



# HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery opened the doors to their newest location

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FRANKLIN – HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery opened the doors to their newest location on Central Street in downtown Franklin last week where they are now providing support and a number of services to those facing challenges through drug and alcohol addiction.

Nearly 100 people, including physicians, social workers, Franklin Mayor Kenneth Merrifield, Police Chief David Goldstein, Fire Chief Kevin LaChapelle and Merrimack County Sheriff Scott Hilliard were among the crowd welcoming the new

center to central New Hampshire.

“Franklin took the lead on this problem (of addiction), and we first recognized this crisis back in 2009,” said Merrifield. “Thank you for giving Franklin hope.”

Cheryl Coletti, CEO

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# Winnisquam Regional School District hosted its annual Holiday Dinner

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TILTON – Winnisquam Regional School District hosted its annual Holiday Dinner for the community at the Winnisquam Regional High School cafetorium last Friday evening, where staff and administrators served up a delicious meal of turkey and macaroni and cheese, along with hot soups, salads, side dishes, rolls and desserts.

People from all around the region attended the festive, complimentary dinner and said they enjoyed not only the great food but the community spirit of the evening as well.

“We’ve been coming to this dinner for the past two years. We know a lot of people here in the area and really enjoy the nice meal and warm atmosphere,” said one older couple.

Younger diners enjoyed the meal as well. With a basketball game taking place in the neighboring gymnasium many students also dropped in for a bite to eat as they waited for their families.

Southwick student Zach St. Onge said his sister was a member of the high school basketball team so he and his

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## Arch inspection

Recently the Northfield Capital Improvement Program Committee commissioned masonry contractor Ron Dunlop of Dunphy Construction to inspect the Memorial Arch. The inspection was prompted by concerns that the Arch may need to be resealed to help protect it from the weather. On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1, Dunlop, with the assistance of Tilton/Northfield Fire District and Firefighter Jeremy Perkins, inspected the top levels of the Arch. In the next few weeks he will present the town of Northfield with a report of his findings.

# Ill girl’s wish fulfilled by caring community

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BELMONT – When a girl from Belmont, in the final stages of terminal cancer, said she wanted to have Christmas carolers come to her home, the Winnisquam community showed up in a big way to sing their hearts out for her last Tuesday evening.

Twelve-year-old Lillyanna Marie Flynn has battled a terminal cancer for several years, but despite all of that she was best known for her glittering eyes, gentle smile and “slightly mischievous” ways.

As her health recently declined, word spread through social media that Lillyanna wanted



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Fire departments, police officers and more than 100 citizens of Belmont and surrounding communities rallied together in an impromptu mission to grant a 12-year-old girl her final request to have carolers come to her home last Tuesday evening.

ed nothing more than to hear the sounds of Christmas on her doorstep in Belmont. Once

the word got out, the community responded in a large and loving fashion last Tuesday

evening.

Not only did Belmont residents, police and fire departments race to

grant her wish, people from Tilton, Northfield and other surrounding communities did

as well. Included in the more than 100 people who came out to sing for her were members of the neighboring Tilton-Northfield Fire Department and their police departments as well.

“It was one of those things that just spread through social media and everyone rallied to be there,” said one of the many participants. “It was all so impromptu and such an amazing and touching time.”

Whether they could sing our not, everyone joined together for traditional carols as Lillyanna and her family looked out from the window.

Belmont Fire Department even placed a special emergency request to Santa and he came along to wave to her from the lofty heights of their fire engine.

As more people learned the next morning of Lillyanna’s simple but touching request and wanted to return for future caroling events,

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# Belmont hosts Frost Bite Qualifier

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BELMONT – Last Saturday Belmont High School hosted a highly technical Frost Bite Qualifier, a VEX Robotics competition where high school students involved in the world of robotics are pitted head to head against each other to test their skills for robotic construction and programming.

This year’s challenge was “Starstruck,” a theme in which students from 44 teams around the state had to build robots that could manip-

ulate items along a playing field and, for extra points, even climb posts surrounding the competitive arena.

This year was Belmont’s first ever in hosting a VEX competition and faculty advisor Adrien Deshaies said the event was also a big fundraiser for “Team 603” from BHS. Money raised through registrations and food sales for the event will help support the robotics programs for not only Shaker Regional School

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PHOTO BY DONNA RHODES

## Christmas spirit

Tilton Police Officer Richard Ort, along with Roy Wells (featured in this photo) and Talia Anderson of Tilton Police Explorers Post 750 manned two collection tables outside of Walmart last weekend as the group collected toys and cash donations for the Tilton-Northfield-Sanbornton Christmas Fund. This was the Post 750’s ninth year of participation in the charitable organization that provides warm coats, toys and a Christmas meal for qualified families and senior citizens in the three towns. Besides the many toys collected for children Anderson said on Sunday that their cash donations looked to hit the \$1,000 mark thanks to an outpouring of generosity by caring neighbors and friends from the surrounding communities.

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# Children's Auction raises over \$489K

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REGION — Holiday generosity was alive and well throughout the region, bringing in more than \$489,000 for the Children's Auction of the Lakes Region.

The auction started on Tuesday and went through Saturday afternoon. A number of different items and services were donated for the auction benefiting organizations across the region.

On Saturday afternoon the final total for this year's auction was \$489,435.

Board member Mike Seymour said every year they want to raise more than they raised the previous year, though figures like this set the bar high.

"To come in again at 20 grand more than what we did last year is both frightening and exciting at the same time," Seymour said.

This is the second year the Children's Auction has existed as its own organization.

"For us to still reach these kind of numbers is a testament to everybody's commitment to the process," Seymour said. "It's emotional, it's draining, but it makes it well worth all the work."

Auction chair Sandy Marshall said these numbers are a testament to the community.

"We're a very unique community," Marshall said. "I don't think there's a lot of communities that put this much engagement."

This year the Children's Auction had to find a new home after the closing of the Lake Opechee Conference Center in Laconia. The auction moved to Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford.

Seymour said the move worked really well and Marshall said the new venue was great.

The Children's Auction set is designed to be collapsible and can be adjusted to fit in different spaces. Seymour also said Jim Contigiani of Contigiani's Catering was really great to the auction.

Seymour said they realized while going through the insurance process how much they do with so little. They do not have any employees or their own equipment and everything is done on a volunteer basis. He said this means that, compared to a number of other non-profits, all

of the pie chart goes to the cause. He said this is what makes this process especially unique.

One of the biggest contributors to the auction was Pub Mania at Patrick's Pub and Eatery. Patrick's co-owner Allan Beetle is also a Children's Auction board member. Beetle said he is aware of the effort that goes on to make the Children's Auction possible.

"I think all of us feel the same way, how this event has enriched all our lives, all the friends we've made," Beetle said. "It's been an amazing journey."

During the finale Beetle thanked the many people who work at the Children's Auction and make everything possible.

"I don't think it meets the need that's out there," Beetle said. "We're trying to do more to meet that need."

Beetle also said he wants to make it easier for people to make cash donations online.

The money raised will go to a number of



Board members and supporters of the Children's Auction of the Greater Lakes Region celebrate the announcement of the final numbers.

different organizations across the Lakes Region. The auction's distribution committee reviews each application and prioritizes each need from immediate needs to longer term projects.

Funds will be distributed as early as this

week. On Wednesday checks for the Process A requests, those representing the most immediate need, will be handed out at a presentation at Lakes Region General Hospital. Seymour said they anticipate all the funds, from the most immediate needs to those

for longer term needs, will be distributed by the end of January.

Seymour said that amount is a large sum of money, but it is only a small amount compared to the need.

"Just from the applications we see, it's not enough to meet the need

of the greater Lakes Region," Seymour said.

Marshall asked that people not stop contributing, because the need is there all year long.

"The need in this community is so huge, there's such a need in all of the Lakes Region," Marshall said.

## Tilton students donate clothing, food to local organizations for Giving Tuesday

TILTON — Giving Tuesday at Tilton School took on a different twist this year. While parents, alumni and faculty members participated in this national day of philanthropy on Nov. 29 by donating to the Tilton Annual Fund, students were given their own challenge — give back to the community by donating non-perishable food items and warm clothing for local organizations.

By the end of the day, Tilton students had answered loudly to the challenge by donating more than 130 pieces of clothing and food items. This is the third year Tilton School has participated in Giving Tuesday and the first year students have been part of the event.

"Having students engaged in this way allows them to truly understand that we are part of something bigger than ourselves," said Peter Saliba, head of school at Tilton School. "Tilton's relationship with our community has blossomed into a wonderful partnership over the past 10 years, and this level of involvement



Members of the Tilton School Community Service Team drop off winter coats and clothing at Union Sanborn School in Northfield on December. The clothing was donated and collected by Tilton School students during Giving Tuesday on Nov. 29.

during Giving Tuesday only adds to the strength that we derive from each other."

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, Tilton teacher Julie Caldwell and the Tilton

Community Service Team brought the winter clothing items to Union Sanborn School in Northfield. On

Thursday, Dec. 15 they brought the food items

to the Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen in Franklin, where they also prepared dinner for members of the community.

"I am really pleased that in this season

of consumerism, our young people are able to think about the needs of others and give generously towards meeting those needs," said Caldwell. "It is also exciting to see a culture of giving develop here at Tilton School. Cultivating these practices with the students while they are young will hopefully result in life long commitments to service and philanthropy."

The Giving Tuesday student donations is just one way Tilton School is involved in the larger community. The Community Service Team also helps at the NH Veteran's Home, the Spaulding Youth Center, Southwick School, Franklin Parks and Recreation and various other as-needed projects in Tilton, Franklin and the surrounding community.

"It is important to have students involved like this because we are part of a larger community that depends on the health and well-being of all to function at its best," Caldwell said.

"Through these relationships/partnerships, students are better able to understand the needs of the community. They are also better able to figure out how and where they can offer their time, talents, and energy to meet immediate needs, as well as consider what special training/study might be needed to serve in a greater capacity in the future," she said.

Tilton School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school serving 260 students in grades 9 - 12 and postgraduate from 18 states and 17 countries. For more information, visit [tilton-school.org](http://tilton-school.org) or contact Angie Cairns, director of communications at 286-1741 or [acairns@tilton-school.org](mailto:acairns@tilton-school.org).

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Lonnie Ireson was the guest of honor and Capt. Donna de Wildt was the featured speaker at the Veterans Home Pearl Harbor ceremony.

