

Belmont town warrant moves forward to the polls

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BELMONT — Belmont's First Deliberative Session took place last weekend, and with minimal discussion over the decreased budget and other proposed articles on this year's ballot, the finalized list of warrant articles will now be forwarded for a town wide at the polls on March 13.

Selectman Ruth Mooney began Saturday's deliberative session by saying while the town has no say over county and school taxation, the board worked hard to keep municipal taxes to a minimum.

"We're proud to announce that the (pro-



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(Left) Deputy Fire Chief Michael Newhall speaks to voters at Belmont's First Deliberative Session last Saturday to explain the need for a new Quint Fire Truck, one of 33 articles that will be presented on this year's March 13 ballot.

roles it will be to everyone's advantage."

Article 18, the annual Operating Budget, discounting any special tax-based funding requests

from warrant articles, has been established at \$7,593,919. Should that article be voted down at the polls, the default budget would become last year's total of \$7,776,548.

Town Moderator Alvin Nix read through the 2018 Warrant last Saturday morning, excluding Article 1, which is the election of town officials. The first six articles concern zoning amendments.

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Local elections will see few contested races

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REGION — Last Friday was the deadline date for residents to declare their intent to run for municipal openings, and town clerks in Belmont, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton received the following requests for candidacy.

In Belmont, Ruth Mooney filed for re-election on the town's Board of Selectmen, and will be running unopposed. For the four openings on the Budget Committee this year it will be Preston "Pret" Tuthill and Mark Roberts seeking another term while newcomers Justin Borden and Robert Chapman look to fill two other openings on the committee for three-year terms. Roland

Coffin has signed on to fill one of two openings for a two-year position on the committee while the second opening will be left to write-in candidates.

For the Planning Board, Recardo "Rick" Segalini is also seeking re-election while newcomer Gary Grant threw his hat into the ring for the other vacancy on the board.

Belmont Zoning Board incumbents David Dunham and John Froumy will be running unopposed this time around.

All other openings are also unopposed. Alvin Nix is seeking another term as Town Moderator, Sharon Ciampi signed up for Cemetery Trustee, Gail Thomas for Li-

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Library director Eileen Gilbert (left) and Children's Librarian Katherine Bollenbach (right) showed some of the historic documents on display last Saturday, when Belmont Public Library celebrated their 90th anniversary of their building, which was donated to the town on Feb. 4, 1928.

Belmont Library celebrates 90 years of service to the community

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BELMONT — The Belmont Public Library reached a landmark date on Feb. 3, when they cel-

ebrated 90 years of service to the community in a building that was donated way back then by George and Walter Duffy on the condition that the

town would continue to support the library and maintain the structure.

Besides providing books, periodicals and other educational ser-

vices, the library in Belmont has a "storied" history of its own.

According to the findings of the late town historian Wallace Rhodes, the Town Report on Feb. 15, 1894 stated that the library lent out 4,949 volumes that year, a record for the time.

Milk tanker collides with plow truck on I-93

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NORTHFIELD — Commuters and travelers headed southbound on Interstate 93 last Thursday morning were delayed due to a motor vehicle accident by Exit 19 that occurred around 7:15 a.m. and involved a Department of Motor Vehicle plow truck and a commercial milk truck.

Tilton-Northfield Deputy Fire Chief Tim Joubert said that New Hampshire State Police arrived on scene to find that the high-speed lane of the interstate was completely blocked by the tanker truck that had rolled over as a result of its collision with the plow vehicle. The driver of the 18-wheeler was outside the truck and walking around when safety officials arrived but he did have some minor injuries. Franklin Fire Department was

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COURTESY
A collision on I-93 in Northfield last Friday brought a number of agencies to the scene to handle not only the accident itself but an environmental hazard as well when milk from a damaged tanker truck began to leak its product into drainage areas along the highway.

Housed on the second floor of the Johnson Block, above what was then known as the Stevens Store, the library outgrew its space within a year however, and was eventually moved by the town to the second floor of what was known as the Fire Hose House on Main Street.

That space, too, was soon outgrown by the needs of a growing community, but on Feb. 4,

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Rotary Ice Fishing Derby returns this weekend

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MEREDITH — Anglers will flock to frozen lakes across the state for the 39th annual Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby for some fun and a chance at big prizes.

The derby will take place on Saturday and Sunday, with the grand prize drawings on Sunday afternoon. Anglers can fish from any freshwater body in the state, though any potential prize fish must come to derby headquarters in Hesky Park for weighing.

Meredith Rotary president Mike Pelczar said ticket sales are up around 14 percent this year.

“One of the biggest things is we had ice and

we had it early,” Pelczar said.

