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Officials annoyed with bridge project red tape

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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A few town officials have voiced their ire about the amount of regulations and required details associated with a coming bridge project receiving state funding, with one wanting to ask state legislators to address the issue.

The selectmen approved a series of agreements with Stan-tec Consulting Services to reconstruct the Old Lakeshore Bridge. The project will be paid for with 80 percent state funding,

with the remaining 20 coming from the town.

According to a recording of the Feb. 8 selectmen's meeting posted on the town website, selectman Chan Eddy said he read through the agreement and there were a lot of things he didn't understand. He described the agreement as extensively detailed with multiple pages of information on the project.

Board Chair Richard Grenier said these were beyond detailed and expressed frustration with how complicated the documenta-

tion and the process was.

Grenier said the bridge would have been there for 92 years. "I'm sure they did not have to go through the process we have to go through to get money from the state," Grenier said.

Grenier said he understands the bridge needs to get done and said he put no blame on Public Works Director Peter Nourse.

He said it is "ridiculous" how many strings are attached to get state money. One example is paying \$1,900

for a report on plants next to the bridge and other details.

Grenier said that 80 percent from the state is still taxpayer money and called this process an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.

Grenier said he would like the board to write a letter to the state legislators to look at this issue.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn agreed with Grenier's statements. He said most of these regulations are from the federal government passed down to the state.

"It's the most red tape you could ever want to deal with: to do

a highway project that has state and federal SEE **BRIDGE** PAGE A9

Voters to decide on transfer station project

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Voters will decide on a proposed project to expand the recycling facility into a town transfer station.

Gilford currently has a recycling facili-

ty and uses Laconia's transfer station for solid waste. Voters at the 2016 town meeting approved an engineering study for a transfer station. A project initially carried a proposed cost of \$1.7 million that

steadily dropped down to \$950,000 after extensive discussions.

Article 6 calls for the raising and appropriation of \$950,000 in bonds. Town administrator Scott Dunn said a 10-year bond would

have an approximate yearly payment of \$65,345.

A number of residents asked questions about this project at the town deliberative session on Feb. 8.

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COURTESY

Family Fun Night

Gilford Elementary School hosted a fantastic Family Fun Night this past Saturday, Feb. 18. We had more than 200 families join us for sledding, crafts, an obstacle course, and dancing under the stars. There was free pizza, veggies and snacks that brought our One School, One Book to life for the children at Gilford Elementary School. This year, the school read "Gooseberry Park" by Cynthia Rylant. Each week, a certain section of the book was assigned for readers to enjoy and discuss. There were comprehension questions that came home with the assigned chapters and weekly trivia questions asked based on the reading for that week. Students with correct answers were entered into the weekly drawing for a prize. Similar to past years, we had an outdoor One School, One Book event sponsored by the PTA and Volunteer Steering Committee. The weather could not have been better for this fun event. Thank you to the Interact students from Gilford High School that helped with the event, as well as all the families that volunteered their time to make this a night we will remember for a long time. Pictured here are Jason Javalgi and his daughter, Nadia.

Parks and Rec director reports of successes, support

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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A successful winter season despite a few hiccups, big participation, and some big donations and volunteer efforts were some of the happenings in the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Recreation director Herb Greene gave the board of selectmen a periodic update on the department, including new information since his last update in July.

According to a recording of the Feb. 8 meeting that was posted on the town website, Greene

said they had a successful summer season with good weather. The summer season ended with Old Home Day 2016, Greene said the committee is already preparing for Old Home Day 2017.

After the summer season ended, the Parks and Recreation Department took care of a number of maintenance projects with a lot of outside support.

They filled in and sealed a number of cracks on the tennis court.

In October, the floor and exterior decking in the bandstand in Village Field was repaired. SEE **PARKS AND REC** PAGE A9



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GHS students receive awards for artwork

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The Scholastic Art Awards are a prestigious awards competition for high school artists and Gilford put on a show receiving twenty-four awards, seven of which earned Gold Key recognition. The Gold Key artwork will go on to compete at the national level. The teachers of these stu-

dents; Leaman Antone, Laura Weed and Hettie Haudenshield, could not be more proud. The award winning work was exhibited at Pinkerton Academy from Jan. 23-Feb. 5 and celebrated at an awards ceremony on Feb. 5.

Gold Key
Will Baldwin (Art Portfolio)
Caledonia Hackley
Beck McLean
Alexa McNamara
Daisy Medeiros
Colton Workman (2 Pieces)

Silver Key
Daisy Medeiros (Art Portfolio and individual work)
Emily Bell
Samantha Knowles
Colton Workman

Honorable Mention
Chloe Bourgeois
Sean Desautelle
Connor Gagne
Alexa McNamara
Brianna Mitchell
Julianna Robertson
Dom Troiano
Carly White
Michelle Young

PTA Reflections Recognition
Gilford would also like to recognize Caledonia Hackley and Taeylor Plante, who placed first and third, respectively, at the state level of the PTA Reflections visual arts competition. Both students created work that responded to the theme, "What is your story?" Hackley's work will move on to the National PTA Reflections competition. Once again, well done, Gilford!

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

Have you ever read a James Patterson book and gotten bored halfway through? Have you ever read a short story about a guy with a gun and thought, “How can this story have ended already?! It just began!” Boy, have I got an innovation for you (Can you sense my sarcasm? I’m trying to sounds sarcastic). James Patterson has been releasing books that are shorter than traditional books, but longer than short stories. These 80-150 page long ‘Book Shots’ are quick, decisive reads that are designed to be gripping, and to not overstay their welcome. Sarcasm aside, I think James Patterson recognized that many of his readers are looking for gripping reads that aren’t taxing on time or memory, or even money at \$5 each. If I were to use an oversimplified analogy I would say that ‘Book Shots’ are to novels as

television episodes are to movies.

Although Patterson has rebranded ‘novellas’ as ‘Book Shots,’ readers the world over know that novellas are not a new idea. They are short novels that you wouldn’t quite call a short story. I think that the publishing and printing process is partly punishable for partitioning novellas, but with lower printing costs and digital media, that may be changing.

I’d be interested to hear what people think about new storytelling formats beyond the full length novel. I’ve talked endlessly about graphic novels as a novel format, but we also have books told in prose, poetry, and other linguistic styles. Bryan Selznick is the author of young adult books that are told in two parts, one story in imagery and one in words. Many of the teen readers don’t hesitate to jump in and read a ‘book’ that

looks more like a poster, or a ‘novel’ that has somewhere between 1 and 200 words per page, depending on the page. Why? Maybe because they are insane, or maybe because they just aren’t as stuck to traditional story formats as us old folks.

Anne Carson put out a ‘book’ of poetry called ‘Float’ that has bewildered most of the readers who have tried it. It is a plastic case with 22 ‘chapbooks’ inside in a variety of styles and shapes. The pieces have no particular order in which they are to be read, so it doesn’t seem like there is a wrong way to read it, nonetheless most readers have gotten the impression that something is wrong. Really, it is just different. You can like it or

not like anything else.

If you have an opinion, feel free to chat with us at the desk. I’d be happy to show off some of our more bizarre items, but I’d be even more excited to imagine what trend is going to come next. Interactive virtual reality choose-your-own-adventure novels sound neat.

Classes & Special Events
Feb. 23 to March 2

Thursday, Feb. 23
Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.
Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Conversational French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Mystery Book Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
The first meeting of the new Mystery Book Group at GPL.

This month's book is The Expats, by Chris Pavone, a political thriller described as "...bombshells a minute..." This discussion will be lead by Betty Tidd, and books are available at the circulation desk.

Foreign Movie Night, 7-9 p.m.

This month's movie is “Theeb,” from India.

Friday, Feb. 24
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, Feb. 27
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.
Little Builder’s Club, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Vacation Movie, 2-4 p.m.

Come watch a movie and have some snacks during Vacation! For children.

Book Bites Cookbook Club, 5-6:30 p.m.

This month's theme will be "Cooking with Beer!" Sign up at the front desk. Cost is \$5 at sign up.

Wednesday, March 1
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Let’s Play: Teen Club, 3-4:30 p.m.

Let's Play all kinds of games! Video games, party games, board games. Teens. Gaming.

Gilford Public Library
Top Ten Requests

- 1. “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman
- 2. “Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead
- 3. “Right Behind You” by Lisa Gardner
- 4. “The Rent Collector” by Camron Steve Wright
- 5. “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult
- 6. “Heartbreak Hotel” by Jonathan Kellerman
- 7. “Never Never” by James Patterson
- 8. “Irena’s Children” by Tilar Mazzeo
- 9. “The Whistler” by John Grisham
- 10. “Cross the Line” by James Patterson

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LACONIA — Tavern 27 is hosting the second annual Mardi Gras: Unleashed on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 6-8:30 p.m. at 2075 Parade Rd., Laconia, to benefit the New Hampshire Humane Society. Join Chef Leslie Judice and Raymond Simanson, co-owners of Tavern 27, for a feast of tapas and wine pairings; lively New Orleans-style piano jazz with local musician Jim Tyrrell; trivia, scavenger hunt, games and prizes, and; of course Mardi Gras Party favors and the traditional King Cake.

