

# Winnisquam School District officials discuss educational challenges with community

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**SANBORNTON** — The Winnisquam Regional School Board and members of the district’s administration met with residents for a second community forum at Sanbornton Central School last Thursday evening to deliver a brief report on the district, then hear comments and concerns from the public. Their first meeting at Southwick School was held two weeks ago, Chairman Jasen Stock reported, and provided some interesting feedback from district residents.

Stock began the evening by saying there is a downward trend in student enrollment in Winnisquam, but it is a trend that is not unique. Across the state, school populations have been on the decline, he said. Another trend is a competition in the labor

market for qualified teachers, drawing many to larger school districts, which are able to offer higher salaries, and that poses a challenge for smaller districts such as Winnisquam.

“We want to be able to provide a quality learning experience for our students, but we have to be mindful of our taxpayers at the same time,” Stock explained.

He told the gathering that the board has considered the idea of collaborating with local schools such as Franklin and/or Belmont to provide learning opportunities in areas such as AP Classes that might have a lower enrollment. The premise of that collaboration would be to provide specialized classes with one teacher instead of two or three teachers throughout the local districts.

“We’re asking the question, are there op-



Winnisquam School Board Chair Jasen Stock and Superintendent Tammy Davis led discussions with parents and interested residents of the school district at Sanbornton Central School last week.

portunities to work with (other districts) on some levels?” Stock said.

Other areas the district is working on is better engagement with elected officials and ways to control costs as state funding decreases.

There is also an initia-

tive to get feedback from not just the community but students themselves.

“As they walk out that door and graduate, we want to know if we provided them with what they need,” said Stock. “As administrators and the school board, we

need to know if what we’re doing is working.” Superintendent Tammy Davis then spoke on ways the district is addressing some of the issues the schools face such as elementary level student achievement. She said in the past

years, they discovered only 16-percent of kindergarten students arrived prepared for school. Realizing that, they “beefed up” the quality of teachers at that level and approximately three years ago began seeing positive effects.

Better data on student performance and needs is also being gathered through Smart Balance, and the Star Reading and Star Math programs. Specific information on each individual student is obtained through the Star program so teachers can better help them achieve.

“We’re seeing growth in this area, but we would like to see that growth go much higher,” Davis said.

Their endeavors to monitor older students on an individual basis and work with them on SAT test scores have also brought positive results.

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# Operating budget tops Belmont town warrant

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**BELMONT** — The time for annual Town Meetings is drawing near, and preparations are now underway in the Town of Belmont as officials look toward the first session of this year’s meeting, the annual deliberative session, which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. in the Belmont High School cafeteria.

The First Deliberative Session is where a draft of the 2017 Town Warrant will be presented to voters. At that time they can hear explanations for the 37 articles contained in this year’s warrant before it heads to the polls in March. Much like the previous Town Meetings of the past, residents can ask questions of town officials and department heads at that time and,

if necessary, vote on any amendments proposed during that deliberative session. That document will then appear on the official ballot for a final vote during the Second Deliberative Session, which will be held on March 14.

Topping the expenditures and articles being proposed this year is an operating budget of \$7,586,951, up just over \$23,000 from last year’s budget. Should this article fail to gain voter approval, the budget would

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## Shaker board uses fund balance to minimize impact of teachers' contract

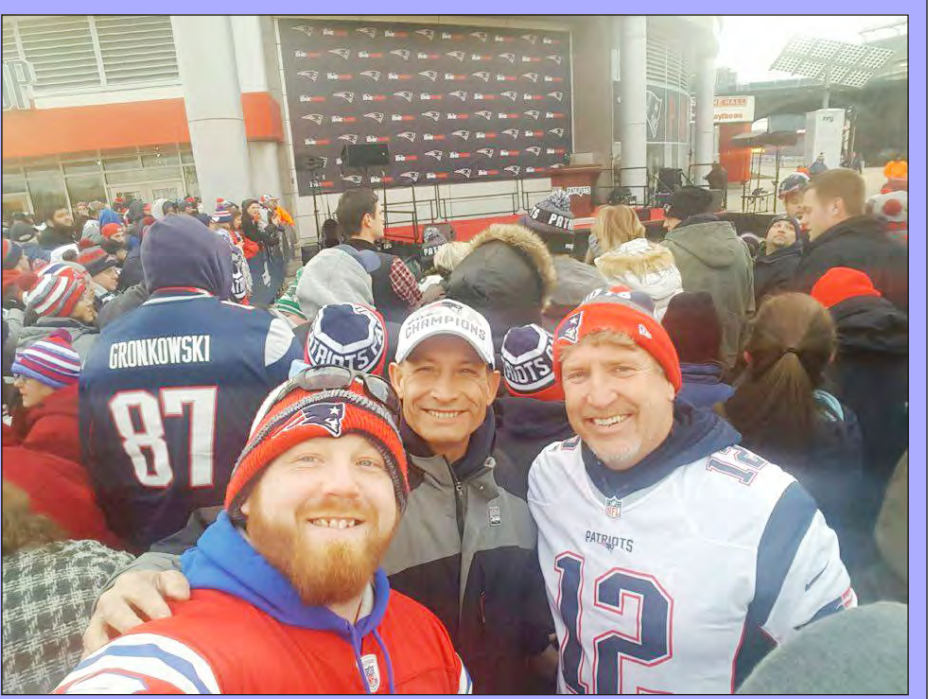
**BELMONT** — On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Shaker Regional School Board voted to use \$226,256 of the retained fund balance to offset the first year cost of the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Shaker Regional Education Association.

Robert Reed, Vice-Chair of the School Board, said “Using the fund balance to offset

the first year cost of the agreement shows the voters we support this contract and shows the teachers we value their work.”

The tax rate impact of the collective bargaining agreement was projected to go up 29 cents per \$1,000 of valuation in Belmont and 22 cents/\$1,000 in Canterbury prior to this action.

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## Send-off to the Super Bowl

Thousands of football fans gathered at Patriots Place outside Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. on Monday as the New England Patriots prepared to leave for Houston, Texas and a shot at a fifth Super Bowl title. Among the early arrivals for the send-off rally were Brad Prunier and Chuck Drew of Camaro Heaven in Tilton (left and right in photo) and Tilton Police Chief Bob Cormier (center). Devoted fans of the Patriots, they each took time off to get front row seats as they wished their team the best of luck in this Sunday’s big game against the Atlanta Falcons.

# Quick thinking by local youngster saves father's life following overdose

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**BELMONT** — Emergency responders from Belmont were called to a local residence at 5:53 p.m. last Friday evening when a six-year-old male found his father unconscious and in medical distress. The young boy had ran outside to flag down a neighbor who was driving by their home to ask for assistance, and a call to 911 was immediately placed.

When police and fire personnel arrived on the scene they found an unnamed adult male, age 31, who was unresponsive at that time.

“Believing an overdose was the cause of the man’s condition, he was administered Narcan by members of the fire de-

partment, which revived him. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment,” reported Lt. Richard Mann of the Belmont Police Department.

The source of the medical emergency was later determined to be a fentanyl overdose. Mann said the young child was consequently turned over by police to the custody of family members and the matter was then reported to New Hampshire’s Division of Children, Youth and Families.

“The young boy was very brave in this instance, and may have very well saved his father’s life,” Mann said in his written press release.

Belmont’s police and

emergency medical workers have dealt with a number of drug related calls lately and overdoses and other drug related issues, Mann said, are no longer uncommon.

“Overdose calls are just one part of the activity we see. Drugged

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# Intro to digital photography class planned in Tilton

TILTON — Want to take better pictures? Understand your camera and its various settings? This class is for you.

“Introduction to Digital Photography,” a 12-hour course and workshop, will be offered at the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery, located in the Tanger Outlet Mall, Tilton, on the mornings of Feb. 18 and 25, and March 4.

This program is designed to give you a better understanding of how the selection of F-stops, shutter speeds, ISO settings and white balance affects your final images. Learn about various shooting modes, depth-of-field, motion blur, photo composition and photo editing software programs.

Also to be discussed: lenses, camera care, natural and artificial light sources, flash units and studio lighting, light manipulation and the use of tripods.

A variety of free resources designed to help you take better pictures and become a more creative photographer will be shared.

