

Local Girl Scout unveils new Story Walk® at Southwick School

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

NORTHFIELD – After a year of development, organization and work, on Aug. 28, 14-year-old Emma Davidson of Northfield held an unveiling ceremony for her new Story Walk® at Southwick Elementary School, featuring a Vermont author and illustrator’s book “A Kettle of Hawks and Other Wildlife Groups.”

Girl Scouts offers five levels of scouting — Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors. Emma was a Girl Scout Cadette during the process of her Silver Award winning project, the highest honor available for Cadettes.

As a Cadette, Emma had the opportunity to seek a project she cared



Girl Scout Cadette Emma Davidson posed with her first book for a Story Walk® at Southwick School and one of two woodcarvings of hawks created by local carver Steve Wing of Gilford, which are located at the start and finish of the trail.

about, could focus on, learn about and then take action to make a difference. She chose a Story Walk®.

“This is the 10th anniversary of a Story Walk® that was built (by a Boy Scout) on the Winnepesaukee River Trail that was ruined so I wanted to recreate another one,” she said.

Her initial idea to put a new Story Walk® along that same trail was turned down, due to concerns about vandalism. Union-Sanborn Elementary School next offered to be a site for her trail, but with the probability of those students moving to Southwick School in the near future, Emma changed her focus to the nature trail at Southwick.

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Tilton selectmen to host Plan NH Charrette

TILTON — The Town of Tilton Selectmen will be hosting a Plan NH Charrette on Sept. 24 and 25. This charrette is a brainstorming session focused on the built environment and its effect on the community.

A team of professionals (architects, landscape architects, planners, contractors, engineers of all types and more) from around the state will provide assistance with the creation of a revitalization plan that will focus on enhancing the historic character of our downtown, improve the pedestrian experience (safety and walkability) and consider traffic calming techniques over this two-day period.

There will be two listening sessions on the 24th, 3:30 - 5: p.m. and 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the EOC/Community Room at the Police Department, 45 Sanborn Rd., Tilton. At 3 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a formal presentation of the results at the EOC/Community Room.

The Selectmen hope that you will participate in one of the listening sessions and attend the final presentation on Saturday afternoon.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP online at our website [tiltonnh.org](https://forms.gle/BuSuG1S52coQx3ZU7), or you can use the link. <https://forms.gle/BuSuG1S52coQx3ZU7>

For questions or further information, please contact Jeanie Forrester at jforrester@tiltonnh.org or call 286-4521, ext. 101.

Lewis, Edgren lead Belmont in season opening meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Belmont cross country team kicked off the new season at the Early Bird Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 2, hosted by Gilford High School at Gunstock Mountain Resort.

The Belmont girls finished in fourth place overall behind Hopkinton, Plymouth and host Gilford and were led by Alyssa Edgren, who ran to 20th place overall in a time of 25:46.

Rebekah Edgren was next in for Belmont, finishing in 26:48 for 26th place and Madison Liakas crossed with a time of 27:19 for 30th place.

Adeline Takantjas was 31st overall with a time of 27:21, with Isabella Lewis rounding out the scoring with a time of 40:37 for 63rd place.

Aspen Fillebrown finished in a time of 40:56 for 64th place to close out the field of Raider girls.

The Belmont boys finished in 10th place overall, with Newfound and Gilford taking the top two spots.

The Raiders were led by Baidyn Lewis, who finished in a time of 22:26 for 29th place overall.

Chris Pare finished in 40th place in 24:11 and Tanner McKim was the third Belmont scorer in a time of 24:40.

Cody Annis finished in 25:49 for 62nd place and the scoring was closed out by Tyler Durand with a 65th place finish in 26:58.

Michael Annis finished in 28:21 for 71st place, Evan Christensen

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Baidyn Lewis paced the Belmont boys in the Early Bird Invitational at Gunstock.

What can a barn tell you about agriculture in New Hampshire?



John Porter will discuss the history of barns and agriculture in New Hampshire on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Belmont Mill in Belmont.

BELMONT — Find out on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., when the Belmont Historical Society, in cooperation with the NH Humanities, hosts a program by John Porter. The program, “The History of Agriculture as told by Barns,” will be held at the Belmont Mill, 14 Mill St., in the Village of Belmont.

In the colonial period, New Hampshire was a rural, agrarian state, and small subsistence farms dotted the landscape. An important part of these farmsteads was the barn, which housed animals and stored crops. Early barns used traditional building methods and followed the English

barn style, with a low pitched roof and doors under the eaves. As time went on, the farms expanded to accommodate changes in increased agricultural productivity, the states growing population and changes in society. Mr. Porter will discuss how these majestic barn structures represent Yankee ingenuity, hard work, and skilled craftsmanship, as well as providing a link to our past that adds to the state’s scenic beauty. The presentation will be a chronological walk through time, with photo illustrations of barns

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Ninth Annual NH Monarch Festival to highlight best ways to sustain pollinators

CANTERBURY — The news about Monarch Butterflies this year is distressing—but the 9th Annual NH Monarch Festival will provide hands-on tools and expert advice on how families can sustain and improve habitat for migrating Monarchs and other vital pollinators, all while giving kids fun ways to celebrate and learn about these amazing creatures. Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Kids are free; suggested donation of \$5 per adult.