He said from his experience when there is good ice by the first of the year more people make plans to come to the derby. Pelczar said he has heard from people, including those from different sport shops that ice is great, including locked in ice on the Broads. The new turbidity vents on the Meredith town docks has also improved the ice quality on Meredith Bay.

“The condition of the ice this year has been at its best that I can remember for the derby,” Pelczar said.

People are still asked to test the ice before going out on it and keep in mind ice thickness can vary from place to



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Bobhouses, anglers, and one helpful directional sign are already on Meredith Bay a week before the annual Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby.

place.

Pelczar also said it seems like the economy has been improving, bringing out more people.

This year, the ticket price was raised to \$40, and the rules and general prizes are the same.

Anglers can turn in their eligible black crappie, cusk, lake trout, pickerel, rainbow trout, yellow perch, and white perch. The heaviest fish in each category for the whole weekend will be entered into a drawing for the grand prizes.

The first prizewinner will receive a check for \$15,000, second place is worth \$5,000, and third place will receive \$3,000. The five heaviest fish for each species caught Saturday and Sunday will win cash prizes of \$500, \$200, \$150, \$100, and \$50.

Tickets will be entered into cash drawings over the weekend with drawings every hour of the event. There is also a bonus prize drawing for a trip for four to Disney World.

Pelczar said the promotions committee wanted to add more value to the prizes. One member of the club was able to put together the Disney trip as a prize.

“They felt it would be able to help those who wanted to contribute

who do not necessarily fish,” Pelczar said.

He said this will also add even more value to the ticket for anglers.

The Rotary will raffle off a bobhouse made by Northern Fabricators with tickets sold by and benefitting Inter-Lakes High School’s Interact Club.

New Hampshire Fish and Game will be holding a kids fishing clinic.

The Lakes Region Ice Racing Club will be on Meredith Bay on Saturday with a few of their cars to promote the coming ice races on Meredith Bay the following weekend. The ice races on Feb. 17 will help celebrate the town’s 250th anniversary.

For rules and more information, visit www.meredithrotary.org.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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| Monday, Feb. 12
Chess Club, 3-5 p.m.
Trustees Meeting, 5 p.m.
Open to the public
Scrabble, 6 p.m.
Adults Only | Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 13
Time for a Tune, All Day
Music at the library... pick a tune that you're longing to hear! Entertainment at the library by Alexa!
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.
Teen Time, 3 p.m. | Thursday, Feb. 15
Teen Time, 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 14
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Scrabble in the Afternoon, noon
Use your words. | Friday, Feb. 16
Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m. |
| | Saturday, Feb. 17
Let's Go Lego, 10 a.m. |
| | New Items
“The Wife Between Us” by Greer Hendricks
“The Woman in the Window” by A. J. Finn
“The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah
“Munich” by Robert Harris
“Robicheaux: A Novel” by James Lee Burke
“Grist Mill Road” by Christopher J. Yates |

SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 24 calls for service during the week ending Feb. 3. The breakdown was as follows: One Animal call, one request to assist another department, one criminal threatening report, one harassment complaint, one house check, one money relay, two requests for motorist assistance, one motor vehicle accident, seven motor vehicle warnings, one request for police information, one report of illegal dumping of rubbish, one sex offender registration, three reports of suspicious vehicles or activity, one theft, and one uncategorized call.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 112 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Jan. 26 to Feb. 2. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld.

Christopher A. Ladnay, age 32, of Meredith was arrested on Jan. 26 for Violation of a Protective Order, Default or Breach of Bail Conditions, and Stalking.

Jordan C. Stacey, age 32, of Laconia was arrested on Jan. 28 for driving a vehicle with a False Inspection or Registration Sticker.

Stacy L. Hurst, age 33, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 29 for Simple Assault.

Matthew S. Tapley, age 39, of Amherst was arrested on Jan. 29 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and a Suspended Registration (Operating-Misdemeanor).

Ashley N. Medas, age 23, of Alexandria was arrested on Jan.

30 for Conduct After an Accident.

Timiah L. Wilkins, age 20, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 31 for Resisting Arrest or Detention and in conjunction with two outstanding warrants.

Joshua Ripley, age 24, of Gilmanton was arrested on Jan. 31 for Violation of a Protective Order.

Kenneth David Malone, age 62, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 1 for Domestic Violence; Assault.

Sebastian A. Corneau, age 23, no known address, was arrested on Feb. 1 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and Disobeying An Officer.

Nathaniel William Moore, age 29, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 1 in connection with a bench warrant.

Allan Fish, age 21, of Laconia was arrested on Feb. 2 in connection with a bench warrant.

Francis D. Marden II, age 30, of Gilmanton was arrested on Feb. 2 for Driving While Intoxicated, and in connection with a warrant.