Students will have an opportunity to photograph a model on the second day of class, as the group learns about portrait lighting. Homework assignments will be given and on the third morning, students’ images will be viewed and discussed.

The class will run from 8 a.m. to noon on those dates. The cost is \$75 per person, which includes instruction, course materials and model fees. Class size is limited to 15. Payment may be made at the door. Participants will be asked to bring their cameras, lenses, flash units and instruction manuals. To register or for more information, stop by the LRAA Gallery or send an email to [jall@tds.net](mailto:jall@tds.net) or call 455-6595.

The Lakes Region Art Association Gallery, established in 2015, is located within the Tanger Outlet Mall, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, just off Exit 20 on Interstate 93.

## Sanbornton Public Library encourages you to visit with your child Feb. 4

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Public Library invites you to join us on Saturday, Feb. 4 for "Take Your Child to the Library Day." This international, annual event celebrates the wonders of stories and information with children. The library is open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. We encourage children ages six and up to drop by anytime to get their own library card.

At 10:30 a.m., Jessie Ahlgren, Program Coordinator, will host a story time with a craft for ages birth to six. Face painting will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., as well as finger knitting from noon-1 p.m. Legos will be out for construction all day as well as a drop-in library scavenger hunt for ages five to 12. The library will be holding a favorite Mo Willems book contest starting on the 4th and to be announced on the 14th. Come and vote! Light refreshments will be served throughout the day. Come by and see what the library has to offer. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information about any of our upcoming events, please contact the library at 286-8288 or [splnh.com](mailto:splnh.com).

### BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 92 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Jan. 20-26. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Peter Follansbee, age 24, of Laconia was arrested on Jan. 20 for Driving After Revocation. SEE **POLICE LOG**, PAGE A9

## Knights of Columbus hosting Really Winter Cribbage Game Night at St. Joseph, Belmont

BELMONT — Robert Leroux Council 10934, Knights of Columbus is hosting its really winter game night, tournament style, at St. Joseph Church, Belmont, Friday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

All Cribbage players are welcome! Entry fee is \$15, which includes light snacks and drinks. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based on number of attendees. Bring three new players and get in free!

St. Joseph is located at 96 Main St., Belmont. Ample parking and Handicap accessible.

## Belknap County Republicans to meet Wednesday

BELMONT — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) has announced that their next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Top of the Town Restaurant, 88 Ladd Hill Rd. in Belmont.

On top of this month’s agenda will be discussion about the decisions and election results from the NH GOP State Committee Meeting held on Saturday, Jan. 28. Of particular note is that former State Senator Jeanie Forrester of Meredith was elected to a two-year term as the New Hampshire GOP State Party Chairman.

In addition, the Belknap County House Delegation and State Senators will provide a status update about the many bills that are being considered this term.

The guest speaker has not yet been finalized, but notification will be posted in the daily newspapers and on the Belknap County GOP Web site, [www.BelknapCountyGOP.org](http://www.BelknapCountyGOP.org).

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. Per their usual meeting format, if you’re interested in having dinner (at your option) and/or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 p.m.

The Committee thanks its members for their past food pantry donations and wishes to remind them to continue to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting.

For more information, please check the Committee’s Web site at [www.BelknapCountyGOP.org](http://www.BelknapCountyGOP.org) or send an email to [alan.glassman@gmail.com](mailto:alan.glassman@gmail.com).

### HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**Monday, Feb. 6**  
Monday Morning Makers, 11 a.m.  
Craft time for homeschool children - (recommended for ages eight and up)  
Chess Club, 3-6 p.m.  
Math Tutor, 4 p.m.  
Games Night, 6 p.m.  
Scrabble for Adults... use your words

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**  
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.  
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.  
Teen Time, 3 p.m.  
Mini Angry Birds

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**  
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Scrabble, 1 p.m.  
Word Power!... Sharpen your skills  
Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.


**Thursday, Feb. 9**  
Sharpie Wine Glasses, A Craft Time for Adults, 4 p.m.  
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**Friday, Feb. 10**  
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**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
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# Opinion

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WINNISQUAM ECHO

## PERSPECTIVES ON LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

It was in the mid-1990's that I had opportunity to visit the Shaker Village in Canterbury and meet Ethel Hudson, the final resident. I was given the opportunity to visit with her, and for me, it was a moving experience. Ethel Hudson personified the dedication and commitment to an ideal that had lasted over two hundred years; I was impressed. Never designated as an endeavor to establish a utopian enclave, Shaker Village nevertheless "challenged almost every mainstream ideal of American society during their time. Shakers believed in community ownership, pacifism, dancing in worship, equality of the sexes, celibacy and living simply." (From Canterbury Shaker Village – Official Site).

Man, it seems, has forever dreamed of a society without conflict, where men and women share a common world-view, establish the rules, work together in harmony, and enjoy peace and good-will. Those who would dominate, who would subjugate the weak, who would challenge the harmony, would be ejected. This was meant to be utopia - or so the dream went - and those who would disrupt the unity would not be welcome.

The church also has not been immune to the drive to find peace and harmony away from a broken and troubled society. In its earliest days persecution forced the church underground. Even after achieving legal status, however, there was a segment of the church that wanted to live life away from the pressures of marriage and family and life's pressures. St. Benedict of Nursia, as a case in point, founded the monastery of Monte Casino in Italy in 529 and became the seed of Roman Catholic monasticism and holy orders. The Benedictines, the Franciscans, the Augustinians, the Jesuits among many others were to follow in time.

But this was never the way of Jesus. He challenged the Church to be salt and light - salt that permeates and light that illuminates - the day to day experience of societal life. The Church cannot, indeed, must not, withdraw from society. There is no other way for Christians to know what their contemporaries are going through and no other way to influence others for good. We have been called ... and it is the purpose of this column to develop the thought ... to be living models of the goodness and grace of our God. We must demonstrate that Christianity works, not only when the sun is shining, but when we, as we read in Psalm 23, must "walk through the valley of the shadow of death." There can be no retiring from reality. Christianity works, no matter what our circumstances! I know what I am writing about!

Be that as it may, and whatever the pressures with which we must now live, there is a new day coming. The New Testament book of Revelation depicts a future day when Satan and evil will be finally eradicated and a new society under the leadership of Jesus Christ will come into being. Until then however, as Christians, we will continue to live our faith and proclaim without apology: our society needs, more than anything else, not a change of circumstances but a change of heart. Genuine happiness, peace of mind, and the strength to face whatever life throws our way, can best be found in Jesus Christ.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com.

## PET OF THE WEEK



## STORM

Storm is a cherry, outgoing Labrador type who has not yet reached her first birthday and already finds herself without a permanent home. Humans have been working tirelessly to get her to the place where she will find a loving forever home – your local shelter; New Hampshire Humane Society.

In conversation, it's been mentioned that we are Shangri La for dogs – a warm, compassionate place for dogs to heal – and a place where people will fall in love with them.

Storm has a rowdy name, but she is a sweet, affectionate,

busy dog, smart as a whip and ready to be the constant companion anyone would joyously share hearth and home with such a beautiful creature.

Cats have proven to be irresistible for this young, spirited canine, we've told her they aren't toys, but she persists in testing that theory!

This latest Mississippi transplant has acclimated well to our spicy New England air, revels in outdoor fun and frolic and is game for exercise and hiking. Come and visit Storm, we are quite sure you will be bowled over by her sparkling personality.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Committee member responds to Chief Dexter's comments

*Editor's note: Although the following letter addresses comments made by Chief Dexter in a recent article from the Laconia Daily Sun, we have chosen to honor Mr. Grey's intent that his response reach as wide an audience as possible by publishing it in the Echo.*

To the Editor:

With reference to the Sun's Thursday, Jan. 24 article about the Sanbornton Fire Department — Chief Dexter is certainly welcome to his opinion, but it should be noted that his statements are just that, his opinion, and they are not mine. I was at the meeting Dexter references, and have a completely different "take." Laconia Fire Chief Erickerson, Laconia Mayor Ed Engler, and Laconia City Manager Scott Myers all said, more than once, that they were are willing and able to work with Sanbornton, at any level, on regionalization and/or shared services. Reference the rough draft minutes of our Jan. 24 joint meeting that are posted on the town Web site.

