Some can carry on for just so long until it just becomes too much. Those that have that grit, are those who have the ability to extend their hand, tell someone that they will be ok and that they are not alone. Support for a person overwhelmed, depressed or anxious is paramount to their well being. Sure, it feels good to act tough, and announce that X, Y, or Z doesn't bother you, but the world is not all about you and it never will be. Be kind, it just feels bet-

When a person breaks their leg and can no longer work for a time, they are sent flowers, offered encouraging words of support, given sick time and sent home with casseroles. If a person with a mental health condition takes time off to regroup and to seek the help and therapy that they need to ya know...live...it becomes an issue. Because you can't SEE the injury. What you might see is a smile that lasted a split second, and you pass judgement — "Oh they aren't really sick." Guess what — you are wrong. Make no mistake, we all go through challenging times, but that doesn't mean that we all handle them in the same way.

Discrimination against a person with any health issue, wether it be physical or mental, is illegal. Furthermore, it is morally wrong. Do we really want to be a society that has stopped supporting one another? We vote no. When we see a neighbor plow the driveway of the house down the street, or three neighbors pulling a strangers car out of a ditch, we are reminded of how at our cores, we are all kind.

Take note — mental illness is not a character defect. There are many reasons a person may develop an issue, wether it's temporary, brought on by stress, illness or whether it's genetic. Some anxiety may resurface as an adult, due to childhood trauma. Either way, we don't know, unless we know.

When people do not understand mental illness, they tend to exhibit prejudice against those who admit they have an issue. Those people are often treated as though they don't have a real health issue and are then discriminated against. This leads to shame in the person who openly admits that they need help, and so the stigma surrounding mental health is born.

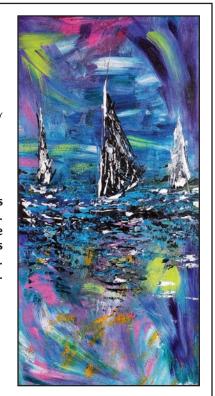
Many workplaces have excellent support systems in place for employees who need help, these to include police and fire departments. These places are to be commended for looking out for one another.

Here are ways to decrease the stigma, be in the know and help your neighbors. Educate yourself, be aware of your attitude towards those who confide in you, pay attention to your judgements and choose your words carefully. When you do educate yourself, spread the word. Treat those around you with respect and offer encouragement, or a slice of pizza; anything goes. We say it often — take care of each other, now more than ever. You will find that it's easy to be kind.

> **Additional** Letters to the Editor, please see page A-6

LRAA hosting Abstract Art for Beginners class

In this fun, beginner class you will learn to get creative with different mediums and subjects in abstract art. This four week class is held on Sunday from 1-3 p.m. starting March 21. This class will be held at the LRAA Gallery 120 Laconia Rd. Suite 132 Tilton, NH 03276. This class is meant for age 16 years and up, class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Deadline for pre-registration is March 14. To sign up, please contact Krista Doran: 833-7795 or marblestudiosllc@gmail.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would vote for Pat Consentino if I could

To the Editor:

I wish I could vote to re-elect Tilton Selectman Pat Consentino, but I live in Tuftonboro. If she ran here, she'd win my vote in a heartbeat.

I've known and admired Pat for decades, as a hard worker, a

constant friend, an honest broker, and -- always -- a strong voice for the un(der)served in her community. It takes courage and confidence to shape policy and make hard decisions. Pat has plenty of both, and she'll put them to work for Tilton, guaranteed.

I urge Tilton voters to give

yourselves the great gift of a Selectman seasoned by experience and empathy. Re-elect Pat Consentino!

Sincerely,

CHRISTIE V. SARLES TUFTONBORO

Vote for fair redistricting in March

To the Editor:

On March 9, voters in Alton, Belmont, and Gilmanton will have the opportunity to demand their elected officials support a fair and transparent redistricting process during 2021. Gilford and Meredith voters get their opportunity on March 10. Please vote in favor of Article 45 in Alton, Article 26 in Belmont, Article 30 in Gilford, Article 18 in Gilmanton and Article 15 in Meredith. Almost 100 towns in New Hampshire will vote on similar warrant parency in the process of drawing articles this year.

Voting districts should be designed in a fair, non-partisan manner during meetings that are open to the public. Towns with at least 3,300 residents should have a representative elected from their own town. Gerrymandering designs voting districts to benefit one party over another and makes it harder for a fair election. Without your vote in favor of these articles, there's a good chance that gerrymandering could get worse, not better. Transparency in this process will reduce the chances of this happening.