## Veterans Home remember Pearl Harbor

BELMONT — Residents, guests and staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home paid respects to the memory of the thousands who died in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Wednesday, Dec. 7,

the 75th anniversary of the historic event. The speaker was retired Air Force Capt. Donna de Wildt of Hale's Location, whose father, Hugo de Wildt, served on a hospital ship at Pearl Harbor and pulled many casual-

ties from the water that fateful day. The home's special guest of honor was Pearl Harbor survivor Alonzo "Lonnie" Ireson, 97, of Rye, an Army man who fought at Hickham Field on the day of the attack.

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# Locals get sweaty for a good cause in Tilton

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TILTON – Kate Sokol and her staff at Sokol Fit Club in Tilton held their second annual Sweat-a-thon, where people gathered pledges then gave back a little “Sweat Equity” in order to raise money for the local Every Child is Ours organization.

nization.

Every Child is Ours is a national non-profit program but is locally comprised of residents who seek to provide healthy meals and snacks specifically for children in the Winnisquam Regional School District who might otherwise go without.

Each week packages of food are delivered to all three elementary schools within the district and the children enrolled in the program then have a supply of nutritious food to take home for the weekends and holidays.

Each package is put together through the assistance of the folks at the Tilton Senior Center.

Sokol said she was amazed to learn of the number of students who don't have proper food or nutrition in the region and was happy to do all she could to benefit the endeavor.

Throughout the day last Saturday approximately 50 people of all ages signed on to work out at Sokol Fit Club to help her staff support the cause. Leading the way was Northfield resident Mark Perkins who, with encouragement from Spin Bike instructor Robin Lemay, spent nearly seven hours pedaling for WRSD's Every Child is Ours program.

Perkins was not alone however. From 9 to 10 a.m. many children also did exercises of all types to raise money for their friends and neighbors, while adults stopped by throughout the day to do the same.

“This has been amazing. We've received a lot of great donations from some very generous people who stepped up to support this worthy cause,” said Sokol.



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Grace Sokol and Abby Marquis were among the more than 50 people who took part in last weekend's Sokol Fit Club Sweat-a-thon to raise money for the local Every Child is Ours non-profit organization.



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Mark Perkins and his instructor Robin LeMay hit the spin bike for several hours during last weekend's Sweat-a-thon at Sokol Fit Club in Tilton to raise money for the Every Child is Ours non-profit organization.

## Belmont Elementary School Tiger Roll

BELMONT — Belmont Elementary School has released its Tiger Roll for the first marking term of the 2016-2017 academic year.

### Second grade

Jacob Akerstrom, Ryan Albert, Seona Clark, Liam Cribbie, Noah Cullen, Madelyn Dearborn, Cullen Decato, Jordan DeFrancesco, Daniel Fournier, Savana Fraser, Benjamin Girard, Ethan Girard, Rebecca Guidi, Gracie Haddock, Maimoona Khan, Isabella Kimball, Autumn Main, Calvin Manning, Cameron McClary, Lyla McSheffrey, Autumn Miller, Ryan Monasky, Madelyn Moorehead, Gabrielle Murphy, Molly O'Connell, Bailey Perkins, Trenton Proulx, Hannah Rouleau, Max Ryder, Abigail Signoretti, Olivia Smith, Ella Stevens, Jasper Sottak, Sierra Toutaint

### Third grade

Hailey Brown, Wyatt Carroll, Karson Costa, Ryan Cribbie, Christian Danforth, Riley DeGange, Arianna Deschuiteneer, Wyatt Divers, Jakai Gage, Brady Filteau, Izzy Hoitt, Christian Lapierre, Logan Mills, Gino Montalto, Kylie O'Brien, Sami

O'Connor, Alexis Proulx, Nicholas Sanborn, Ava Thomas

### Fourth grade

Madeline Besegai, Lucy Boisselle, Landon Bormes, Morgan Breingan, Rick Carroll, Bryson Chambers, Rachel Chiu, Sophia Collie, Thomas Costello, Riley Cotnoir, Emerson Decato, Megan Divers, Emalee Drew, Megan Dutton, Rebekah Edgren, Jaxson Embree, Morgan Flack, Theresa Gamache, Nathan Gerbig, Beckett Gilbert, Sophia Gilbert, Ashlee Knox, Mathias Krauchunas, Nolan LaFrance, Madison Liakas, Mariah McKim, Michael McWhinnie, Natalia Messer, Jake Michaelsen, Tommy Monasky, Jaelyn

Nialetz, Cameron Ouellette, Jennie Padovan, Lydia Pickowicz, Mia Ray, Molly Reposa, Emily Roberts, Brenden Schofield, Austyn Semales, Maddison Silverman, Madison Smith, Adeline Takantjas, Kate Walker

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### Here's Your Retirement "To Do" List

At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual – so you may have assembled an impressive “to do” list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future – but have you ever thought of developing a “to do” list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement? If not, you may want to think about it – and here are a few list-worthy items to consider:

- **Examine – and re-examine – your planned retirement age.** You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.
- **Put a “price tag” on your retirement lifestyle.** When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take part-

time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses – and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

- **Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules.** It isn't enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans – you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 ½, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is “required” – if you don't withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50% rate.
- **Review your health care situation.** When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you'll want to become familiar with what it does – and

doesn't – cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

- **Think about long-term care.** One service that Medicare doesn't cover – or, at best, covers only minimally – is long-term care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.
- **Develop your estate plans.** Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents – such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. – so you'll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you're making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement “to do” list will eventually get “done.” And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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## EDITORIAL

### Put a little love in your heart

Alongside the bright red ribbons, boughs of holly, and countless images of Jolly old Saint Nick that seem to greet us everywhere we go during the holidays, those of you who have braved the malls or, better yet, stayed closer to home and browsed the shops in your own community this season have likely encountered another iconic holiday image in your travels — the dedicated volunteers who bundle up and brave the chilly air to collect donations for organizations such as the Salvation Army.

These hearty souls can be seen everywhere, from their traditional outpost on Main Street in Laconia to the entrance of the recently re-modeled Wal-Mart supercenters in Gilford and Tilton. Always seeming to be ready with a cheerful greeting and a warm smile for the crowds of shoppers who file past them every day, their presence serves as an important reminder to all of us that now, more than any other time of year, is the time to turn our thoughts toward the less fortunate among us ... and that sometimes, the greatest gift of all can be a helping hand in a time of need.

With the continuing cloud of economic uncertainty causing many of us to tighten our belts more than usual when it comes to our holiday shopping in recent years, and the stress of dealing with family dysfunction or traveling away from home for the holidays occupying our thoughts, it can be all too easy to forget that times are that much harder for those who have been victimized by the stagnant economy of the past few years. Right here in our own backyard, there are a great many families who have fallen on hard times, often through no fault of their own, and who have nowhere left to turn for help but the generosity of strangers.

Fortunately, there are no shortage of charitable organizations throughout the area that are prepared to meet the growing demand for assistance, but only with the support of their respective communities. So as they rush around this season grabbing those last-minute stocking stuffers or that much sought-after game system, we encourage our readers, as we do every year at this time, to think of their fellow man and put a little love in their hearts (as Jackie DeShannon once sang) and remind themselves of the true meaning of the season by offering a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it be through a donation of canned goods to the Lakes Region Food Pantry in Moultonborough; a monetary gift to the Tilton-Northfield-Sanbornton Christmas Fund; a donation of used clothing to the Goodwill or Salvation Army thrift stores in Laconia and Belmont; a shopping trip to fulfill the wish list at Bristol Community Services; a donation in support of the annual Keep The Heat On fundraiser in Plymouth; or simply by slipping a handful of bills into one of the bright red Salvation Army coffers manned by those spirited, bell ringing volunteers, remember that it may only take a small amount of effort to make the season bright for a neighbor in need.



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### The perfect tree

The Bjorck family of Franklin is one of many who have found the perfect Christmas tree at Bodwell's Tree Farm on Tower Hill Road in Sanbornton. With more than five acres of trees currently available, the farm is open 9-4 on weekends for others still in search of their holiday centerpiece.

## PERSPECTIVES ON LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

Many years ago, in a rather tense conversation with a gentleman who was not the least bit sympathetic to my faith, I asked, "Jim, have you ever given thought to the resurrection of Jesus Christ?" "Huh," he quickly replied, "many people have come back from the dead. That's no big deal." In one short statement, he rejected one of the great facts of history. Jesus was to have no place in his life.

It was evident he had not given the fundamental cornerstone of the Christian faith an honest evaluation. Granting that many have been revived after clinical death, that has no bearing here. Take the emaciating effects of the scourging, the sword that was thrust into His side piercing the pericardial sac that surrounds the heart, and His burial for some 36 hours and, far from being a resuscitation, you have a genuine restoration of life for which there is no scientific explanation.

Study the record and you cannot be honest and help but conclude that Jesus did, indeed, arise from the dead. To me the most conclusive evidence, however, is to be found in the judgment of the Apostle Paul. To the church in Corinth, he wrote: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins ... that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and ... appeared to more

than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living."

This, I would remind you, was from the pen of the Osama bin Laden of the early Christian church. A devout follower of God, sincerely convinced that Christianity was an abomination to his faith, Paul had done everything he could to eradicate what he believed to be a false and ungodly religion.

But something happened to him on a journey he made to Damascus. He had an experience by which he concluded that Jesus had been for real, the promised Messiah for whom he had been praying from his earliest days. The transition from persecutor to preacher, from outright rejection of everything Christianity stood for to becoming an avid follower of Jesus Christ dramatically changed him and had a major impact on the course of history.

This to me is the strongest evidence for the resurrection. Paul was no push-over. He knew the facts of life and was well aware of how unique an event this was. A genius in his own right, he had no interest in proclaiming a faith that had no merit. He had opportunity to interview the Apostles and some of the more than 500 people who had seen Jesus after the resurrection. So clear-cut was the evidence, so convincing were the eye-witnesses, Paul concluded he could no longer deny an event that had to have hap-

pened.

Jesus had been dead and had come back from death to verify the message He had preached. And Paul gave the rest of his days proclaiming the dynamic of his faith in Jesus and ultimately

gave his own life in its defense. Jesus was truly dead ... but thank God Almighty, He arose to live again.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at [perspectivesonliving@gmail.com](mailto:perspectivesonliving@gmail.com).