Temple B’nai Israel announces non-profit partners for 2018 “We Care” fundraising events

LACONIA — Temple B’nai Israel (TBI) proudly announces the fifth continuous year of community fundraising in which the net ticket proceeds are donated to local and deserving non-profit agencies. This year TBI welcomes back Camp Resilience and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice as the beneficiaries of two concerts to be held on May 26 and Oct. 27.

The board of TBI recently accepted the two agencies as recommended by the We Care committee. Committee Chair, Stu Needleman said, “We are thrilled to be partnering with these two agencies again and help them to continue to provide valuable and important services to our community. After having worked with Camp Resilience last year on


Memorial Day we knew this partnership was one we wanted to repeat. We are also excited to welcome back Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice as the recipient for our October event.”

Both of these 2018 We Care recipients fill crucial community needs. Camp Resilience, using the scenic beauty of the Lakes Region of New Hampshire as its backdrop and home base, provides sports, adventure activities and life skills programming for wounded warriors. The mission of Camp Resilience is to provide sustained, comprehensive programs to help wounded warriors recover their physical, mental and emotional well-being. The goals of Camp Resilience are to help veterans find meaning and purpose in life, develop strong family and community relationship skills, avoid and overcome destructive and addictive behavior, to make life count and then pass this on to others through the power of example.


Central New Hampshire Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) & Hospice offers home health care services for you where you live. People are happier, and do better, at home – they can help you stay there. Their team includes professional nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers and LNAs, who provide chronic care, treat injuries and wounds, offer post-surgical care, and more. The multi-disciplinary hospice program offers palliative care (pain relief and comfort) for those

in end-of-life stages, support for families, and bereavement services for up to 13 months after the death of a loved one. Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is the only organization in the Lakes Region that offers home health care and social work for children and families. They are a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified provider and are licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

Both 2018 entertainment events will be held in the Community Auditorium at the Inter-Lakes High School, centrally located right on Route 25 in Meredith. The members of Temple B’nai Israel are excited about the opportunity to help both of these worthwhile organizations in one of the best community venues in the Lakes Region.



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Belmont Middle School invests in Makerspace with Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund grant

BELMONT — Belmont Middle School has opened a new Makerspace designed for students, teachers and mentors to meet, create, invent and learn. This was made possible by the \$6,000 grant the school received from the Meredith Village Savings Bank fund in 2017. The Makerspace offers 3D printers, a 3D scanner, software programs, electronic kits, craft materials and sewing machines that help students keep pace with the growing need for technical knowledge.

Rick Wyman, Presi-

dent of Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB), recently visited the school's Makerspace open house in January, where students were eager to demonstrate current and completed projects while giving tours of the dedicated area.

"It's our honor and privilege to invest in the students of Belmont Middle School," said Wyman. "The Makerspace combines manufacturing equipment, community and education for the purpose of enabling the Belmont school district to design, prototype and create



(Back row, far left and right) Karen Gingrich, teacher, and Rick Wyman, MVSB President with student participants at Belmont Middle School Makerspace Open House.

manufactured works that wouldn't otherwise be possible. This ensures everyone has equal ac-

cess to design, engineering, fabrication and education."

The Belmont Middle School Makerspace is managed by middle school teachers, Karen Gingrich and Joe Wernig.

"We're incredibly grateful to MVSB for investing in our Makerspace," said Gingrich. "We're now better able to provide engaging activities and materials that excite our students. The Makerspace gives them the opportunity to extend their education by making it personal."

"Students are able to work on projects that interest them," added Wernig. "They participate in 'how-to' sessions, then spend their scheduled time working on independent projects. Thanks to the generous support of MVSB, we're able to offer materials that speak to all types of preferences from engineering to innovation to art."

The Makerspace is located in a dedicated area within the school's STEM room, where students have access during scheduled in-school and after-school sessions. Students also took part in painting the room, investing their time in creating a workspace that suits them best.

"It's really wonderful to see the spark of curiosity get ignited in these students. We're better able to encourage hands-on learning, which was made possible by MVSB's belief in our mission and our students," said Wernig.

Belmont Middle School is part of the Shaker Regional School District, serving Belmont and Canterbury. The mission of Belmont Middle School is to develop the creative adolescent mind by awakening the life-long pursuit

of self-discipline, tolerance, creativity, responsibility, curiosity and a clear sense of local and global citizenship. To learn more about Belmont Middle School, visit bms.sau80.org.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund was established in 1997 under the leadership of John Starrett, then President and CEO of the Bank. Since then, 351 grants totaling \$1,410,867 have been awarded to a wide range of environmental, social, educational and historic projects throughout the Greater Lakes Region, Plymouth and New Hampshire Seacoast areas. Over the years, the Fund has supported literacy programs, after-school programs, environmental monitoring and education, restoration of historic structures, organizations that provide support for individuals and families in challenging circumstances and equipment that helps save lives. The deadline for consideration for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. Applications are available on the Bank's Web site and at all MVSB offices.