Vote in favor of these warrant articles to promote democracy by:

Demanding fairness and transnew district maps

Requiring that maps be drawn with no favoritism to one party or

Making sure that the mapping process happens in public meet-

Your supportive vote on these articles will send a message to both parties that fairness, openness, and non-partisan processes are crucial to democracy in New Hampshire.

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How is Sanbornton's fund balance doing?

To the Editor:

Just some information for you about Sanborntons Fund Balance which amounted to \$2,087,281, prior to the BOS developing our new budget.

To begin with the BOS used about \$400,000 of that fund balance to offset the tax rate reflected on your 1/5/21 Town Tax Bill.

What's also in the works is that the BOS is planning to also use \$600,000 of the fund balance to offset the cost of the new build-

ing project which will be voted on at the May 15 town meeting. Another item to be voted on at the town meeting will be an article proposed by the BOS to pay a promissory note on a ARRA loan of \$52,000 from the Sanbornton fund balance also!

So assuming this all happens, our town will only have a remaining Fund Balance of \$1,035,281.

I would have liked to see that \$600,000 proposed for the building project be used to reduce our

town tax rate further. We should reconsider the building project , whose total cost it estimated to be \$2,981,152, for some time in the future, when the economy improves and people's financial situations have hopefully improved.

Just something to think about before you vote on May 15 at the town meeting!

> BILL WHALEN SANBORNTON

There is a paradigm shift happening in Tilton

To the Editor:

Wednesday night, Tilton had its online public forum to meet the candidates. I'm standing for a position on the Select board. In case you missed the online forum, I did want to expand on what I foresee as a major problem facing not only Tilton, but also Belknap County and the Lakes Region as a whole.

The issue is a financial one brought on by the pandemic, and may be referred to as a paradigm reset, which occurs when the way things were done in the past are not how it will be done in the future. Essentially, large Internet based businesses are supplanting our local retail, restaurant and hotel/resort businesses. Forced

to stay at home, people have resorted to obtaining their needs online. There's an ever-increasing negative impact of this on local businesses. As their income declines, the value of their property declines. Ultimately, their assessments and the taxes generated from their brick and mortar stores and restaurants declines.

The budget of a town is divided by the tax base, or total real estate values, to yield the tax rate. If commercial values decline precipitously, residential real estate becomes a greater portion of the tax base. Tilton has a high percentage of commercial property. Homeowners end up paying more in taxes.

Being someone with extensive

real estate and business background, I am well qualified to attempt efficiencies in town government by encouraging department heads to run their departments without continuous redirection from the Select board. Let me be clear, though; due to forces far beyond the control of the town or county, taxes will not be going down. This will be a difficult fight just to keep taxes from increasing out of hand.

I appreciate your support at the polls in March. If successful, I will appreciate your insights on efficiencies that we can make as well as all ideas to make Tilton a great place to live, work, and play!

> JAMES CROPSEY TILTON

Open space pays in many ways

=BY SCOTT K. ROLFE Belmont Conservation Commission

Article #25 has been placed on the Belmont town ballot to reduce the conservation fund from receiving100 of the land use change tax to 50 percent. This is a tax charged to a property owner when the land comes out of current use. The land use change tax due to the town is 10% of the full and true value (non-current use value) of the changed portion as assessed by the town at the time of the change

These funds have been utilized over the past 15 years to conserve and protect some special places within our town for outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat and clean water. The Sanborn Farm, Tioga Conservation Area, and the Rail Trail that starts in downtown Belmont are some of these areas.

Pursuant to RSA 36-A:2 "The Belmont Conservation Commission is established for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of the Town. The Commission may acquire, in the name of the Town and subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, by gift, purchase or otherwise the fee in such land or water rights, or any lesser interest as may be necessary to conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas within the Town...."

Natural resources

character is "a quality of life and place...characterized by open spaces, historic places, forest and farmlands" mont Master Plan, Nov. 18, 2002, page 7.1).

The Belmont Conservation Commission has been charged with the protection and preservation of land that has been identified as a valuable and irreplaceable resource for drinking water, wildlife habitat and recreation. open space protection plan highlights the objectives of conserving special tracts of land, and the criteria thev must meet to qualify for protection.