Leslie Judice was born in New Orleans, and is thrilled to bring the sights, sounds and flavors of Mardi Gras to Laconia again this year.

“There will be something for everyone to enjoy - food, music and fun- and all for a fantastic cause,” she says.

Chef Leslie and her team will be serving New Orleans-inspired cuisine, along with some of Tavern 27’s most popular items. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options will also be served. There will be several stations paired with a variety of wines including some on the Tavern 27 list and a few new wines to enjoy. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available and are included with the price of admission; the bar will be open for guests that do not enjoy wine.

“Winter can be long and hard for the neglected and abandoned animals in our area. It is the New Hampshire Humane Society’s mission to care for them and give them a voice,” says NH Humane Society’s Development Director, Lissa Mas-

cio. “In the middle of a dreary New England winter, what could be better than a colorful party, fantastic food and lively music to benefit them, and the shelter?”

All proceeds from the event will benefit the New Hampshire Humane Society shelter. The New Hampshire Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to find responsible and caring forever homes; provide shelter for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals; advocate and be the voice for the voiceless. The Humane Society works hard to prevent cruelty to animals and offers education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets. Community fundrais-

ing efforts, such as the money raised by Mardi Gras: Unleashed, are an integral part of keeping the shelter open and providing valuable services to the 17 communities in the NHHS area, and beyond.

Tickets for the event are \$54 in advance (plus tax, gratuity not included) and can be purchased at Tavern 27, or online at tavern27.com or through nhhumane.org, or; \$63 at the door. Tickets are limited; purchasing in advance is strongly recommended. Dress is casual, though guests are welcome to dress in festive purple, green and gold. Local businesses wishing to support the event by donating prizes may contact Leslie via e-mail, eat@tavern27.com, or by dropping items off at Tavern 27.

Learn about transportation resources
in the Lakes Region at Taylor Community

LACONIA — This presentation will focus on transportation issues and the problems that arise from the lack of dependable solutions in our area. Larisa Djuvelek-Rugiero, a regional mobility manager from Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action Program, will lead the discussion, to

include information about the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation and available options in the Lakes Region.

The event is Monday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building and is free and open to the public.

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All town, school offices uncontested

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Voting for town and school district offices will take place on March 14, and voters will be deciding on candidates for each position. All town offices are uncontested. Richard Grenier is seeking another three-

year term in the board of selectmen. Three seats are open on the Budget Committee for a three year term. Geoff Ruggles and Sue Greene are running again for their seats. Skip Murphy is also running for a position on the board. Current committee member Kevin

Leandro is not running again. Denise Gonyer is running for her position as town clerk-tax collector for another three year term. Incumbent Kimberly Zyla s running for a three-year term as treasurer. Current trustee of

the trust funds Donald Clarke is running again for another three-year term. Betty Tidd is seeking a seat on the library trustees for a three-year term. Kate Bishop Hamel is not running again. Dee Chitty is running again for a three-year term as cemetery trust-

ee. Donald Speare is seeking another three-year term as fire engineer. All offices on the school district are also uncontested. Rae Mello-Andrews is running for another three-year term on the school board. Sandra McGonagle is seeking another one-year term as school district moderator. Kimberly Zyla is

running again for her position as school district clerk, which carries a one-year term. Dawn Scribner is also running again for school district treasurer, which has a one-year term. Voting on town and school district officers and warrant articles will take place on Tuesday, March 14. Polling will be at the Gilford Youth Center from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Increased case load spurs region-wide search for CASA volunteers

BY DONNA RHODES
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REGION — CASA of New Hampshire has been advocating for neglected and abused children in the state for many years, and they now are reaching out to find other volunteers who wish to take part in their mission, one that saves New Hampshire taxpayers millions of dollars each year. “Every child going through the family court system gets a paid guardian ad litem assigned to them. CASA volunteers are able to support them instead of an ad litem, though, saving the state about \$3 million each year,” said Joy Nolan, a CASA program manager for central New Hampshire. The children they serve are not in trouble, but situations in their lives may have left them in a compromising or potentially dangerous environment. CASA is there to look after their best interests through the judicial system. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, and their volunteers come from all walks of life, wheth-

er it be a career in education, business, construction or simply a concerned citizen. After a background screening they take part in a 40-hour training session before they are provided with their first case. “We have 400 volunteers in the state right now, but it’s not enough,” Nolan said. “We’re only able to accept 68 percent of the cases presented to us by the state, and the hardest days for me are the days I have to turn a case away.” In the Lakes Region, she said, there is an especially high demand for CASA workers right now. The biggest reason behind many of those cases is the ongoing war against drugs. “The opioid problem has placed a real burden on us now. Kids in this state deserve safety and permanency in their lives, and we need more volunteers to help with all they’re facing,” said Nolan. One of the many volunteers helping to provide those factors is Alan Amero of Northfield. Amero has been a

CASA volunteer for four years now, and said it has been a very rewarding experience. “I was looking for something to do that would challenge me. Watching Channel 9 one day, I saw a public service announcement for CASA, and I was off and running,” Amero said. The term that best describes his role with CASA, he said, is to address the best interests of a child. There is no transportation, no gift giving, and not necessarily any close friendship involved, like a mentor would provide. The volunteers are simply asked to speak on a child’s behalf in family court. Working alongside the Division of Children, Youth and Families, they are updated on any address changes, parental visitation plans and other issues that might affect a particular case. The volunteers then visit the child they are supporting once a month for “eye-to-eye” contact and to observe their environment. Those observations are then reported back to the court during their next hearing. The greatest satisfaction comes when he can play a part in breaking the cycle of abuse or family addiction a child has lived with, then send he or she off to become a productive member of their community. “I’ve found it to be very a very rewarding experience. It makes me grateful in a lot of ways for the life that I’ve had,” Amero said. “Being a CASA volunteer also increases your problem solving skills and helps you look at issues with a whole different perspective.”

He said his work averages around 10 hours a month per case, and volunteers are never presented with more than two cases at a time. Some reach a speedy resolution, while others can go on anywhere from several months to sometimes a little more than a year. In addition to the personal visits and court appearances, volunteers also get together as a group to discuss issues they encounter in their advocacy roles or simply lend support to each other. “Every case is unique, but there are some commonalities, so we share ways we’ve worked through a problem or particular situation and that can be a big help,” said Amero. CASA is constantly running training sessions for new volunteers and the next one is slated to begin on March 20 in Northfield, with an exact location and time to be announced in the near future. Those interested in becoming a CASA volunteer are asked to download an application as soon as possible at CASANH.org so background checks and interviews can be completed prior to the training session. “I love my CASA’s. They bring bright light into a dark world of abuse and neglect. We want to meet the needs of each child who needs us so I look forward to welcoming more people who want to help make that possible,” said Nolan. To learn more about the organization or to make a donation to their ongoing mission of child advocacy, please visit their Web site or call 1-800-626-0622.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Cardboard Box Sled Derby – Wednesday, March 1! The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be holding their Annual Cardboard Box Sled Derby on Wednesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at the Gilford Outing Club sledding hill on Cherry Valley Road. Participants in this program will build their own sled ahead of time to have their sled judged and compete in a race down the sledding hill the day of the event. This program is open to participants of all ages. All interested participants are asked to pre-register by Tuesday, Feb. 28. Derby guidelines and registration forms are available in the Town Hall and on the Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilforddrec.com. For more informa-

tion and Derby Design Guidelines, please call the Parks and Rec Office at 527-4722. **Senior Moment-um Patrick’s Pub Lunch on March 6** The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, March 6. We will meet at Patrick’s Pub in Gilford at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy lunch. Participants will order off the menu and are responsible for the cost of their own meal. As an added bonus, 25 percent of our food tabs will be donated to support the Gilford/Belmont High School hockey team! Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 2. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

Community Church Souper Bowl scores big for Got Lunch! Program

Yes, the New England Patriots scored the Super Bowl win this year, but a week later, the Gilford Community Church scored an outstanding win for Gilford Got Lunch with their First Annual “Souper Bowl.” Scott Hodsdon, Director of the Gilford Youth Center, challenged the congregation to bring in cans of soups which would be collected the following Sunday. A total of 215 cans were collected and the winner was Gilford Got Lunch! Thanks to the generous donation from the church members the cans of soups will provide 215 meals for children in the program. 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 our families. Currently the program provides weekend meals for 45 children. Gilford Got Lunch! will be sponsoring a food drive on Election Day, March 14 at the Gilford Youth Center, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford. For more information about the Gilford Got Lunch! Program, visit the Web site at www.gilfordgotlunch.com.