For nearly 150 years, MVSB has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central New Hampshire. MVSB and its employees are guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Hampton Falls, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

Belmont High School honor roll

BELMONT — Belmont High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors- Madeline Basha, Kaleb Brown, Alexis Day, Destiny Decato, Connor Jackson, Amber Lemay, Brianna Lucier, River Mathieu, Katelynn Mortrud, Wyatt Paquin, Thomas Pare, Harrison Parent, Catherine Phillips, Nicholas Randos, Katherine Seiberth, Sydney Shepherd, Rachael Violette
Honors- Bryanna Berry, Jacob Blackey, Abigail Camire, Riley Carbone, Jessica Dion, Emily Drouin, Emily Elliott-Lucas, Vincent Fleck, Taylor Harrison, Jeffrey Hutchins, Jessica Hutchinson, Umut Karadaban, H La Vallee, Jordyn Lavallee, Kyle Minery, Matthew Pluskis, Emeli Reed, Ellis Roundy, Josephine Scarponi, Grace Shaw, Bryan Slater, Chloe Sottak, Brianna White, Noah Witham, Meagan Wong
Achievement Roll-

Keagan Berry, Jacob Bowser, Dunia Bracke-niers, Maeve Burwell, Kacey Didonato, Hunter Dupuis, Willow Farley, Marc Forgione Jr., Connor Gagne, Nathan Hardy, Matthieu Laplante, Taylor Murray, Robert Skaff, Adam Sojka, Brian Trottier, Emily Vachon

Grade 11
High Honors- Zachery Duclos, Zachary Ennis, Nolan Gagnon, Kelly Hayes, Christopher Moore, Jr., Makayla Palmer, Alice Riley, Skylar Ruelke, Megan Sinclair, Bailey White, Katherine Wieck
Honors- Jordan Al-lard, Gulmaro Arellano Jr., Kaela Asselin, Col-bey Brown, Kyra Bryant, Kaitlynn Delisle, Jacob Deware, Connor Du-puis, Griffin Embree, Julianna Estremera, Morgan Ferguson, Elizabeth Fleming, Graham Freer, Austin Garrett, Elise Hall, Maria Han-son, Tatum Hartford, Arianna Janosz, Kristo-pher Riley, Aidan Rupp, Robert Tonkin, Karley Towne, Jade Young
Achievement Roll-Mi-ah Bailey, Caleb Burke,

Hunter Chapman, Evan Cochran, Hunter Da-vies, Samantha Decato, Jazmine Faller, Jennifer Joyce, Brendan Kelley, Alexandre Laplante, Mi-chael Marrone, Kathryn McClure, Zackery Poire, Autumn Porter, Hunter Shuten, Matthew Thurb-er

Grade 10
High Honors- Rebec-ca Camire, Kaitryn Gag-non, Dylan Greer, Brook Hillsgrove, Paige Irving, Adam Krasnecki, Han-nah Leclair, Lawrence Major III, Faith Martin, Alexa Rolfe, Seth Rupp, Sana Syed, Cody York
Honors- Claire An-drus, Kaitlyn Blais, Skylar Brown, James Bushey, Jia Chiu, Ra-chel Griffiths, Hailey Hood, Edwin Mann, Lu-cas Mathieu, Haley Mc-Glynn, Hayden Parent, BricePethic, Bryhannah Pinard, Isabella Roundy, Nathan Shirley, Haley Treamer, Nancy Wel-come, Raine Wilkins
Achievement Roll- Annie Baker, Taylor Bishop, Jackson Coz-zens-Forgione, Teagan Fielders, Samantha Jel-ley, Aimee Marden-Du-puis, Kendra McCarter,

Mercede McIntyre, Si-erra McIntyre, Nicholas Miles, Alyssa Morse, Jonathan New, Caleb Paquette, Ronald Pesa, Joseph Spinale, Ramsay Stroud

Grade 9
High Honors- Chloe Jackson, Stella La Val-lee, Connor Moore, Mi-kaylah Stewart
Honors- Kelley Allen, Oliva Bowser, Spencer Clements, Emma Co-chran, Aurora Couto, Gabrielle Day, Micah Edgren, Rebecca Flem-ing, Bryce Hall, Morgan Hall, Alyzabeth Havon-glasan, Eamon Kelley, Madison Lima, Rashaun Magdich, Isabella Mc-Donald, Benjamin Pare, Kaitlyn Percy, Molly Sottak, Nathan Sottak, Kara Stephens
Achievement Roll- Vincenzo Cacciatore, Gillian Copson, Kaylee Cormier, Teigan Didona-to, Darren Dutton, Am-ber Faller, Raven Gates, Ashton Kelly, Oliver Mahoney, Aleeya Mete-vier, Maelynn Provost, Jackson Ruelke, Morgan Rule, Nicholas Sher-burne, Kelsey Trudeau, Kyle Whitcomb