In 2004, when the Conservation Commission had a natural resource inventory completed, only 3 percent (approximately 415 acres) of Belmont contained protected conservation land. For comparison, approximately 22 percent of New Hampshire's land base is currently protected through ownership by public or private conservation agencies, conservation easements, or other forms of permanent protection, most of which occurs in the northern part of the

Development for residential homes is ongoing throughout Belmont, and will continue, this highlights the need to balance development into the future with careful planning that includes our natural resources. Balance between development and conservation is necessarv if we are to maintain the unique characteristics and rural setting throughout the largely define Belmont's town we call home. Bel-

room community with many amenities and jobs close by. The question for all surrounding communities will be: can we protect this rural character of our area, the scenic views, outdoor recreation, and clean water bodies that we all enjoy?

Today, Belmont has 1,134 acres of protected land, 511 of those acres were purchased utilizing the conservation fund and additional grant monies. Some ask how much open space is necessary. The Society for the protection of NH Forests has set a goal and has asked every New Hampshire community to try to conserve or protect at least 25 percent of their land base by 2025. The only chance we have to work towards this in Belmont is through conservation easements or outright conservation land purchases using the conservation fund.

Here we are in 2021, the conservation commission has been prudent and utilized the available funds for its intended purpose, and taken opportunities to protect some special places when the opportunity arose. Thanks to the conservation fund and the commission's efforts we currently have 5.8 percent in protected open space land throughout the town. The land use change tax is the backbone to our conservation efforts to

accomplish this. We thank our predecessors for having foresight in the importance of creating the means through this fund to protect places of natural beauty within our community that also

and outdoor recreation. Maintaining 100 percent of the current funding source will be vitally important to the success of future land conservation in our town. The past two years the fund has generated more than the average due to the strong housing market. This has received attention by a few who I would contend, do not fully understand the benefit to cost ratio of protecting open space.

What's in the numbers of protected open space? The Conservation Commission has added nearly 3 percent in additional protected open space land to the town over the past 15 years. That's not a lot of land, but land is expensive. We have been prudent in making sure rural character. Rural mont is a desirable bed- provide wildlife habitat, these tax income dollars dollars for this single

were allocated for what it was intended to do, protect the rural character that most of us feel is an important part of our community and quality of life.

Studies have shown that undeveloped land has a zero balance in town service costs. The expenditure in Belmont to educate an elementary child in 2018-19 was \$18,619 and there were 0.72 children per household that year. This equates to a cost of \$13,405 dollars per house for education costs alone, additional costs of town services would still need to be added to the total municipal costs of this one household which would nearly double the cost. Over 12 years, the educational costs alone would equate to \$160,860 house.

In comparison, open space requires no educational costs and nearly zero town service costs creating stability in the tax rate. Continuing to secure open space in our community through conservation easements or outright purchase utilizing 100 percent of the current use land change tax is the right thing to do, not only for the protection of the natural resources we value, but also for tax stability and for the benefit of future generations. If you have enjoyed recreating on our conservation lands and the town forest, and want to maintain the rural character of Belmont, especially during this epidemic, then on March 9, please vote no on Article 25.

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING The de-Christianization of America

By Larry Scott

It is not an exaggeration to claim the Equality Act, currently under study by the U. S. Congress, would be catastrophic, not only for the Christian community but for America as well. The bill, which would add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected classes under federal civil rights law, would impact public facilities, sports, the medical profession, and the business community.

The Equality Act would force Christian businesses and Churches servicing the public to give gay Americans the same benefits given the heterosexual community. Only reasonable, some would say, but it marks a renewed move toward the secularization and de-Christianization of our national lifestyle and signals further

erosion away from the religious heritage and moral foundation that made America great. Wake up, America; this

is serious business. Where this is headed can be seen in an article posted by Action Alert on Monday, Feb. 22, quoting Chai Feldblum, the former commissioner of the Obama administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. "I'm having a hard time coming up with any case in which religious liberty should win. ... In almost all cases the sexual liberty should win because that's the only way that the dignity of gay people can be affirmed in any realistic manner."

This legislation, if passed, would make business owners subject to a radical LGBT agenda. If the Act were fully implemented, 1). Public facilities would

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desegregated; 2). Women's sports would be devastated with the participation of transgender men; 3). Health care providers would be required to perform sex changes; 4). Adoption and foster care agencies would be forced to place children into same-sex households. And that is to say nothing of the impact the Act would have on church schools, adoption agencies, religious colleges, and faith-based hospitals.

There are many in the evangelical community who believe that, if the

pandemic is not a sign of a point. But hold steady, divine judgment, we are sure to incur the wrath of the Almighty with the changes in the progressive ideology that has overtaken American society. Frankly, I don't believe God needs to do anything. The directives He has given were given because He knows that left to ourselves we are prone to self-destruct. All He needs to do is leave us to our own devices.