### Calvary Baptist Church hosting free Christmas concert

TILTON — Calvary Independent Baptist Church, located at 128 School St. in Tilton, will host a free Christmas concert, "Night of Nights!" on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

On Christmas night, Christ was born. Through Him, we find hope and eternal life. Join in this musical celebration of His birth.

For more information, call 536-4022.

## HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tilton/Northfield Monday, Dec. 19 Monday Morning Makers, 11 a.m.

Craft time for homeschool children - (recommended for ages 8 and up)

Lug A Mug, 2-7 p.m.

"Tis the Season for hot drinks... bring your own mug and have a free coffee or hot chocolate!

Chess Club, 3-6 p.m.

Teen Time, 3-3:30 p.m.

Math Tutor, 4 p.m.

The Bookers, 6:30 p.m.

"About Grace" by Anthony Doerr... We'll discuss the book and have an old fashioned Yankee Swap! Re-gift or bring in something that you no longer need. Happy Holidays

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Spanish Club, 10 a.m.

Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Teen Time, 3-3:30 p.m.

Stop in any day after school for some fun activities, ranging from crafts, scavenger hunts and candy building to author talks, Let's be Frank discussions and games!

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Teen Time, 3-3:30 p.m.

Kids This-N-That, 3:30 p.m.

Kids work on a simple craft while Miss Maggie

reads to the group from a chapter book. The book is on-going... the craft changes weekly. Stop by for a relaxing time.

Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Teen Time, 3-3:30 p.m.

STEAM Series for Kids, 4 p.m.

Join us for STEAM this fall! We'll cover a new theme each week: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math! Ages 5 and up are welcome, no registration necessary.

Friday, Dec. 23

Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Teen Time, 3-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Library Closed Today and Monday the 26th... Happy Holidays

New Items

"The Fate of the Tearling: a novel" by Erika Johansen

"The Flame Bearer" by Bernard Cornwell

"Normal: a novel" by Warren Ellis

"Seduced: a Hannah Smith novel" by Randy Wayne White (Large Print)

"Third Degree: a novel" by Greg Iles (Large Print)

"Turning angel: a novel" by Greg Iles (Large Print)

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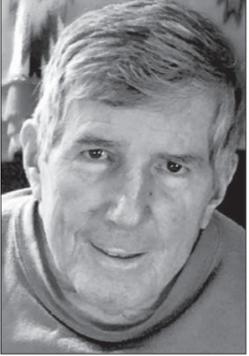
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North Country Notebook

# Every once in a while, a ride up through history



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

By choice, my way home from Concord one day last week was up the old Route 3, the Daniel Webster Highway, which runs from the Massachusetts state line to the Canadian border at Pittsburg.

Which is, by the way, New Hampshire's only (legal) international crossing.

This is not to say that there is smuggling going on along the northern New England frontier. To more or less quote from the movie "Casablanca," "What smuggling going on here?" (blows whistle). "Round up the usual suspects."

I'd taken Kevin Shyne, my partner at Camp No-Name on Unknown Pond, down to the airport at Manchester.

Now, that was a trip, on a Monday of snow and sleet. Manchester is a full three hours from my doorstep, and I fear naught for the geography or the weather, but



JOHN HARRIGAN

IN CONCORD, the middle of Main Street is a pretty safe place to be, if only long enough to shoot a frame or two.

am on full alert for the other hazards of the road, meaning people.

And so we slowly maneuvered our way around state police handling skids off the highway or into the center strip, and out of my truck and into his ho-

tel went Kevin, his first steps toward the West Coast.

And I turned for home.

Back onto the old Route 3, I crossed the Concord rail yards. Sixty years earlier, riding in my grandfather Mer-

ton White's car, I'd seen those yards from the Bridge Street crossing, with scores and scores of steam locomotives parked there awaiting transit to the scrapyards at Billerica, Mass., a sight I'll never forget.

When I was a young



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A FEW steam locomotives like this one escaped the breakers and wound up as static museum pieces, most left out exposed to the elements.

boy, spending summers with my Harrigan grandparents in Lisbon, my grandfather Carl was nearing the end of his 47 years with the Boston and Maine, culminating as track section foreman, and so the Lisbon train station was my home just down the hill from home. And of course because I was Pa Harrigan's grandson, the station crew and hangers-on spoiled me rotten.

But I got to witness the end of the age of steam, there at the Lisbon station, where seven of those huffing, chugging, hissing monsters rolled in each day, most hauling freight, but some still passengers.

And then almost overnight they were gone, collected from all over the Northeast and sent to the breakers.

I stopped along Concord's Main Street, which has undergone a wonderful renovation that makes the city's downtown more pedestrian-friendly yet.

Concord has always had a well-earned reputation for respecting pedestrians, and now the downtown's vehicular traffic is narrowed into one lane either way, with

a beautiful center strip that appears to mimic the old trolley lines.

Above Concord, the old Route 3 is, well, the old Route 3. Lots of abandoned tourist cabins, lots of stories of old.

But then, long before the age of tourism, there was the agrarian past.

I looked, again, at the so many library, school, mill and industrial buildings, and the incredible houses. Such architectural magnificence. They were built on faith in a system, the grass-based agrarian way of life people thought would last forever.

And so on I went, up through Pembroke, Boscawen, Bristol and north, to what was once called the way back up of beyond, my home.

*This column runs in weekly newspapers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire from Concord to Lower Quebec and parts of western Maine and northeastern Vermont. Letters must include the writer's telephone numbers and town. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.*

## Lorentz named new Executive Director of Land Trust

LACONIA — Carmen Lorentz will be the new Executive Director of the Laconia Area Community Land Trust starting in January. Lorentz will succeed founding executive director, Linda Harvey, who is retiring in May after 24 years.

A Lakes Region native and resident of Belmont, Lorentz is currently serving as Director of the Division of Economic Development at the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. She was appointed by Gov. Hassan in 2014, and was responsible for the division's first-ever strategic plan, which resulted in new marketing initiatives for the state and new economic development services being offered to local communities and organizations. Prior to



CARMEN LORENTZ

servicing at the state level, Lorentz was Executive Director of the Belknap Economic Development Council.

"I am excited to contribute my skills and experience to the Land Trust's mission of providing high-quality, permanently affordable housing in the Lakes Region," said Lorentz. "Affordable housing is an essential element of both community and workforce development,

fields in which I have a lot of experience and about which I am truly passionate."

Lorentz and Harvey will work together for the first few months to ensure that the transition goes smoothly.

"We are thrilled to welcome Carmen on board," said Jason Hicks, Chair of the Land

Trust's Board of Directors. "And we are grateful to Linda for her continued service during the transition. We have all the right pieces in place for success in our first-ever transition to a new Executive Director."

To learn more about the Land Trust, visit [www.laclt.org](http://www.laclt.org)

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## Midge Burnham, 76

REGION — Midge Burnham (or “Miggie, as her grandson called her) may have passed, but her spirit lives on in all she loved.

She was born in Concord, Mass., 1940. She graduated from UNH, and has been married to her best friend and partner, Mike for 52 years. In those years her friends and family loved her creative spirit and quiet fortitude. Folks grew to respect her eclectic, creative spirit. Midge's creativity set the foundation for her many skills and values. Those values were embellished by her many skills as a mother,



social worker, elementary teacher, nursery school extraordinaire, floral designer and horticulturalist.

Those who knew her were fortunate to have a special bond in her genuineness as a person. Midge was a special loving and devoted mother

and grandmother to son, Todd, daughter, Kimberly Gass and Heather, and of special note, her grandchildren, Paige Constantineau, Zoe, Dorian and Latham Gass, all of whom will now live life with the spirit of “Miggie” in their souls. A special “heartfelt thank you” to her many friends and acquaintances who blessed her with their kindness and support throughout her years in the lakes region.

Services will be private. Donations on behalf of Midge's memory are welcome at the Pancreatic Society.

## Thomas P. Sellew, 62

LOCHMERE - Thomas P. Sellew, 62, passed away peacefully after a long and courageous battle with COPD and lung cancer.

He was born on March 21, 1954, the adopted son of the late Philip G. and Sara A. (MacDonald) Sellew of Natick, Mass. and the biological son (nee Eamon Dennis Keyes) of the late Monsignor David Montaigne and Elinor Keyes, both from Brighton, Mass.

Tommy, to those who knew him, had an imposing presence, a larger-than-life personality and a very big heart. Originally from Natick, Mass., Tommy was educated at Marian High in Framingham, Mass. and at Litchfield Prep in Connecticut. He went on to be a front-door fixture at several Massachusetts clubs and for years at the Gunstock Ski Resort, where he greeted patrons with a warm smile and a keen eye. He was equally adept at being gracious as he was at taking on groups of drunk bikers. Tommy was also known for his candid and lively letters to the editors to the local papers. In addition to being charismatic, upbeat and outspoken, Tommy also had a tender heart. For years, he took care of a wheelchair-bound, totally-dependent man who lived with them - with great care and genuine compassion.

Tommy is survived by his devoted wife Lois, with whom he enjoyed a 27-year roller coaster love affair held together



by respect, trust, teamwork, patience and forgiveness. He is also survived by his brother, Jon and wife Helen of Sherborn, Mass.; his sister, Ann Ladner of Holden, Mass.; a number of nieces and

nephews including Jason Sellew of Roswell, Ga. and his two sons, Nick and Tony, along with many friends and acquaintances. While Tommy's spirit lives on in our hearts, he will be

greatly missed, especially by his loving wife Lois and me, his brother Jon.

Calling hours were held Friday, Dec. 9, at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A prayer service followed at 7 p.m., also at the funeral home.

Burial will be private. 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).

TILTON — Marjorie Arleen (Edmunds) Colby, 92, of 380 West Main St., Tilton, a former longtime resident of Franklin, passed away Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 at the Franklin Regional Hospital.

Marjorie was born July 24, 1924 in Franklin, the daughter of Dr. Arthur L. Edmunds and Helen (Dorman) Edmunds. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1942, and was a telephone operator prior to marrying John A. Colby, Sr.

Family was very important to Marjorie. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. Marjorie was an active member of the Baptist Church of Franklin, where she taught Sunday school and directed the Junior Youth Choir for many years. She was also a former president of the American Baptist Women's Choir and longtime member of the Pollyan-



nas.

Marjorie was a 33-year breast cancer survivor and a 12-year volunteer in the Reach To Recovery Program. She was also active in numerous Red Cross Blood Drives, and was, for over 30 years, the primary energizer for the Baptist Church of Franklin's annual lobster roll fundraiser for the new kitchen.