At our very first meeting, committee members agreed that we would have no preconceived notions about outcome, and that we would only go forward as a unified committee.

### Join the Solid Waste Committee for coffee Monday

To the Editor:

On Monday, Feb. 6, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., our Sanbornton Solid Waste Committee will hold a "coffee" with conversation / update for Sanbornton residents, at the Town Office. Our committee members have divided up the topics dealing with our Transfer Station / Recycling Center, to introduce ideas / advances and hear questions and suggestions. We're one-year-old now as a resumed committee in the town.

By going public now with his comments, Dexter has violated the spirit and intent of the committee charter.

Some of us on the committee were concerned that a fire chief shouldn't even be on a fire department regional study committee due to a perceived conflict of interest. Dexter's comments in the Sun, his preemption of the committee final report and the fact that the BOS insisted we meet in the fire house rather than the town offices all lend credence to those concerns.

Dexter's comments are going to make it difficult for Sanbornton residents to believe our final committee report will be unbiased. This makes it all the more important for Sanbornton residents to attend our March 15 town meeting and continue the discussion of how to balance spending between the Sanbornton Fire Department and other essential town services.

Roger Grey  
Fire Department Regionalization Study  
Committee  
Sanbornton

We've had a year of researching, learning, team-building. We'll set out refreshments and hope interested townspeople show up. Winter offers time for thoughtfulness, and it's just nice to get together, too.

Sincerely,

Lynn Chong  
Chair  
Sanbornton Solid Waste Committee

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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Who in his right mind (not me) regrets seeing January slip by?



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

“I love January” is not exactly a phrase you expect to hear roll off someone’s tongue, but it happened with me the other day when I telephoned a favorite friend in Littleton.

“It’s such a nice time of year for reflection,” she said, sort of wistfully, even dreamily, and I agreed, mentally noting that I had in fact held one of my periodic meetings with myself just the other day. From that meeting, I emerged with a set of two or three goals before the end of winter, which always feels sort of good, like therapy on the cheap.

With the holidays just puffs of dust in the rear-view mirror, the sun climbing higher and staying longer every day, and the back of winter practically

“For the Love of Theater”  
Feb. 8 at Taylor Community

LACONIA — For the Love of Theatre: How two experts’ love of the arts helps foster theater in the Lakes Region. Join Taylor Community for a casual evening of conversation as Renee Speltz, chairman of the board of the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, and Marketing Manager Lesley Pankhurst, share how the Playhouse came to be.

The lecture is Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building. It is free and open to the public.

The Winnepesaukee Playhouse is a 200-plus-seat courtyard style theater located in Meredith. It produces both a professional summer stock season as well as a community theater season. Over the past eight years, the theater has received 46 New Hampshire theater awards, more than any other theater in the state during this time.

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broken, January offers a breather. In my case, the only constants, in order of priority, involve snow, firewood, and the keyboard.

Constant Chore No. 1 is pushing snow around. This begins the minute I get through the Fish and Game Room and then the shop and then the shed and to the barn, all connected in the old-fashioned way, and begin using a small but stout push-broom to clear the small doorway and the barn’s big bay doorways of snow, pushing it out far enough away from the buildings so the plow can catch it. Not the town road plow, mind you---my neighbor’s driveway plow. There is a tribal taboo on pushing snow into a town road.

Having cleared thresholds I slog through the snow to the outdoor furnace and woodshed, push-broom in hand, and immediately begin pushing snow out of the entire work area, clearing ahead as I go to avoid bumping into my own footprints.

Only then does Chore No. 2 begin, when I open the huge firebox door and use a long Devil-like tool to rake the heap of coals forward, to create a sliding surface for the largest pieces of three-foot wood. And when I say “large,” it’s no joke.

This is pretty big stuff--three feet long, as a matter of fact. These outrageously sized pieces of wood are destined for the huge mouth of the outdoor furnace, which has a cavernous firebox surrounded by 385 gallons of water. This water, heated to between 170 and 185 degrees, is destined for the baseboard heating system (forced hot water) in the house.

Currently I’m performing this chore only once every 24 hours, because we have not yet had any protracted below-zero weather. When several days of sub-Arctic weather do come along, and they inevitably will, I’ll have to go out there every 12 hours. “Not bad,” is what many people are thinking, I’ll bet, at least anyone who’s ever heated entirely with wood.

Because there is very little hardwood on my land, I buy loads of tree-length hardwood on the spot market, just the way oil companies buy the occasional good deals on tanker-loads of crude. I wait until Mud Season is nigh, of just

over, when I can get the best deals from friends who are loggers, loaders and drivers.

However, try as I might, and try as my logging friends might, it’s hard to avoid getting a few logs in the load that are more than a foot wide on the butt. Why this preference for smaller logs? Because (and I’m here to tell you) a three-foot piece of yellow birch that’s fourteen or sixteen inches on the butt can weigh upwards of a hundred pounds. And I’m also here to tell you that even for a guy in modestly good shape at the age of almost 70, which I am, it’s quite a thing to snag such a piece with a pulp-hook, get it to the furnace, give it the heave-ho, and land it where it’s supposed to go.

So when I’ve raked the coals, first to go in are the three biggest pieces I can find, because I can just land them on the heap, and push them the rest of the way in. And then the normal logs that are eight to 11 inches or so

Finky Divas of Gospel

SANBORNTON — Mountain View Church will host an evening of great family entertainment by the Funky Divas of Gospel Saturday, Feb.11; doors open at 6:30 p.m., and showtime is at 7 p.m.

The Funky Divas of Gospel have been a fixture on the seacoast for more than 20 years. Based in the Tri-City area, the seven piece group features long time area musicians Thom Scagliotti, Dan Poland, Dan Fishbein and Brian Randall along with vocalists Vicky Poland, Ellen Gagnon and Dianne McMillen. The group performs regularly in the area, sharing great gospel and roots music. The Diva sound is harmony. It is hard rockin’ and reflective. It is toe tapping, it is hand clapping. It can, and does, move audiences to their feet and onto the floor to dance.

Funky Divas performances are suitable for all ages. The group regularly performs in concert halls, music festivals and outdoor events, gospel brunches, corporate functions, benefits, conferences and church services no matter the denomination.

Recently, after attending a Funky Divas of Gospel concert, a reporter wrote, “All bluegrass, soul and gospel fans be forewarned: if you miss this funky group, to paraphrase a line in one of their songs, it ain’t nobody’s fault but yours.”

For more information about this show, visit [www.mountainviewchurch/facebook](http://www.mountainviewchurch/facebook) or call Jack at 913-4961. For information about The Funky Divas, visit their Web site, [www.funkydivasofgospel.com](http://www.funkydivasofgospel.com), or [www.facebook.com/the-funkydivas](http://www.facebook.com/the-funkydivas).

Mountain View Church is located at 322 Upper bay Rd., Sanborn-ton.



On one of January’s last days, a gray day indeed, snow and sleet coated just about everything in this view of the main pasture downhill from the house.

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it’s a combined task and joy. This is partly because I’m no longer really in the news business---I’m no longer a newspaper owner or a publisher, just John Q. Citizen.

This means that I don’t have to write about tragedies and

other bad stuff--what’s called “hard news” in the trade. Instead, I get to do columns, essays and the occasional guest commentary. On the flip side, I don’t have to worry about making payroll, coping with the next drastic increase

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Merle Louise Brown, 87

VENICE, Fla. — Merle Louise Brown, 87, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Sanbornton, died Jan. 19, 2017 in the comfort of her home with family at her side following a brief illness.

Merle was born in Tilton Sept. 14, 1929, daughter of the late Mark and Violet (Smith) Puffinburger. She married Bernard R. Brown in 1947, and they lived in the Franklin and Sanbornton area for 27 years before moving to Venice, Fla. in 1974. Bernard passed away in 1995, and Merle remained in Florida.

Merle is survived by her daughters, Joyce



Morton (Ellsworth) of Sanbornton and Jean Jorgensen of Concord, and son Richard Brown of Venice, Fla.; grandchildren, Rebecca Kibbee, Raymond DeVone, Abigail Henry, Andrea Werner, Sarah Brown, and Lauren Brown; and eight great-grandchil-

dren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Merle was predeceased by her brothers, Robert Puffinburger, Mark Puffinburger, and Richard Puffinburger and sisters Ruth Klauer, Elinor Mitchell, Gloria Furlong, Violet Calley and Gloria Yeo.