Local student earns distinction at Wichita State University

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita State Univer-sity has announced the names of more than 2,900 students who were on the WSU dean's hon-or roll for fall 2017, in-cluding Ryan R. Pluskis of Belmont.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a stu-dent must be enrolled

full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

WSU enrolls about 15,000 students and of-fers more than 60 un-dergraduate degree pro-grams in more than 150 areas of study in six un-dergraduate colleges.

The Graduate School

offers an extensive pro-gram including 42 mas-ter's degrees that offer study in more than 100 areas; a specialist in education degree; and doctoral degrees in applied mathematics; chemistry; communi-cation sciences and dis-orders; human factors and community/clinical psychology; educa-tional administration; physical therapy; and aerospace, electrical, industrial and mechan-ical engineering.

The mission of Wich-ita State University is to be an essential educa-tional, cultural and eco-nomic driver for Kansas and the greater public good. Wichita State is a doctoral research uni-versity enrolling near-ly 15,000 students and

offering 59 undergrad-uate degree programs in more than 150 areas of study in seven un-dergraduate colleges. The Graduate School offers 45 master's and 12 doc-toral degrees that offer study in more than 100 areas. Wichita State's Innovation Campus is an interconnected com-munity of partnership buildings, laboratories and mixed-use areas where students, facul-ty, staff, entrepreneurs and businesses have access to the universi-ty's vast resources and technology. For more information, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/wichitastate and Facebook at www.facebook.com/wichita.state.

Sanbornton resident named to Dean's List at University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wisc. —The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2017-2018 academic year, including Logan Tydrzyszewski of Sanbornton.

Students who achieve at a high level academi-cally are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eli-gible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that se-

mester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eli-gible to receive the distinc-tion. Most call the honor "dean's list", but some grant the "Dean's Honor List" and "Dean's High Honor List."

To view an online listing, visit http://reg-istrar.wisc.edu/deans_list.htm. For questions or concerns about eli-gibility, please contact deanslist-registrar@em.wisc.edu

Student earns diploma at Geneva College

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. — Geneva College an-nounced the awarding of diplomas to students at its December 2017 com-mencement exercises.

Brian Chapman from Belmont received a Bachelor of Science de-gree in Psychology from Geneva College.

Geneva College is a Christ-centered aca-demic community that provides a comprehen-sive education to equip students for faithful and fruitful service to God and neighbor. Offering over 80 traditional un-dergraduate majors and programs, Adult Degree

Programs with fully on-line and classroom op-tions, and high-demand graduate degrees, Gene-va's programs are recog-nized for their high qual-ity. U.S. News & World Report ranks Geneva as a Top Three Best Val-ue Regional University with one of the Top 100 engineering programs in the nation. Adhering to the truth of Scripture, a Geneva education is grounded in God's Word as well as in a core cur-riculum designed to pre-pare students vocation-ally to think, write and communicate well in to-day's world.



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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Giving the Devil his due

BY LARRY SCOTT

Jamie, a 30-year-old factory worker, and the ex-husband of a group of women challenging his request to be granted parental custody of his children, was in deep trouble. The problem was a tattoo, an upside-down cross on his arm which formed the letter “t” in the word Satan. He was, he said, a member of the Church of Satan.

A satanic priest, called as an expert witness, “said that their religion doesn’t believe in a real, personal devil or in any god or supernatural power. Satanism, instead, worships the ego, the power of self. That’s what the upside-down cross is about, the turning on its head of the Christian values of humility, meekness, and servitude. Satanism isn’t really devil worship, he said, since Satan is just a symbol for ‘pride, liberty and individualism’” (Russel Moore, “Tempted and Tried,” p. 129).

I, obviously, disagree, for the Bible supports the view of a living, active, being, variously called Lucifer, the devil, and Satan. The Apostle Peter called him, “your enemy the devil [who] prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” Working quietly behind the scenes, happy to go unrecognized and ignored, there is a personal force at work in society dedicated to destroy everything God and the Christian faith stands for.


And let’s give the devil his due. The devil and the life-style he offers – the worship of “pride, liberty and individualism” accurately reflects what the Bible defines as sin: self-centeredness and absolute freedom to live as we please. No God, no objective standard of morality, no limits to my drives and desires. Within the context of common sense, what is legal, and what I can do without hurting others and my family, I’m going to do it my way!