Marjorie was predeceased by her husband, John A. Colby, Sr.; her sister, Dorothy L. Burns; and two brothers, Dr. Arthur L. Edmunds, Jr. and Richard D. Edmunds.

She is survived by her

loving daughter and devoted caregiver, Cindy Ann (Colby) Miner of Franklin and two sons, Gary L. Colby of Woodstock, Conn. and John A. Colby, Jr. of Concord; four grandchildren (Gary Lee Colby, Jr., Carolyn (Colby) Kidney, Joshua Miner and Alisha (Miner) Gulino); and four great grandchildren (Paisley and Marli Gulino, William Kidney and Adalynn Colby), several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was celebrated by the Rev. Gary Andy and the Rev. Scott Seacrest on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church of Franklin. Arrangements by H.L. Young & Company Memorial Home, Franklin. There are no calling hours. Spring burial will be in Franklin Cemetery, Franklin.

Memorial donations may be made to the The Abiding Memorial Gift of the Baptist Church of Franklin, PO Box 306, Franklin 03235.

## Fern M. Sturgeon, 91

PLYMOUTH - Fern M. Sturgeon, 91, of 1316 River Road, died Sunday, Dec. 4, at Lakes Region General Hospital.

She was born on July 31, 1925 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Harry and Alida Landry. Fern worked for a number of years as a sales clerk for many compa-



nies, such as for The Fabric Store, Baker's Remnant Store, G&G's and House of Fabrics. She also worked for a short time for Franklin Brush. She enjoyed sewing and trips to the ocean.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Morgan of Australia and Debra LaCroix of Plymouth; one brother, Roger Landry and his wife Gail of Belmont; her Goddaughter, Stephanie Landry and her son, Keith of Belmont; four grandchildren, Eric LaCroix, Joshua LaCroix, Danielle Rowe and Megan Ikenberg and five great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, William Sturgeon in 2013.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date at St. Andre Bessette Parish - St. Joseph's Church in Laconia.

Burial will be in the family lot at Union Cemetery in the spring.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

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

## FRH Auxiliary members host annual Lights of Memory, reflect on 2016 accomplishments

FRANKLIN — Members of the Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary held the 32nd Lights of Memory celebration at FRH on Sunday, Dec. 4, bringing together community members and hospital employees for a very heartfelt evening.

The event, which is also an annual fundraiser for the group (for a \$3 donation the name of a loved one is read), included a short ceremony, the reading of names, holiday music, and refreshments.

Auxiliary members also took the opportunity to reflect on the group's many accomplishments in 2016.

The inaugural Mom



COURTESY

Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary members and community members recently celebrated the 32nd Lights of Memory. Pictured (L to R): FRH Auxiliary Director/Scholarship Chair Pam Hannan; Director/Lights of Memory Co-chair Carolyn Morrill; Director/Gift Shop Committee member Leanne Hamilton; Director/LOM Co-chair & Pillow Case Chair Cynthia Langevin; FRH Auxiliary President/Gift Shop Manager Christine Dzujna; and LRGHealthcare President & CEO Kevin Donovan.

Prom was held in April at Mojalaki Golf Club in Franklin. A group of 120 women from several surrounding towns attended the prom, all dressed up in an array of formal wear and gowns. The evening featured dinner, dancing, raffles, and contests (including Prom Queen!). A fabulous time was had by all and the event raised \$2,400 for the Franklin Regional Hospital Emer-

gency Department Crisis Closet. Members are already making plans for the April 22, 2017 Mom Prom, to be held at Steele Hill Resort.

The Gift Shop at Franklin Regional Hospital continues to thrive as volunteers stock its shelves every month with new and unique gifts. The shop offers everything from flowers and cards to beautiful jewelry and gifts for

every occasion. Each purchase supports important initiatives at Franklin Regional Hospital, ultimately benefiting patients and staff.

Each year the Auxiliary supports community initiatives through events such as the Red Dress Gala, the Tanger Fit for a Cure 5K, the LRGHealthcare Golf Classic, and Senior Safety Day. The group holds a Christmas in July sale to supplement support of these important events and programs.

In addition, in 2016 members of the Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary donated nearly 200 hand-made pillowcases and lap blankets to children and adults alike that come to Franklin Regional Hospital for medical care. These volunteers held bake sales throughout the year to raise funds to supplement the purchase of fabric.

The Auxiliary is always looking for enthusiastic new members! If you're interested in learning more please call: 934-2060, ext. 8780 or email: [dzujna@metro-cast.net](mailto:dzujna@metro-cast.net).



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# Belmont Public Library receives LCHIP grant

BELMONT – Governor Maggie Hassan and Senate President Chuck Morse joined together to congratulate LCHIP's most recent grant recipients on their hard work and successful efforts toward protecting the special places that define New Hampshire. Governor Hassan observed that "The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is critical to protecting our natural, historical and cultural resources, and I am proud that we restored funding for LCHIP in 2013 and maintained that commitment in

our current bipartisan budget. For every dollar invested by LCHIP, we see a significant return on investment through the economic activity generated by those conservation efforts. This year's grants will support important projects across the state that will preserve our natural beauty and protect our rich history and vibrant culture."

Belmont Public Library is receiving a \$7,000 award in support of its efforts to preserve its historic red brick building. The building was donated to the town of Belmont in 1928

by Walter and George Duffy, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. In its seventy-nine years of service, the library has been a beloved landmark and community center. In 2015, locals visited the Belmont Library over 10,500 times and checked out nearly 19,000 books, magazines, DVDs, and digital items. Eileen Gilbert, the library director, highlighted the strong attachment town residents demonstrate to the building and the determination of library trustees and staff to provide the best

possible service to the community. "The study will help us determine the best and most cost effective ways to make the building more accessible to the public while preserving its historic character," said Gilbert.

The Belmont Public Library's project is one of 35 awarded funding in LCHIP's 15th grant round supporting projects ranging from Northumberland in the North County to Nashua in the south and from Portsmouth in the east to Claremont in the west. The three and a half million dollars awarded by LCHIP are

being matched by nearly \$20,000,000 in funds from other sources.

Grant decisions are made by the 18-member LCHIP Board of Directors, following a rigorous months-long application and review process. "The LCHIP Board of Directors is always pleased to help with saving New Hampshire's historic landmarks and landscapes," observed LCHIP Board Chairman Doug Cole of DS Cole Growers in Loudon. He continued, "It is great to see historic buildings rehabilitated to their original glory and contributing to the local economy again. Plus, since we all like to eat, protecting farmland is a good investment."

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to protect and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. Its legislatively mandated mission is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these re-

sources to the economy, environment, and the quality of life in New Hampshire. Since its inception in 2000, the program has provided 372 grants which have helped to protect nearly 200 historic structures and sites and to conserve more than 278,000 acres of land for food production, water quality, ecological values, timber management and recreation including hunting and fishing. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 149 of New Hampshire's communities. Thirty-nine million dollars of state money have leveraged more than \$244 million in funds from other sources. LCHIP grants are supported by fees on four documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

For more information about LCHIP, visit [lchip.org](http://lchip.org) or call 224-4113

The Belmont Public Library is open six days a week and any time at [www.belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://www.belmontpubliclibrary.org), serving the community with books, digital resources, and cultural programming.

## Multi-town chase leads to arrest of Franklin man

BY DONNA RHODES

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SANBORNTON – At approximately 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, a Sanbornton police officer saw a 2001 Honda Accord speed away from the Sanbornton General Store, cutting off an oncoming vehicle in the process. Headed south on New Hampton Road toward Franklin, the radar clocked the vehicle at 62 mph in a 40 mph zone and it continued to accelerate as the officer attempted to stop the driver.

The Honda passed several other vehicles in a no passing zone



COURTESY  
**33-year-old Mark Fuller of Franklin was arrested on Calef Hill Road in Tilton on Dec. 2 after leading Sanbornton police on a chase into Franklin where he abandoned the vehicle he was driving and fled into the woods.**

on both New Hampton Road and Babbit Road, where the driver pulled over for a moment be-

fore driving back onto Babbit Road and running a stop sign. He continued to ignore the police vehicle as he turned onto Sanborn Street in Franklin and eventually drove onto a Class 6 road where the officer then lost sight of the vehicle.

Sanbornton Police Lieutenant Kevin McIntosh reported that officers from Franklin, Tilton and the New Hampshire State Police assisted SPD in setting up a perimeter on all surrounding roads.

A search of the area soon led officers to the suspect vehicle, which

had been abandoned as the occupants fled the scene and left a puppy inside.

Sanbornton officers then assisted a K9 unit from the State Police in tracking the suspects and the trail led them through the woods toward Calef Hill Road in Tilton. Officers from Tilton who were watching the perimeter in that area soon located a male suspect, identified as 33-year-old Mark Fuller of Franklin, and took him into custody.

"Fuller was arrested by Tilton Police for possession of drugs and was believed to be the operator of the vehicle that had fled from the Sanbornton officer," McIntosh said in a written press release. "Officers were then able to locate three additional subjects that were believed to be passengers in the vehicle at Smitty's Cinema in Tilton."

Those subjects, he reported, were questioned at the Franklin Police Department and later released.

Fuller was arraigned on Monday, Dec. 5, for a felony charge of Operating After Being Deemed a Habitual Offender, to which he pled not guilty. McIntosh said Fuller remains incarcerated at this time and may face additional charges as an investigation into the incident continues.

Sanbornton Police Department would like to thank the officers from Franklin, Tilton and the New Hampshire State Police, along with Belknap County Dispatch, for all of their assistance with the case.

## Local art gallery expanding and adding new artists

TILTON — The Lakes Region Art Gallery, located at the Tanger Outlets in Tilton, has opened up a new gallery space to feature works by local artists. Artists now have a new, larger space in the rear of the gallery to display and sell their works. The plans allow for a monthly rotation of various artists from the Lakes Region Art Association as well as other artists who have a need for exhibit space. The space also provides an opportunity for the public to learn how to draw, paint and have some fun doing it as various classes and workshops are offered throughout the year.

In addition, the main gallery has been redesigned, adding five new permanent display areas for local artists. Five new artists have recently joined the gallery and there is room for approximately three more. Once these spaces are filled, there will be 32



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Artist James Belcher adds a recent original oil painting to his December exhibit located in the new 400-square-foot special exhibit area of the Lakes Region Art Gallery.**

active members. Artists in the area who need a place to exhibit their art are encouraged to join the Lakes Region Art Association if they are not already a member and apply to be included in the gallery while there is still space available.