In spite of 25 years of efforts across the U.S. by citizen scientists and communities to provide more milkweed habitat for their annual migration, the total forest area occupied by Monarchs overwintering in Mexico has decreased 26 percent from last year, and

a startling 65 percent since two years ago (only 2.10 hectares–5.2 acres—in winter 2020-21 vs. 2.83 hectares in 2019-20 and 6.05 in 2018-19. Source: MonarchWatch.org).

The NH Monarch Festival, held annually at Petals in the Pines in Canterbury since 2013, focuses on increasing public awareness of the Monarch’s plight and ways for families to help them. The Festival, held on Sept. 11 this year (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) will include kids’ activities and games, the “Tale Trail” (featuring a book written by children about milkweed and Monarchs), educational and nature art vendors, butterfly tagging demonstration, book author readings, two new labyrinths (one contemplative, one kid-friendly),

“Ask-a-Master-Gardener” table, free milkweed seeds, two miles of woodland trails and garden paths, hundreds of flower varieties, and much more.

For updates and important COVID-19 and Festival guidelines, visit petalsinthepines.com/monarch-festival.

One new feature this year is the Pollinator Meadow, showcasing native flowers—including the three types of milkweed that grow in our state—that attract and sustain a diverse population of beneficial insects. Petals in the Pines is one of 37 locations in New Hampshire that are part of the Homegrown National Park project—a grassroots movement started by professor and

author Doug Tallamy to regenerate natural diversity (homegrownnationalpark.org). At the NH Monarch Festival, visitors will see how native trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses can do vital work of feeding pollinators, managing water, and sequestering carbon—and look beautiful at the same time.

On this 20th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, Festival visitors who desire some moments of quiet reflection are encouraged to hike up the Meditation Trail to the “Love and Grace” contemplative labyrinth—a sacred walking space for prayer and listening, overlooking a soothing woodland stream.

Since 2010 Petals in the Pines, an Arbor Day-cer-

tified Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom and sustainable-practices flower farm, has enabled children of all ages to experience nature in a safe and nurturing environment; and has en-

couraged and educated adults in their personal exploration of the natural world that surrounds them.

Garret Mango admitted to Utah State University

LOGAN, Utah — Garret Mango, from Tilton, is one of more than 4,100 students who began their collegiate journey at Utah State University, enrolling in the Fall 2021 semester as a first-year college student. Mango will attend USU at the USU Main campus.

“We are thrilled to welcome these students to the Aggie family,” said President Noelle E. Cockett. “The energy, talents, and enthusiasm this new cohort will bring to our campuses is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing what the class of 2025 will accomplish and cannot wait to be a part of their academic growth and success.”

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Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation gears up for Pumpkin Figure Contest

REGION — Fall is rapidly approaching, and Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is getting a head start on the season with the announcement of their Second Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest.

Executive Director, Karen Switzer, announced that the scholarship foundation is looking forward to building on their successful first year with their Second Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest.

She said, “We had so many wonderful entries last year from a variety of areas including schools, individuals, 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 participants were the students from the Huot Center here in Laco-

nia with eight entries from the different disciplines.”

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 throughout the area were able to go around and see the creations first hand on a beautiful Fall weekend.”

The contest is open to individuals, families, schools, businesses 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 Family or Group. Pumpkin figures must include at least one pumpkin and other recycled and creative 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.



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.

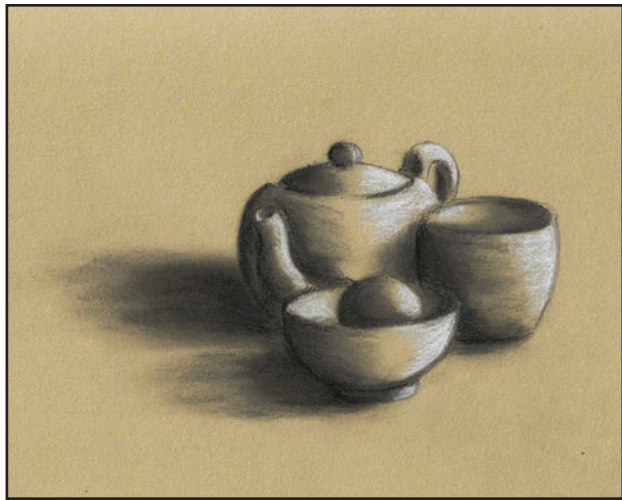
Art Association to host Introduction to Drawing class

TILTON — Artist Acacia Rogers will be teaching a six-week evening fine art drawing course! It will be held in the LRAA Gallery, 120 Laconia Road (Tanger Outlets), Suite 300, Tilton. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, 5-8 p.m., dates are as follows: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, & Oct. 28.

This six-week beginner-friendly class will cover in detail the principals and techniques of drawing what you see accurately with depth and realism. Including

the use of various media and practices to draw both from life and photography. Covering various subjects from still life to anatomy, Acacia will teach the importance of drawing skills, how to hold your drawing tool, how to use different materials, proportion and shading, and much more, with plenty of one on one guidance and group critique.

This course will be a great compliment to any painting education, an excellent refresher for an intermediate artist, or a perfect start for a beginner! Join her in September to take your



drawing to the next level and learn what you can really do! Students will bring their own supplies. A supply list can be found at AcaciaRogers.wix.com/FineArt under

the “Workshops” tab.

