

Gandini cruises to win at Early Bird Invitational

Gilford boys finish second, girls finish third at Gunstock

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — After a year away, the Gilford cross country team once again played host to the Early Bird Invitational at Gunstock Mountain Resort on Thursday, Sept.

2. The race brought in teams from around the Lakes Region and beyond and Gilford more than held its own against the tough competition.

Gilford star Patrick Gandini ran to the win

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Tax collection, guest pass revenue strong

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Tax collection has been strong and beach guest passes have been selling surprisingly well according to an update by the town clerk-tax collector.

Town Clerk-Tax Collector Danielle LaFond gave the selectmen a regular update on her department during the Aug. 11 meeting.

Tax bills for the first part of the 2021 billing period were mailed out on May 19 with a July 1 due date. So far, 85 percent of taxes has been collected and all the escrow payments have been received. Last year at this time they had collected 66 percent.

The second billing went out and will be due on Sept. 9.

Beach passes are available for residents or property owners to purchase for guests. LaFond said they have sold around 75 of the new guest passes, bringing in almost \$15,000 in revenue.

She said she and Parks and Recreation Director Herb Green were surprised by how many sold.

“We ordered 100, and people are still buying them,” LaFond said.

LaFond said everyone in the department

is up to date on training, though there have been few recent training opportunities because of the pandemic. Town clerk/tax collector certification classes were canceled again for the second year in a row, but there have been virtual opportunities for members of the office staff to get recertified and keep up to date on voting regulations.

An annual town clerk/tax collector conference was coming up and she planned to attend the Thursday session only due to staffing issues. She was hoping the other two people in the office would be able to attend workshops as well.

Members of the board praised the town clerk-tax collector’s office for their hard work and dedication. Benavides said in his work as a real estate agent he overheard a person selling their property in Gilford telling the new buyer about how great the town clerk-tax collector’s office was.

“I wanted to praise you and your department that because that shows a level of customer service for our... residents... that has been passed on,” Benavides said. “That’s real-

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Patrick Gandini cruised to the win in the season opening Early Bird Invitational last Thursday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sydney Eastman closes in on the final mile of the Early Bird Invitational last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Carter Forest climbs a hill during his team’s meet at Gunstock last Thursday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Georgia Eckhardt led the way for the Gilford girls in their first meet of the season.

Town Clerk’s office continues seeing surge in online business

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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With the advent of the pandemic, more people have been using online town clerk-tax collector services this year than coming to the counter, according to a recent report by the town clerk-tax collector.

Town clerk-tax collector Dan-

ielle LaFond gave the board of selectmen an update on her office during the Aug. 11 meeting.

LaFond said people are coming to the counter, though the numbers of people coming in person have been much smaller. By the tax deadlines of 2019, they had around 300 people that year at the counter. In 2020 in the middle of

the early pandemic that number was closer to 74. This year so far they have seen 81 people at the counter.

LaFond said more people have been using online services or using the drop box or sending things through the mail.

By contrast, 4,500 differ-

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Yard signs available to support police

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People around Gilford can get signs showing their support of the Gilford Police Department thanks to the efforts of a local man.

Tony Limanni has undertaken an effort to show support for the police and give people an opportunity to see what police do in a coming event. He is offering yard signs that support the Gilford PD for a donation that goes back to the police.

Limanni is a retired math teacher and helped develop a testing protocol for police officers around



the state from local agencies to Fish and Game and the Corrections Department.

“When you do things like that you work with law enforcement officers, you get to know them, how they think, how they feel and they’re just like us and they have a nasty job,” Limanni said.

His nephew is a police officer, and he said he prays for his safety. His

neighbor is also a state trooper. Limanni said the police have helped him and his family in a few different situations, including after a car accident.

Limanni said he was motivated to undertake this effort because of how public opinion has turned against the police in recent years after incidents of police brutality.

“They’re great people, they’re like you and me, they have children and so I was really, very sad to see (the media) try to make everybody think the police are not your

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ERIN PLUMMER

(Left) A local man is showing support to the Gilford Police (with representatives seen here at Old Home Day) with some new yard signs and organizing a coming event.

ALMANAC

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events
Sept. 9 – Sept. 16
Thursday, Sept. 9
 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
 French, 4-5 p.m.
 NH Humanities: Harnessing History, 5:30 p.m.
 How dog sledding developed in New Hampshire and how the Chinook played a major role in this story. Explaining how man and his relationship with dogs won out over machines on several famous polar expeditions, Bob Cottrell covers the history of

Arthur Walden and his Chinooks, the State Dog of New Hampshire. Opportunity to view all gear, sled, and a sled dog!
Friday, Sept. 10
 Senior Sculpt, 9 a.m.
 Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
 Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Advanced Conversational German, 2:30 p.m.
 Lower Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 13
 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m.
 Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 14
 Senior Sculpt, 9 a.m.
 Things to Know Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Lower Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 15
 Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
 Early Release: Welcome Back Backpack, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Join us to decorate a backpack & play a variety of games.