Services were held in Venice, Fla. on Jan. 26, 2017, and burial at Venice Memorial Gardens.

Contributions to St. Francis Animal Rescue are appreciated. Send check or money order to 1925 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34292. Please note in memory of Louise Brown.

Donald C. Poirier, 79

BELMONT — Donald C. Poirier, 79, of 46 Lakewood Drive, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester.

He was born on Dec. 11, 1937 in Middleborough, Mass., the son of the late Raymond and Eileen (Pierce) Poirier. Don served in the US Army. He worked for several years for Papertech in Contoocook. He also worked for Erving Paper Mills. He loved to paint and enjoyed reading.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janice (Wood) Poirier of Belmont; one son, Robert Poirier of Ridley Park,



Pa.; one daughter, Tammy Carignan of Laconia; one brother, David Poirier of Virginia; three grandchildren, Jesse Poirier, Benjamin Poirier and Michael Buckland; nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Raymond and Francis

Poirier; one step-brother, Edwin Chase; one step-sister, Elmira Chase; and one son-in-law, Peter Carignan, in 2016.

There will be no calling hours.

A private graveside service will be held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at a later date.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to [www.wilkinson-beane.com](http://www.wilkinson-beane.com).

Carolyn Gallup Gailey, 76

BELMONT — Carolyn Gallup Gailey, 76 died on Jan. 23, 2017 at her home following a period of declining health.

Born in Putnam, Conn. on July 25, 1940, she was the daughter of Carl S. and Ellen [Thornley] Gallup.

Carolyn was raised in Plainfield, Conn., where she attended private schools. She was employed by Gallup Lumber Co. as a book-

keeper. She relocated to New Hampton from Plainfield with her family in 1984. Carolyn enjoyed reading, her family and the New England Patriots.

She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, George “Skip” Gailey, Jr., on Jan. 24, 2015.

Carolyn is survived by her sons, R.D. Gailey of Holderness, Brian L. Gailey of Ashland, and George “Chip” Gai-

ley III of Belmont; her grandchildren, Caitlyn and Elizabeth Gailey of Holderness; and her great-grandchild, Riley Gemma Gailey of Holderness.

Burial will be in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen in the spring. Dupuis Funeral Home in Ashland is assisting the family with the arrangements; for more information, go to [dupuisfuneralhome.com](http://dupuisfuneralhome.com).



LRGH Auxiliary Board Members Barbara Tuttle and Sue Dalton gladly accept a \$1,000 donation to the LRGH Auxiliary from Laconia Artist Laurel Johnson.

Errol Flynn and Ronald Reagan hit the “Santa Fe Trail” in LRPA’s After Dark feature this weekend

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Feb. 3 & 4) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1940’s Western melodrama “Santa Fe Trail,” starring Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan, Olivia de Havilland and Raymond Massey.

“Santa Fe Trail” tells the tale of recent West Point graduates George Custer (Reagan) and Jeb Stuart (Flynn), who, in 1854, are assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. — the Army’s most dangerous post. While their original mission was to help secure the territory as the railroad was built from Missouri to New Mexico, they get caught up in the conflict between the Army and abolitionist John Brown (Massey). They also both fall in love with the beguiling Kit Carson Holliday (de Havilland).

“Santa Fe Trail” has been described as a “Western fantasy movie” by some critics, as it plays fast and loose with historical events. In reality, the film’s historical figures did not graduate together from West Point and were likely not friends, as Stuart rose through the ranks to become a Confederate general, while Custer served as a major general in the U.S. Army. Historical inaccuracies aside, “Santa Fe Trail” re-

mains a solidly entertaining film, featuring excellent performances by all of the film’s leads (particularly Flynn and de Havilland, who starred in nine films together), as well as a notable supporting cast that includes Alan Hale, Ward Bond and Van Heflin. The New York Times noted that “Santa Fe Trail” “... has about everything that a high-priced horse-opera should have — hard riding, SEE **HOFFMAN**, PAGE A10

International Film Series continues with “Tortilla Soup”

LACONIA — The Laconia Human Relations Committee in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library will show the film “Tortilla Soup” on Monday, Feb. 6 at 6:15 p.m. This is another in the International Film Series shown monthly from

September through June at the Library.

This 2001 comedy/drama takes place in a Hispanic American home in Los Angeles. Martin, the father, is a culinary genius who cooks elaborate, multicourse meals for his family of three daughters. His wife has died and he is semi-retired from the restaurant he owns. His daughters are in the process of striking out on their own, pursuing careers, life-partners, and meaning in their

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Local woman raises cancer awareness with her art

LACONIA — Laurel Johnson is a grandmother, artist and ovarian cancer survivor. She enjoys gardening and gathering beautiful plants and flowers; bringing the natural world into the living space.

Johnson realized she could use her horticulture talent to help others coping with cancer; crafting wreaths and pressed botanical art to raise funds for cancer initiatives. She began

selling her art at private fundraising events; donating the proceeds to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Johnson then decided to give back to her local community; choosing the Lakes Region General Hospital (LRGH) Auxiliary as the recipient of her latest fundraising effort. Johnson made this decision when she learned the auxiliary supports women and breast cancer in the Lakes Region through their annual fall

craft fair.

“As a survivor, I am passionate about giving back,” stated Johnson. “The LRGH Auxiliary supports the local hospital, which I think Laconia is fortunate to have. I am glad to support my friends and neighbors, while raising awareness about cancer.”

Johnson donated \$1,000 to the LRGH Auxiliary, as well as additional art pieces that were sold in the auxiliary gift shop.

Dr. Eric Hoffman, Storm Chaser, to speak at Taylor Community

LACONIA — Dr. Eric G. Hoffman, a professor of meteorology in Plymouth State University’s Department of Atmospheric Science and Chemistry will present an exciting lecture about his experiences as a Storm Chaser. The lecture is Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Doctor Hoffman received his B.S. in meteorology from Cornell University, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in atmospheric science from the University at Albany (SUNY). His areas of expertise include synoptic and mesoscale meteorology.

Prior to joining the PSU faculty in 2000, Doctor Hoffman worked for the National Weather Service as

a meteorologist in the Monitoring and Aviation Branch of the former National Meteorological Center (currently the National Centers for Environmental Prediction) in Camp Springs, Maryland. While in graduate school, he worked as a part-time broadcast meteorologist for WGY-AM Radio in Schenectady, N.Y., and as a graduate research and teaching assistant for the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University at Albany.

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# Franklin Savings Bank customers donate nearly \$5,000 to local charities since launching Buzz Points

## Bank also won “Redeem for Charity” challenge for second year in a row

FRANKLIN — Through the generosity of its customers, Franklin Savings Bank is pleased to announce that approximately \$5,000 has been donated to local charities through its Buzz Points program. Introduced in July 2015, Buzz Points is a debit card rewards program that incentivizes customers for supporting the local community by choosing to shop locally. Participants in the program accumulate points, which can be redeemed towards rewards at Local Preferred Merchants enrolled in the program or to a charity of one’s choice.

“As a community bank with strong ties to the communities we serve, it is truly heart-

warming to learn that our customers are also paying it forward in an effort to help others,” said Ron Magoon, President & CEO. “When we were looking to launch this unique program almost two years ago, we were intrigued with the concept of being able to support the local community by encouraging customers to support local merchants. Having the ability to donate points towards charitable causes is another fine example of how we can extend our support to the nonprofit community to support all the good work they do.”

FSB was also the winner of a “Redeem for Charity” holiday donation campaign in December facilitated by Buzz

Points. For the second year in a row, the bank was the leader out of 21 other financial institutions across the country with the most points redeemed to local charity. Buzz Points awarded FSB with a \$1,130 donation to be split amongst nine local charities that are part of the program to include Bristol Community Services, Franklin Animal Shelter, FSB Charity Softball Tournament, Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction, Mix 94.1 FM Cash-N-Cans, PermaCity Life,

Tiny Twisters Child Care Center, Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry, and the Winnepesaukee River Trail Association.