NOTICE OF SESSION, SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST- GILFORD

Gilford Supervisors will hold Session
Saturday, March 4, 2017
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Gilford Town Hall, Supervisors/Trustees Office
across from the Town Clerk’s.

Pending registrations, updates, and removals to the Checklist will be considered at this time and the public may visit with new registrations, questions or changes to Voter Records.

New Voter Registrations and updates are always accepted by the Town Clerk’s office during regular Town Clerk office hours. The public Voter Checklist is posted in the Town Clerk’s office.

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Pet of the Week: Peter



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Both homes loved him, cared for him, and ultimately did the right thing by bringing him to NHHS. OUR deep and abiding hope is

he is not now trapped in a kitty version of "Hotel California" he's checked out twice but has yet to really leave.

Could his third home be the final one, committed to him for the rest of his life. Peter is sweet as can be, loves to tuck himself in under his blankets, enjoys cuddling once he knows you, and this time, please this time, a permanent home. He's declawed, so an indoor home is absolutely a pre-requisite for his next adoption.

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

On the day I wrote this, Feb. 15, the snow was coming down hard, alternating between big, dry, puffy flakes and the kind of smaller stuff that drives hard before the wind.

This storm, which was supposed to dump nearly a foot, was coming on the heels of a pretty big storm two days earlier that dropped a foot and a half, with 30-m.p.h. winds to boot.

I couldn't resist calling a friend who lives along the northern foothills of the Whites. I wanted to be sure that she was rushing down to Walmart, as urged by all the media "Winter Storm Alerts," to stock up on bottled water, candles and batteries.

I could picture a stampede, with everyone tuned in to radio or TV heeding the dire warnings all at once and stampeding for Walmart. Police in riot gear, and all that.

I was sure that Dol-

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Reflections on a snowstorm, from fright to fun to fantasy



JOHN HARRIGAN

In the middle of a pretty good snowstorm, beyond the nearly buried pile of logs, the hush of the deep woods beckons.

ly's household routinely keeps candles, batteries and bottled water, as well as several working flashlights and maybe even oil lamps all over the place, because guess what? We live about halfway between the Equator and the North Pole, and we have these things called "storms," and the power sometimes goes out.

Don't most people keep at least some of these basics on hand?

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This is shaping up to be what older people fondly refer to as "an old fashioned win-

ter," like the ones they remember when they were kids, when the snowbanks were way, way over their heads.

Wait a minute---they were kids, as in "little." Of course, the snowbanks were way over their heads.

But the memories are real, and there was one whale of a lot more snow when I was growing up in the '50s and '60s, no doubt about it. In particular, I remember snowbanks that were above the climbing spikes on utility poles---and that's high. And I remember shoveling out tunnels and walkways in the backyard just to be able to

go out to play, and not being able to see my mother's face in the kitchen window because I couldn't see over the surface of the snow.

As we three siblings reached our teens, we used to set forth on the golf course, sleds in hand, and spend the day sliding and exploring. The last glacier did stupendous things with its melting and outwash around 14,000 years before there was a Colebrook. One was the formation, on the golf course, of three big potholes, or kettleholes. The glacier left three gigantic, adjacent chunks

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THE WINNIPESAUKEE TALKIE

Thinking of buying a home?

Search yourself – Part II



BY RANDY HILMAN

Last week, I urged prospective homebuyers to first search themselves for answers to important housing questions before getting into cars with real estate agents to go home shopping. This week, the self-survey continues.

Buying a home requires much more preparation than making showing appointments. Real estate agents who don't prepare you to walk the housing path will very likely lead you

on a frustrating, disappointing or disastrous journey.

Conventional wisdom holds that the home buying process is all about improving credit scores, deciding what's affordable, saving for down payments, creating "rainy day" savings accounts and getting approved for mortgage loans. These steps, while necessary, do not answer the most important first question, however: Why do I want to acquire a house?

Think about it. Why do you want to buy a house? Did someone tell you homeownership is a great wealth building investment; that it's more affordable than rent; or that profit awaits you at the far end of the tunnel? Beware. Homeownership is rarely profitable in the sense of a return

on investment.

You can rent and still have access to good schools or proximity to work. So, what's the motivation to own versus renting?

Let's assume you've concluded that homeownership is the right move for you. The self-examination doesn't end with an understanding of your big "Why." Before you look at the first house, you should have a good idea of what you need in a house as opposed to what you want or would prefer? The world isn't Eden. Can you live with less? Are your housing needs and lifestyle choices affordable, relative to your household income?

Think about your monthly costs. Will you really be comfortable making payments on a loan for which you've qualified? Would you still be comfortable if you lost your job tomorrow, or suffered a major medical setback?

Is it likely that you'll move in less than 10 years?

If you believe you will be in a home less than 10 years and your debt-to-value ratio is high, chances are you will lose money in our Lakes Region market. Home purchases are heavily

front-loaded with expenses, such as down payments, closing costs, loan, inspection and appraisal fees, pre-paid items like property tax and insurance escrows and even home owners association fees, in some cases. You will, more likely than not, have to pay these expenses up front with cash or add them to your loan amount, if allowed.

Moreover, you can expect to pay selling costs of 4-6 percent of the sale price of your home. And, while you live in your house, you'll pay lots of interest on your mortgage loan, with most of your payment applied to interest in the first few years. Despite the benefit of an allowable deduction of interest from income taxes, the lion's share of interest is real money paid from your pocket.

It is doubtful, that your home will appreciate sufficiently in the first 10 years to overtake all expenses associated with ownership. Take away? Get expert financial advice that's specific to your particular situation before committing to the purchase of a major capital asset.

If you've searched yourself and concluded

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Scholarship Foundation Starts off 2017 with addition of two new board members

REGION — At the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation annual meeting, held on Jan. 18, Board of Trustees President, Mike Nolan along with Vice President, Donna Hennessey, welcomed new Trustees, James Carroll and Phil Bonafide to the LRSF Board.

Carroll has been an active member of the Laconia community all of his life, serving in various capacities. Some may remember him as a restaurant owner with his wife, working

at and then running the former Windmill Restaurant here in Laconia. After going back to school to get his law degree, he served as city prosecutor, Belknap County prosecutor and he is now serving as a Belknap County district court judge. Carroll also has been active in many community organizations including PACT (Parents and Children Together) that he helped to create, as well the Lakes Region Boys and Girls Club of which he was one of the founding



Pictured above from left to right: Donna Hennessey, LRSF Vice President; Jim Carroll, new LRSF Trustee; Phil Bonafide, new LRSF Trustee and LRSF President, Mike Nolan.

members.

Phil Bonafide also comes from a law back-

ground, but is now retired. He was an attorney with his own firm

in the area for many years and then joined Martin Lord and Osman and then Normandin, Cheney and O'Neill. He has also been a long-time member of the Laconia Kiwanis Club, which is one of the founding organizations of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

Following the introduction of the new Board members, Mike Nolan offered his "state of the foundation" address to the Board.

He said: "It has been just one year since I took over the reins as the President of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, and here it is, the year's end, and what a year it has been. In 2016, we awarded nearly \$350,000 in scholarships to help close to 300 local students continue their education. We were the recipient of nine new funds and significant additions to existing funds, most of which, sadly were in memory of additional family members who passed in 2016. The people of the Lakes Region have continued their wonderful support for our annual fundraiser, the Community Spelling Bee, bringing in close to \$9,000 to help us continue to operate and serve the students of our area. Finally, we closed out the year with significant grant monies from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Bank of New Hampshire. This money will allow us to complete vital technology updates for our organization in order to better and more efficiently serve

the young people of the Lakes Region as well as our donors. It will also allow us to do our work in a more cyber-safe environment."

Donna Hennessey, LRSF Vice President, added, "We are not going to just rest on our laurels, however, as we are already planning for an outstanding 2017 to follow the success of our last year. Scholarship applications for 2017 are available on line through our Web site: www.lrscholarship.org, with an application deadline of April 1. Applications are also available in the guidance offices of our local high schools or by calling us at 527-3533. The Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarship is scheduled for April and the artwork of the students who participate will be on display at the Belknap Mill in Laconia from April 8-12 with an awards ceremony to be held on Wednesday, April 12. Our Donor's Day date has been set for Wednesday, May 17th and our Annual Community Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Laconia High School Auditorium."

In closing, Mike Nolan wanted everyone to know that "With the beginning of a new year, we must also say goodbye to two of our valued Board members: Sandra Caufield and John Perley. These very special people have been goodwill ambassadors in the community, have lent their valuable expertise, time & service and have been generous donors to our foundation. We are, however, looking forward to continuing to work with John as a donor representative and with Sandra on special projects. They will be missed."

Anyone interested in information about scholarships or about becoming a donor can contact the scholarship foundation by calling the number listed above or by emailing them to scholarship@metrocast.net.