Thursday, Sept. 16
 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
 Babies and Co. Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Join Miss Megan for a storytime just for babies and their families. Come and enjoy simple stories, songs and activities! Call, email or visit the library to sign up.
 French, 4-5 p.m.
 Book Reading: Memories by James Novak, 6 p.m.
 We are delighted to have local author James Novak have a reading about his latest book,

Memories. A warm and interesting person open to share his unique experiences in his life. In this book, the author shares his fondest memories traveling all over the world from Turkey to Thailand and living throughout the United States from New Hampshire to Seattle. He re-

calls his near-death experience when he was buried in an avalanche while helicopter skiing in Canada. You will also read about hangings, tornadoes, hurricanes, Sharia law, the Vietnam War, a bigger-than-life con man, and much more as he takes you on the journey of his life.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Aug. 23 to Sept. 1.

Nancy Jean Bemis, age 55, of Canaan was arrested on Aug. 24 for Unlawful Passing on the Right.

A 22-year-old male from Middleton, Del. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 24.

A 41-year-old female and 40-year-old male from Candia were taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 24.

A 35-year-old male from Derry was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 24.

A 22-year-old male from Waterbury Center, Vt. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 24.

A 55-year-old male from Andover, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 25.

Trevor Robert Bond, age 37, current address unknown, was arrested on Aug. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Danielle M. Cangialose, age 29, of Gilford was arrested on Aug. 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Vicki Diane Stewart, age 60, of Gilford was arrested on Aug. 27 for Driving Under the Influence-Impairment.

Travis P. Irish, age 33,

of Laconia was arrested on Aug. 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Christopher Lee Couch, age 25, of Epsom was arrested on Aug. 27 in connection with a warrant, and subsequently charged with Simple Assault-Physical Contact or Bodily Injury.

A 29-year-old male from Dorchester, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 27.

Leo M. Hanson, Jr., age 54, of Laconia was arrested on Aug. 28 for Operating After Certification as a Habitual Offender and Breach of Bail.

Dennis B. Gray, age 50, of Meredith was arrested on Aug. 29 in connection with a warrant.

Joseph T. Lemieux, age 55, of Carroll was arrested on Aug. 29 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Suspension of Vehicle Registration, and Possession of a Controlled Drug.

Edgar Lara-Ramos, age 34, of Forth Worth, Texas was arrested on Aug. 29 for Criminal Trespassing.

Joshua S. Colby, age 24, of Alton Bay was arrested on Aug. 30 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Leroy H. Boynton III, age 53, of Laconia was arrested on Aug. 30 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

SPORTS

Gilford field hockey cruises in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford field hockey team got the new season off to a flying start with a 7-0 win over Mascoma on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

“A good transition passing game helped the Eagles with a 7-0 win over Mascoma,” said veteran coach Dave Rogacki.

The Gilford offense was led by Aly Pichette, who put in three goals and added a helper, while freshman Olivia Kennan added two goals and an assist and Maddie Wernig and Megan Hughes each put a goal in the net.

Rogacki noted that the defensive unit of Taryn Wernig, Kayla Gallagher and Lauryn Nash-Boucher had a solid game in front of the goal for the Gilford girls.

The Golden Eagles continued the season after early deadline Friday at Winnisquam and at Laconia on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Gilford will be hosting Berlin on Friday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. and will be at Conant on Monday, Sept. 13, at 4 p.m.

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Lexi Shute moves the ball up the field in action against Mascoma last week.



Megan Hughes looks to control the ball during last week's season opener with Mascoma.

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Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. “Sooley” by John Grisham
2. “It’s Better This Way” by Debbie Macomber
3. “Class Act” by Stuart Woods
4. “The Madness of Crowds” by Louise Penny
5. “Dead by Dawn” by Paul Dioron
6. “The President’s Daughter” by James Patterson and Bill Clinton
7. “The Shadow” by James Patterson
8. “A Gambling Man” by David Baldacci
9. “Choose Me” by Tess Gerritsen
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Volleyball Golden Eagles ready to defend their championship

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Last year was unusual for everybody involved in fall sports around New Hampshire. However, one thing that wasn't different was the Gilford volleyball team being in the Division II championship game, as the Golden Eagles claimed another title and will return some key players from that team for coach Amy Tripp. "My goals are for the team to have a lot of fun playing the game they love," said Tripp, in her fourth year as head coach. "With COVID shortening the amount of games and practices last season, the team is really excited about a full schedule and playing most teams in Division II."

