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JBT Regatta raises more than \$81,000 for cancer research

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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A day of sailing and celebration raised more than \$81,000 for cancer research in honor of a local boy who lost his battle to the disease.

On Saturday, 31 boats set sail from the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club for the third annual JBT Regatta.

The regatta was dedicated to the memory of John Bradley Thompson, a Gilford boy who died two years ago after battling Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a form of pediatric brain cancer. Proceeds from the event will go to The Cure Starts Now Foundation, a national organization aiming to cure pediatric brain cancer and subsequently all forms of cancer.

The Winnepesaukee Yacht Club has hosted a charity regatta

for many years. John Bradley's mom Alison Thompson said for the past few years the yacht club has dedicated that effort for this cause, which is so close to home.

John Bradley's dad, Jesse Thompson, said this has been the biggest year the regatta has had. He said in the past two years he doesn't think they have had this many boats take part.

Jesse Thompson skippered "Over the Edge" during the regatta and said the sailing was "awesome."

"We had a beautiful day, lots of sun and great waves," Jesse Thompson said.

After the regatta, awards were presented to the winners in each category.

Casey Nickerson of Gilford won the J-80 class with his



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Inside "Over the Edge" with skipper Jesse Thompson and crew.

boat "Argo III." Seth Maxwell, age 15, won the Spinnaker Racing Class with "So Gnar." The winner of the Cruising A Class was "Haleakala" under skippers by Bob and Donna Garland.

Rob Johnson won the Cruising B Class with "Isle of Skye."

Following the event volunteers served food for a barbecue that was open to anyone in the public. The event featured live music from

Paul Warnick. Inside was a live and silent auction.

The event, including the race and the live and silent auction, raised \$81,000 for The Cure Starts Now.

Alison Thompson said she has been astounded by the community response, not only from the regatta but many other ways.

"It's overwhelming, the generosity and support our family's had from day one of diagnosis to now," Alison Thompson said.

Jesse Thompson said businesses and in-

dividuals from across the country have supported the effort.

"It's incredible; the continuing support is humbling and motivating to keep the ball rolling," Jesse Thompson said. "We've been through something that's really difficult and we see the positive effect it's having on the community to bring everyone together."

Attending the regatta for the first time was Brooke and Keith Desserich of Cincinnati, who founded The Cure Starts Now after

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Potter Hill residents to speak to selectmen about traffic issues

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With Potter Hill Road scheduled to be rebuilt next year, residents of the road will soon come to the selectmen with their concerns about how this might exacerbate existing speed and traffic issues.

On Wednesday, Potter Hill Road resident Gary Kiedaisch spoke with the board of selectmen representing other res-

idents of that road. Kiedaisch presented a letter from other residents of Potter Hill Road expressing their concerns about speeds on their road.

Kiedaisch said high speeds and traffic on that road have been a concern for the past decade, especially with the width and hills on one end of the road. Kiedaisch said he has forbidden his young granddaughter from crossing

the street by herself due to the safety issues.

"There's lots of highway speeds," Kiedaisch said. "When they're going that speed, they're blinded."

Kiedaisch said everyone on Potter Hill Road is in full support of the library and the Gilford Youth Center, though he said there was never a traffic impact study done when they were built.

After learning that

the road was scheduled to be rebuilt next year, the concerns became more pressing.

"Rebuilding the road will, in our experience, definitely increase traffic and increase speeds on it," Kiedaisch said.

Kiedaisch said people tend to keep their speed down when the road is in poor condition and some road conditions have caused people to slow

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Parks and Rec having successful summer so far

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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After a dismal winter season, the Parks and Recreation Department has been having a booming summer thus far according to the department's director.

On Wednesday, Parks and Recreation director Herb Greene gave a regular report to the board of selectmen on what was going on in the department.

Greene said when he last updated the board in January, the mild temperatures were making for a difficult winter for the department.

The Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink opened for the season on Jan. 15, but was only open for a few days and had to be closed on Feb. 21. The Cardboard Sledbox Derby and the Full Moon Family Snowshoe Hike were canceled this year due to lack of snow. Only half of the scheduled hikes in the Adult Snowshoeing Program took place.

"Probably the worst

season we've had since I've been here," Greene said.

The department was able to continue bits six-week ski lesson program at Gunstock because of their snowmaking. The cross country ski program at Bolduc Park also went on for its duration.

During the spring, a number of repairs and improvements were made on a few parks and recreation facilities. This included volunteers from the Gilford Community Church and Gilford Youth Center helping to repaint the railings of the bandstand as well as two sides of the storage building in the village field.

The department accepted bids for shoreline erosion control at the beach. Belknap Landscaping ended up being the lone formal bid, offering to do the job for \$25,000. Greene asked the selectmen to approve this bid, with funds coming from the Recreation

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Historical Society thanks volunteers, supporters for recent efforts

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The Benjamin Rowe House has a new sign thanks to the efforts of an artist with local ties, just one example of how volunteers and community supporters have been greatly helping the Rowe House.

The Rowe House's new sign was created through volunteer efforts by sign maker and graphic artist Patrick Brown. Karin Landry, president of the Thompson-Ames Historical Society, said the house's old wooden sign was falling apart and barely readable.

Brown was raised in Gilford, and now lives in Fremont. He has an Associate's degree in Graphic Arts from Lakes Region Community College, and was working



COURTESY PHOTO

Sign maker Richard Brown and Gilford Farmer's Market manager Carmel Lancia with the new sign Brown created for the Rowe House.

for a sign company in the southern part of the state.

Landry said Brown was connected to the project via his mother Dottie Hynes, who Landry said regularly

comes through the village to walk. Landry said Hynes connected her son and Public Works to get a new sign.

Brown used an older drawing of the house with its old barn and an-

other outbuilding, both of which are gone.

"It's a good depiction of what it was here," Landry said.

He took the image and made the lettering

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

Guitar, voice, and dance combine wondrously in Flamenco, a traditional folkdance style of the Romani from Spain. The art form is breathtaking to behold and it is a bit of rarity to see authentic Flamenco outside of Spain. The Lakes Region is fortunate to have El Arte Flamenco based in Laconia to offer performances in the area with the traditional dances, music, and plenty of discussion about Flamenco's history. Naturally, we invited them to the library!

El Arte Flamenco will visit the Library on July 28 for two performances. The first will be for Pre-K-fourth grade children from 3-4 p.m., and the second will be for general audience from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In both cases, there will be music, dancing, history, and audience involvement. Isabel Rios helped set the program up for us, and she will be one of the performers. I asked her a few questions about el arte flamenco, and her responses were encouraging.

When asked what Isabel loved about Flamenco, she responded, "I love flamenco for the music. The singer and guitarist in harmony, the dance, and the costumes. I love its passion and the feel-

ings you can express in the dance movements."

She does it, she said, because it's fun, great exercise, and it's something she and her father can do together.

She added, "I also see a significant benefit in exposing my own children to a different culture, language, and art. Plus, it's nice that they know I can do more than make an excellent PB and J."

On the history of flamenco, she explained, "Flamenco dance is an art form that came from the heart of the gypsy people. It is a way to communicate and tell stories of love and loss, and can be done intensely in either song or dance. Anyone can do it, whether young, old, small or large. All are embraced and encouraged."

I asked if she would describe her group, El Arte Flamenco, which was founded by her guitarist father, Roberto Rios, as a family business.

She responded, "Yes! It is something that we are very proud of. I have two older brothers who danced for many years before me. I would always watch them from the side of the stage. I put my career aside while I was starting my own family. As a result, my father had to outsource dancers to take my

place. But, when I could, I would jump back in with others. My Dad has recently relocated to the Lakes Region area, so we are back in business!"

About the presentations, she confirmed that there will be plenty of dancing and music, but also an explanation of the origins of flamenco and a description of key words in the art. They will, "be looking for brave volunteers to help with rhythmic hand clapping called palmas, vocal encouragement called jaléo, and a chance for all ages to move their arms and stomp their feet to a flamenco rhythm. We will also have instruments, such as castanets and tambourines for the children to use and make their own music. It will be a fun hour!"

Classes & Special Events July 21 to July 27

Thursday, July 21
Teen Tech Camp, 10

a.m.-1 p.m.

Calling all makers, techies, and gamers! Led by Teen Librarian Mark, this 3-day camp...

This workshop is open to kids and teens in grades five to 12. Sign-up is required and a \$15 fee covers all materials and a daily snack.

Brown Bag Discussion, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This month's book is *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley, described as "Intimate. . . . Miraculous. . . . Staggering. . . . A masterpiece in the making." Led by Betty Tidd, copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk.

Open Painting at the Library, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Karate @ the Library 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a karate lesson from Beyond the Belt and then make your own karate belt! For PreK-4th, sign up required.

Conversational French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Coloring and Mocktails, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 22
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Conversational German Class, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 25
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Evening Line Dancing, 4-6 p.m.

End your day with Bonnie Deutch, and perfect some smooth moves - beginners and those who have never line danced before are encouraged to come at 4 p.m., as the skill level will increase as the evening goes on. Beginners will dance 4-4:40 p.m., and more experienced dancers will dance from 4:50 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Storyteller Keith Munslow, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a hilarious afternoon of storytelling from the amazing Keith Munslow! For PreK-4th graders.

Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27
Exercise Your Mind & Body: Rowe Mountain Hike, 9-10:30 a.m.

Get active with GPL and Gilford Parks and Rec. Join us for a series of hikes in Gilford. Today, hike with us from the G.E.S to Rowe Mountain. Please park at the G.E.S. Sign up at the library. Age nine and under need parental guardian.

Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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

Storytime at the Beach, noon-12:30 p.m.

Join us for Storytime at the Beach! We'll read, sing, and do a fun beach project. This is a drop-in program in coordination with Parks and Rec.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Obsession" by Nora Roberts
2. "The Games" by James Patterson
3. "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes
4. "The Black Widow" by Daniel Silva
5. "The Island House" by Nancy Thayer
6. "The Pursuit" by Janet Evanovich
7. "Here's To Us" by Elin Hilderbrand
8. "Before the Fall" by Noah Hawley
9. "The Girls" by Emma Cline
10. "Widowmaker" by Paul Doiron

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Mark Gary Kibby, age 30, of Everett, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 12, and subsequently arrested for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

A 40-year-old male from Roswell, Ga. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 12.

A 49-year-old male from Bedford was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 12.

Brian R. Caruso, age 38, of Watertown, Mass. was arrested on July 13 for Driving While Intoxicated.

A 39-year-old male from Merrimack and a 45-year-old male from Abington, Mass. were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

Melissa M. Mallahan, age 19, of Laconia and Josie Marion Bentlage, age 18, of Shelton, Conn. were arrested on July 13 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Macgregor D.C. Nickerson, age 19, of Cataumet, Mass. was arrested on July 13 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and misrepresenting his age.

A 35-year-old male from Rindge was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

Devin Andreani, age 20, of Milton, Mass. and Amy Adamczyk, age 20, of Southborough, Mass.

were arrested on July 13 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

A 37-year-old female from Loudon, a 37-year-old male from Milford, and a 40-year-old male from Loudon were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

A 27-year-old male from Medford, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

A 43-year-old male from Amherst and a 28-year-old male from Medford, Mass. were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

A 24-year-old male from Dracut, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

A 53-year-old female from Meredith was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

Ricardo Alberto Delacruzsanchez, age 31, of Chelsea, Mass. was arrested on July 13 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

A 39-year-old from Las Vegas, Nev. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 13.

A 17-year-old female from Hanover, Mass. was arrested on July 13 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol. Julia Dares, age 20, of Hanover, Mass. was arrested during the same incident for Criminal Trespass.

Daniel Piche, age 46, of Westford, Mass. was arrested on July 13 for Driving While Intoxicated.

A 37-year-old female and 41-year-old male, both of Epping, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 14.

Derek Gray, age 29, of Nashua was arrested on July 15 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.

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Belknap House receives AFL 2016 Volunteers Choose Grant

BELMONT — Belknap House, a cold weather shelter for homeless families with children in Belknap County opening in October 2016, was chosen as the recipient of the AFL Test and Inspection Division 2016 Volunteers Choose Grant.

On July 14, the AFL Community Team presented Belknap House Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator Don House with a check for \$1,050. AFL is a global business that manufactures, engineers, and installs fiber optic products and equipment. The company encourages its employees to volunteer in the community.

On the last two Fridays in April, AFL volunteers from the Belmont facility jump-started renovations at Belknap House. The 14 volunteers spent many hours tearing down walls, removing carpets, ceiling tiles and doors, and assisting with yard work.

Linda Heney, Belmont AFL Community Team Coordinator, explained that through the Volunteers Choose program, AFL volunteers vote for the organization they wish to see receive the annual grant. To establish the amount of the grant, the number of volunteers is multiplied by \$50.00. This year, there were 21 volunteers across AFL's Lowell MA and Belmont NH locations; the grant was set at \$1,050. The vote was nearly unanimous to award the monies to Belknap House. In voice

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Front: Linda Heney, AFL Community Team Coordinator, presents check to Don House, Belknap House Vice President. Back Row(left to right): Sean Adam, Chuck Hale, Pete Hutchinson, Steve Moore, Kim Huckaby, Jon Norton, Scott Prescott, Brad Bergeron, Kim Hook.



COURTESY

Director of Winnepesaukee HOG Chapter 2529 and Bike Week Hospitality Committee members present a \$500.00 donation to Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club. The funds donated were club proceeds from donations, sale of water and raffle tickets during Bike Week. The Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club was started one and a half years ago. It consists of veterans who were in combat in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm and Beirut. The club has two major goals; the first is to help veterans by raising money for Veterans Count, Liberty House and The Veteran Victory Farm. They also help individual veterans with financial assistance, transportation and by modifying homes to accommodate disabled veterans. The second major goal is to raise money by organizing motorcycle rides to benefit veterans and to create camaraderie and brotherhood among all veterans. One of the Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club's major efforts is to support the Veterans Victory Farm which is a supportive housing program for formerly homeless veterans located on an 80-acre, working, organic vegetable farm in southern New Hampshire. The program offers a lifestyle change for veterans who have not been successful in transitioning from residential treatment programs to independent living or permanent supportive housing. The program began in 2004 and is a unique model based on the psychosocial and service needs of formerly homeless veteran clients. The farm is the first of its kind in the nation, but the idea of placing emotionally disabled veterans in a rural, agricultural setting for rehabilitation and therapy is a replicable practice. The atmosphere is calm and relaxing, allowing clients to focus on their needs and address their individual health issues like PTSD and combat-related problems. The Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club is a non-profit tax exempt organization. If you would like to make a donation, or if you know of a veteran that needs assistance, please go to their Web site, www.combatwarriorsmc.com

POLICE LOG

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age 25, of Manchester was arrested on July 15 for two counts of Disobeying an Officer, Driving While Intoxicated, two counts of Simple Assault, Obstructing Government Administration, Resisting Arrest or Detention, Speed, and Reckless Conduct; Placing Another in Danger.

David Marceau, age 54, of Danville was arrested on July 15 for Driving While Intoxicated.

A 51-year-old female from Oakland, Maine; a 63-year-old female from Surry, Maine; and a 48-year-old female from Hermon, Maine were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 15.

Eric Moras, age 39, of

Lowell, Mass. was arrested on July 15 for Simple Assault and Domestic Violence.

A 36-year-old male from Truckee, Calif.; a 40-year-old male from Waterbury Center, Vt.; a 36-year-old female from Winooski, Vt.; and a 320-year-old female from Waterbury, Vt. were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 16.

Devin Costa, age 26, of Smithfield, R.I. was arrested on July 17 for Driving While Intoxicated and Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Brandon G. Wunsch, age 22, of Laconia was arrested on July 17 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

David Jason Horvath, age 38, of Gilford was arrested on July 17 for Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.

Christy M. Laflamme, age 19, of Whitefield was arrested on July 18 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Megan M. Tetrault, age 18, of Essex Jct., Vt. was arrested on July 18 for violating driver's license prohibitions.

Alexis M. Beati, age 19, of Lowell, Mass. was arrested on July 18 for violating driver's license prohibitions.

Peter J. Stier, age 56, of Simi Valley, Calif. was arrested on July 18 for Dealing in Counterfeit Goods.

Kayla L. Nagy, age 20, of Manchester was arrested on July 18 for violating driver's license prohibitions.

A 31-year-old female and 40-year-old male from Laconia were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 18.

Daniel Kay, age 19, of Cumberland, Maine was arrested on July 18 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

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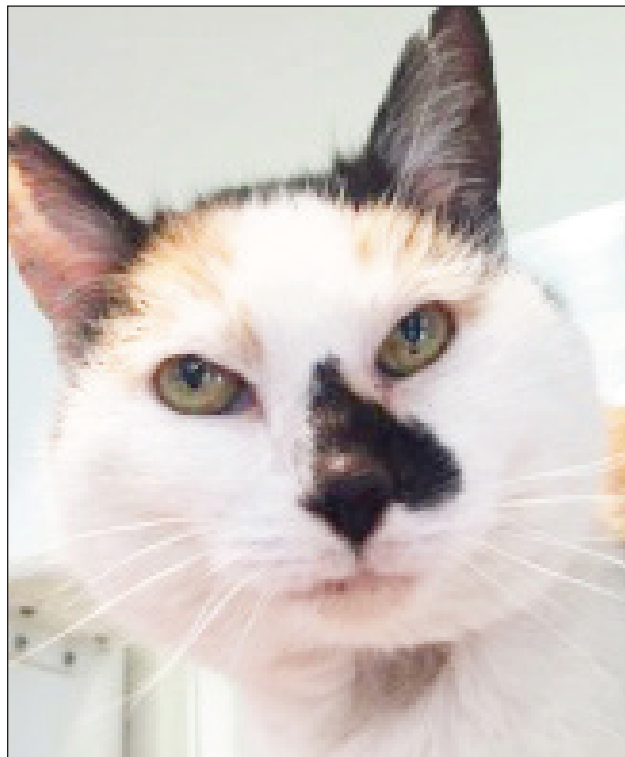
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– we think she is ten years old at least.

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Please visit Cali – you will be bowled over with her quiet confidence.

BY GRETCHEN GANDINI

Executive Director

WOW Trail

One year ago, a photo of two young girls illegally trespassing on the State of New Hampshire-owned railroad corridor was published on the front page of the Laconia Daily Sun.

The photo prompted a reminder from the New Hampshire DOT Bureau of Rail and Transit of the dangers of trespassing on the active railroad corridor. The photo also became the screen saver on my computer. It serves as a daily reminder of the importance of the regional rail trail effort.

It was 1980 when the City of Laconia first discussed developing a recreation path along the State of New Hampshire-owned railroad right-of-way, and April 1982 when, together with the Lakes Region Planning Commission, the City of Laconia published the Lakes Region Bikeway System Report.