Acacia Rogers is a passionate self taught fine artist, and has been her entire life, over 10 years of which have been dedicated to various painting mediums. Her inspiration mostly comes from nature and the beauty of the natural world, with a particular affinity for wildlife. Her first memories of artistic inspiration as a child stem largely from Disney movies and their whimsical, fluid, and creative animation style. Particularly the work of Aaron Blaise stood out to her, who worked on beloved classics such as “The Lion King,” “Mu-

lan,” “Brother Bear,” and “Aladdin.”

She later added portraiture, still life, and landscape to her repertoire, slowly and painstakingly building up her skill through practice and research to learn the ins and outs of painting, as she loves everything about the process of painting. She is now a full time painter and painting instructor, and has worked alongside many accomplished artists from a colorful array of backgrounds. She currently shows her work in the LRAA gallery in Tilton.

LRAA to host Building Realism in Acrylics class

TILTON — Artist Acacia Rogers will be teaching a six-week acrylic painting course! It will be held in the LRAA Gallery, 120 Laconia Rd. (Tanger Outlets), Suite 300, Tilton. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., dates are as follows: Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 12, Oct. 19, and Oct. 26.

This thorough beginner friendly class is a perfect start for any new painter, or a great repertoire builder for the intermediate artist, I will use a combination of tested and proven academic principals with my own self taught techniques to improve and refine your representational painting skills.

We will cover everything from materials and how to choose them, to color mixing and values, choosing references, using layers to build dimension and much more. With ample side by side easel time and a group critique at the conclusion. Join me in September to take your painting the next level and learn what you can

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Winnisquam Future 2022

The Winnisquam Regional School District, led by its Capital Improvement Committee (CIC), has developed a comprehensive capital improvement plan (CIP) for the future of education in the District. This plan will improve existing educational spaces to ensure the health and safety of our teaching environment for both teachers and students, will consolidate facilities, and renovate and upgrade existing aging physical infrastructure in some of our facilities. In addition, the CIP modernizes and expands the existing Voc-Ag Center to include new Career Technical Educational Programing (CTE) to provide additional vocational and technical education opportunities for our students and those from other districts who attend the center. This part of the project is eligible for 75% federal funding and will renovate and create innovative new educational spaces at the existing Voc Ag Center.

The District has had a long standing facilities maintenance program which has kept our buildings in good repair. However, much has changed in the way education is delivered since many of these facilities were built, i.e. Middle School 1972, and even the Southwick School in 1995, along with renovations to Sanbornton Central. Additional educational spaces are needed for special education services and consolidation of elementary facilities. Certainly, the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic have shown the need for new spatial arrangements and distancing needs in our classroom spaces along with improved ventilation and technology enhancements. Facilities built 30 to 50 years ago were designed for different standards and teaching methods that are no longer applicable for today's educational needs.

Please join us on Monday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School cafeteria for an informational session with our architects and engineers to learn about the proposed CIP bond proposal and federal funding that will help the district keep its current well maintained infrastructure improvements from the past and enable WRSD to move forward with its recommended plan for the educational future of the district.

‘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.

Painting for Relaxation class at LRAA Gallery

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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.



STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Good without God

BY LARRY SCOTT

Harvard University, founded in 1643 “to the glory of Christ,” recently appointed a new head of Chaplains. But Greg Epstein, voted in by a majority of the University’s forty chaplains, does not believe in God.

The author of, “Good Without God: What a Billion Nonreligious People Do Believe,” was ordained in 2005 as a Humanist Rabbi by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. A graduate from the Harvard Divinity School with a Master of Theological Studies, Epstein has stated that while he is not anti-religious, “he is happy to work with the religious left to help beat off the fundamentalist religious right.”

It is another sign of what is happening in America, a wake-up call pointing to where we are headed as a society. When the spiritual advisor to one of the most sophisticated student

bodies in the nation need not believe in God, you agonize for a society that has lost its way.

The evangelical community has been warning of this day, but no one seems to be listening. Our status as a nation has been questioned by our friends and challenged by our enemies, and we have disclosed to the world an embarrassing absence of old-fashioned guts to stand on principle and command respect.

Character, honesty, and integrity are becoming ever more difficult to find in America. The degeneration of the national psyche did not happen overnight. A generation of Americans, born and bred in the liberal ‘60’s has taken the Bible from our schools, reframed the Christian roots on which this nation was established, and called for separation between the Church and government that is not supported by our Constitution.

And the fall-out has

been astounding. Marriage is no longer defined as a union between a man and a woman, our babies survive birth only at the choice of the mother, one’s gender is by choice, and now, our religious leaders need not believe in God. And what can I say about our politicians? Although I seldom say anything about another man’s sanity, I must admit Mr. Biden is pushing me. Hundreds of Americans, prevented from getting to the Kabul airport, and thousands of loyal Afghanis whose life is now on the line, have been left behind in the precipitous pull out that has left America looking weak, vacillating, and irresponsible.

I am not sure Jesus had this day in mind, but you can now see how it will happen. “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ... people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up

to the day Noah entered the ark” (Matt. 24:37-38). And there is no end in sight. I have no clue where we are to see new signs of our national alienation from God, but I fear for the future of America. When the best leadership our nation has to offer is found in Washington luminaries like Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and Nancy Pelosi, you know we are in deep trouble.