The Golden Eagles will be led by a pair of fourth-year players in Kate Sullivan and Riley McDonough, who have been named captains for the new season. Sullivan is a middle blocker and hitter and McDonough is a setter and hitter. Also returning to the fold will be second-year senior Harper Meehan, who will serve as a defensive specialist and setter, while second-year junior Ashley Sander-son returns as a libero. Abby Seal is back for her second year as a sophomore and will serve as a middle and right side hitter. The Golden Eagles will be buoyed by the arrival of junior transfer Molly Moynahan,



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Riley McDonough returns for her senior year as a team captain for the Gilford volleyball team.

who will be a middle blocker as she makes her Gilford debut. "My expectation is for the girls to be fit, strong and tough," Tripp noted. "But most importantly, to be united in a world that is fairly divided right now." She noted that "united" is the team's motto this year as the girls prepare to face whatever comes their way, on the court or off. After last year's tough season, Tripp said that it's important to mentor the underclassmen a bit more since COVID affected the skill level a bit and she also cited the importance of being able to make adjustments if COVID protocols change during the season. Gilford will face a Division II schedule that features two

games each with Winnisquam and Laconia plus single games with Souhegan, Prospect Mountain, Oyster River, Fall Mountain, Coe-Brown, Milford, Plymouth, St. Thomas, Somersworth, Kingswood, John Stark and Manchester West. The season kicked off after early holiday deadlines on Friday, Sept. 3, at Souhegan and continued on Wednesday, Sept. 8, against Winnisquam. Gilford visits Prospect Mountain on Friday, Sept. 10, will be at Oyster River on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and at Fall Mountain on Thursday, Sept. 16.

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Gilford-Belmont back at it for another football season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The Gilford-Belmont football team heads into the new season with some simple goals that coach Josh Marzahl hopes will lead to success on the field. "Our goal is to take each game at a time and put every effort we have into being successful each week," Marzahl said. "We have goals beyond winning games that we are striving for, including being disciplined, relentless, hungry and accountable. "If we can accomplish these things, the rest will take care of itself," the sixth-year head coach noted. The team will be looking at a solid stable of returning players, with some players moving around to fill in the holes created by last year's graduation. Junior Michael Kitto will return to lead the defense for Gilford-Belmont. He started at linebacker as a sophomore and is back to lead the way. A smart, fast and strong athlete, he will

also be the team's full-back on offense. Classmate Stratford Kenney stared on the offensive line as a sophomore and will be back on the line this season and will also be playing outside linebacker on the defensive side of the ball. Sophomore Isaiah Reese is back on the team but is moving from wide receiver to quarterback. He brings a strong arm to the position and according to his coach, has a great understanding of the offense and the ability to lead the offense. He plays in the defensive backfield as well. Neil Downs started on the offensive line as a freshman and is back for his second year and will be the team's center. In the backfield, Austin Normandin is back for his senior year. Marzahl notes that he is hard to bring down on first contact and drives for extra yards. The big, strong runner also plays in the defensive backfield on defense. Classmate Luke Loyer is also back and will be a running back and outside

linebacker. He brings breakaway speed to the team. Senior Riley Marsh will play at wide receiver and in the defensive backfield and comes to the team with great hands and an ability to go up and get the ball. Sophomore Logan Grant earned his coach's praise for the hard work put in during the off-season and brings good size and speed to the receiver position on offense and the defensive backfield. Michael Macaione has a high motor and a ton of energy, which serves him well on the offensive and defensive lines and has shown an ability to dominate his matchup up front. Sophomore Hutch Haskins will be back as a running back and linebacker and junior Luke Jackson will be an inside linebacker for Gilford-Belmont. New to the team, Marzahl expects seniors Alex Waite and Jack Segalini to both chip in on the offensive and defensive lines. "We expect this team

to work hard every day and give it everything they have," Marzahl said. "They are an extremely hard-working group of kids that love the game of football." The Golden Eagles will be hosting a night home game on Sept. 11 at The Meadows. Marzahl offered his thanks to MB Tractor for supplying the lights to make the game happen and invited community members, students and staff to attend the event. Gilford-Belmont returns to a normal Division II schedule this year, which features games against Sanborn, Pembroke, Kingswood, Lebanon, Timberlane, Kennett, Merrimack Valley, Plymouth and St. Thomas. The season kicked off at Sanborn last week and continues with the aforementioned home game at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, against Pembroke.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

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| Thursday, Sept. 9 BELMONT Golf at Con-Val; 4 WINNISQUAM Cross Country at Sandwich; 4 Friday, Sept. 10 BELMONT Boys' Soccer vs. Trinity; 4 Volleyball at Kennett; 5:30 GILFORD Boys' Soccer at Campbell; 4 Field Hockey vs. Berlin; 4 Girls' Soccer vs. Fall Mountain; 4 Volleyball at Prospect Mountain; 5:45 WINNISQUAM Boys' Soccer vs. Mas-cenic; 4 Field Hockey at Ke-arsarge; 4 Volleyball vs. Pelham; 6:15 Saturday, Sept. 11 GILFORD Cross Country at Oys-ter River; TBD GILFORD-BELMONT Football vs. Pembroke; 7 WINNISQUAM Football vs. Stevens; 2 Monday, Sept. 13 BELMONT Golf Home Match; 4 Volleyball vs. Ray-mond; 6:15 GILFORD Boys' Soccer vs. Hop-kinton; 4 Field Hockey at Conant; 4 Golf at Belmont; 4 | WINNISQUAM Field Hockey vs. Little-ton; 4 Tuesday, Sept. 14 BELMONT Cross Country Home Meet; 4 Girls' Soccer vs. Ray-mond; 4 GILFORD Cross Country at Bel-mont; 4 Unified Soccer vs. Winnisquam; 4 Volleyball at Oyster River; 5:45 WINNISQUAM Cross Country at New-found; 4 Unified Soccer at Gil-ford; 4 Volleyball vs. Laconia; 6:15 Wednesday, Sept. 15 BELMONT Boys' Soccer vs. White Mountains; 4 Golf at Prospect Moun-tain; 4 Volleyball vs. Hills-boro-Deering; 5:15 GILFORD Golf Home Match; 4 WINNISQUAM Boys' Soccer at Bishop Brady (NHTI); 4 Thursday, Sept. 16 GILFORD Boys' Soccer at Masce-nic; 4 Volleyball at Fall Mountain; 5:15 WINNISQUAM Volleyball at St. Thom-as; 5:45 All schedules are subject to change. |
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GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