Mock teenage bedroom to spur discussion of preventing teen drug abuse

What does a basketball have to do with a teenage bedroom? Find out at the next community presentation on teenage risky behavior, which will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Gilford Elementary School. This interactive community activity is being offered free of charge to adults only (21 and over). This program will be co-sponsored by the Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, the Gilford PTA, and "Gilford Together."

At 6 p.m., there will be a preview for participants to tour the mock bedroom, and enjoy a dinner of pizza and veggie plates. At 6:30 p.m., Melissa Fernald (Wolfeboro) will lead the program "to increase awareness, promote early detection, and (promote) intervention of teenage risky behavior."

The "Mock Teenage Bedroom Presentation/Discussion" will be for adults only, and will be using "a staged teenage bedroom" with indicators and warning signs of teenage risky behaviors, such as drug use and underage drinking." Participants will tour the mock bedroom, and receive training on what to look for. They will also learn about current drug and alcohol trends; and be presented with techniques on how to communicate with young adults. But what about the basketball?

Melissa Fernald "is a dually licensed clinician with more than 19 years of field experience. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is a Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor who is internationally certified. Melissa has facilitated the Mock teenage bedroom to communities across 7 states... She has provided drug and alcohol education, as well as treatment to teens from more than 9 different countries. As a mother of three, she understands the challenges parents and teens face on a daily basis." And, what's with the basketball?

To learn about the bedroom and the basketball (What, again!), you will have to participate in this valuable and informative parent awareness activity on Thursday, February 23, at the Gilford Elementary School. Please, adults over 21 only! The next public program will be on March 16. Further information can

be obtained from Serene Eastman at [serene.east-](mailto:serene.eastman@doc.nh.gov)

man@doc.nh.gov or from Kerri Lowe at klowe@PPHNH.org.

Rebecca Sirois named to Husson University's Fall 2016 President's List

BANGOR, Maine — Laconia resident, Rebecca Sirois, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Sirois is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Health-care Studies / Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program.

Students who make the President's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn

a grade point average of between 3.80 to 4.0 during the period.

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Kyle Gaudet named to Husson University's Fall 2016 Honors List

BANGOR, Maine — Gilford resident, Kyle Gaudet, has been named to Husson University's Honors List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Gaudet is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program.

Students who make the Honors List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.4 to 3.59 during

the period.

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Co-op model developed in collaboration with Common Man and Inn at Mills Falls to provide real life learning experience

MEREDITH — Things will be cooking at Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) this fall when the college launches an Associate of Science in Hospitality Management. The degree is a co-op model that enables students to gain real world learning experience at nearby hospitality businesses to complement their class work.

The program will be enrolling students for the fall of 2017. The current

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John M. Albison, Jr., 77

LACONIA — John M. Albison, Jr., 77, of 30 County Drive, died on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 at the Belknap County Nursing Home.

John was born in Augusta, Maine, on Feb. 28, 1939 the son of Helen (Webber) and John M. Albison Sr. He attended the Farmington State College in Farmington, Maine, where he received his masters degree. John worked for many years as a teacher. After teaching John started working in the insurance industry and eventually opened the Albison Insurance Company. He had been a resident of the Lakes Region for over 35 years. In addition to spending time with his family, John was a big fan of the Boston Red Sox and New



England Patriots; he was also an avid golfer.

niece, Lynne Cote; and a nephew, Stephen Albison.

He was predeceased by his parents.

There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

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.wilkinson-beane.com.

Sheila Ruth Haven, 75

LACONIA — Sheila Ruth Haven, 75, a lifelong resident of Laconia, died peacefully Sunday Feb. 12, 2017 at the Belknap County Nursing Home.

Sheila was born Aug. 4, 1941 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Nelson and Bernice (Dow) Cassavaugh. She had been a resident of the Lakes Region her entire life. She graduated from Laconia High School in 1959. She wed her high school sweetheart, John C. Haven, also of Laconia.



Sheila loved life,
and lived for her fam-

ily and her faith. She faced life's challenges with humor, a loving heart and her faith in God. Sheila was a beloved wife, mother, and sister and will be greatly missed.

Sheila is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, John C Haven of Laconia; son Richard Haven; and daughters Marcia Haven and Jessica Haven; brothers Terry Cassavaugh and Mark Brewer; sisters Priscilla Wills, Sandra Bolduc, Marsha Byars, and Pamela Beaudoin;

LACONIA — Rosemarie Chapdelaine Gonzalez, 83, a lifelong educator, died peacefully on Thursday morning, Feb. 9, 2017 at the Taylor Community.

Rosemarie was a resident of the Taylor Home for 17 years. She was born Aug. 21, 1933 in Bridgeport, Conn., the daughter of Arside and Beatrice (Lavery) Chapdelaine. Rosemarie graduated from Laurelton Hall and entered the convent in 1951. She continued her education receiving a Master's Degree from St. Joseph's College and faithfully served the Sisters of Mercy for 18 years. In reuniting with a childhood friend she found her true love John R. Gonzalez, whom she married July



Rosemarie is survived by her husband of nearly 45 years, John R. Gonzalez of Laconia; two sons, J Gonzalez of Hill, and Chris Gonzalez of Meredith; two daughters, Rebekah Gonzalez of Meredith and Stacey Gonzalez of Hill; her sister, Patricia Miller, of Stratford, Conn.; four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother,

Priscilla Ann Smith, 87

There will be no calling hours.

A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 49 Church St., Belmont, with Pastor Andrew J. Barnes officiating.

Burial will be private.

LACONIA — Priscilla Ann (Sewell) Smith, 87, of Old North Main Street, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 at Lakes Region General Hospital with her loving family by her side.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 26, 1930 in Laconia, the daughter of Arthur W. and Kilda E. (Turcotte) Sewell. She was a longtime resident of Laconia. She was manager of Modern Appliance Center for twenty years, retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Smith was a former communicant of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of Citrus Springs, Fla. and a longtime active member and communicant of St. Andre Bessette Parish and the St. Anne Society of Sacred Heart

Pete Chapdelaine, and
her nephew, Patrick
Miller.

The entirety of her life was dedicated to God, her family and her students.

There will be no calling hours.


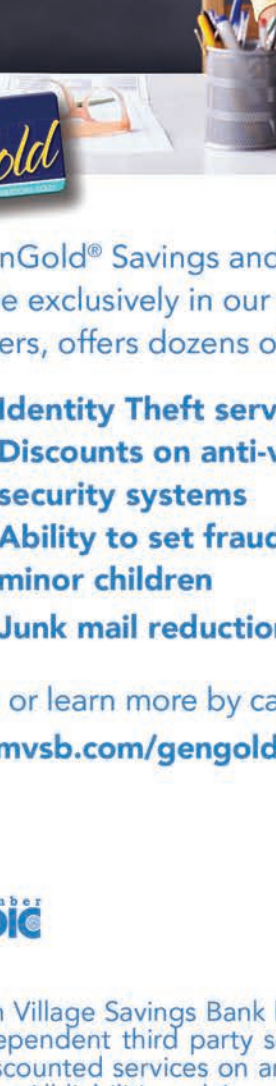
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 at 1 p.m. at St. Andre Bessette Parish - St. Joseph Church, 30 Church St., Laconia.

Burial will be held in the spring in the family plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Laconia.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations may be made in her memory to Pleasant Street School, 350 Pleasant St., Laconia NH 03246 for the scholarship of a Laconia student pursuing a career in education.

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Russell Clark Orton, 94

LACONIA — Russell Clark Orton, 94, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died peacefully Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 at the Taylor Community in Laconia, surrounded by his family.

Born in Boston, Mass. on May 9, 1922, Russ was the son of Harriet and Dr. Leon Orton of Ashland. Russ attended Ashland Public Schools, and graduated in 1940 from Holderness School in Plymouth. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from UNH in 1948, and an MBA from the Harvard School of Business in

1953. Russ proudly served his country during WWII as part of the 351st infantry division which fought in Italy. He was awarded a Silver Star for valor in combat after he led his troops to the successful capture of 119 German soldiers. After the fighting ended, he was part of a group of soldiers assigned to escort German soldiers who had been captured by Allied Forces back to their homeland.

In 1954, Russ married Janet Ballou of Wellesley, Mass., a graduate of Smith College. The couple settled in Laconia, where



County Republican Party, served as a Laconia Police Commissioner, and as a Trustee of the Lakes Region General Hospital. During his retirement, he became an Honorary Director of the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, an Honorary Trustee of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, as well as being actively involved with the Squam Lakes Association and Canterbury Shaker Village.

Russ was always a physically active person. He participated in various sports throughout his school and college years and treasured the time he spent on the slopes of Gunstock teaching his children to ski and on Little Squam Lake teaching them to water ski. He continued to ski well into his 70s and was known for his long daily walks which he insisted on taking no matter the weather.