It is time for the evangelical community to speak up, stand out, and oppose in every way possible, the direction America has taken. I am a writer ... and I will give you my best take on what is happening ... but I fear I am but a “voice in the wilderness,” on stand-by until America wakes up and decides this foolishness has gone far enough!

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

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 trapezoidal frames, all traits of endearment to me. In that way, Thayer’s reminds me of the Dix House at the Balsams. 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 paper 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 bull-



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.

dozer 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.

(Please address mail, with phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

Hannaford proud to return as Presenting Sponsor of Children's Auction

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is pleased to announce that Hannaford Supermarkets will return as the Presenting Sponsor for the 2021 Auction.

2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the Children's Auction, an annual fundraising event that provides grants to dozens of local nonprofit organizations to support children and their families in need.

Hannaford has been a loyal supporter of the Auction for more than 15 years, donating funds, items and employee volunteer hours. Last year, Hannaford stepped into the vital role of Presenting Sponsor. Sherri Stevens, Manager of Community Relations for Hannaford Supermarkets, says supporting the Children's Auction is a perfect example of Hannaford's tagline, 'Greater Than Groceries.'

"Community is so important to us at Hannaford, and it's clear that it's important to our associates, too," says Stevens. "Our employees feel a particular passion when an event supports kids. We know that to help our kids grow and learn and develop, we must invest in them. We genuinely believe in and understand that they are our future."

Larry Poliquin, Franklin Store Manager, has been with Hannaford for more than 30 years. He's been a dedicated Auc-

tion volunteer for nearly two decades and is responsible for connecting Hannaford and the Auction. Poliquin serves on the Auction Board of Directors and its Disbursement Committee.

"It's amazing to see the amount of need filled by the Children's Auction," he states. "It's always exciting to see the amount raised at the end of the week, and to know that money is going to help children."

Stevens agrees.

"The fact that Larry identified the Auction as an area where we could help, and that it's making such an impact, is so meaningful to us," she says. "We're hugely proud of Larry and the other associates who have joined him along the way."

Jaimie Sousa, Chair of the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, adds, "We are thrilled to welcome Hannaford back as the Auction's 2021 Presenting Sponsor. Hannaford's management and staff support their communities through giving back. This year more than ever, we look to community leaders such as Hannaford for their commitment to children and families in need."

Mark your calendar for the 2021 Children's Auction: Dec. 7-10. Want to help local kids and become a #ChildrensAuctionChampion? Learn more about this

amazing event at ChildrensAuction.com.

About Hannaford Supermarkets Hannaford Supermarkets, based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 184 stores in the Northeast. Stores are located in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Hannaford employs more than 26,000 associates. Additional information can be found at Hannaford.com.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the It's For the Kids Community Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.com.

Neal L Martin, 100



Neal L. Martin, age 100, of Fitchburg, MA died at home on August 29, 2021, after a brief illness.

He was born in Franklin, New Hampshire on August 25, 1921, the son of Sidney and Regina (Sylvestre) Martin and has lived in Fitchburg since 1959.

Neal was a chemical engineer. He worked for many years in the paper industry, including Fraser Paper, Ltd. in Madawaska, Maine, and Crocker Burbank, Weyerhaeuser, James River Corporation, and Crocker Technical Papers in Fitchburg, retiring in 1984. He had been an active member of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI). An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theater of Operations in four campaigns including the Battle of the Bulge.

He will be missed by his six children, Stephen S Martin and spouse Cheryl A (Sweatman) Martin, Craig J Martin and spouse Sandra K (Lathrop) Martin, Daniel J Martin and spouse Cathy (Raymond) Martin, Lisa M Martin, Carol A Martin and spouse Jesse Coe, and Ellen J (Martin) Ferraro and spouse Paul B Ferraro, his sister, Marie

Kulacz, 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his dear friend Alice Cadle. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Bernice (Albert) Martin, brothers Sgt. Roger S Martin of the US Army Air Corps who was missing in action in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II, and Ray Martin, and his sisters Rita Sargent and Arlene Brine.

Neal was very proud of his family, his country, his military service, and his career in the paper industry.

Calling hours for family and friends were held Thursday, September 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg, MA. A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg, MA on Friday, September 3rd at 10:00 AM. Interment will be at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Martin Memorial Fund, Franklin Historical Society, P.O. Box 43, Franklin, New Hampshire 03235.

Belknap County Volunteer Job Fair Sept. 19



COURTESY

Volunteers repairing Wetland Walk at Gunstock.

GILFORD — The Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) is hosting a county-wide Volunteer Job Fair on Sept. 19 at Gunstock Mountain Resort from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about opportunities to donate your time and talent to local conservation and food assistance programs at the Job Fair in Gunstock Lodge. There will also be outdoor demonstrations from trail volunteers and at the quarter mile Wetland Walk interpretive trail.

"The need for volunteers is especially critical as we work through today's challenges, with higher demand on natural resources, increased outdoor recreation and gaps in meeting fundamental needs," according to Donna Hepp, BCCD Chair. "People of all ages can make a difference here in Belknap County - helping with

a community clean up, protecting and monitoring lakes and streams, tending trails, and donating produce from farms and gardens for food pantries are just a few examples."