BY HERB GREENE
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Gilford Old Home Day wrap up
The 101st Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held this past Saturday, August 28th! After missing a year due to COVID-19, we were thrilled to be back hosting this wonderful community event once again. Annual activities included the parade, entertainers, pie-eating contest, egg toss, community dance and spectacular fireworks! The parade award winners were as follows:
Grand Prize, Best Overall - Gilford Public Library
Neighborhood Floats - 1st Place to Phoenix Mixed Martial Arts, 2nd Place to Lake Shore Park and 3rd Place to New Horizons Band
Commercial Floats

- 1st Place to Legacy Group, 2nd Place to Gilford Country Store and 3rd Place to Bank of New Hampshire
Mini Floats - 1st Place to Belknap County Sheriff's Office, 2nd place to Bektash Shriners and 3rd Place to Lakes Region Lacrosse
Neighborhood Marchers - 1st Place to Gilford School Teachers, 2nd Place to the Lakes Region FRW
Family Marchers - 1st Place to the Brown Family
Individual Marcher - 1st Place to Miss Winnepesaukee and 2nd

Place to Miss Winnepesaukee Outstanding Teen
Antique Vehicles - 1st Place to Hayden McLaughlin, 2nd Place to Neil Flaherty and 3rd Place to Hannaford Supermarket
Other Vehicles - 1st Place the NH Army National Guard and 2nd Place to Hawk Radio
The Parks and Recreation Department would also like to offer a special thanks to all the people who have worked so hard to make Gilford Old Home Day a success.

A special thank you to the Old Home Day Committee for their tireless effort and time, the Gilford High School Football Team for their assistance with the day before prep and the morning after clean-up, Franklin Savings Bank for their sponsorship of the musical performance by Bryan Conway - The One Man Band and all the Town Departments for their assistance throughout the event. To all others who helped to make the day so great, Thank you!



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Kenneth C. Smith Sr., a native of Moultonborough, N.H., died peacefully Friday morning, Nov. 27, 2020, in Ft Myers Fla. He was 88.

Services will be held Saturday, September 11th at 11 am at the Moultonborough Methodist Church, all are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Hospice House.

'Tis the season... for fairs

The first day of fall is just around the corner, and while we love the summer months, there is no season better than fall. One of the reasons for that is, of course, the slew of county fairs taking place all around us.

While entertainment and rides have evolved over the years, there is something so refreshingly simple about a fair that brings everyone down a few notches. When we remember why county fairs came to be, we are reminded of the simplicity that once was the way of life for our ancestors.

Each year, the fair served as a vehicle for farmers to show off their produce and livestock in various categories. As the years progressed, more activities of course took place, however at the core is farm life.

When walking around through the different exhibits, complete with crafts and baked goods, the feeling of down home, old fashioned living welcomes us like a warm morning sunrise. To make things even better, it is the one place where just about the entire community will venture off too, making for a grand reunion of sorts.

We cannot write about a fair, without talking about fair food. Each year, we tell ourselves the same thing—'no fair food this year.' Or perhaps you tell yourself something completely different, such as 'I cannot wait for fried dough and maple syrup'. But the fact remains, you should not exit the fair gates without eating a caramel apple or a steak bomb. An honorable mention goes out to kettle corn, fresh lemonade, soft pretzels and nachos.

The music scene at the county fair tends to lean towards country. This is just fine with us, as it helps to set the perfect backdrop to our ears for watching a draft horse pull or a demolition derby.

There is never a dull moment at a fair, especially for youngsters. There are petting zoos, contests and plenty of stores selling anything you can think of. Funny thing about the shops, they seem to be selling the same things they had in stock for the past 25 years. Mirrors, with a horse pictured in the middle with the silver or gold trimmed frame, invisible ink, rabbit foot key chains and a plethora of leather goods.

The midway games are a treat. We never really could figure out the basketball hoop, although we know there's a trick to it. The dart game, where you send one, hopefully straight into a balloon is a blast, but again, there's a technique involved.