According to that long-ago published report:

"The railroad right of way is well suited for the trail for a variety of reasons: its close proximity to the homes of year round and seasonal residents; the level grade and separation from automobile

traffic make it attractive to very young and older riders; and the route combines scenic beauty with access to the region's busiest commercial areas."

Fast forward to present day, and two phases of this long-ago conceptualized trail are currently under construction in Laconia and Belmont. Come the end of October, users will be able to travel from Lakeport all the way to Belmont, near the Mosquito Bridge, a one-way trip of about four and a half miles. This is a significant step in the regional trail effort that will one day connect Meredith Bay to Weirs Beach, Lakeport, downtown Laconia, Belmont, Tilton, Franklin and New Hampshire's 56-plus-mile Northern Rail Trail.

The State of New Hampshire-owned railroad right-of-way is arguably some of the most spectacular real estate in the Lakes Region yet, for most year-round and seasonal residents, it is off limits. Unless you own a snowmobile or have bought a ticket for a scenic train ride, you've likely not had a chance to enjoy the Lakes Region from this State-owned land.

Together, we are

changing that.

The WOW Trail will transform this underutilized State-owned railroad right-of-way into a vibrant year-round public recreation space for all residents and visitors to enjoy, bringing with it the economic impact that rail trail communities around the country now enjoy. Shovels are in the dirt this summer because of the persistent, collective effort of countless community volunteers and donors who see the value of the trail for the region and have generously donated their time and resources to make it happen.

Yet we still have work to do. We need your help to meet a \$40,000 fundraising gap for Phase 2. Please share your enthusiasm for the regional trail with your friends and neighbors. Better yet, consider making a donation online at www.wowtrail.org or by mail to WOW Trail, PO Box 6832, Laconia, NH 03247. Every dollar counts, and no gift is too small.

In his recent Fourth of July column published in the Laconia Daily Sun, a local real estate broker reminded us that "It's the friendly, family-oriented atmosphere we have in the beautiful

Lakes Region and the multitude of events and activities that keeps drawing families back year after year." There's no doubt that a regional bike trail linking neighboring communities together and showcasing our three beautiful lakes will fast become one of the Lakes Region's best amenities, drawing vacationing families back year after year and enhancing the quality of life for those of us fortunate to call this place home.

It's going to be spectacular. Thank you for coming along for the ride.

A limited amount of granite pavers (12"x36") will be placed along Phase 2 behind the downtown Laconia train station. If you'd like to permanently commemorate your business, family, or remember a loved one on the trail, these can be purchased with a \$1,000 donation and will be engraved with your business name, logo, or special message. To reserve a commemorative \$1,000 granite paver, please send your donation to WOW Trail, PO Box 6832, Laconia, NH 03246.

Gretchen Gandini is the Executive Director of the WOW Trail. She can be reached at info@wowtrail.org.

FROM OUR READERS

Help me get to know Gilford's School District

To the Editor:

My name is Kirk Beitler, and I am the new Superintendent of Schools for the Gilford School District. Some of you may remember me as the Gilford High School Assistant Principal from 2003-2006. I learned a great deal in the three years serving the high school students from the towns of Gilmanton and Gilford. I departed Gilford High School at the end of the 2006 school year to become a high school Principal. After serving in that role, I was an Assistant Superintendent, a position I occupied for the past three years. I have fond memories of my time in Gilford and am excited to return to this great school district.

While working in public education for the past 21 years, it is clear to me that community support for education makes a difference. I initially came to this school district because this community cares about its children and the schools they attend. This support was an important reason why I returned. The Gilford community and its three schools have a great

reputation throughout the state for strong academics, top notch performing arts programs, and outstanding athletic teams.

I am looking forward to getting to know staff and community members and building relationships as we define our work and establish goals to move the Gilford School District towards continuous improvement. Relationships are an important part of my new role as superintendent. As Gilford community members, your input is important in helping me learn about our community and working collaboratively to ensure that we provide a quality education to all students. There is nothing we cannot overcome if we work together.

My email address is kbeitler@sau73.org, and the SAU office phone number is 527-9215; please feel free to communicate your feelings about the strengths, challenges, and traditions of the Gilford School District.

*Kirk Beitler
Superintendent of Schools
Gilford School District*

Hoping to be your next County Commissioner

To the Editor:

Please let me introduce myself and give you some of the reasons I filed for Belknap County Commissioner for District Three, serving Center Harbor, Meredith, Gilford and Alton. I am Jonathan Smolin, and ask you to consider voting for me on Sept. 13 in the Republican Primary.

As long term residents of Alton, my family and I have enjoyed much of what the Lakes Region has to offer. Our children have been educated in the Alton public schools, and I am employed as a surgical assistant at a local hospital. As well, I have significant private business experience in administering a nursing school and running a

surgical assistant business.

There have been a number of articles over the past several years which highlight County operations and problems pertaining to same: budgetary authority, the need for an affordable addition and renovation to the County jail, issues impacting the County Nursing Home and so forth. I believe that my business background and job experience have provided me with a skill set that will be useful in dealing with these and other issues.

Looking forward, I think that the County should be aware of a tendency on the part of the Federal and State government to downshift spending to a local level, while at the same time imposing stringent standards. To build out significant programming to meet every perceived need and to hope that the Federal government will continue funding support for them five years from now is unwise. While we need to expand programming in some cases, for example at the County jail, we must be cautious that any services we add remain affordable to Belknap County.

I hope to meet many of you in the coming months, with the thought that helping to serve the larger community in which I live will be a contribution to life in Belknap County, a life which my family and I embrace.

Thank you,

*Jonathan Smolin
Alton*

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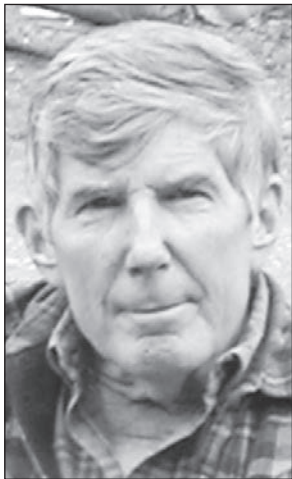
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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

A yellow-eared lynx, orphaned bears, and a great way to plan your trip



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

“Weed,” a.k.a. Steve Roener, does the cooking for the annual July 4th clambake-lobster-bake at Camp Five on the Middle Branch of the Dead Diamond in Pittsburg, and one never takes a question from the cook lightly. “A guy who has a camp on East Inlet saw a lynx with a yellow tag in its ear,” is more or less what he said, the implied question being “What’s up?”

Because I was a statewide outdoor writer for such a long time I’m supposed to know about these things, so I said

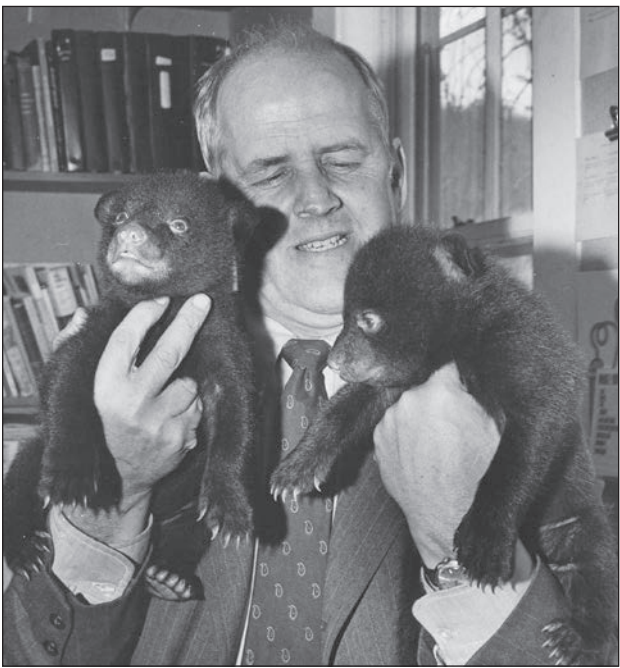
I’d get the answer, but in the meantime offered my best guess. Maine recently discovered a robust lynx population northwest of the Rangeley Lakes region, and because lynx are coming back in New Hampshire but are still scarcer than hen’s teeth I figured the yellow tag was from Maine.

For once, I was right. Fish and Wildlife officers in the Rangeley territory said this lynx has tags in both ears and is a well-documented interstate traveler.

Imagine that—a wild animal disrespecting political boundaries. Next thing it’ll be visiting the sparse strip of Quebec’s remaining boreal forest just over the line, and upon coming back home will need a green card.

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A mother bear was killed in the road in Woodstock over the weekend of the Fourth, and local residents, police and conservation officers searched hard



COURTESY
In the early days after it opened in 1969, the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center was about the only sanctioned place to take orphaned wildlife. When I worked for the New Hampshire Sunday News in the 1970s, I took this photo of Director Gib Merrill, doing his best to keep up with two squirming bear cubs.

over the next couple of days and found her three cubs, which are now under the tender mercies of Ben Kilham in Lyme, the state’s bear rehabilitation destination of choice.

“They were all happy to see each other,” said Ben, who noted that his wife Deborah and sister Phoebe do most of the

New England, sparking memories of 35 years ago when they defoliated around 9 million acres from Maryland to Maine. A fungus that controls them needs wet weather to thrive, which has been scarce.

Areas of Connecticut and western Rhode Island have been the hardest hit thus far, and experts define the outbreak as “spotty” and hope that weather will keep the population in check.