Over the course of their long and happy marriage, Russ and Mary travelled the globe including trips to South Africa, the Galapagos Islands, China, Europe, and many parts of the United States. They spent considerable time in Jackson Hole, Wyoming where Russ took the opportunity to fish on the Snake River.

Russ was predeceased by his first wife, Janet (Ballou) Orton, in 1972; a step-daughter, Ann Jewett Steele, in 1978; and a step-son, Stephen S. Jewett IV, in 1996.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Mary Jewett Orton; four children (Leslie Orton-Mahar and her husband Tom Mahar of Williamstown, Mass., Piper Orton of Auburndale, Mass., Janet Chase Orton of Brighton, Mass., and Clark Orton of Belmont); two step-children, Samantha Jewett and her husband Brian Connolly of Gilford and Ellen Jewett of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

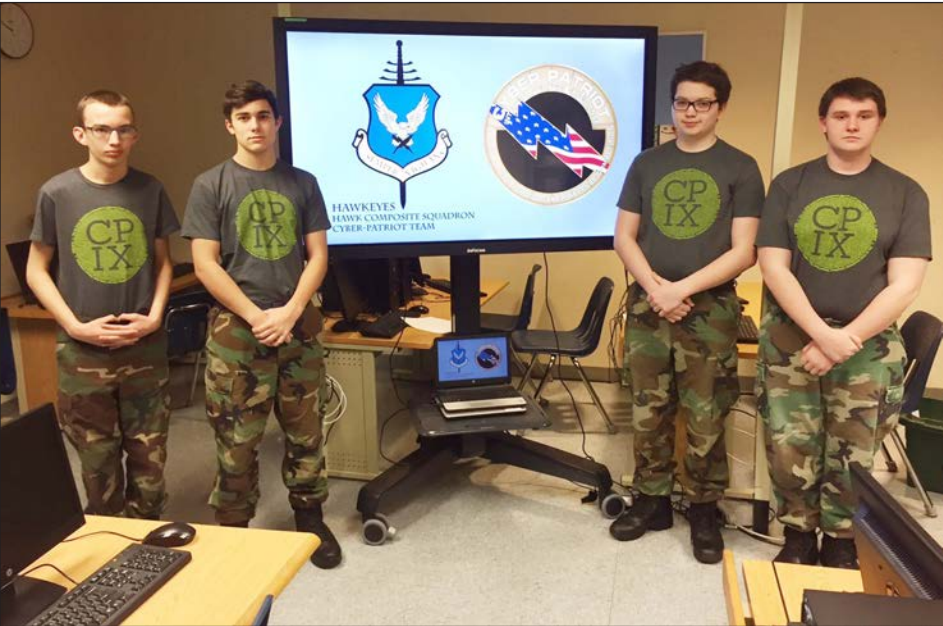
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Russ' name be made to any of the following:

Squam Lakes Conservation Society, P.O. Box 696, Holderness, NH 03245, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, P.O. Box 173, Holderness, NH 03245 or to Central NH VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 at the Holderness School Chapel, 45 Chapel Lane, Holderness. Refreshments will be served after the service in Weld Hall East Room.

Burial will be held in the spring in Trinity Churchyard Cemetery, Holderness.

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.



From left to right: c/SSgt Benjamin Hughes, c/Capt Hunter Martin, c/TSgt Zechariah Smith, c/TSgt Benjamin Vachon. Missing: c/MSgt Daniel Ellis.

Local cadets take first in state in CyberPatriot competition

LACONIA – A team of cadets from the Hawk Composite Squadron of the New Hampshire Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, recently achieved their best performance ever in the ninth season of CyberPatriot – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

Established by the Air Force Association, the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created to excite, educate, and motivate students toward careers in cyber security and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. CyberPatriot's core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of two to six students across the United States, Canada, and from DoDD schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the preliminary online rounds win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the live National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and scholarships.

The CyberPatriot field is divided into three divisions – the Open Division for public, private, and home-school teams, the All Service Division for JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, and Naval Sea Cadet Corps teams, and the Middle School Division. In all, 4,404 teams registered to compete in CyberPatriot IX, including eighteen teams

from New Hampshire.

The Hawk Composite Squadron team, the HawkEyes, are led by cadet Captain Hunter Martin of Sandwich. The team includes cadet Technical Sergeants Benjamin Vachon and Zechariah Smith and Staff Sergeant Benjamin Hughes of Ashland, as well as Master Sergeant Daniel Ellis of Gilford. Coached by Captain John Martin, the cadets excelled in the early rounds of competition, earning the coveted Platinum tier berth, before moving on to the State Round held in January. The cadets performed exceptionally well,

demonstrating teamwork, critical thinking skills, and technical knowledge, factors key to a successful career in cybersecurity.

When the dust settled from an incredibly competitive Regional round, the HawkEyes finished their season ranked first in the state and 56th overall, placing in the top 3.5 percent of the 1,589 team All Service Division. Against their 528 fellow Civil Air Patrol teams from across the world, the HawkEyes placed 12th overall, within the top 2 percent of their category.

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Mr. Orton worked first for Scott and Williams and later for the ACME Staple Company. Russ subsequently led New England Industrial Resource Development, where he combined his engineering and business backgrounds to help New England-based inventors acquire patents, develop business plans, and secure venture capital funding.

Growing up on the shores of Squam Lake, Russ, like his father, became an avid fly fisherman; a hobby he enjoyed for the rest of his life. As the son of the town doctor he spent a good deal of time sitting in his father's car while the doctor made house calls around Squam Lake.

As an adult, Russ was active in his community. He was a long-time Boy Scout leader, chaired the Belknap

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Use Your Tax Refund Wisely

It's tax time again – which for many Americans means that a tax refund is on its way. If you're going to get a refund this year, how can you use the money to your best advantage?

Of course, it's always tempting to spend the check from Uncle Sam on something fun. But a tax refund could be sizable – the average amount in 2016 was \$2,857, according to the IRS – so putting this money to work could help boost your progress toward your financial goals.

Here are some possibilities for using your refund:

- Help fund your IRA. If you were to receive a tax refund of \$2,857, you'd have slightly more than half of the \$5,500 annual IRA contribution limit for 2017, although, if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000. Consequently, you may find it much easier to fully fund your IRA for the year – and you should do exactly that, because an IRA is a great retirement savings vehicle. If you have a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income, while your earnings can grow tax deferred. (Taxes

are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

- Help diversify your portfolio. If a market downturn hits one asset class, and that's where you keep most of your money, you could take a big hit. Owning an array of investments – such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and so on – can help prepare your portfolio to weather the effects of market volatility. By adding new investments, or increasing your holdings of existing investments, you may be able to further diversify your portfolio – and you can use your refund for this purpose. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)
- Contribute to a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren whom you'd like to help send to

college, consider using your tax refund to help fund a 529 plan. Your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes, and your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, withdrawals not used for higher education expenses may be subject to both income tax and a 10% penalty.)

- Pay off some debts. You can help improve your financial picture by reducing your debt load – but it may make sense to prioritize these debts. For example, rather than make an extra mortgage payment, you might want to first tackle those debts or loans that carry a high interest rate and that don't allow you to deduct interest payments. After all, your monthly mortgage payment will remain the same even if you make an extra payment, but if you can get rid of some smaller debts, you will free up some cash that you could use to invest for your future.

Think carefully about how to use your tax refund. It represents an opportunity that you won't want to waste.

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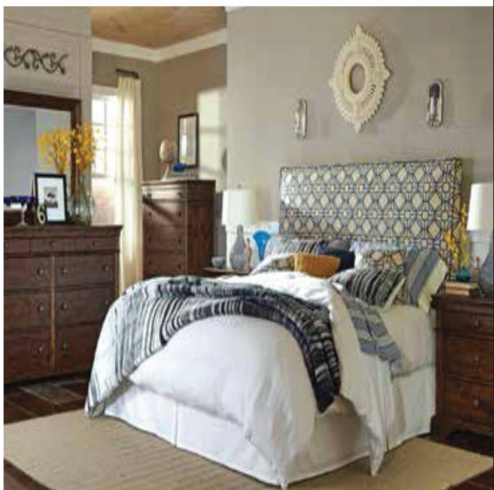
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BRIDGE

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funding,” Dunn said. Dunn said one of his biggest complaints about this process is the state and federal mandates that prohibit the municipality from asking how much an engineer will charge

them, requiring the engineers to be hired first based on qualifications. Grenier said this is one example of federal mandates keeping money away from municipal entities and

projects until exact conditions are met. The selectmen unanimously approved the master services agreement with Stan-tec as well as the bridge agreement for \$228,300.36.

PARKS AND REC

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Greene said Lowe’s of Gilford donated the supplies and provided volunteer labor to redo the entire floor decking. The Lowe’s crew also did repairs to some of the joists at the own beach.

“A big thank you to them for their efforts as well as their employees for doing that for the town,” Greene said. “It was something that needed to be done and certainly saved us a lot of money doing so.”