In the states, the first fair took place in Pittsfield, Mass. in 1807, and was organized by Franklin Watson. Eventually, it became known as the Berkshire Country Fair and is still running today.



RC GREENWOOD

Opening win

Max Bartlett fires a shot over the charging Monadnock keeper during Gilford's opening game on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The Golden Eagles grabbed a 6-0 win to kick off the season. Gilford will be at Campbell on Friday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Hopkinton on Monday, Sept. 13, at 4 p.m. and will be at Mascenic on Thursday, Sept. 16, also at 4 p.m.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

A fascination with old maps, 'and questioning a dog's love



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

There's something about old maps. Once I've seen one, it's hard to stop studying it. North Pole, South Pole, all around the town—sorry, globe—it doesn't matter, because chances are that my reading has already taken me there.

Still, the reading only draws me into the vortex. If I stumble onto an old map that's even close to a place I've read about, I'm onto it—hooked near the right gill.

All of which is why I have to hie myself down to Plymouth before Sept. 17, which is the last day of an exhibit I've been wanting to get to since it opened in June. It's called "Wayfinding: Maps of the White Mountains," curated by Adam Apt and Cynthia Cutting, with support from David Govatski.

During my time as the temporary steward of a regional institution, the Coös County Democrat, a big framed print of Leavitt's Map of the White Mountains (ca. 1860) hung in the front office. It was one of the first things customers would see, along with the wood stove and the cat.

One of the many interesting features on the map was a small rendering of the historic Thayer's Inn, in downtown Littleton, which still stands (President Ulysses Grant was a guest), and where I've spent many a night.

The floors squeak in Thayer's rooms, and some of the doors are specially fitted to almost



JOHN HARRIGAN

Millie, who shamelessly worms her way into so many photographs, slinks off toward Sebago, trying to show that the circular patch of dead grass (it marks the septic tank lid) is not her fault.

trapezoidal frames, all traits of endearment to me. In that way, Thayer's reminds me of the Dix House at the Balmans. I've always been partial to the two front rooms on the second floor. From either, it's a short trip to the balcony, from which one can regard the whole of Littleton's Main Street, and watch sidewalk patrons traipsing by below.

Until I get to Plymouth, I'll wonder if Leavitt's Map is among the collection. One of its scenes shows Colonel Whipple discharging a gun, and the caption says "Old Whipple is shooting a bear." The story, which I found in more detail elsewhere, was that Colonel Whipple had somehow become famous for this.

One of Colonel Whipple's descendants was right there walking around town during my first years in Lancaster, and snatched up the pa-

per each week, so I had to be careful with that story.

(The exhibit features maps from 1667 to present, and related tools and paraphernalia. The museum, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, has a website, and information is also available from archivist and registrar Rebecca Enman at 535-3210)

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My house is dog-friendly, and over the course of a year I play host to quite a few dogs. During the usual sniff and greet that all dogs do, the respective owners preside over it all and exchange pleasantries. The dogs inevitably sort things out.

But why let sniffing dogs lie? For a good growling, snarling, and hair-standing session (and that's just the people, never mind the dogs), you can steer the conversation around to one of the age-old debates about

our lovable canine companions.

You: "I've noticed how your pet Peeve wants to lick your hands and play fetch and chase you around with his chewtoy. Too bad it's all about food."

She: "It is not!"

You: "Uh, can we talk?"

And then, like a bulldozer digging itself ever-deeper into the sand, you drag up all the old arguments about how a dog's alleged "love" is really, right down to basics, down deep (like the bulldozer, churning away), about food.

She, archly: "It's not!"

Many a dog, and numerous amused hangers-on, have heard all this, and we're all still man's best friends.

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Lions to hold plastic collection

On Saturday, Sept. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Laconia-Gilford Lions will partner with the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia to collect recyclable plastics in front of the little white Church at 172 Pleasant St. in Laconia. We can all help this latest recycling project now by starting to save soft plastics rather than tossing them into the trash.

We are collecting clean plastic bags and wrapping, plastic grocery bags, pet food bags, vegetable bags (potatoes, carrots, celery, etc.), bubble wrap, air packing bags, bread bags, wrap from around 6-pack cans, and dry-cleaning bags.



COURTESY

Plastic bags from the last collection event.

We are not collecting hard plastics or rigid containers.

“Unrecycled plastic or plastic bags end up in landfills or the sea contaminating our drinking

water and seafood with micro-plastics and dangerous chemicals. Plastics are also often burned which releases toxins into our atmosphere,” explained Lions Club

President Matt Soza.

“With the help of so many in our community, our past two recycling events collected many pounds of soft plastics which were sent to a

manufacturer in Maine to be safely repurposed as composite decking and outdoor furniture. Every bit of plastic saved and collected helps protect all life and living on earth,” added Green Sanctuary Co-Chair Inez Andrews.

“Collecting will follow Covid-safe practices,” said Lion Bill Chandler. “Collectors will

wear masks and socially distance.”