Laconia artist James Belcher is currently exhibiting in the new space during December. He has 18 original oil paintings depicting New England scenery. Belcher has been painting since he was five years old and completed formal art instruction while receiving degrees from Suffolk University and

Harvard. He is a resident of the Lakes Region since 1989 and became a member of LRAA and its gallery earlier this year. In commenting on his "gallery find" Jim said, "in this area, there are not a lot of places to display art in a pleasant, convenient location and was I was very pleased when I found the Lakes Region Art Gallery in Tilton." Belcher invites the public to drop in and enjoy all the art the gallery has to offer. HE can be reached by e-mail at [belchermeredith@metrocast.net](mailto:belchermeredith@metrocast.net) or on Facebook under "James K Belcher Paintings."

The Lakes Region Art Gallery is located at Suite 132, Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road, Tilton. Hours are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. LRAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a portion of the income donated for art scholarships. See [www.lraanh.org](http://www.lraanh.org) for more information



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## BELMONT

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District's high school students, but perhaps even some programs for younger students in the future.

"We really hope to be able to expand robotics to the middle school students and perhaps even start a summer robotics camp," said Deshaies.

High school students already involved in robotics find it to be a fun and very challenging experience that they have enjoyed for several years now.

Through VEX competitions participating schools are presented with a new challenge every year, such as this year's theme, "Starstruck," then given a core set of materials to use for the robots they need to construct.

"They give us the basics so schools with more funds don't have a bigger advantage over another lesser funded program," members of Team 603 explained.

From there however, they are own their own to use whatever materials they have to complete their robotic challenge.

The Starstruck challenge required the students to craft a robot that is able to maneuver across the playing arena, designed much like a tennis court, pick up and launch not only star-shaped playing pieces but box-shaped game pieces as well. Each entry's goal is to get as many pieces as possible onto their opponent's side of the field in the short time allotted to each round of competition. A successful launch over the dividing net wins them points. Pieces launched from the



Adam Smart (left) and partners H. LaVallee and Patrick Baker (right) were among the members of Belmont High School's Team 603, which took part in the Frost Bite Qualifier Vex Robotics competition, held at BHS last Saturday.

farther of the two zones within the field score additional points and anyone who can get their robot to scale a post in the corner of the arena to a specified height also wins bonus points.

Sophomore Nolan Gagnon said that tossing game pieces from the far zone was what he primarily focused on in constructing his robot.

"I've seen today that points-wise my robot can do what a lot of others can't in throwing over that distance," Gagnon said.

Senior Adam Smart has a finely crafted robot as well but encountered some problems in the course of the daylong competition on Saturday. He spent his off time between matches trying to correct a problem with his robotic arms that are meant to toss the game pieces.

"If I can just get this lift system to work right I know I can do really well," said Smart.

And that, Deshaies said is just one of the many the educational benefits of a VEX competition.

"There's a lot of prob-

lem-solving that the students encounter here. Their robots may not work perfectly in the beginning of a competition but they observe and learn from what they see. They continue to work on their own robots all throughout the day until they can hopefully get them to do what they need to do," said Deshaies.

Senior Patrick Baker and junior H. LaVallee teamed up for their entry this year, working several hours a week since September on the construction of their robot.

Baker said it has been a good pairing, as he prefers the construction process and LaVallee is better qualified to handle the programming end of the project.

"The pressure for us, LaVallee said, "is in just making sure our robot is the best it can be. It's also cool to see at the competitions what everyone else came up with for their designs. We get a lot of new ideas from just seeing them all here in action."

Programming also plays a big part in the competition. Students not only manipulate robots through hand held controls in a one-minute and 45-second match, but there is also judging on a 15-second autonomous challenge when the robots have to move about the field on their own.

As all of the fast-paced action took place last weekend, a crew of referees and judges looked on to help score the meets. Each volunteered for the event and the panel of judges was made up of actual engineers who looked over each robot's design, capabilities and performance.

"It's amazing to see what these kids can do," commented one busy judge between matches.

Belmont's Frost Bite Qualifier was one of three remaining chances for teams to make their way into the state championship match, which will be held at NHTI in February.

While Team 603 has yet to qualify, they have been working hard on their trouble-shooting skills, making the necessary changes that will hopefully propel them into that final competition in two months.

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DINER

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friends were pleased to be able to enjoy a meal together on a Friday night while his parents watched the game.

"This isn't the regular cafeteria food. It's really good," he said as he enjoyed his plate of turkey and all the fixings.

Among those who joined St. Onge was classmate Dustin Black who said he not only liked the food, but appreciated the whole idea behind the annual community dinner.

"It's really nice to spend time here with my friends and family and just have a great time together," he said.

Food Services Director Jonathan Dupuis ac-



DONNA RHODES

**Winnisquam Regional Middle School's Associate Principal Michael Bryant and District Superintendent Tammy Davis were all smiles as they helped serve a free holiday dinner to residents of the Winnisquam Regional School District last Friday night.**

knowledged the school district's many food vendors whose generous donations of items made the community dinner possible once again this year and also thanked all the volunteers who helped prepare and serve the meal.

"It was all done in the spirit of giving back to the communities that support the students, teachers and staff of Winnisquam Regional School District and it's been a great night," he said.

WISH

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it was learned on Thursday, Dec. 8, that she had succumbed to the complications of her longstanding medical condition.

Lillyanna leaves behind many wonderful friends and caregivers who provided love and support throughout her life, her family expressed in her obituary.

They wished to extend their love and gratitude to family friends Courtney, Danny and Danika Carignan, and to Katie Mitchell, Lilly's friend, caretaker and protector, as well as her favorite nurse Christine Pratt and the doctors and staff at Boston Children's Hospital who provided

"exceptional dedication and compassion in her care."

"She will be deeply missed by an enormous local community with names too numerous to mention, but all provided her with love and dignity in her life and also in her passing," the family wrote.

As written in her obituary, Lillyanna is survived by her loving mother Sarah Flynn and her significant other Kevin Washburn; her father Dan Peterson of Belmont; sisters Lindsey and Leah; maternal grandparents David and Lisa Flynn of Belmont; paternal grandparents Skip and Lynn Peterson

of Belmont, along with aunts and uncles Ed and Megan Flynn of Burlington, Massachusetts, Tom and Samantha Katsigiannis of Franklin, Justin and Olivia Flynn of Belmont, and Mikey Peterson of Belmont. She also leaves behind cousins Sophia Flynn, Dionysios "Bee-Do" Katsigiannis, and Haleigh and Hunter Flynn.

The community of angels that sang to her last week, all of which were touched by Lillyanna's simple request for Christmas music, will also miss her strength, courage and the glittering smile that shone from her window that night.

HOPE

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of HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery, said it was due to the care and concern shown by the community of Franklin that the organization decided to open their sixth facility in the town and she thanked Franklin in return for its sincere desire to overcome the problems of addiction.

"We have many towns that want us to open a center but it's people like you here in Franklin, asking what can we do in our community, that draw us in," Coletti said.

The move to bring HOPE for New Hampshire to the Franklin region began with a grant application for funds through Lakes Region General Hospital. When the board of HOPE learned in April that they were approved for a \$50,000 matching grant to establish a recovery center, things began to move fast.

"They gave us a check and said 'Now do something with it,'" said Coletti.

Last May the organization met with Larry Dunn, the new owner of the former Robbins Auto Parts building on Central Street in downtown Franklin. Dunn said he saw so much passion in what the organization wanted to do to help the community that he was also caught up in their mission and leased them the property. To help them meet their match on the grant from LRGH, he even waived the first year's rent.

"I want to take that a step further though. You've been here working on the building for three months but let's start that lease from today," Dunn said last week.

Others in the area have done their part to welcome HOPE to the Lakes Region, like Franklin Savings Bank, which donated four computers and dedicated half of the \$3,200 raised through their recent softball tournament to the organization.

"The other half we gave to the Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center, another group that is doing a great job in helping people in our community who are in need of support," said Sarah Stanley of FSB.

Hope for New Hampshire Recovery said they have many ways to offer

not only hope but assistance to addicts in recovery.

They have partnered with local hospital emergency rooms, such as those at Concord Hospital, Lakes Region General Hospital and Franklin Regional Hospital, to bring on the spot support for overdose victims. HOPE's Executive Director Holly Cekala said coaches will be called to go directly to the ER whenever an overdose victim or an addict in crisis is admitted to help begin the process of treatment and recovery.

"They'll be there to help in a shared experience and let them know someone cares," she said. "The coaches will also contact them the next day to see if they want to become a part of HOPE. This all just helps create a bridge between the trip to the emergency room and recovery."

Once someone becomes part of HOPE, they will find not only support but resources for both them, their friends and family members. Group programs and one-on-one counseling sessions can help them face any challenges they may have while reassuring them that someone is listening.

Computers, such as the ones provided by FSB, can assist them in job searches and structures activities will provide social interaction with people who understand their situations while they enjoy the company of new friends at the same time.

"We're a drop in center and we want people to feel welcome whenever they come through the door," Cekala said.

Their assistance extends beyond those going through treatment and recovery however. Coletti noted that perhaps the largest percentage of the people they hear from are actually family members who are also affected by drug and alcohol addiction.

"They often come to us for help in finding the resources they need to help their loved ones," she said.

Scott Bickford, who is chairman of the board for HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery commended Franklin for its willingness to recognize a problem and seek solutions.



DONNA RHODES

**Representatives from HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery were joined by officials from the city of Franklin, law enforcement, emergency medical providers and other supporters when they cut the ribbon for their newest addiction recovery center on Central Street last Wednesday morning.**

"It takes courage to acknowledge a problem. It takes courage to institute programs to help and it takes courage to walk through that door and say 'I need help,'" said Bickford.

He estimated that the new center in Franklin will soon serve as many as 100 people who will seek out that help along their road to recovery.

HOPE for New Hampshire is also one of the first recovery programs

to receive national accreditation that will also allow for medical billing to Medicaid.

"This helps ensure that our services delivered either meet or exceed all the national standards," said Bickford.

Another service they will offer is a Work Place Initiative where employees who join the program will gain resources to help any employees who are struggling with

addiction.

"A recent report said that \$250 billion has been spent by employers on addiction problems and prevention in the workplace. This will now give those employers a new and more affordable resource," he said.