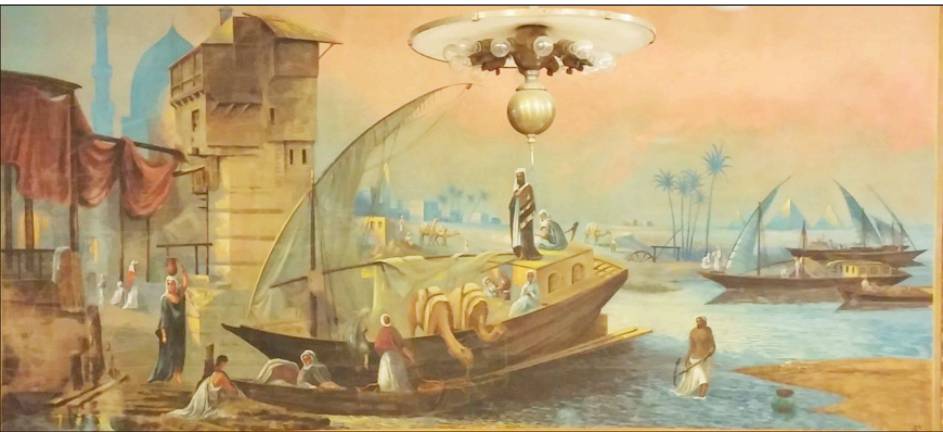
Well do I remember driving down through sections of Connecticut in the ‘80s and finding the roads so slicked with the smooshed bodies of a moving mass of caterpillars that it was like driving on snow.

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Hampshire, Vermont and Maine have teamed up on a new traveler information site that makes it easy for drivers to check on accidents, construction, traffic delays, weather problems and events like town parades and Main Street closings before they make their final choices on how to get where.

The new service handles text messages, e-mails and cell phones, and travelers can find it at newengland511.org, free. I tried it out, and the site offered a map that warned me about extensive paving and other work on Route 3 between Whitefield and Lancaster, which I already knew about, which is why I took the Vermont side instead.

(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.)



COURTESY
This detail from a photo of the Grand Drape from the Moulton Opera House in Laconia gives an idea of the spectacular nature of the curtain — rescued from a barn on Pleasant Street, a couple of years ago. When the 1887 Opera House Block was demolished during the city’s Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s, the curtain was placed in storage where it remained unidentified for close to half a century. Beginning Wednesday, July 20, the drape will be on display on the Upper Level of the Laconia Public Library through the end of August.

Grand Drape from Laconia's Moulton Opera House now on display at Public Library

LACONIA — Rescued from the oblivion of a half-century of storage in a barn chamber, the Grand Drape from the Moulton Opera House, Laconia, will again be on display on the Upper Level of the Laconia Public Library from Wednesday, July 20, until the end of August.

Restored in 2014 under a \$16,000 grant from the New Hamp-

shire Humanities Council, the drape — which reproduces

the classic engraving, 'Morning on the Nile,' SEE GRAND DRAPE PAGE A11

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John P. Chandler, 89

LACONIA — Long-time Laconia resident and attorney John P. Chandler passed away peacefully July 11, 2016, at Golden View Heath Care Center, Meredith, following several years of declining health.

John Pierce Chandler was born April 6, 1927, to Henry Poor Chandler, Sr., and Florence McArdle Chandler in Westfield, Mass, spent his early years in several northeast states, and always summered with family at “the Farm” in Tuftonboro.

He graduated from high school in Wilmington, Del., on D-Day 1944, entered Harvard and on reaching age 18 served in the U.S. Navy. In 1946 he returned to college, graduating with his Class of 1948. In 2013, he joined with classmates from around the country at their “65th.”

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1952, and entered a law practice, which became Snierston and Chandler, later adding others, until 1983 when he became affiliated as of counsel with the Concord firm, Sulloway and Hollis. He retired in 1999 and maintained a limited law practice in Meredith until 2010.

John loved the practice of law; he played active roles in the Belknap Country Bar Association as President and Secretary, and the New Hampshire Bar Association, where he served a term on the board of governors and was active in the real estate section. He was a member of the Laconia City Charter Commission; he served terms as Laconia City Solicitor, President & Secretary of Laconia Hospital (now LRGH), Chairman of the Taylor Home, board member of Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, chairman of the



New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, chairman of the Harvard Club of New Hampshire, chairman of the Laconia Red Cross where he served for many years on the New Hampshire/Vermont Blood Program Executive Committee. He was an incorporator of Laconia Savings Bank, which later became Bank of New Hampshire, and was a long-time moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia.

On June 20, 1959, he and Martha Webb began their 57-year marriage of devoted companionship, parenting and a commitment to shared interests including education; child welfare; land preservation; art museums, particularly the White Mountain School of Art; music; politics; physical fitness; Amtrak trips west; and, most deeply, a love of New Hampshire and New England in every season.

Family life was active: hiking mountains and woodlands, cross country skiing, cycling, gardening (John’s specialty was blackberries), trail maintenance with the Wonalancet Out Door Club, and pleasant hours spent in his woodlot, much of this at their simple family retreat in Wonalancet, where downtime was spent with friends, reading and just plain relaxing. Nothing was more fun for John than to lead family and friends in making hand-cranked ice cream, the tools for which could often

be found conveniently stored in the trunk of his car. John was a voracious reader of history and poetry; he memorized endless lines of classic poetry, which entertained him while he ran and sustained him until his last days.

John took up running in mid-life, and competed successfully in countless races with teammates from two New Hampshire running clubs, the White Mountain Milers and Granite State Race Team. After years of running in New Hampshire, with Martha as driver and provider of fluids, he “connected the dots” and in his early 80’s completed a route from Massachusetts to Chartierville, Quebec, with Ellen and David accompanying him in running the final (uphill!) miles to the Canadian border.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, of Laconia; a daughter, Ellen Chandler of New London; a son and daughter-in-law, David John and Nina Chandler of Intervale; a brother, Henry Chandler, Jr. of Wolfeboro; a sister, Florence Mullin of Jacksonville, Fla.; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A sister, Catherine Wengraf, predeceased him.

Burial will be private in Wonalancet.

His family invites friends and associates to share reminiscences on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, an historic building that John assisted in preserving.

John’s family is grateful to the staff at Golden View Health Care Center for the compassionate care they provided as his health declined during his final years.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the The Circle Program, PO Box 815, Plymouth, N.H. 03264 (www.circleprogram.org) or The Mayhew Program, PO Box 120, Bristol, N.H. 03222 (www.mayhew.org) or to the land conservation program of one’s choice.

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

Samantha M. Green, 20



LACONIA — Samantha M. Green, 20, of Cross Street died unexpectedly Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

Sam was born Dec. 27, 1995 in Prescott, Az., daughter to Michael “Andy” and Cheryl A. (Howland) Green. She recently worked at J. Jill in Customer service. Sam was a graduate of Laconia High School Class of 2014, where she was a member of the cheerleading and volleyball teams. Sam had also attended Keene State College, where she studied psychology and law.

Sam also enjoyed swimming, sunsets, playing with her nieces and nephews as well as spending time with her family and friends, especially the greatest love of her life, her brother Charlie. She will be remembered most by her family for

her smile, laugh and her love of playing jokes on her family and friends.

Sam is survived by her parents, Michael “Andy” and Cheryl Green; a brother, Charlie K. Green; a sister, Naomi T. Todd, all of Laconia; three nieces, Maddy, Lydia and Amber; two nephews, Marshall and James; maternal grandparents David & Gale C. Howland; paternal grandparents, Walter and Donna Merrow and C. Michael and Linda Green; and great-grandparents,

Charles and Theresa Green., as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial Calling Hours will be on Friday, July 22, 2016 from 4-7 p.m. at Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Laconia High School c/o Volleyball in Memory of Samantha Green, 345 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246.

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 guestbook, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Robert O. Houle, 83

Robert O. “Pete” Houle, 83, of 320 Old Lake Shore Road, died Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Lakes Region General Hospital.

He was born on June 26, 1933 in Laconia, the son of the late Oscar and Alice (Bilodeau) Houle. Pete served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a Master Mechanic who worked for many businesses such as Kip + Joes, Cantin Chevrolet and Auto East. Pete also worked for several years as Head Custodian for Gilmanton Elementary School. Pete was a forty year member of the Wilkins-Smith Post #1 of the American Legion. He enjoyed camping, loved his family and most importantly, was

known as a man of integrity.

He is survived by his wife of almost 47 years, Diane (Smith) Houle of Gilford; one son, Peter Robert Houle, and his wife Suzan of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Karen Diane Houle and her husband Peter Misset of Laconia and Sharon Ann “Peanut” Pond and her husband Mike of Laconia; six grandchildren (Brittney Pond, Ashley Ramsay, Samantha Ramsay, Crystal Ramsay, Christopher Clifton and Myranda Clifton); one great grandchild, Alexis Camire; one sister, Claire Morin, and her husband Normand of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were

held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, also at the funeral home. Burial followed the memorial service in the family lot at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Garfield Street, Laconia.

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

Richard F. Lucier, 88



LACONIA — Richard F. “Ty” Lucier, 88, of Laconia, died Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Concord Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1928 in Laconia, the son of the late Valmore and Maria (Cyr) Lucier. Ty worked for a number of years as a produce manager at the former Laconia IGA. He was a lifelong member of St. Andre Bessette Parish - Sacred Heart Church and was also a former member of the Laconia Lodge of Elks # 876.

Survivors include two sons, Tyrone Luci-

er of Roswell, N.M. and Todd Lucier of Wilton; a daughter, Maureen L. O’Loughlin, of Hudson, Mass.; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Donald Lucier, and his wife Ruby of Tilton; one sister, Arleine LaPlante of Florida; and several nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Aline H. Lucier, in 2012; three brothers, Conrad Lucier, Victor Lucier and Edgar Lucier; and two sisters, Fernande Plizga and Rita Morin.