Some other Lions Clubs have brought their plastics collection efforts to a successful conclusion. But the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club events are on-going. So set aside your plastics to drop them off at 172 Pleasant St. in Laconia on Saturday Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Auditions for student actors at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse

MEREDITH — The Winnepesaukee Playhouse in Meredith announces auditions for young actors ages 8-18 for two fall productions: “The Velveteen Rabbit” (for ages eight to 13) and “Spoon River” (for ages 13-18). Auditions will be Sept. 7 and 8 on the main campus of the Playhouse at 33 Footlight Circle. Audition appointments are required. Registration for appointments and detailed information about the productions—including complete rehearsal schedules and COVID-19 policies—are available at winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org/education or by calling 279-0333.

The Playhouse’s Director of Education, Timothy L’Ecuyer, will direct “The Velveteen Rabbit,” adapted for the stage by Janet Allard from the book by Margery Williams, first published almost a century ago.

L’Ecuyer says that the story, “has been a gentle

light illuminating the path of growing up for countless children. This new adaptation embraces the heart and poignancy of the classic story, but also infuses it with an energetic playfulness.”

The story will be told aided by the use of puppets to represent several of the characters. These unique puppets will be designed and handcrafted by professional puppeteer Leanne Brunn.

In “Spoon River,” directed by Meredith C. Brown, the denizens of a small town in the American Midwest address the audience from beyond the grave. The play is a contemporary adaptation of Edgar Lee Masters’ well known collection of poems. Some of the speakers fixate on a pivotal moment or a treasured relationship. Some of their stories brim with regret, others radiate gratitude or burst with humor. Some are devastating.

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If you're a grandparent, you don't need Grandparents Day, observed on Sept. 12, to remind you of the joys of having grandchildren. Yet, you might want to use this day as an opportunity to think about ways to help provide for your grandchildren's future.

The type of gift or support you provide will be different at various stages of your grandchildren's lives. Here are a few suggestions:

When they're born...

- Open a 529 plan. It's never too early to start saving for college or other types of advanced education. To help your grandchildren meet these costs, you could invest in a 529 education savings plan, which offers potential tax advantages if the money is used for qualified education expenses. If the grandchild for whom you've established the account ends up not using it, you can change the beneficiary to a qualified family member of the original beneficiary. (Be aware, though, that a 529 plan could

affect your grandchild's financial aid prospects). If your grandchild doesn't go to a college or university, a 529 plan can also pay for expenses related to apprenticeship programs offered through trade and vocational schools and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. When they're children...

- Open a savings account. It's important for your grandchildren to develop good financial habits – and one way you can help is to open a savings account for them and encourage them to contribute to it. You might even offer an incentive, such as matching their contributions, either in whole or in part. Consider shopping around for a high-yield savings account that's free to open and charges no monthly maintenance fees.
- Establish a custodial account. You may want to introduce your grandchildren to the world of investing by starting a custodial account (known as UGMA or UTMA) in their name. You can put most types of investments, such

as stocks and mutual funds, inside this account and track their progress along with your grandchildren. Children often enjoy learning about investing – and they may like owning shares of companies that make familiar products and services. The earnings generated by these investments can have tax implications, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before opening the custodial account. And you can't hold onto this account forever – once your grandchildren reach the age of majority, they gain control of the account, so they can do what they please with the investments. When they're young adults...

- Help with the down payment on a home. Once your grandchildren are out in the world, they may well want to become homeowners. And, as you know,

it can be challenging to come up with a down payment, so, if you can afford it, you may want to help in this area. You'll be doing your grandchildren a big favor, because home ownership is a key element in building wealth.

- Provide financial guidance. As your grandchildren join the working world, they could benefit from advice and guidance on various issues, such as setting short- and long-term goals, managing their 401(k) plans and choosing an appropriate investment mix. So, consider making an appointment for them with a financial professional.

By helping your grandchildren at different points on their road through life, you can make their journey more pleasant – and, in the process, you'll gain a lot of satisfaction.

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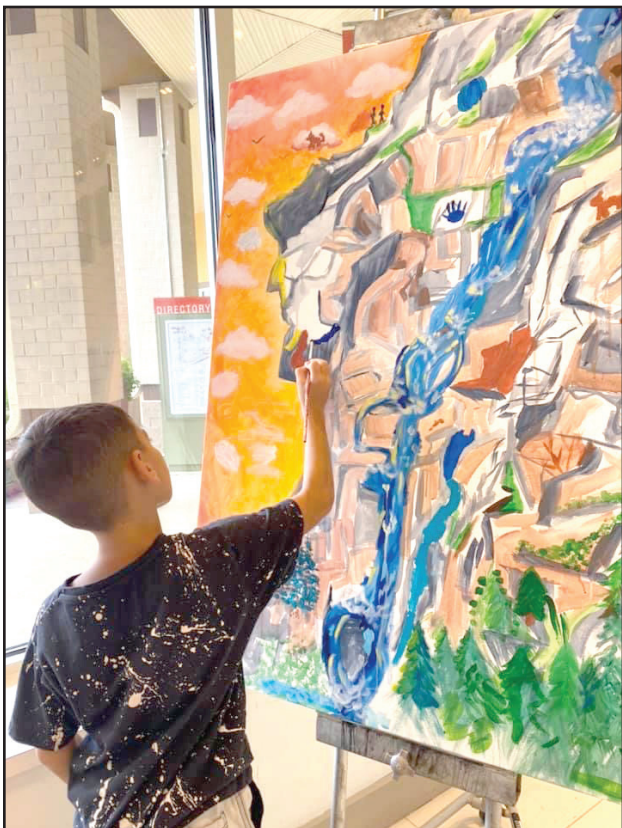
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Lakes Region Art Association to host ‘Being Young at Art’ exhibition