I realize that at first glance it would seem I am overstating my case, fear-mongering to make

America; we aren't through this thing yet and the pandemic may, indeed, be but the tip of an iceberg. History has shown repeatedly you cannot turn your back on God and survive intact. In the words of the Apostle Paul. "Be not deceived; God cannot be mocked. Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." That is a law of life and ignoring it will not make it go away!

I cannot imagine facing the future without my faith in His promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God, who are called according to His purpose." If you have not already done so I invite you to turn your life and your future over to the only One who knows what lies ahead, to the One who can give purpose to your journey and bring sunshine out of rain: His Name is Jesus.

For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pat Consentino has built a better future for Tilton

To the Editor:

I'm writing to express my support for re-electing Pat Consentino to the Tilton Board of Selectmen.

As a Selectman, Pat has worked hard to improve the town and the lives of its people. After first being elected in 2009, Pat created a committee to check on seniors and assist them transportation needs. This led to creation of the Senior Center, now in its 11th year and almost completely supported by grants and private fundraising.

Pat created a community service program with the Franklin district Court to help youngsters do community service instead of ending up in the prison system. The committee works with the Tilton School several times each vear, coordinating with groups of students to do community work at seniors' homes, raking leaves, helping with small chores, etc.

Working as Select board liaison to the Tilton Police Department for 12 years, Pat worked on police building committees to help secure the new police building which just opened at the end of February.

Pat has served as an ex officio member of the Budget Committee, and as Belknap County representative to the State

Council on Aging.

Her dedicated service earned her the highly prestigious Joseph Vaughan award, given by our Governors to those who deliver exceptional service to NH seniors.

During my four years in the New Hampshire Senate, Pat's dedication, experience, and energy have been indispensable in building a better future for the Tilton's people, businesses, and institutions. Your vote for Pat will continue to deliver that future.

Respectfully,

SEN. BOB GIUDA WARREN

Re-elect Pat Consentino for Tilton selectman

To the Editor:

There are individuals who live in their heads, and ones who live in their hearts. But it is a rare to know someone who can create in their head and act from their heart. There are dreamers who dream big but never make those dreams a reality.

For the past 12 years, Tilton has been fortunate enough to have Pat Consentino serve as Selectman. Pat thinks clearly in her head but always acts from her heart. Her dreams of establishing a senior center, of having the local young people in our schools contribute positively to the community, of providing transportation to our disabled and elderly citizens, of providing a channel for troubled young people to give back to the town rather than ending up in the court system or of diligently working on securing a new police facility have all come to

fruition under Pat's term in office.

Since Pat has been a selectman, I have witnessed Pat working with local businesses to resolve problems, spend hours at the bedside of dying citizens, daily delivering coffee and a newspaper to a resident at the Veterans home, arranging to have a new flag to replace his tattered one for a local Veteran, buy breakfast for a needy person, pick up residents and give them rides in the pouring rain, and arranging assistance for the mentally ill. She is available twenty-four hours a day to all residents of Tilton.

Pat is the kind of Selectman I am glad to have in Tilton. We need her and her knowledge and expertise of

and in our town. Please join me in re-electing Pat

Consentino for Selectman on March 9.

JANE ALDEN Тилом

GIRLS

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The Raiders closed out the week with a 53-38 win over the Knights in Belmont, with Hall again leading the way with 13 points and 16 rebounds. Burke had 10 points and nine rebounds and Becca Fleming added 19 points and five steals.

Belmont led 11-8 after one quarter and opened the second quarter on an 11-0 run, keyed by a pair of Kat Davies three-pointers for a 28-13 lead at the half. Kingswood closed the gap to 38-30 after three, but the Raiders finished strong, with two steals from Fleming leading to baskets by Molly Sottak and Burke to put the game

"Both games we came out sluggish to start the second half." said coach

playoffs."

The Raiders got a bye in the opening round of the tournament and will play host to either Newfound or Gilford today, March 4. The winner

need to fix that for the moves on to the quarterfinals on Sunday, March

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Morgan Hall leaps for a rebound during action at Kingswood

Community Action Program launches March for Meals campaign

REGION — For more than 50 years, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (CAPBMCI) has been delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors. In the fiscal year 2019-20, CAPBMCI provided 1,749 individuals with 291,537 home-delivered meals along with daily check-ins, furnishing a vital lifeline and connection to the community.