Calling hours were

held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Carriage House of the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia.

A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the family lot at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Garfield Street, Laconia.

For those who wish, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to St. Andre Bessette Parish - Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia, N.H. 03246.

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Garden & Property Tours will take place every Thursday, July 7-Oct. 27 from 10-11 a.m. Prescott Farm is truly a gem of the Lakes Region! Situated between Lake Winnepesaukee and Pausus Bay, our 160 acre property is home to forests and field habitats as well as

beautiful flower, herb and vegetable gardens. Join us for a one-hour naturalist-guided tour which will immerse you in nature, our gardens and the many ways in which the two interact with one another. The Magnificent Big Trees of Prescott Farm Tours will take place every Friday, July 8- Oct. 28 from 10-11 a.m. Prescott Farm is home to some pretty big old trees, including a black walnut which is in the running to be recorded as the largest one in Belknap County! These trees are quite magnificent to behold, and can also teach us a great deal — just imagine what they have “seen” over the course of their lives! On this one-hour naturalist-guided tour, you will learn about trees (of course!), but also fascinating facts about ecology, history and how our landscape

has changed over the years.

Our Herbal Pathfinder Series will continue monthly with Master Herbalist, Melissa Morrison through the summer on July 16 and Aug. 20 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. New Workshops/Talks this summer include:

- Seeing Smartly: Connecting Through the Lens of Your Smartphone – Saturdays, July 9 & Aug. 13; 2-4 p.m.
- Interesting Features of Old Barns (free) – Thursday, July 14; 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Purple Martins for the Masses – Saturday, July 16; 10-11 a.m.
- Wild Mushroom Walk – Saturday, Aug. 6; 10 a.m.-noon

Looking for something the whole family can enjoy? Check out our Camp Sampler programs which will take



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Sriven Arts presents an evening of poetry



William Stratton

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Sharon Olson

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GILMANTON — The Scriven Arts Colony presents Barn Owls: An Evening of Poetry Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., 452 NH Route 140, Gilmanton.

The Scriven Arts Colony was founded in 2015 to host cultural events in an old barn in Gilmanton. On Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., we will present Barn Owls: An Evening of Poetry. The event will feature Gilmanton

summer resident Sharon Olson, author of the acclaimed collection, “The Long Night of Flying,” and Vermont poet William Stratton, a

Pushcart Prize nominee whose muscular, plain-spoken poems celebrate the natural world and the grit of hardworking country people. An additional poet, Katherine Ferrier, will bring her 1950 manual typewriter to craft spontaneous poems upon request. Ferrier is the impresario behind WREN, an art gallery and community hub in Bethlehem.

A Q and A and open mic will follow.

place every Wednesday, July 6-Aug. 17 from 10 a.m.-noon. Experience what the Lakes Region is all about and get your family out in nature! Join us for a morning of fun activities with a different theme each week. From art projects to wildlife to gardening and more, these diverse topics are a fun way to spend a morning outside as a

family! Weekly themes include:

- July 6 – Circle of Life
- July 13 – The Sensational Sun
- July 20 – Eco-Artists
- July 27 – Nature Detectives
- Aug. 3 – Garden to Table
- Aug. 10 – Water, Water Everywhere!
- Aug. 17 – A Little

Bit of Everything

We also will be offering Campfire Sing-Along on Fridays, July 8 & 22 and Aug. 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of music and new friends! Our resident musician (and Fledglings preschool director) extraordinaire, Jayne Hastings, will get you singing along in no time while

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Catch the circus at Weirs Beach this summer

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Tourism Association (LRTA) is pleased to announce the addition of the Granite State Circus for all to enjoy throughout the summer season. Granite State Circus presents "Dream Baby Dream" at Weirs Beach from now through Labor Day, with shows most nights at 7 p.m.

MB Tractor and Equipment donates \$25,000 to Boys & Girls Club

LACONIA — The Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region is pleased to announce that it received a \$25,000 donation from MB Tractor and Equipment. The gift will be used to renovate the clubhouse.

"This gift will help create a safe place for Lakes Region kids to go when they are not in school. We are grateful to the Bourgeois family and MB Tractor for their generosity," stated Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Chris Emond. Marc Bourgeois, principal owner of MB Tractor, said. "We support the Lakes Region Boys & Girls Club because we know the difference that organization makes for kids."

Along with key structural upgrades, the renovation will create a teen center, improve space for enrichment activities and enhance the foyer to better control access to the facility. A new, industrial kitchen will enable the club to serve free, hot, nutritious



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Front row: Anya Bourgeois, Heidi Bougeois, Marc Bourgeois, Trey Bourgeois. Back row: Jon Clay, Leo Sanfacon, Bob Carter, Barbara Leone, Ned Beebe, Walt Flinn, Paul Gaudet, Jr., Chris Emond.

meals to club members each evening.

About the Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region

The Boys & Girls Club provides a safe place to belong, caring mentors and out-of-school enrichment programming to youth and teens with a mission to serve the kids "who need us most." Last year the Club enrolled 257 members in grades one through 12 from Laconia, Gilford and Belmont.

About MB Tractor
MB Tractor and Equipment, owned and operated by the Bourgeois family of Gilford, is a residential, agricultural and commercial equipment dealer. The main office is in Tilton, with additional locations in Plaistow, Conway, Eliot ME and Conway MA. MB Tractor offers sales, service, parts and rentals for brands as Kubota, Stihl, Husqvarna, Honda, Walker, Exmark, and more.

They will also feature 4pm matinees Friday through Monday. The circus is a great, affordable family show featuring aerial artists, acrobatics, juggling, performing goats, and even sword fighting presented by professional actor and ringmaster JT Turner.

Creating this circus was the dream of New Hampshire resident, Sara Greene. After touring and performing extensively with other circus companies around the world, Sara and her daughter found their way back to New Hampshire. They set up winter quarters in Antrim and went to work creating the Granite State Circus. Sara is the first woman

to build and operate a big top circus

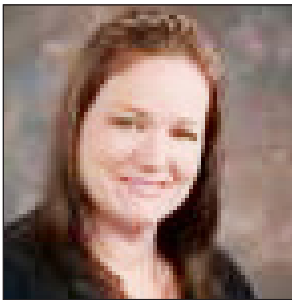
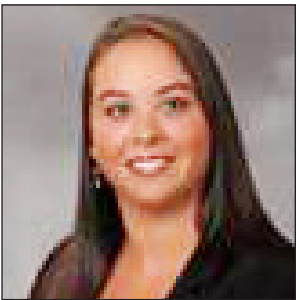
The Lakes Region Tourism Association is excited to have another attraction and more entertainment to offer visitors and residents for the summer season. Sara reached out to the LRTA last fall/early winter expressing an interest in finding a seasonal location for the circus. Amy Landers, Executive Director of the LRTA researched potential locations and introduced the concept to Faro's Restaurant, a local business that has ample land and parking space.

"The location is perfect for this fun new feature, using the land that was most recently filled with motorcy-

cles during the annual Laconia Motorcycle Week," reports Landers. "Weirs Beach has such an appealing "Americana" feel to it, and the Granite State Circus will allow many families to experience the unique entertainment that the circus provides."

The Granite State Circus will be easy to spot when approaching Weirs Beach...just look for the blue and yellow big top next door to Faro's Restaurant and opposite the historic landmark Weirs Beach sign.

For more information on the circus and tickets, visit www.GraniteStateCircus.com. The box office opens one hour before show time.



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Tiffany Benton, Public Relations Officer for Bank of New Hampshire; Lynda Gattermann, Executive Administration Officer and Corporate Secretary; Jeanin Onos, Collections & Secondary Market Officer.

Bank of New Hampshire announces officer promotions

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce that Tiffany Benton, Lynda Gattermann and Jeanin Onos have been promoted to Officer.

Tiffany Benton has been elected and promoted to Public Relations Officer. Benton began her career at Bank of New Hampshire in July

2010 as Marketing Administrator and then held positions within the Marketing Department as Marketing & Public Relations Specialist and then Public Relations Manager. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Plymouth State University, graduated from the American Bankers

Association's Bank Marketing and Management School and earned the designation of Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP). Benton is active in the community volunteering her time as a Mentor for the Circle Program and as member of Plymouth Regional High School. SEE BNH PAGE A11

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British comedy coming to the Playhouse stage

MEREDITH — A country house in England would appear to be an idyllic spot for a weekend getaway. But when three grown-up siblings and their significant others all end up under the same roof, long-time rivalries and romantic entanglements come bubbling to the surface. Alan Ayckbourn’s comedy “Living Together” shows family drama at its funniest! It runs from July 20-30.

Written and set in the 1970s, “Living Together” is part of The Norman Conquests,

a series of plays written around the same six characters. It features Norman, his wife Ruth, her siblings Reg and Annie, and their respective partners, Sarah and Tom. It was turned into a three-part TV mini-series which debuted on PBS in 1978, featuring an all-star British cast including Richard Briers, Penelope Keith, Tom Conti, David Troughton, Fiona Walker and Penelope Wilton.

Commonly regarded as the British Neil Simon, Alan Ayckbourn

is a master of comedy. He has written more than 70 plays, many of which deal topics to which the average person can relate: marriage, parenting, family relations, social climbing, and romance.