To learn more about the bank’s Buzz Points program, visit <https://www.fsbnh.bank>.

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Headquartered in Franklin, the Bank has offices in Bristol, Boscawen, Tilton, Laconia and Gilford, as well as an office in Bedford for business lending. Franklin Savings Bank also offers investment, insurance and financial planning services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Independence Financial Advisors, from offices in Franklin, Bedford, Nashua and Rochester, New Hampshire. As a recognized leader in providing the latest in financial services technology,

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You can learn more about Franklin Savings Bank by calling 1-800-372-4445, or visiting [www.fsbnh.bank](http://www.fsbnh.bank), or following the bank on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

# U-Haul ranks Tilton first in growth among small communities

TILTON — U-Haul International, Inc., the industry leader in do-it-yourself moving and self-storage, is pleased to announce the top U-Haul Growth Cities and Growth States for 2016 with the return of its annual migration reports.

Tilton ranks No. 1 among the U-Haul Top 25 U.S. Growth Cities for locations with a population of fewer than 10,000.



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Growth rankings are calculated by the net gain of arriving U-Haul one-way trucks over departing one-way U-Haul trucks for the calendar year. While migration trends do not correlate directly to population or economic growth, U-Haul growth data is an effective gauge of how well cities are attracting and maintaining residents.

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce announced and voted on the 2017 Officers and Board of Directors on Jan. 26 at their 98th Annual Meeting & Luncheon at Church Landing, Meredith. Meredith Village Savings Bank proudly served as the event’s Presenting Sponsor.

Joining the 201 Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are: Ellen Hurst of Beck & Bellucci; Bill Trevor of Web Smart Advisors and Julie Westcott of Aavid Thermalloy. Officers and Board of Directors serve 3 year terms with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

The Chamber’s Officers for 2017 includes newly elected Chairman/President – Jay Bolduc of T-Bones/Cactus Jack’s; 1st Vice Chair – Bob Firtzpatrick of Vista Foods; 2nd Vice Chair – Ted Fodero of Melcher & Prescott Insurance; Treasurer – Penny Raby of Malone, Di-rubbo & Co; and Secretary – Kathy Morin of Laconia Refrigeration. The Board of Directors includes: Warren Bailey, WB Media1;



COURTESY

**Jay Bolduc of T-Bones/Cactus Jack’s Laconia to serve as Lakes Region Chamber’s 2017 Chairman of the Board of Directors.**

Allen Voivod, Epiphanies, Inc.; Scott Kalicki, Lakes Region Community College; Bob Strang, Mill Falls at the Lake; Lindsay Cota-Robles, Bank of New Hampshire; Maureen Wilkins, LRGHealthcare; Donna Keeley, Eversource; Kamal Gosine, MB Tractor & Equipment; Michael Bednaz, WaLa; Patrick Clausen, Proctor’s Lakehouse Cottages; Eric Petell, Meredith Village Savings Bank; and Sue Gaudette, Gunstock Mountain Resort.

“All the seats at the tables were full last

week at our Annual Meeting luncheon! It is so important to day in business to be Connected and the Chamber continually creates opportunities to connect be it business-to-business or business-to-consumer,” voiced Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. “I am very excited to work and collaborate with these volunteers. They bring unique experience, represent our regional geography and diverse industries.”

The Chamber is a non membership or-

ganization made up of more than 475 member businesses making a financial commitment within 22 Lakes Region towns/cities. The Chamber’s vision is to create and promote a more engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in the Lakes Region. For more information about the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, on-line business directory or a list of community events, visit [LakesRegionChamber.org](http://LakesRegionChamber.org), Facebook, Twitter, or call 524-5531.



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“The high school is working really hard with their students and the dropout rates have decreased in the past few years. It’s starting to make an impact,” Davis said.

Parents then weighed in with their thoughts. One woman asked the district to be cautious about partnering with other schools, and another gentleman mentioned a concern for math education, where 57-percent of the high school students are struggling.

“When can we expect to see a turn around?” he asked.

Davis said the district is “working diligently” in that area, but said they are having a hard time hiring math teachers due to lower salary levels.

Northfield resident David Court responded by saying he felt that should have nothing to do with performance.

“Money does not equate with a better education,” he said.

The cost to educate each student was another concern brought up, as was the \$163,000 spent last year for substitute teachers, with a 45.9-percent teacher absentee-

ism rate.

“That’s huge,” she said. “It’s something that needs to be looked at.”

School administrators explained that some of that money was for long-term substitutes when a teacher was away on a leave of absence. Another factor was substitutes called in for paraprofessionals who were absent, accounting for as much as one substitute a day throughout the year.

Another woman asked about teacher morale and Davis said they have done teacher surveys to get their thoughts on working in the district. Some, especially at the elementary level where they teach all subjects, said feel a lot of pressure as they strive to get better test scores from their students. But, while children are coming into the classroom with low scores and the teachers see growth in academic achievement, there has been a positive impact, she said.

Student behavior was another topic brought forward by parents.

“Can teachers do what they need to do and want to do in a class when they have students with so many issues?” one woman asked. “There are times when students who want to learn can’t

when others act out.”

Lori Krueger, who serves as Director of Student Services for the district, said WRSD is one of three schools in the Lakes Region to receive a grant to support and work with students on their behaviors and are now collaborating with Riverbend Community Mental Health to provide counseling for those who show a need.

“There are kids out there who come in with a lot of things that are hard to leave when they come across the threshold (into school),” Krueger said.

That led to a brief discussion on whether or not too much pressure is being placed on students as well as teachers. One resident thought perhaps unrealistic goals were being set, especially for young kindergarten students, and that schools should think more about child development at that level, not just test scores.

All thoughts and suggestions were taken under advisement by the board and administrators. Stock thanked everyone who participated, including State Representatives Greg Hill and Tim Lang, and said they hope to hold similar forums in the future.

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default to the 2016 budget of \$7,563,786. Both Budget Committee members and the Board of Selectmen approve this year’s operational budget request.

The operational budget, officials remind voters, does not include any other expenditures proposed on the 2017 warrant.

Another major item this year will be two articles asking voter approval of collective bargaining agreements between the Town and Public Safety Employees in both the police and fire departments and their respective unions along, with another for the Public Works Employee Union.

Should those articles be defeated at the polls, additional articles ask permission to hold special town meetings in the future to discuss the matter and hold another vote.

The Laconia-Belmont Fire Department also has several standard requests to expend funds from their Special Revenue Funds for equipment and supplies, but this year there is an additional article asking to amend a vote from 1999 that will apply to the 2017 budgetary year only. That article asks to take the first \$166,400 of revenues generated through ambulance billings in the coming year and place them into the

General Fund. Those monies would be used for a number of expenses, including training, supplies, overtime, fuel, vehicle repairs and bathroom renovations at the fire station. Any remaining revenues would then be deposited in the Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Apparatus Fund as usual.

Other requests concerning the fire department include two special revenue withdrawals totaling \$119,482 to purchase a new communications system, a \$60,776 payment on a 2016 agreed upon contract for a pumper truck, a \$40,000 withdrawal from special revenues accounts for a forestry vehicle and another \$15,000 for an all-terrain vehicle.

Each of those proposals are also recommended by both the budget committee and selectmen.

Three other articles of interest this year center on the historic Belmont Mill building. Now in need of major repairs, the mill has been the site of senior center activities, community events, medical offices and even a daycare center in the past and taxpayers are being asked to weigh in with their opinion on the building’s future. Article 6 asks simply if the town will support future renovations of the structure, Article 7 asks if voters would instead favor demolition of the building and Article 8 looks to see how many

voters would support the sale of the mill building to a private entity. No funding is being asked at this time for either of the three options.

The first phase of the Winnisquam Scenic Trail was completed at the end of last summer and, to keep progress going on the recreational project, Article 24 requests \$30,000 to be deposited in the BRATT Capital Reserve Fund for continued development of the trail, which also met approval from both the Budget Committee and Belmont Selectmen.

Other monetary requests being made this year include several for Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Fund account deposits to be held in reserve for structural maintenance and repairs of the town’s buildings, bridges and roadways.

Other articles ask for money for the operation and maintenance of Belmont’s Water Distribution and Treatment System along with the Sewage Collection and Disposal System, but user fees from those who reside within the water and sewer district will later offset those funds.