TILTON — If you are a mother, father or guardian of a grade and/or junior high school student who loves to draw, paint or take photographs, the Lakes Region Art Association will host its ‘Being Young at Art’ exhibition for them to publicly display their original creations in the LRAA Gallery, Oct. 3-23.

COURTESY (Right) Practicing his skills as a young artist, Dante Fico, Deerfield, NH is preparing to submit one of his original paintings to the Lakes Region Art Association’s ‘Being Young at Art’ Exhibition. The LRAA Gallery will display for free, art and photography created by grade to junior high students, up to 15 years old, in its gallery from Oct. 3-23. The gallery is open every Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. located in the Tanger Outlets, Tilton, Suite 300. For information call co-chairs Duane Hammond, 569-3745, or Lynn Casey, 393-3518. Registration forms are available at the gallery.



play their original creations in the LRAA Gallery, Oct. 3-23. This is not an art contest, and no prizes will be awarded, but instead, a great opportunity for any young artisan to have fun and show the world their raw talent and skills in art to include drawing, painting and/or creative photography. Each participant will receive a certificate, signed by LRAA President, Thomas Hitchcock, acknowledging their participation. There are no costs to enter and it’s free to exhibit in the gallery. Any media is accepted from pencil, crayon, watercolor, acrylic, markers, digital art, poster paint, to oil, etc. No matting or framing permitted as all entries

will be inserted in a clear plastic envelope and then hung on a ‘clothes line’ for display. The exhibition is open to the public every Thursday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 9, the ‘Being Young at Art’ exhibit will host an ice cream social from noon-3 p.m. It is open to friends and families of each student. Registration forms are now available at the gallery and submissions must be delivered to the gallery no later than Oct. 2-3, 6 p.m. The Lakes Region Art Assoc. Gallery is a non-profit, 501 C-3 organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts since 1940. The Gallery is located in the Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, NH, suite 300. For information, contact co-chairs: Duane Hammond, 569-3745, or Lynn Casey, 393-3518.

RACE

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with a blazing time of 17:04, more than a minute and a half ahead of the closest competition. Gandini’s win helped the Golden Eagles to second place overall behind Newfound.

Mitchell Townsend was the second Gilford boy, finishing in 19:48 for seventh place and Carter Forest was 11th overall in 20:21, tying with teammate Alden Townsend, who placed 12th in the same time.

Dane Dehart rounded out the scoring for the Golden Eagle boys with a time of 24:38 for 47th place.

Dylan Wright was 73rd in 28:48, Joseph Schelb was 86th overall in a time of 31:01 and Benjamin Smith finished in 90th place in a time of 34:23.

On the girls’ side of things, the Golden Eagles were without top runner Catherine Stow, but still finished in third place overall behind Hopkinton and Plymouth.

Georgia Eckhardt led the way for the Gilford girls with a time of 24:28

for eighth place overall.

Sydney Eastman was next across, finishing in a time of 24:38 for 10th place and Vanessa Genakos finished in 34th place overall with a time of 27:43.

Madeline Burlock finished as the fourth Golden Eagle in 27:59 for 36th place and Tessa Tanner rounded out the scoring in a time of 28:53 for 39th place.

Kaitlyn O’Brien finished out the field of Gilford girls with a time of 31:04 for 46th place.

Gilford will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Bobcat Invitational hosted by Oyster River. On Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Golden Eagles run at Belmont at 4 p.m.

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UPDATE

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ly great.”

Selectman Chan Eddy said his mother, who has been living in Gilford for around 18 years said the

office does a great job and makes processes easy, especially compared to communities in Connecticut she has lived in.

POLICE

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friends, they’re not your neighbors, they’re out there to kill people,” Limanni said. “I’m sure in every aspect of life there are terrorists, there are bad people, and there are people that get hurt.”

Limanni decided to organize a police appreciation effort, including a police appreciation event. Planning for this started for over a year but was put on hold because of the pandemic.

Limanni printed up signs supporting the Gilford Police, similar to signs that can be seen in Rochester and other communities.

The signs were printed at Gator Sign shop, who donated some services, he got some help from Lowes and Patrick’s Pub and Eatery.

The signs can be purchased for \$10 with proceeds going to the Gilford Police Relief Association. He and members of his family started distributing them though the community on Old Home Day

weekend.