Since 2002, the month of March has been a time to celebrate the proven collaboration of local community organizations, local businesses, all levels of government, and compassionate individuals who ensure that seniors do not go hungry. The essential Meals on Wheels program could not be possible without the teamwork and financial assistance of many.

During the month of March, we invite you to visit the Elder Services CAPBMCI Facebook Page regularly to meet Meals on Wheels participants and community leaders and to hear from them how Meals on Wheels positively impacts their daily life and our community. You will also have the opportunity to participate in our March for Meals Silent Auction on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/ ElderServicesBMCAP/. Starting Monday, March 11, great items will be going up for bid such as a two nights, three days townhouse stay on the Saco River in Center Conway, a Bird Lover's Basket, a Fine Wine & Chocolate Basket, Osborne's Agway Dog's Delight Gift of Goodies, Next Level Automotive services gift card, and much more. All proceeds from the silent auction go directly to CAPBMCI Meals on Wheels. This is a fun way to support senior family members, friends, and neighbors so they can live healthier, happy, independent lives at home, where they want to be. For more information about Meals on Wheels, please visit www.bm-cap.org.

Demand your constitutional right to proper representation

To the Editor:

Every 10 years, following the federal census, the New Hampshire Legislature is required to redraw the lines of all New Hampshire political districts based upon the new population numbers. The New Hampshire Constitution (Part 2, Article11) requires that at least one State Representative will exclusively represent any town with 3,290 or more citizens, and that the redistricting process be fair, nonpartisan, and transparent to the general public.

Unfortunately, 2011, a few people, working behind closed doors, redrew the political district maps. This process

was not transparent, and at public hearings, no maps were presented for public input. This resulted in many towns with more than 3,290 citizens not being given their Constitutionally mandated, exclusive New Hampshire Representative.

My hometown of Gilmanton is among those towns deprived of their exclusive Representative. We currently have three seats in the House of Representatives all of which are shared with other towns.

If you are a citizen of Gilmanton, on March 9, please vote for Warrant Article 18. Article 18 is a demand by the citizens of Gilmanton to the New Hampshire

General Court for a fair and transparent redistricting process, which must include our exclusive State Representative seat as mandated by the New Hampshire Constitution. If we voters approve this Article, then a written notice will be sent from our Selectmen to our State Legislators informing them of the demands of their constituents. All the other towns around us and most of the towns in New Hampshire have similar articles, and their citizens should likewise vote for the redistricting article that is on their ballots. Thank

> LEW HENRY **GILMANTON**

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Bears finish up regular season with tough one in Plymouth



Emma Griffin tries to dribble the ball past Plymouth's Olivia Homer in action on Friday

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The final game of the regular season for the Plymouth and Winnisquam hoop

girls gave each team something to take into their respective postseason tournaments. For Plymouth, the 57-20 win marked their fourth win in a row to

close out the regular season while for Winnisquam, the final games against strong teams helped to steel them for the postseason. "We've won four in

a row, we're almost 100 percent healthy," said Plymouth coach Dave Levesque. "Now we've got five or six days to prepare for Kennett.

"It's exciting to have a home playoff game," he added.

"It's part of being young, but the other part of it we need to learn from this," said Winnisquam coach Mark Dawalga. "They're (Plymouth) a good team,

they've come a long way and they have three really good shooters."

Plymouth started the game strong with the first eight points, all from senior Leia Brunt. Brunt put back a rebound for the first two points then converted a three-point play and drilled a conventional three-pointer for an 8-0 lead for the Bobcats.

Lauren MacDonald got the first points of the game for Winnisquam with a hoop, but Gwen answered Merrifield with a basket for the Bobcats. Mackenzie Philippy drained a pair of free throws for the Bears, but Merrifield lead. Gwen Merrifield and Brunt drilled backto-back three-pointers for a 16-4 lead.

Sophia Day hit a hoop for the Bears but Tarryn Rhude came through with a hoop and a free throw for Plymouth to close out the first quarter with a 19-6 lead for the Bobcats.

Jordan Levesque got



Lauren MacDonald drives the ball toward the lane in action on Friday night in Plymouth.

the Bobcats started in the second quarter with a pair of free throws and a three-pointer, stretching the lead to 24-6. Philippy answered with a basket for the Bears, but Plymouth scored the final nine points of the

Merrifield started the run and then Brunt hit a pair of hoops, the second coming off a nice steal from Kayley Merrifield. Levesque hit a hoop and then drained a free throw for the 33-8 lead at the halftime break.