Finally the voters will be asked to approve withdrawals from the Sargent Fund for local nonprofit organizations, and to deposit \$4,500 in the town’s Heritage Fund, which promotes historic preservation as well as cultural events in the community.

**SHAKER**  
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Sean Embree, Chair of the Board, said the board “fully supports this contract, and doesn’t want to see a tax impact creating an obstacle.”

By using the retained fund balance to offset the first year cost of this col-

lective bargaining agreement, there will be no tax impact for the first year of the agreement.

The Board also set dates for Public Hearings on the warrant article to rescind SB2 for the School District. The meetings will be Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Canterbury Elementary School

and Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at Belmont Middle School.

Shaker Regional School District will hold its Deliberative Session on Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at Belmont High School. Voting on the School District ballot will be March 14 at Belmont High School between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**POLICE LOG**  
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tion or Suspension.

Denise Lewis, age 47, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 22 for a Suspended Registration (Operating-Misdemeanor) and Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Jonathan Tyler Hingey, age 25, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 22 for Domestic Violence; Assault.

Peter Ligas, age 63, of Manchester was arrested on Jan. 23 in connec-

tion with an outstanding bench warrant.

Diane Lynn Labraney, age 58, of Franklin was arrested on Jan. 24 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Jared Huard, age 24, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 25 on two counts of Disobeying an Officer (for running from police during a traffic stop and lying about his identity), Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Resisting Arrest or Detention (for running from police after crash-

ing his vehicle), Conduct After an Accident (for hitting a wall), and in connection with an outstanding warrant issued by Belknap County Superior Court.

Katelin Arsenault, age 19, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 25 in connection with an outstanding warrant issued by the Laconia Police Department.

Stephen G. Cote, age 33, of Laconia was arrested on Jan. 25 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.

**NOTEBOOK**  
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in health care costs, or coming up with \$14,000 for the next truckload of newsprint.

So here we are, running out of January already, and perhaps my Littleton friend and I are among the very few who regret seeing it go.

So we slip into February, on winter’s downhill slide, with the first seriously cold weather still to come, for sure, but longer days and

ever more sun coming right along with it.

And quite soon, the south sides of the snow banks will begin to melt and freeze and crystalize overnight, and you can make a snowball if you want to during the height of the day, and not long from now, during February’s last gasp and the onset of March, my road will begin turning into mud as the frost works its way out.

And then we’ll truly be in that seldom-men-

**OVERDOSE**  
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drivers are mobile on our roads. We have addressed that issue by putting officers on patrol whose sole function is to identify and arrest impaired drivers,” the lieutenant reported.

Not only are they responding to impaired driving and a number of

drug overdoses, they are also being called upon for things such as the discovery of discarded needles.

Drug related devices like needles have the potential to put the unsuspecting public at a health safety risk through drug residue and pathogens that may be transmitted through contact.

“Last Friday morning, a Belmont officer

recovered several needles in the Belknap Mall parking lot that had been left exposed for anyone to step on,” Mann said.

He asked that the public not touch any needles they may discover along roadways or in parking lots but immediately notify police or fire department officials who will come and remove them in a safe manner.

**THEATER**  
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In 2009, New Hampshire Magazine named it the Best Professional Theater in the state.

In 2013, the Playhouse moved from Weirs Beach in Laconia to the former Annalee Dolls campus in Meredith, allowing for offices, dressing rooms and a lobby.

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**SOUP**  
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lives—all with great passion.

Martin himself has started to think about a companion. Hortensia (Raquel Welch, as only she can be) would like to be the one he chooses. The tangles of relationships that shift within and outside the family bring life, love, zest, and vitality to the story. This film is for those who love Food!

Make sure that you check the International Film Shelf at the Laconia Library for this and other films shown

over the past several years. You can always order films from the International Film Series through your own library if you do not live in Laconia!

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world. For more information, contact Len Campbell at 528-3035 or [lsoup03@gmail.com](mailto:lsoup03@gmail.com).



**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF TILTON**  
**Budget Committee Public Hearings**  
**2017 Budget Recommendations**

The Tilton Budget Committee will hold two public hearings:

The first public hearing is **Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**  
The second public hearing is **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Both hearings will be held upstairs at the Tilton Town Hall, 257 Main Street, Tilton, New Hampshire 03276 for the purpose of receiving public comment on the FY 2017 Budget Committee's Recommended Operating Budget and Warrant Articles. Copies of the budget will be available on the Town's website [www.tiltonnh.org](http://www.tiltonnh.org) and at the Tilton Town Hall prior to the public hearings.

Jane Alden, Chairman  
Tilton Budget Committee

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**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Northfield will hold a Public Input Session in regard to the Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction project. This meeting will be held at the **Northfield Town Hall on February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM.** The purpose of this meeting is to solicit input from the general public that could be beneficial to overall project design and reconstruction plans. All interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend.



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hard shooting, hard fighting, a bit of hard drinking and Errol Flynn." It's a film not seen very often television; reason enough to grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this "horse-opera" from the past.

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cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via LiveStream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content that:

fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas, encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

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whose name the fund was established."

Anyone interested in more information about Lakes Region Scholarship can contact visit them at their website at: lr scholarship.org or call them at 527-3533.

Joan Cormier then added "We have had the pleasure of working with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation since 1981 when the Charitable Foundation began administering the James P. Rogers Fund. We enjoyed a mutual working relationship with them and then in 1991, LRSF began investing endowment funds with the Charitable Foundation."

Linda Gray, Senior Philanthropy Advisor for the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation explained the mission of the Charitable Foundation saying "the Charitable Foundation was created in 1962 by and for the people of New Hampshire, and is dedicated to strengthening communities across the Granite State. The Foundation manages a growing collection of 1,700 philanthropic funds created by generous families, individuals and businesses, and awards more than \$30 million in grants and scholarships every year. The Foundation invests charitable assets for today and tomorrow; works with generous and visionary citizens to maximize the power of their giving; supports critical work happening in New Hampshire communities and leads and collaborates on high-impact initiatives. For more information, please visit www.nhcf.org or call 225-6641.

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JEFF LAJOIE

Winnisquam sophomore Kyle Mann bodies Mascoma Valley's Alex Schwarz off the block in the host Bears' 41-38 victory in a key NHIAA Division III matchup on Friday night in Tilton. Mann scored 10 points as one of three Winnisquam players in double figures.



JEFF LAJOIE

Senior point guard Thomas Marchese drives hard to the basket in the first quarter of Winnisquam's 41-38 win over Mascoma Valley on Friday night.



JEFF LAJOIE

Isaiah Singleton of Winnisquam moves through a sea of Mascoma Valley players en route to the basket on Friday night.

# Defense sends Bears to huge win over Mascoma

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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TILTON — Kevin Dame knows every game matters. But some games more directly affect the standings come postseason time.

That was the case on Friday night.

Dame's Winnisquam Regional High School boys' basketball team picked up one of its best wins of the season, holding off a Mascoma Valley squad fighting in the same tier for playoff positioning as the Bears. After leading for most of the night, Winnisquam shook off a Mascoma run in the fourth quarter, and closed things in fine

fashion en route to a 41-38 win that improved the Bear record to 7-4 overall entering this week's slate of games.

"Every game is huge but that being said, swing games like this are the difference between going to an undefeated Hopkinton early in the playoffs and finding yourself in a more desirable matchup," said Dame, whose team won its second key game in a row after also knocking off rival Franklin on the road two nights earlier. "Beating Franklin at Franklin was huge for many reasons. But (Mascoma) is a very quality team with one of the bet-

ter players in the state."

That player would be senior guard Alex Schwarz, who reached the 1,000 point club the previous week in a win over Newfound. Not only did the high-scoring Schwarz reach the number however, he did it in fine fashion, scoring a career-high 52 points on the night.

"He's a great player and we knew that it was going to be a challenge going against him," Dame said of Schwarz. "It was really about making sure we were communicating out of our zone (defense) and knowing where he was at all times."

Schwarz scored a game-high 19 points, but the Bears did an outstanding job in their zone defense limiting he and his Royal teammates to one and done possessions. Winnisquam, which was bolstered inside by Logan Morrison's blocking, did a nice job on the glass in forcing Mascoma to mostly long jump shots.