Work on the ongoing shoreline erosion control project finished last fall. Greene said it will be determined if any more damage was done to the show during the winter.

The department has had a successful winter season, though ran into a few weather snags.

Because of the cold temperatures through mid December the town ice rink was opened right before the holiday season, which Greene said is on the normal schedule. The rink has been closed for a few days this season because of inconsistent temperatures. There have been periods of standing water and bare spots on the ice that have taken a day or two to refill. He said as of that meeting

the ice conditions were “very good.”

Cross-country ski lessons continue at Bolduc Park.

The adult snowshoe hikes and adult curling programs finally started last week.

“With the inconsistent temperatures we weren’t able to start sooner,” Greene said.

Despite this, Greene said they have had a good turnout for these activities. They hope to continue these programs through the end of February.

That week was the Friday Family Full Moon Snowshoe Hike.

Activities are planned for February vacation.

The department has had strong turnout for a number of its recent programs. Greene said the youth soccer program for kids in grades K-5 had around 160 participants.

The Senior Moment-um program has had steady participation. The biggest event was the annual dinner show at Gilford High School hosted by Parks and Rec along with the GHS Interact and drama clubs. For this event seniors enjoyed dinner and watched a dress rehearsal for the

GHS production of “The Secret Garden.”

“That’s one of the activities that they really seem to enjoy the most,” Greene said.

The holiday programs were a big success. Greene said around 170 children attended the annual Halloween party at Gilford Middle School. The event had volunteer support from around 40 students at GMS and GHS.

This year was the biggest turnout for Santaland at the Gilford Youth Center, an event put on through a partnership between Parks and Rec and the GYC. Greene said around 170 children came to the two-day event in early December.

The basketball and skiing programs were also a big success. The skiing and snowboarding program at Gunstock ended the night before the meeting and the basketball program wrapped up the weekend before.

The Francoeur/Babcock Memorial Basketball Tournament will take place March 9-12.

“Overall, we’ve stayed busy, looking forward a successful conclusion to our winter season,” Greene said.

TRANSFER

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David Horvath asked for written information breaking down the cost items of this warrant. He said while he has heard a lot of good things about this project he would not support this until he sees something in writing. Board chair Richard Grenier said a full detail sheet could be available closer to March and they could possibly get information and conceptual drawings in local newspapers.

Skip Murphy asked where the town was in terms of its overall debt, asking if some debt was coming off or if more debt was being added.

Dunn said the town does have a few loans, including the purchase of the Bean property, a small bond for the police radio system with two years left, and a sewer extension. Dunn said while the transfer station project would add to the town’s debt, it is nowhere near the statutory limitations.

Sandy Morrissey asked if there was any

discussion on the environmental impact of putting the transfer station in this area, especially odor and any other factor that could impact tourism in the town.

Grenier said there was discussion as part of the state’s prorating system. The town has a permit for 30 tons of trash per day. They will be looking for a state permit, but there have been no issues in that area. He said this will not be built on a landfill.

Morrissey asked about odor, Grenier said garbage will go right into a compactor and nothing will be loose and out in the open. Solid Waste Committee member Kevin Leandro concurred, saying the trash will be put in the compactor then put in a 50-yard sealed container.

When asked about truck traffic, Grenier said there will be no large commercial trucks coming in and out of the transfer station.

Leandro said he was

in full support of this project. When the selectmen reviewed previous quotes for more than \$1 million, Leandro protested the cost and said it could be done for closer to \$784,000. When the figure dropped to \$950,000, Leandro was one of the votes in favor of the project going forward to the warrant.

Leandro said he was not entirely onboard with the current cost and said he thought it could be done cheaper. Leandro said, however, the \$950,000 was a compromise.

“Even at \$950,000, it’s a worthy project and the paybacks there,” Leandro said.

He said one of the major advantages is they will no longer be subject to Laconia for trash disposal.

“I rise in support of this and I encourage everyone to vote for it,” Leandro said.

The article was passed forward to the warrant without any amendments. Voters will decide on Article 6 and every other town article on March 14.

NOTEBOOK

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of ice buried deeply, and when they melted, there remained three great hollows in the earth. Golfers traverse these hollows on the 7th and 9th fairways at the Colebrook Country Club, which is public.

These were a source of great wonder and adventure for local kids,

especially the biggest and deepest bowl, situated on the ninth fairway, from the bottom of which you can see nothing but the sky--not a tree, not a mountain, nothing but the clouds going by.

Winter’s prevailing winds blew snow into a huge curl over the lip of the bowl, and many times I crawled in there, onto a small shelf, tired from exertions on hill and dale, and decided to take a nap.

I could have died of hypothermia there, but quite happily was too young and dumb to know it, and even more happily, didn’t.

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A friend in Webster and I were talking about going into the woods during a heavy snowfall, and the delight of it, but she could say it better than I

could, and so:

“There is absolutely no sound. Everything is muted and hushed, muffled. None of the usual little animals are scurrying around, but if you look up into the trees you can find them, and see them huddled up there, riding out the storm.

“It’s an entirely different world, and it’s all yours, because no one else is going to be out there in that weather, and so it’s one of the few times when you can be sure that you have the woods all to yourself.”

(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

TALKIE

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that homeownership makes sense, by all means, go for it. But, if you’re basing your home

buying decision on a best-case-lifestyle-scenario, or the belief that homeownership is finan-

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LRCC

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riculum was developed in a collaborative fashion with leadership at The Common Man and The Inn at Mill Falls. It is currently being finalized and will be posted to the web and open for enrollment in the next few weeks.

“We’re very excited about launching this program. Our industry partners played an invaluable role in its development and the co-op model is so well suited for work in hospitality management. Through this model, our graduates will be work ready from day one and may even have a permanent job awaiting them with one of our industry partners,” said Alan Punches, Vice President for Academic and Community Affairs.

He added that additional industry partners may come on board as well.

Under the co-op model, class schedules are coordinated around the opportunities for students to apply their learning experiences as employ-

ees of the industry partner and will be paid for their work. During the fall and spring semesters, students will complete the program curriculum and general education requirements, while between terms, they will complete 100-hour co-op experiences at one of the partner facilities. During the summer between the first and second year, students will complete a 300-hour co-op experience.

LRCC, with representation from local restaurants and the lodging industry, will be holding a summit to announce full details of the new program on Feb. 16 at 9 am at LRCC’s Academic Commons.

To learn more contact Professor Patrick Hall at phall@ccsnh.edu, 708-1189 or visit lrcc.edu.

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Hampshire, so our goal this year was to regain the top spot. The competition for CyberPatriot IX was the strongest I've seen in the four years we have competed. Yet the hard work of our cadets paid off, and they achieved the goal they had set for themselves.

I'm incredibly proud of their diligence, their perseverance and their dedication, and I look forward to seeing them grow as they prepare for next year and CyberPatriot X. Our goal for next year is to make it to Nationals," said Captain Martin. Only 13 teams in the All Service division, two from each of the service categories and one wildcard, advance to the National round of competition which will be held in Baltimore, Md. this April.

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Gilford's Stevie Orton drives the lane against Alexis Ford of Stevens during last Tuesday's Division III girls basketball contest.



JOE SOUZA

Gilford's Olivia Harris (5) lines up a shot over Stevens' Emily Mudge during the Golden Eagles' 56-30 victory Tuesday evening.

Gilford girls finish regular season strong

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer
GILFORD — With just one starter back from last year's unbeaten Division III state championship squad, veteran Gilford girls' basketball coach Rick Forge knew it would be a season of growth.
And now the Golden Eagles have matured in

time for the Division III tournament.
"The kids know their roles now. They know who the shooters are. They know what shots we want to take. They've just matured," Forge said after the Golden Eagles captured their fifth straight victory and eighth in 10 games with a 56-30 triumph over

Stevens on Tuesday evening. Gilford followed that up with a tough 34-23 victory over area rival Belmont, finishing the regular season at 11-7.
Senior Stevie Orton, the lone returning starter, continues to take her game to the next level. Orton was consistent throughout the Stevens contest in recording 25

points, 10 rebounds, four assists, and three steals in leading Gilford to the impressive victory.
"We only have one starter back and we don't have that outstanding shooter with Brooke (Beaudet) out with the ACL injury so we've had to play a different brand of basketball this year," Forge pointed out. "Last

year we could just out-score teams. This year, we've had to play better defensively, and we've done that the last couple of weeks."
The Golden Eagles were clicking on both ends of the court against the Cardinals (6-11).
Gilford opened things up in the middle two quarters. After a back-

and-forth opening frame left the Golden Eagles with a 12-10 lead, the hosts went on a 14-3 run in the second to take a comfortable 26-13 lead into the halftime break.
Kaitlyn VanBennekum got the Golden Eagles rolling early, converting a handful of passes from Orton in-

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Bulldog rally comes up short in Plymouth

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Kearsarge-Plymouth hockey team was playing good hockey entering Saturday's game with top-ranked Belmont-Gilford.