The public is invited to learn about volunteer opportunities through this free event hosted by BCCD and partner conservation and food assistance organizations. Advance registration is requested and available online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/belknap-county-volunteer-job-fair-tickets-166229794791> or by

calling Lisa Morin, BCCD Program Coordinator at 527-5880.

Rockin' Daddios to headline Belknap Mill Sock Hop



LACONIA — The Rockin' Daddios will be the featured performer for the Third Annual Belknap Mill Sock Hop, the final concert of the 2021 Arts in the Park Concert series on Friday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes!

Arrive early to find the best spot on the lawn, take your best girl for a stroll to see the classic cars when they line up at 5 p.m. and visit the Winni Wagon where they will be serving up soda

shop favorites - burgers, fries and floats.

The Rockin' Daddios have been performing together for more than 10 years. Bringing back some of the best loved songs of the late fifties and early sixties, they offer doo-wop style singing with accent on harmonies and fun lyrics. Music from a bygone era, these tunes bring us back to a more innocent time of our lives. The program is family friendly, guaranteed to

warm your heart and bring a smile to your face!

Have a classic car to show off? Register for a spot by calling 524-8813.

Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs, a blanket, and enjoy a wonderful evening of live music at the Belknap Mill. The Belknap Mill's 2021 Summer Concert Series has been generously sponsored by founding sponsors The Laconia Putnam Fund and media sponsors, Lakes FM 101.5, & 104.9 The Hawk.

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Raiders put up a fight but fall in overtime



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Belmont's Charlie Carroll-Burr and Prospect Mountain's Joe Deane battle for the ball in action last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Belmont and Prospect Mountain boys' soccer teams have shown early on in the new season that they aren't afraid to battle.

The two teams met up on Monday, Aug. 30, in the second game of the season for both teams and after Belmont rallied from a 1-0 deficit to take the lead in the second half, Prospect scored late and then got an overtime tally from TJ Locke to get the 3-2 overtime win.

"We always have a good game with Belmont, I love coming here," said Prospect coach Cory Halvorsen. "Two games in three days is tough, the kids are sore, but we played through, I am happy with what we did."

"We made a bad pass back, that's the learning curve of the season," said Belmont coach Mike Foley. "But it was a much better game today than what we showed on Friday."

Belmont got a couple of early bids, with Logan Vaughn getting a shot deflected while on another bid, Prospect keeper Ethan Capsalis

came charging out to make the grab. Cam Dore had a shot go wide at the other end for the Timber Wolves and Jaxson Embree turned in a solid defensive stop. Dore and Locke teamed up for a bid that went wide as well.

Prospect had the game's first corner but Vaughn was able to clear the ball out of the zone. Belmont keeper Jacobb Bivens came through with a save for his team, while Dore had another shot on net that Bivens stopped. Juan Montoya made a run into the zone for Belmont but Capsalis came charging out to grab the ball.

The Timber Wolves got the game's first goal just more than 10 minutes into the game, as Locke sent a ball in to Dore, who buried the shot in the net to give Prospect the 1-0 lead. Cole Stockman had a bid for the Timber Wolves that went wide and at the other end, Kaden Jewell came back with a run into the zone that Capsalis came out and snared. Jeff Carrier made a nice defensive play for the Raiders and Liam Waldron had a shot denied by Capsalis.

Chris Cox sent a nice

cross into the box for the Timber Wolves but Mitchell Berry was there to clear the ball for Belmont. Jewell had a good cross to Kyle Albert, who delivered a nice shot but Capsalis made a diving save. Will Riley also had a shot denied by Capsalis.

Prospect had a corner kick that Bivens was able to save. Jewell and Colin Fysh had shots miss the mark while Waldron and Jewell teamed up on another bid but Prospect's Eli Kriete made a nice defensive stop. Joey DeJager sent a bid over the net on a nice feed from Locke and Stockman drilled a shot off the post.

Perrin McLeod made a nice defensive stop on Riley while Dore and Locke teamed up for another chance that Bivens stopped. Jewell and Ronan Taylor missed connections on a bid and Waldron had a nice clear on a cross by Locke.

Belmont had a corner kick that Vaughn sent wide of the net. Prospect came back with bids from Joe Deane, one that was stopped by Bivens and another cross that just missed Locke. Austin Perrault had a cross for the Timber Wolves



Perrin McLeod of Prospect Mountain slides in to try and knock the ball away from Belmont's Juan Montoya in action last week.

that Berry cleared and Owen Waldron had a late bid for the Raiders that Capsalis stopped to close out the first half with Prospect up 1-0.

Prospect had a corner early in the second half, but Berry was able to head the ball out of the zone. Dore had a head shot go wide of the net and McLeod made a nice defensive stop on Montoya. Belmont also had a corner kick, with Jewell heading the ball on net, but Capsalis made the save.

Belmont pulled even with 29:23 to go, as Fysh was able to slip the ball past Capsalis as he charged out of the net and it didn't take long for the Raiders to take the lead, as just more than four minutes later, Vaughn struck the ball past the Prospect keeper for the 2-1 lead.

Cox sent a nice ball up to Locke, but his bid was stopped by Bivens. Riley had a direct kick for the Raiders that Capsalis stopped and Deane had a shot that went off the post for the Timber Wolves. Bivens made a couple more saves, one on a bid from Locke and another on a Deane shot. Dore and Locke continued to pressure with

chances, but could not get the ball past the Belmont keeper.