And what, you may ask, is wrong with that? Many non-Christians live a life-style that is outstanding, respectable, self-disciplined and worthy of respect. They may be irreligious, God may never enter their thoughts, but they have it all-together. As one man told me, “I don’t need God.”

I hear you, but are you sure? There is one factor never covered by such a lifestyle: life after death. To ignore the fact of death, coming to each of us whether we are prepared for it or not, is to me the height of irresponsibility. It may be convenient to live from day to day, taking things as they come, and ignore the reality of eternal life, but that doesn’t make it prudent or right. We are eternal beings, like it or not, and our eternal destiny is at stake.

The Bible makes it quite clear: eternal life is a fact for each of us. The only question is, how are we going to spend it? If we walk with God here, we are going to spend eternity with him, and that the Bible calls heaven; if we live without God here, we are going to enter eternity without God, and that the Bible calls hell.

Perhaps you can now understand why I am so passionate to share my faith. My walk with God has never limited my “pride, liberty or individualism,” it has simply placed my drives and ambitions under the leadership of a loving heavenly Father. And I can tell you from experience: God is good!



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PET OF THE WEEK

TREVOR

Trevor is only just one year old and already has quite the story to tell.

Originating in South Carolina, Trevor is acclimating to our New England winter with not a bother at all.

He’s got those big ears that make him look like he wants to take flight, but really are all the better to hear you with when you call his name and spend quality time with him.

We adopted him out but his new doting owner realized after three months, that work time and “Trevor Time” were not compatible.

Young Trevor has been enjoying canine enrichment and rehabilitation here at New

Hampshire Humane Society. He is anxious and really doesn’t want to be alone. Although barely out of puppyhood, he would blossom in some confidence building/socialization classes with other dogs where he can make canine friends appropriately. We offer such classes at NHHS.

Of course anyone would be smitten with his unusually marked coat, but look past that and see in those big brown eyes a dog that needs love and companionship, structured play and exercise in a home that will keep him engaged. Are you that someone?

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North Country Notebook

For those who fought so hard, for so long, one word seems almost enough: “Huzzah!”



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Nearly eight years ago, when I first heard about Northern Pass, it didn’t seem so bad. Like many people, I had a lot on my plate, and barely listened.

So I heard what Hydro Quebec and Public Service wanted us to hear—that the project would bring surplus power to New Hampshire and New England and would use “mostly existing rights of way.” There just happened to be a little qualifier in there that I and a lot of other people missed: “mostly.”

Not Pittsburg’s John Amey. He’s a farmer, and farmers don’t miss much, because they can’t afford to and have to be smarter than most. He and neighbors quickly learned that the line would carve 40 miles of totally new right of way down through some of northern New Hampshire’s most beautiful

landscape.

Soon the phone lines buzzed, and people met in kitchens and town offices, and a network was formed. And soon that network merged with others, and so on, far too slowly at first, but eventually awareness spread down the 192-mile length of the corridor and beyond.

And people began to fight this international power and money scheme, not because it was going through or even near their back yard—in a great many cases, it wasn’t— but because it was just plain wrong. This time the NIMBY factor, such an easy one to mock, didn’t fit.

This past Thursday, Feb. 1, which just happened to be Groundhog Day, John Amey and the tens of thousands of kindred souls who had joined in the fight against this monstrous proposal had their day, when the state body charged with deciding on Northern Pass voted it down—first by a 5-2 straw vote, and then by a solid 7-0.

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Five days before last Thursday’s vote—when none of us, I think, could ever have dreamed of such a quick turn of events—I happened to be talking with John about what



JOHN HARRIGAN
Site Evaluation Committee members this summer, viewing the proposed Northern Pass route down North Hill Road into Creampoke.

might be coming down the pike. Like a lot of people who’ve been in the trenches against Northern Pass for so long and have grown sick and tired of hearing that it was “a done deal,” we were talking about the worst—a vote to approve.

I said that if that happened, time would still be on our side. If work began in the south and moved north, as planned, from Franklin to Allenstown, with the widened right of way and gigantic new towers and all, and then north to rip up through Plymouth’s downtown and on up crisscrossing the beautiful Pemigewasset Valley, and then ripping up through Easton and Sugar Hill and Franconia and on to Stark...

Well, we were lucky they’d be saving the North Country’s 40 miles of new right away for last. “By the time they’re through wrecking the lower two-thirds of the state,” I (sort of) joked with John, “people will be so mad they’ll be marching on Concord with torches and pitchforks, and we’ll be spared.”

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Aside from the Interstate highway system, Northern Pass was the

biggest construction project ever proposed for New Hampshire. Whether below ground or above, it meant a huge new scar equal from Concord to Portsmouth, straight down through God’s Country, and then a massive right of way rotor-rooting almost to the State House steps. It proffered short-term jobs and depreciating tax gains in trade for the legacy of a landscape.