The Bulldogs had shown a pretty good ability to rally late in their previous game.

Those two things came charging together at Plymouth State University's Hanaway Rink and the Cats came away on top, holding off a late Bulldog rally for a 3-2 win.

"That was exciting," said Kearsarge-Plymouth coach Dave McKenney. "They're an excellent team and these kids played their hearts out."

"In the first two periods, things were not going our way," said Belmont-Gilford coach Dave Saball. "Every time we'd turn left, it would go right."

"We weren't getting a break," Saball added. "But you also have to make your breaks."

The first period saw the Cats come away with a two-goal lead, thanks to captain Jake Arnold, who potted a pair of unassisted goals in the period.

Arnold scored the first goal just 1:04 into the game, getting the hosts off to a quick start.

His second goal came late in the period while his team was down a player. After Belmont-Gilford had some good chances in the zone, Arnold was able to steal the puck at the blue line and race in on net, ripping the puck top shelf for the 2-0 lead with 1:48 left in the first period.

B-G came back with some good chances in the final minute-plus of the period, with James Buckley, Ethan Becker, Harrison Parent and Alex Muthersbaugh all attacking the net but

K-P keeper Cody Rowe held the line and the period drew to a close with the Cats up by a 2-0 score.

The Bulldogs came back with some early chances in the second, led by Buckley and Chaz Hacking, who had good chances. B-G got a power play chance early and Muthersbaugh had an early bid, but a good clear from Gordon Hoyt and good penalty killing from Tony Velez and Tucker James helped to kill off the advantage.

Parent had a great bid for the Bulldogs that Rowe was able to snag with the glove. Muthersbaugh came down for a nice block on a shot by Arnold and Alex Nangle had a shot go wide for the Cats. Kearsarge-Plymouth got a power play midway through the period and Hayden Parent came through with a shorthanded bid that was blocked by Velez. Garrett Demas and Max Phillips had shots but the Bulldogs killed the penalty.

The visitors had a couple of good bids that didn't connect, one from Becker and one from Harrison Parent, while Arnold and Garrett Sprenger had bids for the Cats.

With 3:26 to go in the frame the Cats upped the lead to 3-0 when Velez got in on a two-on-one chance and fired the puck home on an assist from Demas.

The Bulldogs answered just more than a minute later, when Harrison Parent sent a shot on net from just inside the blue line and it snuck through Rowe and into the net. Buckley and Becker got the assists and the period ended with a 3-1 lead for the Cats.

Belmont-Gilford came out charging in the third period, with Nate Shirley getting a couple of good ear-



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Belmont-Gilford's James Buckley battles for position with Kearsarge-Plymouth's Doug Breault in action on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Ethan Becker controls the puck behind the net in action on Saturday in Plymouth.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Hunter Dupuis moves the puck up the ice in action at Plymouth on Saturday.

ly bids, while Hayden Parent and Becker also got in close but Rowe held the line. Hunter Dupuis, Becker and Shirley continued the attack but they could not get the puck in the net. Nangle had a good bid for the Cats but B-G keeper Bailey Defosses made a diving save across the net.

The Bulldogs continued to attack, with Muthersbaugh, Buckley and Harrison Parent all getting in close, while Rowe made the saves.

However, with 5:42 to go, Hacking was able to rifle the puck past Rowe right off a faceoff win by Shirley, cutting the lead to 3-2.

The Cats got a power play two minutes later but the Bulldogs did a good job killing it off. A late Kearsarge-Plymouth penalty gave the Bulldogs a chance to put the extra attacker on and they had some great chances, with Becker, Muthersbaugh and Buckley all getting close but they could

not get it past Rowe and the Cats had the 3-2 win.

"They played well," said Saball of the Cats. "You can't take anything away from them."

"We told the kids they can't be complacent," Saball continued. "It's very easy for them to lose focus."

Saball noted that the rally was a good sign, as was his team's rally against Goffstown earlier in the week, when the team scored three goals in the third.

And the team was taking on Division II Merrimack after deadline on Wednesday, another good test according to Saball.

"In the playoffs, you're playing bigger, stronger teams," Saball said. "So that will be good."

"Cody got some pucks today," said McKenney. "He stood on his head for us."

"He's been there game after game," the Cat coach continued. "Today was his day to shine and the kids pulled it out for him."

McKenney noted he told his team to be prepared for a playoff game coming in.

"We had to be disciplined and be smart," McKenney said. "We did a lot of things right. It was nice to see them get the win."

The Bulldogs will be in action against Laconia-Winnisquam on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. at Merrill Fay Arena for the final regular season game.

The Cats will be at the Merrill Fay Arena on the same day, taking on Moultonborough-Inter-Lakes at 1:45 p.m. in the final game of the regular season.

The Division III playoffs start on Wednesday, March 1, at the home of the higher seed.

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McLean, Gingrich crack top 10 at state meet

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DURHAM — Five Gilford High School swimmers qualified for Saturday's NHIAA Division II state championship, as the Golden Eagles took to Swasey Indoor Pool on the campus of the University of New Hampshire for the final time this winter.

Leading the contin-

gent of Gilford swimmers on Saturday was junior Beck McLean, who touched the wall in ninth place in the 200 freestyle (2:04.67). Teammate Laurel Gingrich also finished ninth overall in the 50 freestyle, scoring points towards the team total with a time of 26.44 seconds. The showing was an improvement over Gingrich's No. 12

seed going into the championship.

"It was a great meet with a strong showing for GHS with just five individual swimmers," said GHS head coach Lynne Morea.

McLean (100 free) and Gingrich (100 breaststroke) qualified in multiple events, with McLean taking 10th in the free (55.64) and Gingrich touching in 24th place in the breaststroke (1:22.74).

Olivia Morea had a pair of top 20 finishes for the Eagles on the day, as she was 18th overall in the 100 butterfly (1:10.73) and 19th in the 50 freestyle (27.68).

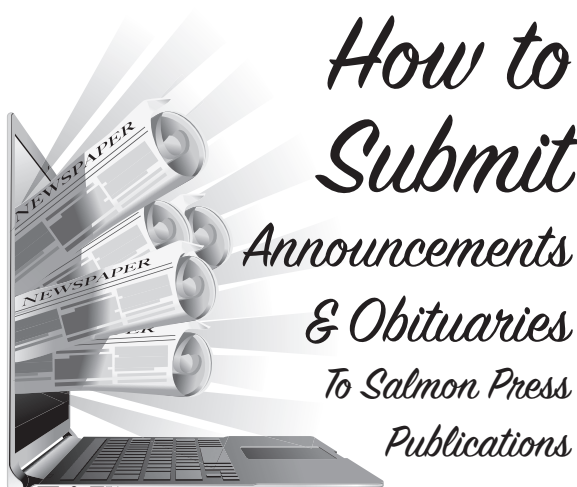
Michael Hart also posted two top 20 showings, taking 16th in the 100 butterfly (1:11.80) and 18th in the 100 backstroke (1:10.75), while Zoe Fullerton took home

21st in the 50 freestyle (27.74) and 23rd in the 100 freestyle (1:02.10).

Gilford had four relay swim teams in the competition on Saturday. The quartet of Kaitlyn Callahan, Gingrich, Morea and Fullerton finished 13th in the 200 medley relay, touching with a time of 2:11.99, nearly three full seconds lower than their seed time.

The boys' 200 medley relay time took four seconds off their seed time, with Ryan Witham, Hart, McLean and James Richardson finishing 14th overall in 2:22.73.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Morea, Callahan, Fullerton and Gingrich finished 11th overall in 1:52.55, while the boys' quartet of Hart, Witham, Richardson and McLean were 12th in the same event (1:55.41).



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Mark Young rounds a corner in action in Plymouth on Saturday.



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Josh Valentine led the way for Gilford in the second NH Coaches Series race on Saturday.

Valentine, Young earn top-15 finishes at Plymouth

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Gilford Nordic team traveled to Plymouth for the second New Hampshire Coach-

es Series race, which was a skate race held at Plymouth Regional High School. Overall, the Gilford boys skied to 11th place on the day.