The Timber Wolves were able to pull even with just more than eight minutes to go in the game, as Locke hustled to get to the ball and sent a cross in front. The ball deflected off of a Belmont defender and into the net, pulling Prospect even at two.

Deane then sent a shot off the post, Dore had a shot go high and Stockman had a bid that Bivens denied, sending the game to a 10-minute overtime period.

DeJager and Dore just missed teaming up on a bid early in the extra frame and Belmont had bids go wide from Taylor and Liam Waldron.

However, with just less than four minutes gone in the extra time, Locke was able to capitalize on a bad pass in the defensive zone, got past the defenders and around the charging Bivens, burying the ball in the net for the 3-2 win for the Timber Wolves.

"We're going to make mistakes, we just have to make sure we're building off of them," Halvorsen said. "I am happy with the effort and with what we did today."

"It was a full team effort today," he added. "We used everyone off the bench, we had multiple scorers, I like to see that."

"We're young, so we're going to have those learning curve moments," Foley said. "So, when we get the opportunities to put the game away, we have got to do it."

"Nothing is ever handed to you in this division," the Belmont coach continued. "We took some hits today, but we just have to continue to make progress game to game."

Belmont was slated to be hosting St. Thomas after deadline Tuesday, will be hosting Trinity on Friday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. and will be hosting White Mountains on Wednesday, Sept. 15, also at 4 p.m.

Prospect was in action after deadline at Monadnock on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and will be at Hillsboro-Deering today, Sept. 9, and at Raymond on Tuesday, Sept. 14, both with 4 p.m. starts.

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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 disci-

plined, 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 line-

backer 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 offseason 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 Se-

galini 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 happened 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, Kennebec, 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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PETS OF THE WEEK



Gannon

Meet Gannon! This big doofus loves to play, go for walks and eat treats. He's an inexperienced fella who needs an experienced owner to help him learn his manners! Gannon isn't a big fan of other dogs or cats, so he's seeking to be the only pet in his new home. Because Gannon is inexperienced with petting and handling, and he's still learning to share his things, he will do best in a home without children. Gannon is currently being treated for a skin condition that may or may not resolve with his current treatment plan. His adopters should speak to their veterinarian, and be prepared for the possibility that Gannon will need to take medication or be on a prescription diet for the rest of his life.

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Bears battle, but come up short against Bobcats

—BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — The opening match of the season for the Plymouth and Winnisquam volleyball teams proved to be a good one, as the two teams battled through five games before the Bobcats were able to claim the 3-2 win.

“We have a very young team, so there were a lot of jitters in the first game,” said Plymouth coach Jonathan VanScoter. “Once we settled into our game with the lineup that worked, we stuck with it.”

“The girls really did a great job,” said new Winnisquam coach Rachel Guyer. “This is my first year coaching, my first game coaching, so they did so well.”

Winnisquam won the first set before Plymouth battled back to win the next two, but the host Bears forced a fifth and deciding set by winning the fourth set.

The first set saw Plymouth get out to a 5-1 lead behind an ace from Summer McKenzie and a couple of hits from Abby Bassingthwaite. The Bears battled back and got a nice hit from Alyse Damato and then Damato got a service ace as well. After a nice block from Laura Slate, Slate drilled an ace and the Bears pulled even at six.

The two teams went back and forth, with Hanna Fellows getting a

nice hit for the Bears and Delaney Skourtis adding one of her own. Winnisquam opened the lead up to 13-9 before Plymouth got a hit from Mansha Patel to get back on the board. Damato added another hit for the Bears and Bassingthwaite did the same for the Bobcats and Triniti Carter had a couple of big aces for the Bears, including the game-winning ace for the 25-15 win.

Plymouth got out to a 3-1 lead in the second set but Winnisquam battled back behind an ace and a hit from Skourtis and a hit from Fellows. Patel added an ace and Bassingthwaite had a hit to put Plymouth up by a 9-4 score and then added a couple of aces as the Bobcats opened up the lead to 12-7.

Winnisquam got an ace from Brylee Jordan and slowly cut into the lead before pulling even at 14 on an ace from Carter. Plymouth got a hit from Sophia Sweet but Winnisquam answered with an ace from Kandace Bellville and Skourtis added a nice tip. Skourtis then added a couple of service aces to stretch the Winnisquam lead to 21-17 before Plymouth bounced back.

Sweet had a pair of aces and Patel and Bassingthwaite had hits and the Bobcats were able to rally to record the 25-23 win to pull even at one.

The third set saw Winnisquam jump out



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Plymouth’s Abby Bassingthwaite goes up to block a hit from Winnisquam’s Laura Slate in action last Thursday.

to a quick 4-0 lead behind an ace from Izabella Dill along with a hit from Kaylin Stankatis. Plymouth answered back with an ace from McKenzie and took a 5-4 lead. From there, the two teams battled back and forth, with Patel adding an ace for Plymouth and Bassingthwaite and Kayle Merrifield making nice plays at the net.

The Bobcats were able to stretch the lead to 16-8 and added an ace from Ella Kunz, but the Bears got a hit from Skourtis to help bring them closer. They got the lead down to 18-15, but Plymouth closed things out for the 25-17 win.