The Plymouth run continued to kick off the third quarter, with the Bobcats scoring the first 11 points of the second half. Gwen Merrifield started things with a hoop and then Brunt drained a hoop and a basket for a 40-8 put back a rebound and added another basket and Plymouth's lead was

Emma Griffin hit a free throw for the Bears and then Philippy converted a three-point play. Olivia Homer drained two free throws at the other end of the court and Kayley Merrifield

added a hoop and a three-pointer for the 51-12 lead for Plymouth after three quarters of

Gwen Merrifield and Aaralyn Scroggins both put back rebounds to start the fourth quarter and Elaina Manson added Plymouth's final bas-

ket of the game. Winnisquam scored the final eight points of the game, with Philippy scoring all eight points. The Bears sophomore put back a rebound and then drained two three-pointers for the 57-

20 final score. "Our four seniors, they've played together for four years and it's the right time to be gelling and to play well together," Levesque said. "It's a nice feeling when we can do that."

The Bobcats now turn their attention to Kennett, who is also on a bit of a roll. The Eagles beat the Bobcats twice earlier in the season. However, the Bobcats were playing significantly shorthanded in those matchups.

"We have a lot of work to do," Levesque said. "They're a great team.

"In the playoffs, it's

anybody's game," the Bobcat coach continued. "It will be nice having it at home, that's exciting for the girls."

"I give them a lot of credit," said Dawalga. "They took us out of a lot of what we wanted to do tonight.

"But I want to play these guys again," the Bear coach added. "To finish up with two strong teams (Newfound and Plymouth), that's how you get better."

The Bears drew Inter-Lakes in the opening round of the tournament, a team they beat early in the season. For a team that has struggled to find wins the last few years, getting a chance in the playoffs is excit-

"It's super exciting for me as a coach," Dawalga said. "They're such a great group of girls."

Brunt led all scorers in the game with 20 points while Gwen Merrifield added 15 for the Bobcats and Philippy had 15 points to lead the

Plymouth won the week's previous game in Tilton by a 57-39 score. The Bobcats got out to

a hot start, taking a 21-2 lead and along the way to the win drained 12 three-pointers.

The Winnisquam girls were slated to open the tournament after deadline on Tuesday against Inter-Lakes. The winner of that game plays either Berlin or White Mountains today, March 4. The quarterfinals are Sunday, March 7.

Plymouth is slated to open the tournament on Friday, March 5, at home against Kennett. The quarterfinals are Sunday, March 7.

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20, Manson 1-0-2, Scrog-

gins 1-0-2, Totals 22-7-57

Winnisquam 20 Philippy 5-3-15, Griffin 0-1-1, MacDonald 1-0-2, Day 1-0-2, Totals 7-4-20

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Franklin Savings Bank accepting applications for Fund for Community Advancement

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank is currently accepting applications for its Fund for Community Advancement, senting the 44th round grants. All applications must be postmarked by May 30 for consideration and can be mailed, dropped off at any branch location, or emailed to mybanker@fsbnh.bank. The bank has awarded 225 grants totaling \$1,029,808 to community organizations and agencies throughout New Hampshire since 1997.

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Areas served by the Fund include Boscawen, Bristol, Franklin, Gilford, Goffstown, Merrimack and Tilton. The Fund may also provide support for projects in other surrounding communities.

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Hall earns spot on Emmanuel College **Dean's List**

BOSTON, Mass. — Emmanuel College in Boston has named Elise Hall of Belmont to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

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Bulldogs wrap up regular season with tie in Wolfeboro



Belmont-Gilford's Zoltan Stefan puts Kingswood's Ethan Mosher into the boards in action Kingswood's Riley Smith tries to knock Belmont-Gilford's Owen Guerin off his line during action Saturday. on Saturday night.

Sports Editor

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

WOLFEBORO — As you head to the playoffs, ideally, a team wants to be playing good hockey and have a few solid games under its belt in the final week of the regular season.

The Kingswood and Belmont-Gilford hockey teams got one of those games under their belts on Saturday night at the Pop Whalen Arena in Wolfeboro, as the two teams played to an overtime 3-3 tie in the final game of the regular sea-

"That was a fun game," said Belmont-Gilford coach Jason Parent. "We tried to play some different guys in different places to see what we could muster up."

"Those were two of our best periods of hockey," said Kingswood coach Mike Potenza, referring to the second and third periods. "I think in the overtime we had some kids that were gassed."