In the A race for the boys, Josh Valentine led the way for the Golden Eagles, as he skied to seventh place in a time of 15:30. Mark Young was not

far behind, as he skied to 13th place in 16:07, while Sander Valpey was Gilford’s third scorer, finishing in 35th place in 17:24. Seth Valpey round-

ed out the scoring for Gilford with a time of 18:27 for 63rd place overall. Abby Fillion was the lone Gilford girl to compete and she

finished in 126th place overall in a time of 25:55. *Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 569-3126 or sportsgsn@salmonpress.com.*

Hanf, Hildreth lead Golden Eagles at State Meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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GUNSTOCK — After the morning giant slalom at the Division III State Meet at Gunstock on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Belmont boys sat in fourth place, 12 points out of second and 19 points out of the top spot. The Red Raiders came through with a strong performance in the afternoon slalom, leapfrogging over Bishop Brady and Bow to finish second and in the process, captured the Division III runner-up plaque. The Red Raider boys finished with 707 points, finishing behind only Kearsarge, edging Bishop Brady by six points. The Gilford boys finished in fifth place with 665 points after finishing fifth in both disciplines. On the girls’ side

of things, Gilford and Belmont hung right around with each other throughout the day. In the morning giant slalom, Gilford finished in fourth and Belmont was fifth while in the afternoon slalom, Belmont jumped to third place and Gilford remained consistent in fourth place. Overall, Belmont finished with 669 points for fourth place and Gilford finished with 644 points for fifth place. Kearsarge and Bishop Brady took the top two spots. In the morning giant slalom, Belmont was led by Nolan Gagnon, who skied to eighth place overall in 1:13.63. Lars Major was next for Belmont in 1:15.24 for 12th place and Nick Galambos finished in 18th place in 1:17.07. Adam Sojka rounded out the scoring for the

Belmont boys, finishing in 21st place in 1:18.36. Kaleb Brown (1:20.91, 27th) and Jake Deware (1:27.4, 41st) also finished both runs for the Raiders in the morning. In the afternoon, Gagnon skied his way to third place overall in 1:15.28 to again lead the way for Belmont. Major was second in 1:18.47 for seventh place and Galambos was again Belmont’s third scorer, finishing in 1:23.3 for 13th. Brown rounded out the scoring in 21st place in 1:33.88. Deware also completed both runs, finishing in 22nd place in 1:34.14. The Gilford boys were led by Tyler Hanf in the morning giant slalom, as he finished in 1:13.2 for fourth place. Christian Workman was next in 1:13.88 for ninth place and Colton Workman finished 24th

in 1:19.19. Daniel Ellis rounded out the scoring in 1:22.98 for 32nd place. Max Stephan finished in 46th place in 1:30.02 to round out the field of Golden Eagles. Hanf stepped up to second place in the afternoon slalom, finishing in 1:14.52. Christian Workman finished 15th in 1:27.08 and Matt McDonough skied to 26th place in 1:36.43. Ellis rounded out the scoring for Gilford with a time of 1:52.35 for 39th place. **Girls** For the Belmont girls, Becca Camire led the way for Belmont in the morning giant slalom in 1:25.59 for 16th place overall.

Abby Camire was next, finishing in 17th place in 1:26.9 and Keegan Berry skied to 21st in 1:29.19. Julie Vagengavich finished in 43rd place in 1:42.62 to round out the scoring for Belmont. In the afternoon slalom, Belmont standout Katie Gagnon was able to pick up the overall win with a time of 1:20.94. Abby Camire finished in 12th place in 1:35.13 and Becca Camire was 16th in 1:44.61. Berry rounded out the scoring for Belmont in 28th place in 1:56.48. For Gilford, Bailey Hildreth led the way in the morning giant slalom in 1:18.36 for fourth place. Hannah Lord placed 18th in 1:27.11 and Jenny

Hancock took 22nd place in 1:29.42. Lucy Jude rounded out the field of Golden Eagles in 1:49.58 for 50th place. In the afternoon slalom, Hildreth again finished in fourth place, putting up a time of 1:27.7. Hancock was next for Gilford in 1:28.63 for sixth place overall, with Lord skiing to 34th place in 1:58.51. Jude rounded out Gilford’s squad with a 45th place finish in 2:20.37. All top-10 finishers qualified for the Meet of Champions, which takes place at Cannon Mountain on March 2. *Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 569-3126 or sportsgsn@salmonpress.com.*

HOOPS

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side the paint. VanBennekum tossed in eight of her 11 points on the night in the opening half. Orton had 12 in the opening two quarters and Lauren Dean scored all six of her points in the first half. “Kaitlyn VanBennekum had a monster first half,” Forge said. “When you get that scoring inside, it opens things up for everyone else. Stevie found her a lot inside. “When they went man-to-man defensively, I knew Stevie would have a big game,” added Forge. “She played the five, three, one, and the two. She hasn’t played the four. She is skilled enough to handle the basketball, and that makes her a tough matchup for a lot of teams. They weren’t quick enough to handle her.” Gilford’s onslaught continued in the third. The Golden Eagles put the game out of reach with a quick spurt to open the second half. VanBennekum converted a tough inside bucket and tacked on a free throw, igniting an 18-2 run to start the third quarter for 44-15 lead. Gilford outscored Stevens 20-6 in the frame, taking a commanding 46-19 lead into the final quarter. Gilford’s press forced 17 turnovers. When the Golden Eagles weren’t forcing turnovers, they had the Cardinals rushing their shots on the



COURTESY PHOTO

On Friday night the Gilford girls’ basketball team honored its three seniors at their last regular season home game. Gilford beat Belmont 34-23 to finish their regular season 11-7. Stevie Orton with 12 points and Kaitlyn VanBennekum with 11 points led the Gilford squad. The three seniors are manager Zoey Tourneur, Kaitlyn VanBennekum and Stevie Orton. The parents of the seniors also in the photo are BJ and Cathy VanBennekum and Steve and Becky Orton.

offensive end. Olivia Harris led the way for Gilford with four steals, while Taryn Breton and Orton finished with three steals apiece. “We got enough out of our press to throw them off a little,” Forge said. “We forced enough bad passes and we controlled the rhythm of the game with our press.” Orton and VanBennekum were the lone Golden Eagles to score in double figures. Dean had six, while Harris and Emily Bell finished with four apiece. Gilford got two points from Alexis Boisvert, Breton and Shelby Cole. “I thought Taryn Breton played well,” Forge praised. “It doesn’t show it in the scoring, but she did a great job pushing

the ball up the court. I think her speed was a key factor.” The Cardinals did not have a player score in double figures. Tess Whitney led the charge for the visitors with seven points. Alexis Aiken and Cameron Cullison netted six apiece. And now the Golden Eagles turn their focus on the second season, playing with a ton of confidence. “We’re playing much better now,” said Forge. “They’ve just matured.” With the late season surge, the Golden Eagles appear to have locked up the ninth seed in the tournament and will (unofficially) travel to No. 8 Berlin (12-6) in the opening round of the tournament on Thursday evening.



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JV champs

The Gilford JV girls’ basketball team won the JV girls’ basketball tournament held this past weekend in Franklin. Gilford beat Prospect Mountain in the semifinals and beat Inter-Lakes 51-45 in the championship game. Shelby Cole scored 17 points to lead Gilford. This is the ninth time Gilford has been in the finals and this is their fifth JV championship. Front row (left to right), Maddi Rector, Kyla Mercier, Kolbi Plante, Jaylin Tully, Shelby Cole, Karly Sanborn, Laurel Normandin. Back row (left to right), coach Chelsea Abare, Abby O’Connor, Colby Butterfield, Hannah Perkins, Alysha Burton, Abby Warren, Reagan McIntire, Elena Uicker.

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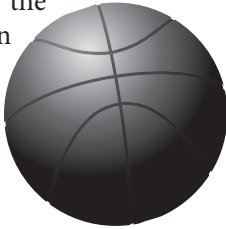
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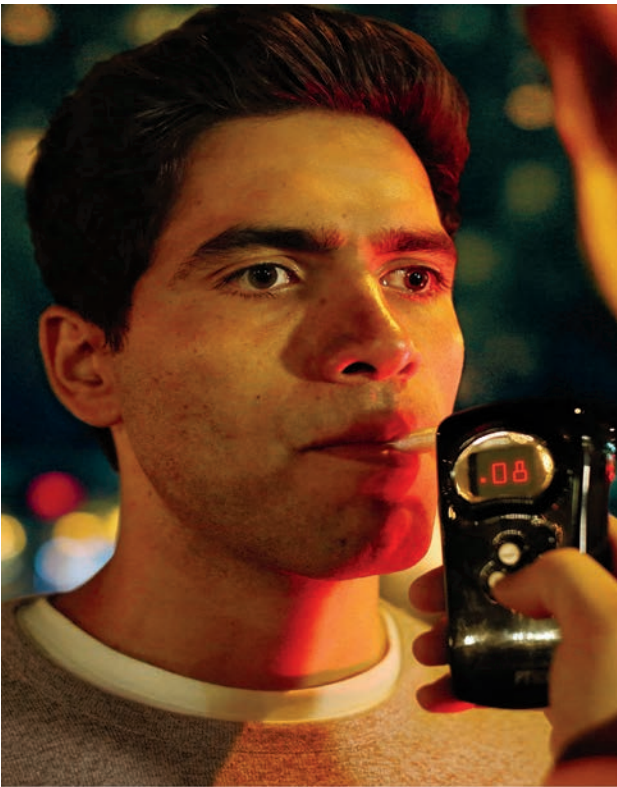
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