Plymouth got early aces from McKenzie, Patel and Sam Sanborn while Bassingthwaite



Delaney Skourtis goes up for a kill in action against Plymouth last week.

and Merrifield also added hits as Plymouth took an 8-3 lead. Winnisquam came back with a hit and an ace from Slate and then Fellows added another ace. The teams were even at nine, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 before Plymouth got an ace from Patel and a few hits from Bassingthwaite to go up 19-14.

The Bears battled back with aces from Mckala Pelletier, Slate and Fellows and Bellville had a nice return and the hosts eventually pulled out the 26-24 win to force the fifth and deciding set.

Plymouth cruised to the win in the fifth set by a 15-5 score. Sweet, Bassingthwaite and Merrifield had nice hits and McKenzie added a pair of service aces to get out to the 7-1 lead. Patel added another ace, as did Bassingthwaite and Plymouth took care of the win by a 15-5 score for the 3-2 win.

“There were a lot of mistakes on our end of

the court, so there’s lots to work on in practice,” VanScoter said. “We’re excited for these young girls and seeing them improve the next few years.”

“Hopefully we’ll see some gelling out there over the next few weeks,” the Bobcat coach added.

Guyer noted that Bellville had a great game in her first time as a setter.

“Candace is a new setter and she was all over the court for us,” Guyer said. “She did amazing.”

Plymouth is set to host Hanover on Friday, Sept. 10, at 5:45 p.m. and will be hosting Kingswood on Monday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m.

Winnisquam hosts Pelham on Friday, Sept. 10, at 6:15 p.m. and hosts Laconia on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6:15 p.m. before visiting St. Thomas on Thursday, Sept. 16, for a 5:45 p.m. match.

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Cross country Bears kick off the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — While the Winnisquam cross country team did not have enough runners to qualify for a team score in the opening meet of the season, the Bears still came through with some solid individual results.

The Bears traveled to Gunstock Mountain Resort on Thursday, Sept. 2, for the Early Bird Invitational, hosted by Gilford. The meet featured runners from around the Lakes Region and beyond.

Joey Damato was the top Winnisquam boy,

finishing with a time of 22:16 for 26th place while Dylan Allard ran to 76th place overall with a time of 29:25.

Sheamus Dunn was 78th overall in a time of 29:40 and Collin Phelps rounded out the field of Bears with a time of 32:00 for 88th place.

Lily Webster led the Winnisquam girls with a time of 31:30 for 49th

place overall and Brianna Harlow finished in a time of 32:49 for 54th place.

The Bears are slated to be at the Sandwich Fairgrounds today, Sept. 9, at 4 p.m. and will be at Newfound on Tuesday, Sept. 14, for a 4 p.m. race.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
Joey Damato paced the Winnisquam boys in the season opening meet at Gunstock.



Sheamus Dunn heads up the hill at Gunstock during last week’s opening meet.



Lily Webster runs for Winnisquam during the Early Bird Invitational last Thursday.



Marguerite Parker competes in the Early Bird Invitational at Gunstock last week.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

- 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. Masce-nic; 4
Field Hockey at Ke-arsarge; 4
Volleyball vs. Pelham; 6:15

Saturday, Sept. 11
GILFORD
Cross Country at Oyster River; TBD
GILFORD-BELMONT
Football vs. Pembroke; 7
WINNISQUAM
Football vs. Stevens; 2

Monday, Sept. 13
BELMONT
Golf Home Match; 4
Volleyball vs. Raymond; 6:15
GILFORD
Boys’ Soccer vs. Hopkinton; 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. Win-nisquam; 4
Volleyball at Oyster Riv-er; 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 (NHTT); 4

Thursday, Sept. 16
GILFORD
Boys’ Soccer at Masce-nic; 4
Volleyball at Fall Moun-tain; 5:15
WINNISQUAM
Volleyball at St. Thom-as; 5:45

All schedules are subject to change.

STORY WALK®

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“It was an ideal location because they like the story pages to be 50 feet apart, and that worked out really nicely on that trail,” she said.

In addition, Southwick School’s Nature Trail also has outdoor classrooms and is frequented by students and teachers. The trail, Emma believed was the perfect spot for a Story Walk® and to inspire children to not only read but learn.

“And it really helps out with the Dr. Keck Movement at Southwick,” Emma added.

Dr. Eric Keck was a principal at Southwick who sought to promote agricultural and outdoor learning. Under his leadership Southwick School, with the assistance of science teacher Brian Winslow, obtained a working greenhouse, brought in beehives and

even taught students to raise trout that they later released in local waters. Keck sadly passed away unexpectedly in the summer of 2020.

For her first story, Emma selected a book she felt would blend well with the setting, while entertaining and educating visitors.

Author Jim Arnasky’s beautifully illustrated book enlightens people to the many names given to groups of creatures found in nature that they may not be unaware of and tells how they all come together to form an ecosystem. A kettle of hawks, a gaggle of geese, or a cloud of tadpoles are some of the things visitors learn about along the way. Owls, fish, bees and even ants are included in his book.

Making this Story Walk® possible were many local residents, organizations and busi-

nesses.

Emma said as a member of Compass 4-H Club in Belknap County, some of her friends volunteered to acquire community service hours. Hall Memorial Library also lent guidance and their Raven Gael Blaisdell Foundation provided the book for her walk. When it came time to start construction on her project, Home Depot and Tractor Supply Company also pitched in by providing discounts for the materials she needed to keep each page of the story protected.