Last summer, the Playhouse’s production of “Table Manners,” also part of The Norman Conquests, became the best-selling play in the Playhouse’s history. “Living Together” features the entire same cast including Annie (Rebecca Tucker), the young-



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Nicholas Wilder as Norman and Molly Parker Myers as Sarah.

est of the siblings, who is single and still living in the family home while taking care of her invalid mother. She is often visited by Tom (Jason Plourde) a local veterinarian and inattentive boyfriend. Craving a weekend away, she asks her oldest brother, Reg (Richard Brundage), and his wife Sarah (Molly Parker Myers) to take over duties at home. Little do Reg and Sarah know, but Annie’s weekend away features a romantic tryst with Norman (Nicholas Wilder), who is married to her sister, Ruth (Suzanne Kimball). When her older siblings are let in on her plot, chaos ensues as all three siblings and their partners suddenly find themselves under one roof, where long-time resentments come to the boil with sentimental yet humorous results.

Director Neil Pankhurst says, “I’m thrilled that we were able to assemble the same incredible ensemble as last year, which adds to the fun for those who saw ‘Table Manners.’ That said, each of the plays are self-contained and if you missed ‘Table Manners’ it will not impact your ability to enjoy ‘Living Together.’”

“Living Together” is the third play of the summer season performed at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse campus in Meredith. The 2016 summer season is generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and the Taylor Community. “Living Together” is further supported by the generous sponsorship of the Laconia Daily Sun, Lovering Volvo, and Misiasek Turpin Architects. Tickets range from \$18-\$31 and can be ordered by calling 279-0333 or by using a credit card at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org. The Winnepesaukee Playhouse also offers free educational programs in conjunction with each of the mainstage productions. Visit the Web site for details.

Brad Myrick Jazz Quartet to Perform at Patrick’s Saturday Sessions July 23

GILFORD — On Saturday July 23, Patrick’s Pub in Gilford will host jazz guitarist Brad Myrick, with bassist John Hunter, drummer Bill Mead, and saxophonist Jon Lorentz.

While known locally as a hometown guru, Brad Myrick is also an international authority of the guitar, continuing the tradition of Al Di Meola, Eric Johnson, Kurt Rosenwinkel, and many others spanning the genres. Indeed, though the music scene demands allegiance to accepted formats and functions, Myrick stands out as an unrelenting explorer.

The New Hampshire guitarist’s career history reads like the script of an independent film, which is to say, like a young man’s artistic journey. Myrick’s story features an amalgam of diverse scenes, ranging from chart-topping studio work, to high-end Italian jazz clubs, to super-sized stadium shows as a touring sideman.

Raised in Hopkinton, Myrick’s first adventure came with a move to Boston, where he began studies in in-



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ternational business and finance. In no time at all, and perhaps responding to deafening protest from his musical muse, Brad moved back to NH, and set his sights west. Myrick loaded up his car (a Honda civic with issues), found a co-pilot (without issues), and began the journey to Los Angeles.

Affable and humble, Myrick quickly learned the trade of legit West Coast guitar playing, and began performing around southern California in various projects. He played to hundreds of people a night at the Whiskey A Go Go, Key Club and many other classic venues on the sunset strip. All the while he continued

his own musical education at Los Angeles Music Academy and USC, furthering his exploration in rock, jazz, pop, funk, R&B and folk music.

Six years and countless gigs later Myrick’s muse brought him to Italy where he began work in studio production. There his arranging know-how, compositional input, and vocal talent flourished as he became a producer and first-call arranger. During this time Brad also became known as a sought-after teacher in the Italian community. Two and a half years later, he made the move back to New Hampshire, where he has resided since 2011.

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- Defined benefit plan – Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, have become less prevalent in recent years – but you can still set one up for yourself if you are self-

employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

- SIMPLE IRA – As its name suggests, a SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and maintain, and can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it’s less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan. For 2016, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$12,500, or \$15,500 if you’re 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3% of your compensation.

You need to establish a SIMPLE IRA between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1 of any year. In fact, if you’d like to set up any of the retirement plans we’ve looked at, don’t delay. The sooner you open your plan, the more years you will have to contribute – and, as you know, time is often an investor’s best friend.



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their 6-year-old daughter Elana died of DIPG. After almost a decade there are now 25 chapters across the globe, which have raised around \$3.8 million. The Thompson's founded the New Hampshire chapter.

"It's such a wonderful atmosphere," Brooke Desserich said. "The community it seems has embraced what they're doing with this charity and how they're remembering John Bradley. The New Hampshire chapter has been such a major impact on the fund."

The event also had representatives from other chapters of The Cure Starts Now. John and Lynn Whittington came from the Indiana Chapter in memory of their son Peyton. Al Bellarose and his family also attended, representing the Southern New Hampshire Chapter of the organization in memory of McKenzie Lowe.

After the regatta, they presented the JBT Resilience Award to someone who has been able to navigate through significant challenges.

This year's recipient is Larry Routhier of Gilford, an active community volunteer who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2005. After much thought and discussion he decided not to seek treatment for this condition. In 2007, his wife Mary was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer,



Kevin Hayes and Dick Pendergast cook for the public barbecue after the JBT Regatta.



Jesse and Alison Thompson after the JBT Regatta, held in honor of their late son John Bradley Thompson.



"Black Bear" under skipper Ben Crosby sailing in the JBT Regatta.

but is now cancer free after treatment.

"This gracious couple credits their strength and perseverance to the love and support of their

family and friends," Jesse Thompson said in the awards presentation. "I would maintain that being a witness to their strength and perseverance makes all of us better people, stronger companions, and have taught us how to handle life's challenges with grace and humanity."

down. The last time the road was rebuilt, people traveled down at much faster speeds, and there was more traffic.

Kiedaisch asked the town to consider putting making the intersection of Potter Hill and Cherry Valley Road a T intersection to mitigate issues. He said the residents would like to speak with the selectmen ei-

ther during a regular selectmen's meeting or at a public hearing so their opinions can be considered.

Town administrator Scott Dunn said the police department plans to do a data collection on Potter Hill Road speeds starting on July 25 for a two week period. This new data will be combined with data previously collected to

consider some options.

Dunn said a T intersection is being considered as part of that project. He also said the town recently installed a speed table on Governor's Island, which could be an option as well.

After some discussion, the selectmen agreed to discuss the issue at their meeting on Aug. 24.

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Committee Capital Reserve Fund. The selectmen voted unanimously in favor of that motion and work take place this fall.

The department has been having a much better summer season.

Beginning the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend staff have been on the beach every weekend until the beach formally opened on June 18. Since then staff has been on the beach during regular hours.

Greene said as of the past Friday there had been a count of over 4,400 vehicles through the gate at the town beach. The department also made \$2,740 in revenue from Guest Beach passes by that meeting. As of July 8, they had yet to close the beach due to weather.

The lifeguards have made two rescues of people struggling in the

water and and administered first aid to four people. One gatekeeper also found a lost child, whose parents were located.

A number of programs are scheduled through the summer for people of all ages including outdoor sports and activities, science and arts programs, and numerous daytrips including a Red Sox game.

Gilford Old Home Day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, this year's theme is "Cruisin' the Lakes Region."

"Overall, we look forward to a positive end to the summer season," Greene said.

Selectman Gus Benavides praised Greene's work in his position and what he has done for the department. He also said Greene knows when to act if something isn't working and do not just continue without reason.,

"I don't think people can appreciate how much Parks and Recreation effects this community," Benavides said. "This is the reason why people come to Gilford, it's a matter of being part of this community."

Bernavides said this often comes at low to no cost to the taxpayers.

Grenier said the board did want organizers to keep close watch on the fireworks display for Old Home Day. Selectmen have said they thought the display went on for too long and there were too many blank fireworks getting shot off.

The fireworks are overseen by the Old Home Day Committee, of which Greene is a member. Benavides urged Greene to let his voice be heard on this matter.

"It needs to be handled in a better way than it has in the last couple years," Benavides said.

ROWE HOUSE

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with help from a computer program and put it together. Brown donated all of the labor and materials, which Landry said could have cost the historical society several hundred dollars.

The new sign is one of many different forms

of community support the Rowe House has received.

Members of the Opechee Garden Club have been working on the gardens around the Rowe House.

"They have done so much to the grounds, they have planted the flowers," Landry said.

The husband and wife team of Al and Jane Rollins does much work for the grounds. Al Rollins is a retired forester and works on the trees on the grounds. Jane Rollins is a master gardener who works in the gardens.

Landry said they cleared a section so there would be more space for vendors at the farmer's market.

"Between the two of them, they know their

stuff," Landry said.

The second annual farmer's market continues every Saturday with vendor's fees going to the Rowe House project. Every weekend three volunteers are in the house to give people tours.

Landry said the farmer's market has brought so many more people to the Rowe House.

"It's just really brought the project itself, and what the historical society does to the forefront," Landry said.

She said they have never had so many people learn so much about this building before.

The Thompson-Ames Historical Society is working to repair parts of the building. The major project they are SEE ROWE HOUSE PAGE A11

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focusing on now is getting the roof repaired, but Landry said they are at a standstill. As the project is receiving money from LCHIP, it has to be completed within specific guidelines. The project requires someone who is experienced working with historical roofs and their materials. The roof shingles consist of Alaskan cedar shakes that have to be hand nailed.

Landry said they have been having a

hard time finding someone with this experience and are calling on any contractors who might. Anyone interested in the project is asked to call public works director Peter Nourse at 527-4778.

Other projects that will need to be done are drainage and repointing the chimney, Money that was going to all three projects will now go to the roof as that is the biggest priority.

The historical society is working to raise

more money for the project. In addition to the vendor's fees, they have also been receiving other donations.