"To hold any team to 38 points is tremendous effort," lauded Dame. "We made their best player get tough looks

and when he missed, we didn't let him get another chance. That's what you have to do against a team like Mascoma."

After leading the bulk of the game, Winnisquam watched Schwarz hit a layup with 4:32 remaining in the fourth quarter that put the Royals on top, 32-30. But the deficit would be short-lived, as Morrison began a string of six straight points with a layup to tie the game. He added a bank shot and an opportunistic put back with 1:57 left to give the Bears a 36-32 lead, and Kyle

Mann's hoop with 1:35 to play had Winnisquam smelling the finish line up 38-32.

Mascoma rallied within 38-35 with 48 seconds left after a Schwarz three-point play, but Mann and Thomas Marchese hit free throws late to ice the game and send the Bears to the winner's circle via the 41-38 win.

"There can be that tendency to try and slow the game down and stall when you're ahead late but I told the guys we had to keep playing our game and push the ball when necessary," Dame said.

"Logan hit some huge shots for us and we finished the way we needed to."

Morrison scored a team-high 16 points in addition to his strong defensive and rebounding outing. Marchese was also in double figures with 11 points, showcasing his reliable free throw shooting, while Mann put three Bears in double digits with 10 points.

Winnisquam takes to the road this week with trips to play against Campbell and Fall Mountain.

## Wolfpack find scoring touch during week of better play

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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LACONIA — It was a week of improvement for the Laconia/Winnisquam hockey team.

The Wolfpack played two competitive games against solid opponents, capped by a 9-5 loss to Kearsarge-Plymouth on Saturday at Merrill Fay Arena. The five goals was a season high for L/W. K-P made be



RC GREENWOOD

Laconia/Winnisquam's Cole Reid carries the puck away from a Kearsarge-Plymouth player during the host Wolfpack's 9-5 loss in Division III action on Saturday at Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia.

just 3-7 overall, but the Coe-Cats have played tight games all season, losing four times by just one goal while falling to Kennett

and Somersworth/Coe-Brown by identical 6-4 scores.

Trailing by two in the first period, the Wolfpowerhouses SEE HOCKEY, PAGE B2

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# Bulldogs exact some revenge, blitz Berlin-Gorham

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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LACONIA – Recent history with Berlin-Gorham hasn't been kind to the Belmont-Gilford hockey team. When the two teams met last week, the Bulldogs were ready to change that.

Host Belmont-Gilford played arguably its best first period of the entire season, storming out to a 3-0 lead and never looking back en route to a 5-1 win over the defending state champion Mountaineers in a key NHIAA Division III contest at Merrill Fay Arena on Jan. 25.

Visiting Berlin-Gorham (8-2 record) had won two in a row against the Bulldogs, dating back to last season's controversial state championship game. The Mountaineers then opened this winter with a win up north in Berlin – the lone loss for B-G (8-1-1) entering this week's slate of games.

"It's a very satisfying win, no doubt about that," said B-G head coach Dave Saball of the victory, which pushed the 'Dogs above Berlin-Gorham into the No. 3 spot in the D-III stand-

ings. "They outplayed us up at their place the first game so I knew the kids were going to come out and make sure that wasn't going to happen again."

That opening period certainly proved that, as B-G came out firing on all cylinders from the opening face off. Harrison Parent scored just 30 seconds into the game, jumping on a loose puck and burying an unassisted goal to put the hosts up 1-0 before some fans had even taken their seats.

The lead doubled to 2-0 with 8:06 to play, as Hunter Dupuis went in on a breakaway after a counter rush opportunity. Dupuis finagled a shot past Berlin-Gorham goalkeeper Trent Labrecque (19 saves), with assists coming from Parent and fellow line mate Ethan Becker.

Senior Chaz Hacking made it 3-0 just 23 seconds after Dupuis' goal. Off a faceoff win, senior defenseman James Buckley slid a pass to the Hacking, who walked into the slot and ripped a shot over Labrecque's



JEFF LAJOIE

Belmont-Gilford sophomore Alex Muthersbaugh moves the puck out of his own zone in the first period of the host Bulldogs' 5-1 win over Berlin-Gorham on Jan. 25 at Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia.

shoulder, off the underside of the crossbar and in to continue the outstanding start.

"We knew we had to get on them fast," said Saball of the opening barrage. "We knew if we could get a quick start on (Berlin-Gorham) before they got their legs after the long bus ride, it would probably shake their confidence a little bit."

B-G goalkeeper Bailey Defosie (17 saves) came up with two key saves late in the frame, and the Bulldogs held an 11-6 edge in shots to carry the 3-0 advantage into the dressing room.

With the top line of Parent, Dupuis and Becker dominating the Berlin-Gorham defense, the Bulldogs had several outstanding scoring opportunities to open the second period. But it was Hacking who made the Mountaineers pay with 6:28 remaining. He notched his second of the night, this one almost a carbon copy of the first with a perfectly placed high shot that extended the advantage to 4-0.

"If we play our game, we can be a really good team and you saw at times the kids showed what they're capable of doing against a really



JEFF LAJOIE

Troy Gallagher of Belmont-Gilford (22) tries to move Berlin-Gorham's John Boucher off the puck during the host Bulldogs' 5-1 win last week.

good Berlin team," Saball said.

Berlin-Gorham finally got on the board with 3:24 left in the second period, cutting the deficit to 4-1 when Owen Dorval's wrist shot from distance trickled past Defosie. The Mountaineers looked to continue the momentum late, earning a power play with 2:20 to play. But the defense, led by Buckley and sophomore Alex Muthersbaugh, who has shifted back to his primary position on the blue line after seeing action early in the season at forward due to injury issues, held tough and managed to get into

intermission with the three-goal cushion intact.

Becker put the game out of reach early in the third, scoring his seventh goal of the season with an assist coming from Parent to give the hosts a commanding 5-1 lead that they would not relinquish.

Not lost in the game was B-G's ability to shut down Berlin-Gorham star forward Cam Cochran. The sniper, who sits tied for the lead in goals scored in the division this winter, had scored in every game but one this year (Kennett) before failing again in the loss to Belmont-Gilford. Cochran torched B-G for four goals in the season opener, but was visibly frustrated in the rematch last week before being handed a game misconduct penalty in the waning minutes.

"We made sure we had the right personnel against Cochran, made sure we knew where he was at all times on the ice," explained Saball.

Saball lauded the play of Miles DeFosses, who picked up an assist against Berlin-Gorham and has looked good since returning to the lineup to give the Bulldogs more offensive depth on the top two lines.

"Having Miles back, that really changes the outlook of our team and what we can put out on the ice," said Saball.

B-G has tough games on this week's schedule against Somersworth/Coe-Brown and Monadnock.

## HOCKEY

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pack got one back as Cole Reid put together a sequence of nifty moves for an unassisted goal.

The Cats pushed the lead to five in the second before Reid again lit the lamp with assists from Nick Luther and Noah Wirth. Late in the second period, Wirth stole the puck in the neutral zone and blasted in for an unassisted breakaway goal to the top corner short side.

Midway through the third, Josh Shevlin collected an errant Cats pass in the defensive zone and scored another unassisted goal on a hard wrist shot from just inside the blue line. The Cats carried the lead late in the game when Reid completed his first high school hat trick with an assist from Noah Smith.

"We played well

overall in this game," L/W head coach Kent Finemore said. "Plymouth-Kearsarge is a stronger team than their record would suggest, but we got some better chances that we've been getting and it was fun to see our guys take advantage of opportunities and bury their shots. Hopefully we can build on it."

The week began for the Wolfpack with a strong effort on the road at Rochester Arena on Jan. 25. L/W took an early lead against one of the top teams in Division III before ultimately falling to Somersworth/Coe-Brown, 9-3.

"We're proud of the players in this one, they hung together and played with determination," L/W Finemore offered. "There was a lot of special teams play in this



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Nick Luther (3) and goalkeeper Derek Derynioski look to cover up the puck in Laconia/Winnisquam's 9-5 loss to Kearsarge-Plymouth on Saturday.

game and overall our positioning was consistent. Good effort by the players in this one."