To become part of the Work Place Initiative, volunteer, advocate or donate to their mission, information and contact listings can be found on their Web site, [www.hopefornhrecovery.org](http://www.hopefornhrecovery.org).

The new center in Franklin is located at 175 Central St. and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. As the only center of its kind north of Concord, it is available to residents of all local communities. For more information people may also contact them at 934-1496.

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## Raiders survive double OT thriller on opening night

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – It was a playoff atmosphere on opening night.

Rivals Gilford High School and Belmont High School needed two overtimes to decide a winner on Friday, as the squads traded blows and runs before the visiting Red Raiders survived a missed three-pointer at the buzzer to escape town with a 60-57 victory in the first game of the 2016-17 season.

“The guys really banded together and fortunately we were able to get out of here with a win,” said Belmont head coach Jim Cilley.

The Golden Eagles, which feature a decisively different lineup than a year ago, had a look at the game-tying three-pointer in the waning seconds of double overtime. But junior David Hart’s desperation three was off the mark and Belmont managed to hang on.

“We’re a young team and figuring out how to



JEFF LAJOIE  
Belmont's Dylan Gansert tries to corral a loose ball with Gilford's Patrick Carr (33) and Mason McGonagle in pursuit during the visiting Red Raiders' 60-57 win in double overtime on Friday night.

win games like this is something you need to learn,” admitted Gilford head coach Chip Veazey.

“Hopefully the team took away some things from this for down the road. I will say I was really happy with the competitiveness of our team. They certainly didn’t give up and they’re only going to get better.”

Belmont took a 54-50 lead in double OT thanks to a pair of free throws from Derek Stevens and a jumper from Trevor Hunt. The advantage was 57-52 after Hunt sank a free throw, but a huge play from Gilford's Nate Hudson saw the guard sneak by a pair of Belmont defenders and bank home a layup while being fouled. His three-point play pulled the Eagles within 57-54 with 1:28 remaining.

After a pair of Stevens free throws made



JEFF LAJOIE  
Derek Stevens of Belmont goes hard to the basket while Gilford's Greg Madore is all over him in the second quarter of the Raiders' 60-57 win.

it a five-point game, Gilford's Mason McGonagle drilled a 3-pointer with 25 seconds remaining to make it a 59-57 contest.

Matt Pluskis made a free throw with 11 seconds left, but Belmont was unable to salt the game away at the charity stripe. Gilford ultimately had one final chance, as the Eagles grabbed a rebound with 7.2 seconds remaining and got a look at a three that fell just short for the 60-57 final.

“For the most part, we executed down the stretch,” lauded Cilley of his team, which was able to take valuable seconds off the clock running its offense. “To get a win like this, game one of the year, on the road against a rival... the conditions weren’t ideal but they found a way. Last year we would’ve lost this game by five or seven points at the end of regulation.”

The Raiders trailed 43-39 with 1:32 left in regulation, but a pair of free throws from Hunt made it a 43-41 game. With less than a minute left, Belmont stole the ball and found Pluskis, who drained a three-pointer with 55 seconds left to put the visitors up 44-43.

Greg Madore tied the game with 15 seconds left for Gilford after hitting

one of two free throws, and Belmont missed two potential game-winners on the other end to force OT.

The host Eagles built a 49-44 lead in overtime after a 5-0 run to open the first extra session. Hart hit a three-ball and Hudson sank two free throws.

But the Raiders composed themselves in time, as Pluskis hit a layup with 1:08 left to pull within 50-48, and senior Doug Price calmly swished two free throws with 42 seconds remaining that sent things to a second OT.

“I think both teams probably thought they were out of it a couple of times and both teams probably thought they had it won a couple of times,” said Veazey. “But I thought for us, the game was there to win and we showed some bad judgement which you can’t have in tight situations.”

Hunt and Pluskis scored 17 points a piece in the win, as Belmont got key contributions

from several players including Dylan Gansert and Tommy Pare.

McGonagle had 13 points on the night, while Branden Lemay added 12 points for Gilford. Hart added nine points while Hudson scored all six of his points in the overtime periods.

Gilford played the majority of the night without the services of senior big man Ethan Carrier, who was saddled with foul trouble and only saw about five minutes of action before fouling out.

“For us to play that well without Ethan is a credit to the guys,” said Veazey. “We had a lot of sophomores in there when he went out and they really stepped it up.”

The teams play once more in the regular season with the rematch in Belmont on Feb. 17. The opener was originally slated to be played at BHS, but a robotics competition over the weekend there forced the move to Gilford.



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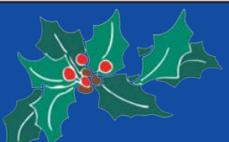
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# New faces in charge as Bears turn the page

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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TILTON – It's very much a changing of the guard for the Winnisquam Regional High School boys' basketball team this winter.

No, Christian Serrano won't be running the point for the first time since 2011-12. No, Tim Harmon and Mike Buxton won't be dominating the interior. The trio of senior standouts, combined with classmates Adam MacLeod and Austin Singleton, left huge voids with their graduations in the spring. The Bears posted 17 wins last winter, nearly earning a trip to the NHIAA Division III Final Four if not for a buzzer-beater tip-in by Hopkinton in the quarterfinals.

What comes next? "It's going to look a little different," said Winnisquam head coach Kevin Dame with a laugh. "Last year we literally had, of the 10 guys going into the season, all 10 of them knew almost all of our plays because they had at least swung up from the postseason the year before. This year, it's a few more weeks before I can even get to that point. There's a learning curve – for everyone."

Winnisquam, which opened the season last week against Laconia, will turn to a variety of new faces, though there are some returning rotation options to help ease the transition.

Who's out: It was quite the impressive senior class that the Bears graduated, highlighted by the standout

trio of Serrano, Harmon and Buxton.

"We had three guys, and really four with (MacLeod) before his injury, that played either three or four years of varsity... and played a lot," Dame recalled. "And they were all gym rats. All of them made every summer game. And they were all good leaders."

Serrano, a 1,000-point scorer who hit the mark his junior season, was a four-year starter at arguably the most position – point guard. His speed and floor vision won't be replicated, as he did just about everything for Winnisquam during his four-year tenure.

"Our press breaker for last two or three years was get the ball to Christian and get out of the way. That was our press breaker," Dame explained. "This is my 16th year involved with the program, sixth year as varsity coach. Prior to Christian, we never had a true, great point guard. It was nice to skip over having to run through press breaker stuff as much. I talked to him about it, but we didn't have to spend a ton of time on it. Having a good, experienced point guard can make you look really smart. I think we have the guys who can do the job this year. It might look different."

**Who's in:** There's a contingent of newcomers who have experience at the JV level in the mix this winter. Seniors Blaise Ross and Dhru Rawal will battle for playing time at small forward, while

juniors Eddie Gallien, Avery Hutchinson, and Alex Mango are all in the forward conversation as well.

"All of the new guys are learning the speed of the varsity game over JV and rec ball," Dame explained. "They're all improving and working hard, trying to find roles. Other guys last year had the luxury of practicing around the guys we had here. You either learned to play fast or you got blown by. It's a little different this year."

**Who to watch:** Senior Thomas Marchese will be tasked with the job of handling the point guard duties, and Dame said he offers a good offensive skill set to supplement the distributor role.

"With no Christian to break presses, we're going to have to pass the ball up the floor, use ball fakes, not waste our dribble," he explained.

Senior Mikey Lowrey has been dealing with some hamstring issues early, but the guard/forward was a key player in last year's lineup and should once again be a top option. Classmate Logan Morrison will start at center and is the team's biggest threat inside. Morrison was one of the team's best players on the floor in the playoff loss to Hopkinton a year ago.

Senior Isaiah Singleton also returns, and the forward had a few games last year where he came up big as well. Sophomore Kyle Mann rounds out the returning varsity players, and the forward's role will increase significantly

this time around.

"Getting them to play as a cohesive unit and together is going to be a challenge," admitted Dame. "I think they're up to it, but you have to love the grind if you really want to be an exceptional basketball player."

"Right now, I'm very comfortable in the five returners we have that when they're on the floor, they can play Winnisquam basketball," he continued. "They can get up and down, they can defend. They can drive to the hoop, they can make plays. Those other guys, we need to find their strengths and utilize them."

**Projection:** What all that means for how the Bears will look on the floor this winter remains to be seen. Dame admitted it's a fluid situation, with roles likely to change and take shape throughout the early portion of the regular season slate.

"If everyone comes around healthy and we can stay out of foul trouble, we still have some nice pieces," he said. "I'd be lying if I thought we'd go 16-2 again. But there's some winnable games if we play to our potential."



JEFF LAJOIE  
Winnisquam senior Logan Morrison helps key a changing of the guard for the Bears this winter, as they look to move on after the graduation of standouts Christian Serrano, Tim Harmon and Mike Buxton.

## Winnisquam duo swims at opening meet

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GILFORD – The Winnisquam Regional High School swimming tandem of Miranda Coffey and Lexi Matthes competed in the



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Winnisquam junior Lexi Matthes competes in the pool at the Gunstock Inn in Gilford during season-opening action on Sunday afternoon.

opening meet of the 2016-17 season on Sunday, as the Lakes Region schools competed in an event hosted by Gilford High School at the Gunstock Inn.

The Bears finished third as a team on the day behind the pair, scoring eight points to put them behind just Gilford (76 points) and Kingswood (26).

Coffey, a freshman, scored a pair of runner-up finishes on the day to lead the way. She finished second

overall in the 100 Freestyle, touching the wall in 1:04.70 to put her behind only Gilford's Zoe Fullerton (1:02.35). In the 100 Backstroke, Coffey was again second overall with a time of 1:18.31, just 0.03 seconds back of Kingswood's Abigail Larkin.

Matthes, a junior, had her best finish of the day in the 100 Freestyle, where she wound up taking fifth overall with a time of 1:37.20.

## Third annual Unified Jamboree set for Saturday at BHS

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BELMONT – For the third year in a row, Belmont High School will host the Unified Basketball Jamboree on Saturday (Dec. 17).

The event, which benefits the Special Olympics of New Hampshire (SONH), began as a brainchild of BHS alum Cassie Contigiani, and the Thomas College sophomore continues to run the jamboree in what has become a day-long affair of basketball and fun.