Bob Landry and Dave Jepsen made a special wooden cutting board for sale at the farmer's market with all proceeds going to the Rowe House.

The Thompson-Ames Historical Society is always looking for new volunteers. Anyone interested should email thompsonames@gmail.com.

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The Playscape is a wonderful addition to Prescott Farm and allows families to play in the natural world together. In our Natural Playscape you will find a Forest Kitchen, Tree House, Music and Loose Parts areas, Teepee, Hill Slide, Tree Swing, Fairy House building area,

Bear and Owl chain-saw-sculpted critters, and more! Benches are located throughout the Playscape so families and friends can relax and watch their children play. The outskirts of the Playscape feature native plants and herbs.

The Center is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, Monday through Sunday. In the Center you will find Prescott Farm gear for purchase, restrooms, information on our upcoming programs and events, "explorer backpacks" that you can borrow and take out on the trails, and more! Binoculars and field guides are also available to borrow and take out on the trails with you. While you are hiking and exploring you will most likely see some of the Wildlife that call Prescott Farm "home". From turkeys to deer and moose, you never know what you may see while exploring the property!

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GRAND DRAPE

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but in rich, full color — is now permanently installed at the library, using rigging installed as part of the Humanities Council grant.

When not on display, the 30- by 24-foot drape is rolled up out of sight behind a valance.

The Laconia Historical and Museum Society and Laconia Public Library put the drape on public display from time to time, such as the current exhibition. The grand drape

House, which stood on Bank Square from 1887 until it was demolished around 1970, was built by local industrialist John Carroll Moulton, incorporating the theater space as well as the O'Shea Brothers Department Store.

The landmark, which had cost \$70,000, was considered the most elegant opera house in New England, outside of Boston.

The grand drape had been painted by

Eugene Cramer, a scenic artist for 24 years at the Sumter Opera House in Columbia, S.C., who had a measure of regional fame in the field.

The LHMS "Laconia Timeline" exhibit, in the other half of the display space, will continue through August.

GRANT

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ing hearty appreciation for the award, Belknap House Vice President Don House emphasized that AFL is a model for corporate citizenship. The corporation makes employees available during working hours to staff local volunteer projects. To further assist community service organizations, AFL provides grants.

Belknap House depends on both volunteers and donations to meet its goals and is the fortunate recipient of AFL support.

During the cold weather months of Oct. 15 through May 15, Belknap House will provide safe shelter for homeless families in Belknap County, and help families become

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years will be highlighted.

The program, at Old Town Hall in Gilman-ton Iron Works, begins at 7:30 p.m. Social hour and refreshments begin at 7 p.m. The Society's museum in the basement of Old Town Hall will be open at 7 p.m.



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The Gilmanton Methodist Church (1826 - now gone) and its adjoining parsonage (1840). The parsonage will be one of the four homes whose history will be discussed at the July 26 meeting of the Gilmanton Historical Society.

This program is the third in the Gilmanton Historical Society's 2016 summer series. Programs are offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month, May through September. In August, Pat Clarke, Society vice president, tells us about Gilmanton in World War II. On Saturday morning, Aug. 13, the Society will lead a tour of Gilmanton's first village, Lower Gilmanton, including

the Kelley Corner School and the First Baptist Church. The final program in September brings a tribute to Sarah Josepha Hale.

The programs are free and open to the public. The hall is handicapped

accessible. The Society's Museum is open at 7 p.m. before the program, and Saturdays during the summer from 10 a.m. until noon. Donations to support the work of the Society are always welcome.

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School's Marketing Advisory Committee.

Lynda Gattermann has been elected and promoted to Executive Administration Officer and Corporate Secretary. Gattermann began her career at Bank of New Hampshire in January 2000. She has progressed in her profession, starting as Administrative Secretary, then in 2002 as Executive Administrative Assistant and then Senior Executive Assistant in 2008. She assists President Mark Primeau and other senior managers in many of the Bank's major key initiatives. Gattermann also serves in the role as Corporate Secretary of the Board of Directors, providing guidance and assistance to Directors regarding Board functions. She ensures the integrity of all records for all Board deci-

sions. Gattermann holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from the University of New Hampshire.

Jeanin Onos has been elected and promoted to Collections & Secondary Market Officer. Onos began her banking career at Bank of New Hampshire in March 2011 as a Loan Servicing Representative. She specialized her training in the secondary market and became a Secondary Market Servicing Representative in 2013. In addition to her secondary market role, she assumed the Collections Supervisor position in 2014, managing all operations of the collections area and staff supervision. She holds an Associate's degree in Business Management from Southern New Hampshire University, has completed the

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SPORTS

King of the greens

Gilford's Houston captures 113th State Am championship

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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LACONIA – Like he did all week, Chris Houston rose to the occasion when times got tough.

The Gilford native and recent Penn State graduate marched through a grueling week of competition, charging hard late to capture an elusive championship at the 113th annual New Hampshire State Amateur held at Laconia Country Club on Saturday.

Houston, a perennial contender at the State Am, put it all together in the championship match. Holding just a 1-up lead after 30 holes in the 36-hole final, he won the next three, birdieing 13, 14, and 15 to secure a 4 and 3 win over Concord Country Club's Matthew Paradis to cap an outstanding week on his home course.

"It means a lot," said Houston of the State Am tournament. "I've been really close (to winning) a few times, lost to the champion like three times after the Round of 16. I've been so close and I think it's just a matter of a couple breaks here and there. My biggest chal-



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford's Chris Houston watches his tee shot during action at the 113th annual State Amateur held at Laconia Country Club last week. Houston captured the championship with a 4 and 3 win over Concord's Matthew Paradis on Saturday.

lenge with this tournament was not putting too much pressure on myself, being at my home course."

Houston jumped out to a 5-up lead after 16 holes against Paradis, who plays collegiately at Southern New Hampshire University. He won 11, 13, 14 and 16 the first time around, though dropped 18 to settle for a

4-up lead after the opening 18 holes. Paradis made a charge in the afternoon however, winning four in a five-hole span to get within just one after 24 holes.

But Houston's ability to pick his game up in tight spots was a theme over the course of the week. He played well late in his round yet again, with the three late bird-

ies sealing the deal in his first-ever championship.

"I thought if I just kept striking the ball the way I have been the last month or two then I would have a decent chance this week if I kept it together mentally and made a few putts," Houston explained. "I've been struggling with the putter since the early part of the spring for the most

part. I putted terribly the first two days of the tournament. But I made a little change in my mental attitude and approach on the green the last couple days and that made a huge difference for me. I know this place so well."

It was uncharted territory for Houston in

the semifinals on Friday, as he moved past the quarters for the first time ever at the State Am with a 4 and 2 win over Bretwood Golf Club's Cameron Salo in a match that saw him win the second, third and fourth holes and never look back. He won seven and nine to get to 4-up, and the lead never dipped below 3-up en route to the victory.

In the semifinals, Houston found himself in trouble on the back nine. He was 2-down after 12 holes to Ryan Kohler of Hooper Golf Club of Walpole, but a monster second shot on the par five 13th hole saw his ball come to a stop on the top slope of the green. His eagle putt came to rest just short of the hole, and his birdie was conceded to get back within one hole.

"Coming up 13, I knew if I could just get (Kohler) out of his comfort zone, I'd be able to get back into the match," Houston explained. "I hit pretty much the best shot possible from the

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Wernig's rise continues in record-breaking sophomore season

BY JEFF LAJOIE
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DURHAM – It was a record-breaking sophomore season for Gilford's Emily Wernig.

The University of New Hampshire track and field standout broke out in a big way this spring. Not only did she win the America East Conference Championship in the discus, but Wernig also broke a 27-year-old school record in the event, qualifying for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet for the first time.

"It was very nerve-wracking during the whole season but once I broke the (school) record, I told myself that no matter how this season ends, it's going to be fine,"

she explained.

Wernig broke the UNH school record in the discus, which has held since 1989, for the first time in a meet at UMass-Lowell. While the record was a legitimate goal at some point during her UNH career, the fact that it came so soon surprised even Wernig.

"It was kind of a long-term goal," she said. "My coach and I had talked about that maybe next year or the year after, I would have a good shot at it. But I had a string of really good practices one week and then the week after that, two more amazing practices. After that I really thought that next meet was when I was going to break it. Something

clicked."

Two weeks later at the America East Championships, Wernig improved upon her school record by more than two feet, tossing the discus 148 feet, one inch to claim the title.

"It was absolutely amazing," said Wernig. "The discus was one of the last events at the meet so the crowds kept building. I was seeded first so there's the pressure that comes along with that. But I think I do well under pressure in the discus."

Wernig's winning throw was more than 12 feet ahead of her next-closest competitor, Morgan Ferland of the University of Vermont. Coincidentally, it was Wernig's



COURTESY

Gilford's Emily Wernig capped an outstanding sophomore season with the UNH track and field program by breaking the school record in the discus and capturing the America East Conference Championship in the event.



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford senior Sarah Lachapelle closed out her career with a First Team All-State selection in Division III this spring.

Lachapelle sisters earn All-State honors

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What a year for softball in the Lakes Region.

There were surprises, unexpected runs and dominant performances all over the

Division III and IV landscapes, culminating last month with the state championship games between White Mountains and Franklin (D-III) and Sunapee and Gorham (D-IV) at Plymouth State Uni-

versity.

On the local scene, Belmont High School reached the quarterfinals in D-III before falling to eventual state champion White Mountains on the road, SEE **SOFTBALL** PAGE B3

first-ever win over Ferland, a former Fall Mountain standout who edged out Wernig for the 2014 NHIAA Division III state championship in the event.