L/W had the score tied 3-3 after one period, with Devin Miles opening the scoring with assists from Connor Johnson and Wirth to make it 1-0.

After falling behind by two goals (3-1), the Wolfpack stormed back with an unassisted breakaway goal from Shevlin. Johnson scored from Shevlin and Wirth, tying the game 3-3 into the first intermission.

Laconia-Winnisquam

got strong contributions across the board from all of the players, in particular freshman goaltender Derek Derynioski as he posted 37 saves in his best effort of the season, and also from defensemen Ryan Fields and Jayson Shevlin.

## Free throw championship Feb. 19 in Franklin

FRANKLIN — All local boys and girls ages nine to 14 are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 19, at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Gabriel's Parish Center on Elkins Street in Franklin. Registration will begin at 12 p.m.

There is no cost associated with this event. Each contestant will be given a chance to shoot 15 free throws, with the winner of each division determined by who sinks the most shots. There will be six separate divisions for boys and girls, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14-years-old. The age of the contes-

tant as of Jan. 1 will determine the division he or she competes in.

Trophies will be awarded to the first place winners while all contestants will be recognized for their participation. Division winners will also be eligible to go on and compete at the state of New Hampshire Free Throw Championship on March 5 in Bedford.

This year's sponsors are the Knights of Columbus Council 11868 in Tilton, Council 12147 in Franklin and Council 10943 in Belmont. In the event of bad weather, the makeup date for this event is Feb. 26. For more information, please call Mark Messier at 528-0585.

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Belmont's Julie Valengavich cruises through the morning GS course at Gunstock during action on Friday.



Jake Deware of Belmont had a pair of top 10 finishes on Friday to pace the Red Raiders at Gunstock.



Belmont's Abby Camire rounds a gate during giant slalom action at Gunstock on Jan. 27.



Adam Sojka makes a turn in the first run of giant slalom at Gunstock on Friday morning.

# Gagnon claims slalom win at Gunstock

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GILFORD – It was one final tune-up before this week's annual Winnepesaukee Alpine Race (WAR) for the Belmont High School alpine ski teams. The Red Raiders competed on the friendly terrain of Gunstock Mountain Resort last Friday, faring well against some solid opposition.

The boys' team was the runner-up with 719 points on the day, behind only first place Bow (740) and ahead of third place Gilford (715). The girls' team was third with 722 points, with Bishop Brady capturing the top spot with 744 points.

Freshman Katie Gagnon once again showed she's amongst the elite in Division III, as she was the overall winner in the afternoon slalom with a two-run combined time of 58.73 seconds. Gagnon was also third overall in the morning giant slalom, finishing in 1:01.57.

Belmont's Abby Camire was the other Raider to earn a top 10 finish in the girls' race, as she was ninth overall in the slalom with a time of 1:13.59. She

was also 15th in the GS, crossing in 1:10.78.

Becca Camire had a pair of top 15 finishes, as she was 12th in the slalom (1:16.73) and 13th in the GS (1:10.70). Keagan Berry was 14th in the GS (1:10.75), while Julie Valengavich took

17th in the GS (1:15.68) and 20th in the slalom (1:26.94).

The boys' team had its best performance of the day come in the afternoon slalom. Sophomore Nolan Gagnon took the honors with a runner-up finish, cross-

ing the line in 51.44 seconds. It was a bounce back effort for Gagnon, who suffered a fall in the morning GS and wound up just 47th overall.

Lars Major had the team's most consistent day at Gunstock, as he was fourth in the GS

(58.24) and sixth in the slalom (55.80). Team-mate Jake Deware was also in the top 10 in both events, taking seventh in the slalom (56.22) and ninth in the GS (1:00.35).

Nick Galambos scored for the Raiders in both events, with his

best showing coming in the GS (10th, 1:02.16). Galambos followed that up with a 19th place finish in the slalom (1:06.78).

Kaleb Brown was 20th in the slalom to round out his day (1:07.66).

## Raiders set three school records at indoor meet

**BY JEFF LAJOIE**  
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DURHAM – In another lead up to the state championship meet, the Belmont High School indoor track and field team set three new school records on Sunday at the University of New Hampshire.

The girls' 4x800 relay team of Alexis Day, Emma Chase, Jessica Hutchinson and Jasmine Syed combined to run a time of 10 minutes, 50.3 seconds on Sunday, capturing first place overall and setting a new BHS mark in the process.

The relays continued to be fruitful for the Raiders, with both 4x160 relay squads setting school records. The girls' team of Kaitlyn Delisle, Sana Syed, Chase and Jasmine Syed finished fourth in the event, crossing in a school record time of 1:35.1.

On the boys' side, Belmont also finished fourth overall and captured a school record time of 1:20.7 with River Mathieu, Eli Allman, Ian Remenar and Ben Hills-grove teaming up to set the mark.

Allman won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.34 seconds on Sunday, and he's an automatic qualifier for the D-II state championship meet. Nick Randos was second in the 1500 meters, crossing in 4:22.9 for a time

that also has him as a state championship automatic qualifier.

Sophomore Alice Riley won the 1,500 meters on the girls' side in 5:13, while Jasmine Syed was fourth in the 600 meters (1:49.9) on Sunday.

Day, Makayla Palmer, Hutchinson and Riley finished sixth in the 4x400 relay (4:51), while the boys' team was seventh in 4:02 thanks to Nick Mackes, Max Schott, Eddie Mann and Lucas Mathieu.

## Good week for hoop Raiders

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BELMONT – The Belmont boys' basketball train kept on rolling last week. The Red Raiders won a pair of games to improve to 9-1 overall entering this week's games, as they knocked off Raymond and Sanborn in convincing fashion.

The win over Raymond to close out the week on Friday night saw the Raiders roll en route to an 82-51 de-

cision. Matt Pluskis scored a game-high 22 points for Belmont, while Trevor Hunt added 14 points with both seeing limited minutes thanks to the sizable advantage. Senior Hunter Kenney played well off the bench with eight points.

"It was a really nice team win," said BHS head coach Jim Cilley.

The win came after Belmont also thumped Sanborn two nights earlier on the road. The

Raiders breezed to the 70-43 victory, against posting a high point total in the process.

Sophomore Derek Stevens scored 15 points to lead a balanced Belmont offense that also featured Hunt (14 points), Pluskis (11) and Doug Price (9).

"A very solid first three quarters defensively helped build a big lead and allowed everyone to get some significant minutes and contributions," offered Cilley.

The Belmont girls' team also had a big win on Friday night, as they exploded in the second half en route to a 53-11 victory over Raymond.

Belmont led 19-6 at halftime but outscored the Rams by a whopping 20-0 in the third quarter

to take a commanding advantage.

"The team played very well defensively," said BHS head coach Mark Dawalga.

Sarah Chase led the Raiders with 18 points on the night, while Nicole Antonucci and Jordan Sargent had six points a piece. Chloe Sottak added five points, while the trio of McKenzie Donovan, Mariah Watson and Julianna Estremera scored four points each. Taylor Yelle had two points and five rebounds, while Lizzie Fleming and Skylar Ruelke both scored their first career varsity points.

Donovan added seven rebounds and seven steals in a huge defensive effort.

## Winnisquam's Coffey swims well at Bobcat Invitational

DURHAM – Miranda Coffey, a freshman at Winnisquam Regional High School, competed at the 2017 Bobcat Invitational meet at the University of New Hampshire on Jan. 22.

Twenty-eight schools from across the state were in attendance, which is one of the biggest meets for the season. In the 50

freestyle, Coffey placed 47th out of 214 girls with a personal best time of 29.29 seconds.

In the 100 freestyle, 196 girls competed and Coffey placed 33rd with a personal best time of 1:03.38.

The last invitational meet of the season was scheduled for this week in Goffstown.



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### Registration open

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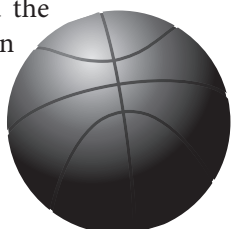
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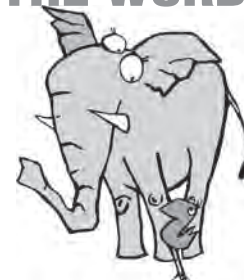
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