"This is the third year that I have put on this jamboree," explained Contigiani, a soccer and softball player at Thomas and former All-State athlete at BHS. "It started as my senior project

(at BHS) and has truly become one of the highlights of my year. It is such an awesome experience seeing the athletes' excitement at getting to play in a tournament in front of their families and their peers. The feeling of inclusion within the community that the Jamboree creates is incredible."

The event, which begins with Belmont playing Gilford at 9 a.m., will have a DJ playing music along with mascots from the participating schools who will be cheering on the athletes.

"Through donations, I have been able to provide each athlete with a tournament T-shirt, which they all love," Contigiani said. "We have raffles and Huck a

Bag competitions as well as concessions."

Admission for the event is \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for adults.

**Here's the schedule**

**for the day of unified hoops:**  
9 a.m. – Belmont vs. Gilford  
9:20 a.m. – Gilford vs. Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough  
9:40 a.m. – Belmont vs. Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough  
10:00 a.m. – Gilford vs. Laconia  
First Huck a Bag Contest  
10:25 a.m. – Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough vs. Laconia  
10:45 a.m. – Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough vs. Winnisquam  
11:05 a.m. – Gilford vs.

Prospect Mountain  
11:25 a.m. – Laconia vs. Winnisquam  
Second Huck a Bag Contest  
11:50 a.m. – Gilford vs. Winnisquam  
12:10 p.m. – Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough vs. Prospect Mountain  
12:30 p.m. – Belmont vs. Laconia  
12:50 p.m. – Winnisquam vs. Prospect Mountain  
Third Huck a Bag Contest  
1:15 p.m. – Laconia vs. Prospect Mountain  
1:35 p.m. – Belmont vs. Winnisquam  
1:55 p.m. – Belmont vs. Prospect Mountain

## Winter flag football set for January in Tilton

REGION – Registration is now open for Lakes Region Flag Football League's third season of winter indoor flag football at the Tilton Sports Center beginning January 2017.

Co-ed age divisions 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. Players ages are as of Jan. 1, 2017.

Commitment is only one day a week, with action coming on Saturday afternoons beginning Jan. 21 and

running until Saturday, April 1. The schedule is posted at lrffl.com.

Games for the 5-7 year old division will be played at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Games for the 8-10 year old division will be played at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., while 11-14 year old division games will take place at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The season will start with a combine, one week of practice, six weeks of regular season

games (with a break for February vacation) and ending with playoff and Super Bowl games.

This will be an official NFL Flag season. The registration fee is \$150 for a 12-week season (breaks down to \$12.50 per week). Fee will include an official NFL flag jersey, flags and field rental fees. Money is not due until after Jan. 1. Register online today at lrffl.com.

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# Drouin gone but depth still strong for B-G

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LACONIA – For the second year in a row, the Belmont-Gilford hockey team found itself playing in the NHIAA Division III state championship last winter. Champions of the 2014-15 season, the Bulldogs had to settle for the runner-up spot a year ago, falling in controversial fashion against Berlin-Gorham at SNHU Arena in Manchester.

It's clear that B-G (14-7 a year ago) has powered through in establishing itself as one of the preeminent hockey programs in Division III. After several years knocking on the door with quarterfinal appearances, the 'Dogs have firmly planted their flag as a team to fear.

Things will look a bit different this winter, with a few significant changes to the roster as well as behind the bench. Head coach Jay Londer's tenure came to an end in unceremonious fashion during the offseason, and former assistant coach Dave Saball is now in the big chair calling the shots. Add in some key losses to graduation, and B-G will be relying on some different players in order to continue the momentum of the past few seasons.

"It's been good so far," explained Saball, who was an assistant at B-G the past two seasons, of the coaching transition. "The kids have been reacting to it well but it certainly wasn't an easy thing. It helped that I've been here, have a good rapport with the players. They've been responding well and listening, which I expected.

"I think our styles were very similar and we worked very well together," Saball con-

tinued in reference to Londer. "That part of it, there's some small changes but no major changes. That makes it a lot easier for the players, as far as philosophies and styles. I don't think it's a huge change, just a different voice."

As far as the heart-breaking loss in the finals a year ago, Saball said his message thus far has mostly focused on looking ahead, while using the runner-up showing as a source of motivation.

"We've talked about it very little, but we have talked about it," he explained. "It's been more, 'We've been to the championship two years in a row. You know what it takes to get there, a lot of hard work.' This year is going to be hard. Being in the finals two years in a row, everybody wants to beat you. So you have to work extra hard and stay focused at all times to not let that (loss) happen again."

Who's out: B-G graduated five players from last year's team. The headliners from that class were a pair of senior first line forwards in Caleb Drouin and Dylan Treamer. The team's top scorers from last year, both were four-year contributors and monsters on and off the ice for the program. Their production, and subsequent departure, leaves a giant hole in the offensive portion of the B-G lineup. Drouin was the Division III Player of the Year after putting up video game statistics, and he's now playing junior hockey in hopes of earning college recruitment.

"It's tough because I was looking at it the other day and I think we lost 80 goals from last year," admitted Saball. "Drouin had 50 goals himself,

which is just ridiculous to replace. You can't really replace a kid like that. We do have some returning players who have been stepping up their game and we're looking for them to pick up some of the slack."

Christian Karagianis was another key loss to graduation, as he aided the forward unit as a second-liner. The squad also lost contributors in Jeremiah Freeman and Sarah Lachapelle, both forwards.

Who's in: Belmont-Gilford has six freshmen on the roster, and as has been the case the past few seasons, expect immediate contributions from at least one or maybe multiple rookies.

Nate Shirley is the lone defenseman out of the freshman class, while Hayden Parent, Joey Blake, Eddie Demers, Will Robarge, and Cam Jarvi all enter the fray up front as forwards looking to make their mark.

Who to watch: There's a lot to like about the unit returning for the Bulldogs, beginning between the pipes with the goalkeeping situation. Senior Bailey Defosie returns for his final winter, and the experienced netminder has now played in two state championship games. Add in junior Cody Hodgins, a talented and extremely capable backup, and B-G has quite the strong backbone entering the season.

"It's great to have them both back," lauded Saball. "Bailey's been in the finals two years in a row so he's got some experience. Cody's very solid, and he's worked really hard all summer to improve. That part, having both of them back, gives me comfort."

The defensive unit is



JEFF LAJOIE

Belmont-Gilford junior Harrison Parent returns as a top forward option for the defending Division III runner-up Bulldogs this winter.

back completely, led by the play of senior James Buckley and sophomore Alex Muthersbaugh. Buckley has been an anchor throughout his career on the blue line, while Muthersbaugh immediately made his presence felt last year as a freshman, both defensively and offensively with some key goals and a powerful shot.

Senior Chaz Hacking and junior Owen Ramsey also return to the starting blue line group, as does sophomore Troy Gallagher. Classmates Connor Dupuis and Liam Lacey will likely also be in the mix in addition to seeing some shifts up front as forwards.

"They're looking really good," said Saball of his defensemen. "A lot of the kids did stuff over the summer, some of them played on the Wolves as

well. They came to try-outs looking really good and ready to go."

Offensively, the Bulldogs have plenty of depth and experience. Senior Ethan Becker is back as the rough and tumble leader of the contingent, while talented juniors Hunter Dupuis, Miles DeFosses and Harrison Parent have all been in the starting rotation since they were freshmen. Fellow juniors Anthony Gentile and Jillian Lachapelle also bring experience and depth to the program.

"Offensively, we have to change the type of game we play this year," admitted Saball. "We're not going to win games 6-1, 8-2, like last year. It might be a 4-2, 3-2 kind of game so we have to adjust. It's going to be a lot closer, different completely and we have to play the game differ-

ently. Having all our defensemen back really helps us. I think we're very solid back there. We have experience up front as well, we'll just need a variety of kids to step up and score for us."

Projection: The Division III landscape will once again be balanced and difficult. Defending champion Berlin-Gorham always seems to be loaded, while programs like Kennett, Somersworth (back down from Division II), and John Stark/Hopkinton remain formidable foes.

"The kids that have been there, they know what to expect this season," said Saball. "That's the good thing about having an experienced team. The attitude has been great, they're all pushing each other. The level of play has been very high so I'm excited about what we can do."

## Come out and skate with Magic Blades Skating Club

TILTON — Magic Blades wrapped up 2016, with smiles and pride on Dec. 19 at the Tilton School Ice Arena. Magic Blades is an advanced club with membership in the US Figure Skating's Learn to Skate USA program (formerly, Basic Skills). In the middle of its 20th year in the Lakes Region and marking over 10 years in its home at Tilton School, Magic Blades has been a small but vibrant club serving local families.

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Blades is to keep the sport of figure skating fun and affordable to as many local families as possible. While the club is small, members are typically loyal, repeat customers who come back every year. Skaters who began at age five or younger, are now advancing in the US Figure Skating testing regimen, and some have even become competitive and are apprenticing and coaching for the club, like Maggie DeVoy, a sophomore at Tilton School, and Ila

Bartenstein, a freshman at Bishop Brady.

Magic Blades will open in 2017 with its annual recital show session on January. This year's theme is "All the Colors of the Rainbow." New students are welcome to join at this time and participate in the show. E-mail club president, Rose Marie Marinace at [rmmarinace@magicblades.org](mailto:rmmarinace@magicblades.org) for more information or go to the club's web site, [magicblades.org](http://magicblades.org), for online registration instructions.



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# Estremera, Raiders power past defending champion Gilford

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BELMONT – Despite some ridiculous numbers from senior Stevie Orton, the Gilford High School girls' basketball team was unable to generate the offense necessary to keep up with Belmont High School on Dec. 8.

The host Red Raiders picked up a key early season victory, outscoring the defending state champion Golden Eagles by a 28-16 margin in the second half to earn a 44-33 victory in NHIAA Division III action.

"(Gilford) is a little different team than they were last year but we were able to control the tempo and get out and run," said Belmont head coach Mark Dawalga, whose team improved to 2-1 overall entering this week's games. "And defensively, I counted something like 52 pass deflections for us and that's a lot. We did a good job distributing their possession."

Despite not being 100 percent physically, Orton posted a monster 20-20 game for the Eagles in the loss. The lone returning starter from last year's championship team, Orton scored 23 points and pulled down 22 rebounds to keep Gilford within striking distance for much of the night. She scored 12 of her team's 16 points in the second half.

"She's gonna give us as much as she can," said Gilford head coach Rick Forge of Orton. "If you had told me before the game that she was going to have (23 and 22), I'd have figured we'd have a pretty good chance. But you knew they'd start doubling on Stevie eventually."