"I think I was almost as happy about (beating Ferland) as anything else," said Wernig with a laugh.

Wernig's win in the discus led the Wildcats to a second-place team finish at the conference championship behind perennial power University at Albany. She also took 10th in the hammer throw (147-10), an event she really only began seriously training for after getting to UNH.

"The hammer's a lot of fun," she said. "I've really on been doing it for two years compared to 10 years with the discus, but I did throw it a few times during the UNH track camps when I was in high school. I definitely got that taste of it and knew it was an event I wanted to try and do in college."

Wernig's outstanding sophomore season came to an end at ECACs in May, where she finished 14th in the

discus with a top throw of 136 feet. James Madison's Amber Monroe captured the title in 174-5.

"Once I got to ECACs, I just tried to enjoy the experience and relax after a hard year of working out and training," she said.

UNH took fifth out of 54 schools there, scoring 34 points, with Cornell capturing the team title.

Wernig's rise to school record holder has taken shape quickly. She set personal records every single meet she threw as a freshman, and entered this year feeling as strong as ever thanks to a year-round training and weight lifting program.

"We train all year," she began. "In high school I did field hockey and indoor track but I didn't really throw the discus outside of the (spring) season. In college, the main changes in technique happen in the summer and fall. I lift four times a week and

definitely just focus so much more on track, which is what I was looking for at UNH. I had a big change in distance from high school to now, and I think a lot of it is strength."

Now that the school record has her name on it, Wernig said the goal for her remaining two years of college are to continue and improve, adding distance to the mark.

"I also want to qualify for (NCAA) Regionals, which is the next step," she explained. "I'm about 10 feet away but I improved by about 20 feet this year. Ten feet is a lot but I'm hopeful I can continue improving like I have been so far."

Wernig won't throw much if at all during the summer, though she's on a lifting program until returning to Durham in the fall. Once there, she'll enter her third collegiate season with what has quickly become an impressive resume, with sights focused on continued success.

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fairway, and winning that hole was big for me. I felt the momentum switch and I knew if I kept grinding it out, I'd have an opportunity."

The momentum continued into the 15th hole, where Houston drove just to the right of the green on a par four, and his chip to about three feet left him with a birdie putt that he drained to even the match with three holes to play.

He saved par on No. 16 after missing the green, and he took control with a win on 17 after chipping to just inches and having his birdie conceded. Three birdies in five holes turned a 2-down into a 1-up in a hurry.

"The tides turned on 17," Houston explained. "Match play is 100 percent about putting the pressure on the other guy to perform."

Needing to just halve 18 to get into his first-ever championship match, Houston stuck his approach just short of the hole in great position. Kohler missed long, and his lengthy putt back down the hill went well past the hole. He conceded Houston's birdie and the match, as the Gilford native took a 2-up victory and advanced into the finals.

Houston's 4 and 3 victory on July 14 in the Round of 16 over Amherst Country Club's Brian Nowak went much more smoothly than a wild early Round of 32 win over Kurt Eddins of Pease Golf Club. Houston found himself 1-down with two holes to play before regrouping, and he birdied 17 and 18 to come back for a 1-Up win that sent him through to the Round of 16.

"It was pretty stressful," admitted Houston of the Round of 32 match. "I got off to a fairly good start in the morning. I was going along, playing pretty well. Once we made the turn, (Eddins) won a few holes and kind of started putting the pressure on me by making a lot of putts. I could kind of feel the pressure creeping in."

With Eddins clinging to the lead, Houston stepped up and made a pair of big putts to snatch victory with his back against the wall.

"It was pretty nerve-wracking playing 17, for sure," he began. "We were playing a tee (location) that I've never even played here before. It was on the back of the 15 tee box going the other way and that's a way different hole from back there where they moved it. It was a pretty intimidating tee shot but I hit a good one, even though I was pretty nervous."

"But I was thinking at worst, I need to get it up and down to halve the hole and extend (the match) to 18," he continued. "But I got lucky, ended up winning 17 and then took advantage of his mistake on 18 and ended up winning the match right there. But it was pretty sketchy there for awhile."

The late momentum carried into the match against Nowak with a spot in the quarterfinals on the line. Houston came out firing, building a 4-up lead after five holes and never letting



COURTESY

Gilford's Chris Houston is all smiles after capping a grueling week of golf with a State Amateur championship.

his foot of the gas. He parred the 15th hole to finish up a 4 and 3 win.

"I was super nervous on the last two holes of that first match, went in and sat down in the air conditioning and kind of took a breather," explained Houston of the brief 30 minute break between matches. "I came back out and was pretty relaxed to be honest. I got off to a great start and then tried to play solid. The afternoon match was a lot less stressful and I was able to relax. I kind of took that momentum I had birdieing 17 and 18 in the first match and kept that going into the afternoon match."

Houston finished in a tie for fourth place after the 36-hole stroke portion of the tournament on July 11-12. His two-round total of 143 put him 1-under par, and he easily dispatched Shattuck Golf Club's James Kinnunen, 5 and 4, in the opening round before holding off Eddins and Nowak to advance to the quarterfinals for the third time in his history at the State Am (2012, 2010). It was the eighth year in a row that Houston reached at least the Round of 32, and his father, Kurt, was on his bag, while grandfather, Everett, walked the course alongside in what was truly a family affair.

"I don't think my dad has missed a State Am, and I think this is my

eighth or ninth one, so it's pretty special," Houston explained. "Also, being at my home course (Laconia) and having so much membership support is awesome. I know pretty much everyone here, and to see them all out walking, it's been pretty cool."

Houston wrapped up his career playing golf at Division I Penn State this spring, as he graduated after four years in Happy Valley. But after redshirting due to a back injury his junior season, Houston had another year of eligibility at his disposal. Enter the University of Rhode Island, where he began a graduate degree program and will play golf for the Rams beginning this fall.

"I had a year leftover, and started thinking about what I could possibly do with that... I decided to start a graduate program and I got offered a scholarship," he explained. "It just worked out really well for me. I'm going to compete for Rhode Island for a year and then after that, just see how golf's going but I'll most likely be turning professional. It is a little bit strange shifting gears. I had a lot of school pride for Penn State so being done there is a little weird for me. It just went by so fast and I enjoyed it so much. But there's a lot of positives. I don't know what the future holds but hopefully it'll be a positive one."

SOFTBALL

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while Moultonborough Academy reached its second consecutive D-IV Final Four before falling in the semifinals to Gorham.

Players from all over the area were recognized for their achievements on the field this spring, as the New Hampshire Softball Coaches Association (NHSCA) announced its list of All-State performers recently.

There were three locals tabbed as First Team All-State in Division III, as Belmont High School junior slugger Taylor Lavallee, Winnisquam Regional High School senior standout Marissa DeBlasie, and Gilford High School senior hurler Sarah Lachapelle took home top honors after fine seasons.

Lavallee, an outfielder, shot up the Belmont batting order this season, eventually settling into the No. 3 hole and excelling in powering a potent Red Raider offense.

DeBlasie closed out her incredible softball career at Winnisquam by nearly helping the Bears to an upset win over defending state champion Campbell in the postseason. DeBlasie, the team's shortstop and No. 3 hitter, moved back into the pitching circle down the stretch to help the injury-riddled squad make a late season charge.

Lachapelle was a three-year starter in the pitching circle for Gilford. The right-hander had an outstanding season, leading the Eagles within a few plays of upsetting eventual Final Four team Mascenic.

All three schools had at least one player on the All-State Second Team, as Belmont put senior pitcher Megan



JEFF LAJOIE

Sophomore shortstop Jillian Lachapelle was tabbed as a Second Team All-State selection as a top bat in the Gilford lineup this season.

Prescott and junior first baseman Shannon Davies on the list. Prescott was a four-year starter in the pitching circle for the Raiders, while Davies was one of the team's top offensive threats and a steady defensive presence at first base. Winnisquam junior third baseman Lauren Bolstridge also earned All-State honors after another strong spring at the hot corner and middle of the order for the Bears, while Gilford's Jillian Lachapelle exploded in her sophomore season at shortstop in leading the offensive attack with several home runs and consistent power.

Pelham's Sarah Rat-

cliffe took home D-III Player of the Year honors, while Franklin's Kaylee Marsh was tabbed Pitcher of the Year. Franklin's Skip Dubois was selected as the D-III Coach of the Year after the Tornadoes finished as D-III runners-up.

In Division IV, Sunapee's Katie Frederick was the Player of the Year, while Moultonborough senior Madeline Greene took home Pitcher of the Year honors. Teammate Cydney Taylor was also a First Team All-State selection, while Sunapee's Bonnie Cruz won Coach of the Year after the Lakers won back-to-back state titles.

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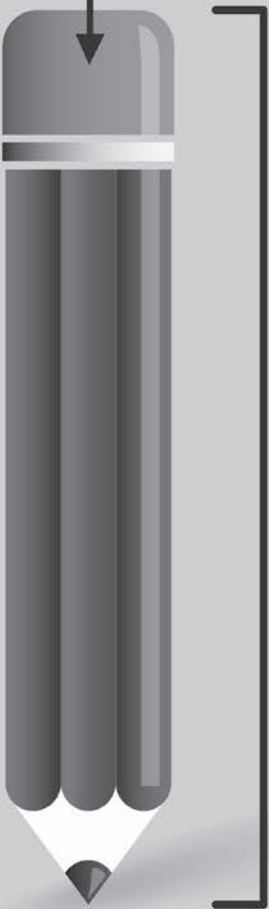


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