Perhaps the most stunning contribution to the project though is two wood-carved hawks from Steve Wing of Wings and Things in Gilford.

“I saw a hawk he carved and wanted it for the trail but after he saw the cover of the book, he carved another hawk in flight,” said Emma. “I bought that one but

I loved them both so he donated the other one to the project.”

The two hawks are now positioned at the start and finish of the trail.

On the day of her unveiling ceremony last week, people gathered for a first look at her work. Also on the school fields that afternoon were a gaggle of geese and a swarm of bees. Very appropriate, she thought.

Children who walked the trail that day also received a free book through the Raven Blaisdell Foundation. Thanks to both the library and American Legion Post 49, books for walking the trail will also be available in the coming months.

“If kids take a picture of themselves reading the story then bring them to the library, they’ll get a free book,” Emma said.

Initially limited to the first 50 children to do so, Post 49 is pitching in to keep that book donation going throughout the coming months.

For Emma her project isn’t a one-time deal though. As a freshman at Winnisquam Regional High School this year, she has at least four more years of plans to keep the walk fresh and maintained. In fact, when it comes time to put out a new book in the spring, she said she’ll do so but would love some public input, too.

“People can bring suggestions to the library and I’ll also probably make up some forms they can fill out with what they’d like to see next out there,” said Emma.

Most of all, she wants her Story Walk® to have sustainability.

“I hope someone will want to eventually take it over and keep it going,” she said.

Emma dedicated her walk to the memory of

Edna Southwick, sister of Northfield farmer Bert Southwick who sold the property for Southwick School to the district in 1994.

The new Story Walk® is open to the public and located on the back (right side) of the Southwick School playing fields. Parking in the school lot, people will see a large sign along the wood line marking the entrance to the trail where 15 reading stations, one page at each, are set out. After winding through the beautiful woodlot and over a babbling brook, the book ends just before the trail emerges back out to the field beside the school’s Pollinator Garden.

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around the state that are examples of these eras of agricultural history.

John Porter was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon. He earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science from UNH and later a master's degree in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management. He served as a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Cooperative Extension from 1974 until his retirement in 2006. In 2001, he co-authored the book “Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of

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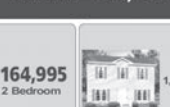
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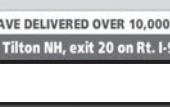
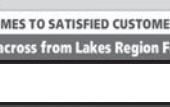
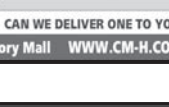
 

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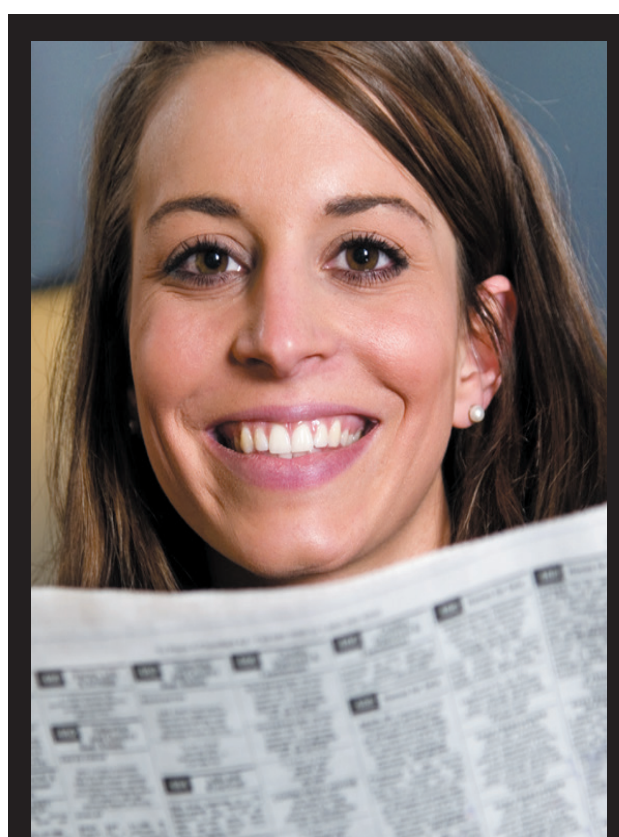
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MEREDITH — The Winnepesaukee Playhouse in Meredith announces auditions for young actors ages 8-18 for two fall productions: “The Velveteen Rabbit” (for ages eight to 13) and “Spoon River” (for ages 13-18). Audi-

tions 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 winnepesaukee-playhouse.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 Mar-

gery 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

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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.

Town of Center Harbor Employment Opportunity

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was 77th in a time of 29:26 and Kaine Stevens finished out the field of Belmont boys with a time of 32:04 for 89th place.
Belmont is slated to compete again at home

on Tuesday, Sept. 14, with Gilford, Kearsarge and Mascenic scheduled to compete.

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

At right: Alyssa Edgren was the top Belmont girl in the opening meet of the season last week.



Top right: Chris Pare runs for Belmont during the Early Bird Invitational last week at Gunstock.

At right: Rebekah Edgren was second amongst the Belmont girls at Gunstock last Thursday afternoon.





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