Gilford's inability to shoot the ball at a high percentage plagued the Eagles in the loss. While the team did make their first three-pointer of the entire season (an Olivia Harris three in the first quarter), the offensive woes continued on a night where Forge was left looking for another option besides Orton.

"As you can see, teams are going to pack it in and we haven't established an outside shooter," he said. "Word's

out that we don't have shooters to challenge a defense. We're going to continue to see teams pack in their defense until we start to make some shots."

Belmont sophomore guard Julianna Estremera was outstanding offensively in the win, as the scrappy guard scored a team-high 18 points, including a trio of 3-pointers in the first half that set the tone.

"The good thing about us is that we're a balanced team so even I don't know where the points are going to come from on any given night," said Dawalga.

Gilford took a 17-12 lead in the second quarter when Emily Bell connected on a three-point shot, but a late flurry in the final minute before halftime from Belmont saw an Estremera jumper and two free throws from senior Nicole Antonucci to pull the Raiders within 17-16 at intermission.

The Raiders took the lead for good early in the third, when Antonucci



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Sophomore guard Julianna Estremera pulls up for a jump shot during Belmont's 44-33 win over visiting Gilford on Dec. 8. Estremera scored a team-high 18 points in the win over the defending D-III state champions.

and Sarah Chase both scored to put the hosts up 21-17.

Back-to-back hoops late in the quarter from senior Taylor Yelle staked Belmont to a 29-21 advantage entering the fourth, and despite some big work from Orton to pull the visitors

within 31-26, Makenzie Donovan drilled a huge 3-pointer and added another jumper for a 36-26 lead.

Sarah Fillion scored late for the Eagles, but Belmont's lead never got below nine points the rest of the way en route to the 44-33 win.



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Senior Sarah Chase holds possession with Gilford's Lauren Dean and Kaitlyn Van Bennekum defending in Belmont's 44-33 win.

"I have a ton of respect for Gilford and Rick, they're a great program," lauded Dawalga. "We made some big foul shots down the stretch to finish it out."

Kaitlyn Van Bennekum had two points and five rebounds in a busy

night on the floor for the Eagles, while Belmont got a nice boost thanks to nine points from Donovan.

The teams will meet once more in the regular season finale on Feb. 17 with a rematch in Gilford.

## Experienced Raiders set for deep run

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BELMONT – It was a nice step forward for the Belmont High School boys' basketball team last winter. The Red Raiders improved their win total from two to nine, posting a 9-11 overall record that included a home playoff win over Mascoma Valley. Belmont saw its season come to a close against top-seeded and eventual state champion Pelham, but with an experienced team back, the hope is that a veteran team can continue to climb up the D-III standings under third-year head coach Jim Cilley.

"I think that last year even could've been better than it was," admitted Cilley, whose team opened the 2016-17 slate against Gilford last week. "It was great to get in the tournament, host a game, win a game. All of those things were really good for the program. I think it was really big for the kids, and then they got to see first-hand

what a championship team looked like... Pelham put it on us pretty good."

Fast-forward a year, and the expectations only go up for a Belmont team that returns its entire rotation from a season ago.

"I've told the kids, there's a lot of expectations you're going to hear," Cilley explained. "It doesn't matter what anyone says, it only matter what happens between these walls. If you focus and work hard, we're going to have success."

**Who's in:** A trio of sophomores will likely enter the varsity fray this winter to contribute. Center Matt Thurber looks to have the most immediate impact, as he'll slide into the rotation and serve as a back-up along the front line. Cilley has budgeted between eight and 12 minutes for the newcomer to open the year.

Sophomore guard/forward Caleb Burke adds athleticism to the

lineup and could see significant varsity minutes by the time all is said and done. Classmate Aidan Rupp (forward) is also on the squad and could be a swing player between JV and varsity.

**Who to watch:** Senior forward Trevor Hunt returns for his final season as the anchor of the front court for the Raiders. The talented post performer enters his final winter in a Red Raider uniform with 879 career points, closing in on the milestone 1,000 mark.

"Trevor is at the point where he really wants to be good and really wants to win," said Cilley. "There's that sense of urgency now. He really wants to have a taste of success."

Fellow senior stand-out Doug Price is also back, and the versatile guard will once again be a top scoring option this winter.

"We need Doug to make good decisions in the lane but he's very experienced and will be a huge player for us again," Cilley offered.

Junior point guard Matt Pluskis also returns and will jumpstart the offense with the ball

in his hands, both as a scorer and distributor.

"He's my leader out there," Cilley lauded of Pluskis.

There are other key returning players for Belmont, including sophomore guard Derek Stevens who had a big freshman season and should only continue to improve.

"He's kind of our 'X-Factor,'" Cilley explained. "He looks so smooth with the basketball in his hands and his shot is getting better and better. He's a key player for us."

Juniors Dylan Gansert (forward) and Tommy Pare (center) also return after being in the rotation a year ago. Gansert could serve as the team's sixth man, while Pare is a shot blocker in the paint who has good size to throw at opposing teams.

Seniors Jonny Leclair (guard) and Hunter Kenney (forward) also return with plenty of experience and leadership skills, while sophomore Griffin Embree made some big shots a year ago after being called up to varsity as a freshman.

"This is probably the deepest team I've ever

had," said Cilley. "I'm comfortable playing seven, eight, nine guys."

**Projection:** With Hunt and Price in their final seasons, the time is now for the Raiders to make a charge.

"There's really no excuses this year," Cilley said. "We do have the experience now with a couple of our main guys having been around for three or four years. I'm optimistic about our ability to be a good team."

How good can the Raiders be, that's the question. The squad started last year 5-1 overall before an injury to Hunt slowed the momentum. A tough early season schedule this winter will necessitate a weathering of the storm in December.

"Ultimately, for this group I think a trip to the quarterfinals is a realistic goal to have," Cilley said. "I know they all want to play at SNHU (for the Final Four) so it's a team goal is to get there. I think we can, I think there's enough talent to do that. It's just a matter of how well everything comes together."

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# Laconia/Winnisquam aims for improvement with new coach

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LACONIA – After several lackluster seasons, the Laconia/Winnisquam hockey team is looking to turn the page this winter. Under new head coach Kent Finemore, the Wolfpack are in the market for some stability after struggling the past few years in Division III.

“I would say it’s a clean slate for sure,” said Finemore, who also coaches the JV baseball team at Winnisquam. “This group is coachable, totally into it. A lot of what we’re working on is simple things that will hopefully make a big difference. They’re getting it. I don’t know how it’ll translate compared to number of wins. But positionally, if you play solid, you’re going to at least stay in the game. They’re buying what we’re selling.”

Finemore said the coaching staff is stressing discipline, whether that be positioning on the ice or keeping short-handed situations to a minimum – a problem that was all too common for the Wolfpack a year ago.

“We’re really trying to get them to stay out of the penalty box,” he explained. “It’s about establishing body position, taking players out of the play rather than going for the big hit. Doing that and taking a penalty can really take your team out of a game.”

L/W will likely turn to freshman Derek Derynioski between the pipes as the starting goalkeeper this winter. Junior Nick Luther is also in the mix, as he played goal a year ago despite not having any experience at the position.

“Derek looks pretty good back there,” said Finemore. “He’s seen time in most of our pre-season scrimmages. He has some experience and we’re trying to get him some more work and situational play. We think he can be serviceable for sure. We’ve got Nick as someone we can go to if need be, but he was in a situation last year where he took one for the team and played the position because they didn’t have anyone else.”

The defenseman unit in front of Derynioski will be important in breaking in the freshman keeper. Lone senior Josh Shevlin anchors that crew, as he’s a top returning player who will serve as the team’s

leader in addition to someone who can score from the blue line with a strong shot.

“He’s definitely one of our top players and a leader for us,” lauded Finemore of Shevlin.

Sophomore Ryan Fields is also one of L/W’s top defenseman, and he can play both ways. Finemore projects him more as an exclusive defenseman, but Fields moves well and has paired well with Shevlin during the early-going.

Freshman Jayson Shevlin is also in the defensive mix, and the rookie right-handed shot has worked with Luther as the team’s second pairing. Both should continue to grow into those roles as the season progresses.

“I was a little surprised to see how undisciplined last year the team was positioning-wise as a group, especially in the defensive zone, so that’s been a big point of emphasis,” Finemore said. “It’s pretty simple: we need to be better defensively to stay in some of these games.”

Up front, junior Noah Wirth looks primed to be the L/W first line center, while junior Noah Smith should center the second line.

“They’re both good players who I feel can do a good job there,” Finemore said.

Sophomore Connor Johnson is also in the mix at either a wing or center spot in the top lines, while sophomore Cole Champoux and junior Devin Miles are

also in the mix. Miles should figure as a wing on the top line, while Champoux has a knack for the puck and will certainly scratch the score-sheet this winter.

Freshman Hanna Max is a heady player who Finemore called one of the best positional forwards on the team, while sophomores Caleb Bartlett and Christian Vaughn are still learning the sport but will figure into the forward mix as well.

All told, the Wolfpack open the season with 13 skaters (five from Winnisquam and eight from Laconia). While the lack of numbers isn’t ideal, Finemore said his squad is ready to go.

“You do it because you don’t have any choice,” he said with a laugh. “We’re doing the best we can with conditioning. Nobody will be complaining about playing time. We have to be on top of them with changes because we really only have two lines and part of a third with two sets of (defensemen). We’re just going to have to be disciplined about getting off the ice when they’re tired. We’ll do the best we can but the upside is that they’re going to improve considerably because they’re all going to get a lot of ice time.”

The Wolfpack are scheduled to open the 2016-17 season on Saturday night on the road at Sanborn (8:20 p.m.).



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20 Buffalo Road, Rumney, NH

The Town of Rumney is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to furnish and install a new shingled roof on the Rumney Historical Society Building, located at 20 Buffalo Road.

Scope of work:

Provide all necessary materials, labor and equipment to complete removal of old shingles and installation of new shingles on the spire and roof of the Historical Society Building according to the following scope:

- Strip roof to bare wood on spire and roof of Historical Society Building
- Re-nail existing board as needed
- Install 1/2 OSB over entire roof using 2 1/2" ring nails
- Install B Grade cedar shakes, with 1 1/2" overhang along eaves
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- Shingles to be installed with 1 1/2" shingle nails
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- Work may start March 21, 2017, work must be completed by April 30, 2017

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