Limanni is planning a police appreciation and awareness night, possibly sometime in September. He said he wanted to have an event where police from Gilford and other agencies talk about what they do. He is working with the Gilford School District to hold it in Gilford High School.

Limanni said he wants to educate people about the police so they will develop their own opinion of what they do and understand how they support the community.

“I want people to be critical thinkers come list to what goes on see the present and make your decisions,” he said. “Do you believe police officers are here for our good?”

Limanni’s signs are available to anyone who wants one. Call him at 528-6234 and leave a message asking for a sign. He can also be reached by email at tonyfayelimanni@gmail.com.

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The Marine Patrol Unit of New Hampshire State Police is seeking individuals to join their team for the 2022 boating season. NHSP - Marine Patrol is the primary state agency dedicated to ensuring safe boating on NH's waterways. Marine Patrol Officer Trainees are responsible for the enforcement of criminal, boating, and other laws to provide public protection and safety. Functions include: maintain law and order, detect and prevent crimes, apprehend suspects, prosecute violators, and provide security for NH's seacoast ports, lakes and rivers. First year Marine Patrol Officer Trainees earn \$21.07 per hour.

Applications must be submitted by 9/13/21.
The final testing for this position will be held on 9/25/21.

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For more information, please contact:
Stephanie.D.Colcord@dos.nh.gov or call (603)227-2135.



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COACHING POSITIONS**

Belmont High School has the following Coaching Positions available for the 2021-2022 School Year. Past playing and/or coaching experience preferred. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director, at cbelyea@sau80.org, or mail to Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, NH 03220

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Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation gears up for Pumpkin Figure Contest

REGION — Fall ing, and Lakes Region tion is getting a head is rapidly approach- Scholarship Founda- start on the season



COURTESY

Painting for Relaxation class at LRAA Gallery

Have you ever wanted to get more creative with painting, but didn't know how? Have fun with Painting for Relaxation. This is a beginner class where we will experiment with different subjects of abstract and techniques. All experiences and ages 16 and up are welcome. This class will be held at the LRAA Gallery, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite 132 Tilton, NH 03276. Every other Sunday 2-3 p.m., the next class is Sept. 5. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. To sign up, please contact Krista Doran: 833-7795 or marblestudiosllc@gmail.com.



COURTESY

A local "pumpkin" farmer is hoping for a bountiful crop of Pumpkin Figures this year for the Second Annual Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Pumpkin Contest.

with the announce- ment of their Second Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest.

Executive Director, Karen Switzer, an- nounced that the schol- arship foundation is looking forward to building on their suc- cessful first year with their Second Annual Pumpkin Figure Con- test.

She said, "We had

so many wonderful entries last year from a variety of areas in- cluding schools, in- dividuals, families, businesses and even a non-profit. The time invested, the creativity and the willingness to share their creations with the community was so great! One of the most notable par- ticipants were the stu- dents from the Huot

Center here in Laco- nia with eight entries from the different dis- ciplines."

Switzer continued, "We were trying to think of a project that would be fun, seasonal and involve the whole community. It turned out to be a great idea, not only for those who participated, but also for the community at large. People through- out the area were able to go around and see the creations first hand on a beautiful Fall weekend."

The contest is open to individuals, fami- lies, schools, business- es and non-profits, with prizes going to Best Overall, Cutest, Scariest, Best by a Child, Most Unique, Best Non-Profit, Best Business, Best from a School, and Best Fam- ily or Group. Pumpkin figures must include at least one pumpkin and other recycled and cre- ative parts. In order to qualify for the contest, an entrant must live in the Lakes Region, and the entry forms must be received by Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation by Oct. 1.

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ONLINE

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COURTESY

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Danielle LaFond gives an update during the recent selectmen's meeting.

ent transactions went through the online ser- vices in 2020 compared to 2,400 in 2019. So far 2,500 transactions have been done online as of July 31 of this year.

"We do see people, but the numbers are not what they used to be," LaFond said. "The online (option) is really where it seems to be."

Board Chair Gus Be- navides said if there are any positives that have come from the COVID-19 situation, it's that a lot more people became com- fortable using online ser- vices.

"I think in every as- pect of our lives certain

things became a little more out of necessity and now all of a sudden ppl gravitated to accept it," Benavides said, saying people have found the on- line option wasn't as hard as it looked.

LaFond said the office has been working with their software company to load tax bills and can now give taxpayers a PDF of their tax informa- tion.

Selectman Kevin Hayes asked about the se- curity measures in place to keep residents' infor- mation secure. LaFond said they use software by Interware, which works closely with the town's

computer provider Main- stay Technologies, to keep information protect- ed.

She said the moment checking account in- formation is accepted and the payment goes through, the system will account number is cleared from the system. For cards, only the last four digits are kept, and the rest of the account number is cleared. La- Fond said people will tell them to use the card they have on file, but the of- fice tells them they don't store that number and they have to reenter it with each transaction.

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