Things got off to a good start for the Bulldogs, as they were able to put a lot of pressure in the offensive zone. Rory Doris and Aidan McKenzie had early chances for the visitors, but Kingswood keeper Oleg Sheahan held his ground.

Belmont-Gilford got a power play chance less than three minutes gone

in the game and despite some good penalty killing from Josh Paraskos of Kingswood, they were able to get on the board less than a minute into the man advantage, as Bradley McIntire scored from the lost on an assist from Owen Guerin for the 1-0 lead.

Brady Logan had a chance denied by Sheahan and McIntire and Guerin continued to pressure, with Sheahan holding tight in the Kingswood net.

With 7:14 to go, Belmont-Gilford upped the lead to 2-0 on a top-shelf snipe from Jackson Collins, with Geena Cookinham and Logan getting the assists. Kingswood got a good look from Ethan Mosher, but B-G keeper Colin McGreevy was able to make the save in the net. Nick Potenza also had a shot go wide of the net for the Knights, while Guerin sent a shot on net that Sheahan stopped.

Belmont-Gilford went on the power play with 5:35 to go and Cody Emerson and Bailey Savage combined for a good clear for the Knights while Logan, Cookinham and Guerin all had chances that just missed the mark. Potenza had a good clear and Cam Kean did a nice job on the penalty kill to kill off the advantage.

Case Rogers made a

nice defensive stop for Kingswood on a bid from Dylan Flannery and McKenzie was able to send a shot on net that Sheahan turned away. sending the game to the first intermission with a 2-0 Belmont-Gilford lead.

Kingswood came out of the gate firing in the second period, with Potenza and Shaw Swinerton getting chances that McGreevy stopped. Guerin came back with a chance that Sheahan stopped and Emerson had a chance that Mc-Greevy turned away.

With 12:24 to go in the period, Potenza sent a shot on net that tipped past McGreevy for the first goal of the game for the Knights. Emerson got the assist on the tally to make it 2-1.

The Bulldogs went on the power play with 10:45 to go and Logan and McIntire had good chances denied while Kean had a nice clear for the Knights. Brendan Folan had a shot deflected and Guerin had a shot topped by Sheahan. Potenza had a shorthanded bid and Swinerton and Savage teamed up on a chance for the Knights that McGreevy stopped and the penalty was killed off.

Kingswood continued to pressure, with Cam DeVito, Riley Smith, Swinerton, Emerson, Mosher and Savage all

getting chances in the offensive zone, but Mc-Greevy was up to the challenge, turning away all of the Knight chances. Guerin came back with a chance for the Bulldogs but Sheahan held his ground in the

Kingswood net. DeVito had another chance that was stopped and Kean had a nice centering pass that just missed in front of the net. Mosher also had a centering pass that missed and Emerson had a shot that Mc-Greevy stopped, sending the game to the third

with the Bulldogs up 2-1. Kingswood came out strong in the third, with Potenza, Emerson, Swinerton, Savage and Smith all getting chances, but again, Mc-Greevy held his ground in the Bulldog net. Andrew Rowley had a shot for the Bulldogs that went wide of the net.

Kingswood went on the power play with 9:15 to go in the game and less than 30 seconds later, the game was tied, as Potenza fired home a goal from the circle for the second goal of the game for the Knights.

The Knights went on the power play again with 6:53 to go and this time needed just five seconds to get the power play goal, with Potenza sending a shot on net that McGreevy stopped, but Kean was right there to put the rebound into a wide open net for the 3-2 Kingswood lead.

DeVito and Potenza had chances for the Knights that were denied

and the Bulldogs were able to pull even again, this time on a goal from Guerin with 3:42 to go in the game. The Knights came back with chances from Kean and Savage as well as bids from Potenza and Swinerton that were denied. Rowley and Zoltan Stefan had late chances for the visitors but regulation came to a close with the teams tied at three.

DeVito, Rogers, Kean and Potenza had some early chances for Kingswood in the start of overtime and Guerin and Logan Moulton answered with chances for the Bulldogs. Kingswood went on the power play with 4:48 to go in overtime but could not convert, as the visitors killed off the penalty. Stefan had a shot blocked by Paraskos and Logan had a chance stopped by Sheahan to close out the 3-3 tie.

"Today we probably only played one and a half periods of decent hockey," said Parent. "Going into the playoffs, we have to play three periods.

of things in the last four games," the Bulldog coach continued. "I think we have a good plan going into the playoffs and hopefully we can have a deep run."

The Bulldogs drew Merrill Fay Arena-mates Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes in the opening round, which was scheduled to take place at the Laconia facility after deadline Wednesday.

"We have our own locker room there, we're comfortable there, we practice there," Parent said. "And I think we're familiar with a lot of their players too."

"Oleg played much better today, that's a spot I don't really worry about," said Potenza. "Cam Kean is a pretty valuable defenseman, but you see the way he forechecks." The Knight coach moved the sophomore up to the front line the last few games and he has produced.

"And Josh (Paraskos) has turned into a good penalty killer for us," said the Knight coach. "He's doing what we ask him to do."

Potenza noted that while the regular season games technically don't count, as every team makes the playoffs, he wants to see positive results on the scoreboard.

"I'm just glad they're playing this way now, going into the playoffs," Potenza said.

The Knights drew Somersworth-Coe-Brown in the opening round of the tournament and were scheduled to travel to Rochester after deadline on Wednesday.

For Belmont-Gilford, if they win the opener, they will play at Kennett on Saturday, March 6, at 4 p.m. If the Knights win their opener, they will play at St. Thomas on Saturday, March 6.

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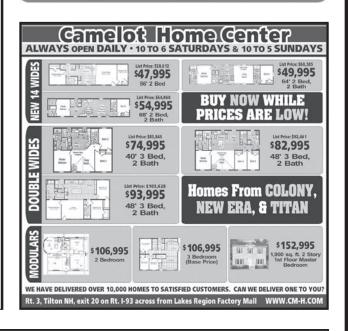
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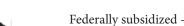
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"You're a true humanitarian." was another of the countless words of praise bestowed on Cormier throughout the morning's celebration.

In addition to heading up a busy and hardworking police department, Cormier was also very involved in the community over the years, bringing a Christmas parade and fireworks

to the town along with a fun-filled Downtown Halloween Celebration. Through Tilton-Northfield Rotary he also participated in their annual Children's Fishing Derby and helped organize many other community events.

The chief was also deeply involved in Special Olympics where he took part in the annual Special Olympics Summer Torch Run, both locally and interna-

tionally, the WinniDip and their Fueling for Dreams fundraisers. Cormier was committed to volunteering for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, too. He not only took part in the Rafting for Wishes fundraiser on Meredith Bay each year, but helped grant wishes for children with life-altering illnesses. The police escorts he arranged overjoyed many of the young boys and girls as they headed for Disney

World or other destinations that brought a bit of fun back into their lives.

On behalf of N.H. Make-A-Wish, two of their representatives also joined the parade. Unfortunately, Make-A-Wish partners could not be present that day but didn't want to be left out of the tribute. So, to include them in his send-off, the pair poked photos of a couple of

those coworkers through their sunroof and even had them on speaker phone so they, too, could wish Cormier well in the future.

"This is amazing," Cormier said as he heard their voices.

Tilton police officers, both on and off-duty, also attended the drive-thru celebration as well as drivers from Rustv's Towing and radio celebrities from Mix 94.1 FM

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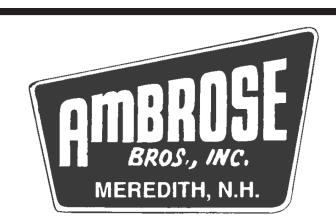
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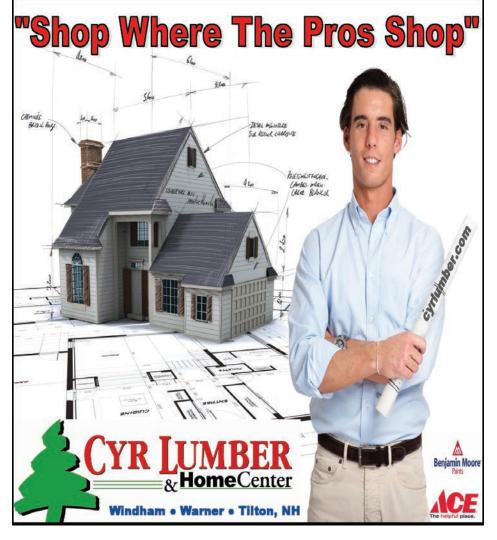


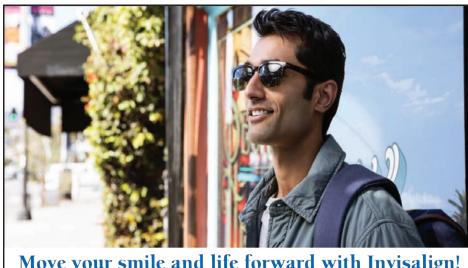












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