There is so much money, and so much momentum, and so much planning, and so much skullduggery behind Northern Pass that it isn’t just going to go away because of Groundhog Day, or the drop of a hat. An appeal is almost certain. It may well wind up in court.

But I know this:

It is we now who have the Big Mo—the “we” who came out of nowhere seven, eight years ago to the blow of a bugle from some unknown ridge, the people of all age and background and political stripe, who fought Northern Pass because it would treat our state—trash our state—as nothing more than an extension cord.

The lawyers can appeal till the cows come home. The more time goes on, the more people will see through SEE **NOTEBOOK**, PAGE A13

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Celebrate Valentine’s Day with “Love Affair” on LRPA

LACONIA— Celebrate Valentine’s Day early! Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 PM this Friday and Saturday night (Feb. 9 & 10) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1939’s romantic melodrama “Love Affair,” starring Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer.

In “Love Affair,” two strangers — French playboy Michel Marnet (Boyer) and American singer Terry McKay (Dunne) — meet aboard a cross-Atlantic ocean liner and fall in love, despite the fact that each are engaged to marry someone else. They agree to meet six months later at the top of the Empire State Building. Fate, however, intervenes, and their plan takes a different turn.

If this plot sounds familiar, it should be, as “Love Affair” has been remade twice; in 1957 as “An Affair to Remember” with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, and again in 1994 as “Love Affair” starring Warren Beatty and Annette Bening. “Love Affair” was a very popular movie in its time, and received six Academy Award nominations, including Best Actress, Supporting Actress (a haunting Maria Ouspenskaya), Art Direction, Screenplay, Song and Picture. The New York Times described “Love Affair” as “... an extraordinarily fine film ... a glowing and memorable picture.” “Love Affair” is bona fide classic! So grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this crime drama from the past.

You can’t find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our Web site (www.lrpa.org) where you can catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)
Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via Live Stream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA’s mission is to empower our community members to produce content that:

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

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Pitman’s welcomes a pair of icons this weekend

LACONIA — Pitman’s Freight Room is pleased to announce the following events for this weekend.

Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., 8pm, \$25: Duke Robilliard

Duke Robilliard is an American blues and jazz icon. In 1967, he and Al Copley founded the band Roomful of Blues.

He spent over ten years with Roomful of Blues before becoming the guitarist for singer Robert Gordon and then a member of the Legendary Blues Band. He started the Duke Robillard Band in 1981, eventually adopting the name Duke Robillard and the Pleasure Kings, with whom he toured throughout the 1980s and recorded for Rounder Records. He became a member of the Fabulous Thunderbirds in 1990 to replace Jimmie Vaughan.

Although he was a member of bands, Robillard simultaneously pursued a solo career in which he toured and recorded solo albums in other genres, such as jazz and blues. He formed a duo with jazz guitarist Herb Ellis and the swing trio New Guitar Summit with Gerry Beaudoin and Jay Geils. He explored jump blues in “A Swingin Session with Duke Robillard,” returned to his rhythm and blues roots in “Stomp! The Blues Tonight,” and covered blues songs from the 1940s and ‘50s in “Low Down and Tore Up.” Briefly in 2013, he was the guitarist for Bob Dylan’s tour. www.pitmansfreightroom.com

Doors open at 7 p.m., and we are a BYO Venue! For reservations, call 527-0043.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., \$25 in advance via Web site or reservation, \$30 at the door: Lenny Clarke Comedy

Lenny Clarke is famous for his thick Boston accent and role as Uncle Teddy on the series Rescue Me. Clarke was born in Cambridge, Mass. He was the most famous “saloon comic” in Boston during the 1980s, the heyday of the Boston comedy scene. The DVD release “When Standup Stood Out” details Clarke’s early career and affiliations with other famous Boston comics, such as Steven Wright and Denis Leary, his good friends. In 1980, Clarke wrote and starred in a local television show Lenny Clarke’s Late Show featuring Wright and Leary, in collaboration with Boston comedy writer Martin Olson. Clarke and Olson were roommates, and their apartment, known by comedians as “The Baracks,” was a notorious “crash pad” for comics visiting Boston, and the subject of a documentary film as Clarke and Leary explain in When Standup Stood Out. www.pitmansfreightroom.com

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American folk duo Atwater-Donnelly present a family Valentine’s concert

LACONIA — Celebrate Valentine’s Day with a wonderful evening out at a family concert at the Belknap Mill on Feb. 14. People of all ages are invited to join the traditional American folk duo Atwater-Donnelly for a lively, humorous and participatory concert focused on the beauty, humor and perils of love.

Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly bring decades of experience traveling the United States, Canada and the British Isles as performers and educators. They will share traditional American folk music (and dance!) with audiences across the region during a regional residency Feb. 12-14, presented by the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire. During the Valentine’s concert, the couple will draw from their extensive repertoire of traditional American and Celtic folk songs as well as original songs and poetry.

“This wonderful husband-wife duo is known around the country for their excellence as musicians, their deep knowledge of our country’s traditional music, and the amazing way they relate the stories of those songs to audiences of all ages,” says Arts Alliance Director Frumie Selchen. “We’re really excited about having them here!”

Based in Rhode Island, the couple has traveled extensively since 1988, performing and searching for songs and stories. Their work blends gorgeous vocals, guitar, dulcimer, mandolin, whistle, harmonica, banjo, bones, limberjacks and other surprises, including Appalachian clogging, square dance and French Canadian footwork, and their stories connect the songs and capture the audience. They have 13 recordings and seven books to their credit.

“Atwater~Donnelly are marvelous musicians. Their voices blend beautifully, their instrumental work is sparkling, and they are captivating performers. I could listen to them for hours,” writes Frank Dudgeon, WUMB, Boston, Mass.

The Valentine’s Day concert begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$18 for couples, \$20 for families. Purchase concert tickets in advance at www.aannh.org and save \$2. Everyone is welcome; if the price is a hardship, concert-goers are invited to pay what they can or come as a guest of the Arts Alliance.

Atwater-Donnelly’s residency, which includes programs for schools, preschools, seniors and educators, is supported in part by the New England States Touring Program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program and the six New England state arts agencies, including the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Anyone who has questions or access needs or concerns can call 323-7302 or email programs@aannh.org. Atwater-Donnelly will return this spring for a hands-on workshop and music jam – contact the Arts Alliance to be put on the mailing list.



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In accordance with RSA 198:20-b, notice is hereby given, that the Winnisquam Regional School Board will hold a public hearing on February 19, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Winnisquam Regional Middle School in the Media Center to hear public testimony in regards to:

1. Accepting a \$15,000 grant from the Meadowbrook Charitable Foundation for the purchase of a baby grand piano including delivery, set up, tuning and housing.

2. Accepting \$70,000 federal grant funds for WRMS and Southwick School Continuing Priority & Focus Title 1a.

3. Accepting \$100,904 federal grant funds for District STEM WRHS robotics.

4. Accepting \$2,250 federal grant funds for WRMS robotics education.

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Wilma Charlotte Westcott, 87

LACONIA — Wilma Charlotte (Henderson) Westcott, 87, passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2018, at the Golden View Health Care Center surrounded by her beloved family, after a brave battle against Alzheimer’s disease.

Wilma, or “Grammie” as she was known to most, was born in South Acworth on Aug. 8, 1930, to Thomas and Annie (DeMond) Henderson, the youngest of three girls. She was raised on the family farm in South Acworth until the age of 14 before moving to Bellows Falls, Vt. After graduating in 1948 from Bellows Falls High School, she went on to New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1951. She started her nursing career in Pittsfield, Mass., moving to Keene, NH in 1956, then to Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia in 1959. Wilma finished her nursing career as a school nurse for the Laconia School System. She was a 20 plus year volunteer nurse for the American Red Cross blood drives. Af-



ter retirement, she and Erving spent winters in Winter Haven, Fla. from 1992 until 2013.

She married her high school sweetheart, Erving Westcott, on Nov. 11, 1951, and together they raised four children. Her home always greeted you with warm chocolate chip cookies, a warm hug, a smile, and great conversation.

Wilma is survived by her husband, Erving, of Laconia; daughter Barbara and her husband, William Crawford of Laconia; sons David of Hallandale Beach, Fla., Kevin and his wife Mary of Swanzey, and Jeffrey of Newmarket. She was the proud Grammie to Lyndsay, Kate and her fiancé Kris, Megan and her husband Craig, Shari, Michael, Erin, and Caitlin, and a devot-

ed great-grandmother, “GG,” to Connor, Carly, and Bradyn. She also is survived by her sister, Mabel, and her husband, Charles Lock-erby, of Springfield, Vt.

She was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Goldman of East Bridge-water, Mass., in 2008.

A celebration of her life will be held on Feb. 24, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Beane Conference Center, 35 Blueberry Lane in Laconia. A pri-vate burial will be held at the Walpole Ceme-tery in Walpole at a lat-er date.

Wilma’s family is very appreciative for the excellent care and comfort she received from the staff while staying at Golden View Health Care Center.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of one’s choice in Wilma’s name.

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

Bette Lee Elliott, 70

FRANKLIN — Bette Lee Elliott, 70, of Frank-lin, died on Feb. 1, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer.

Bette was born in La-conia on Aug. 8, 1947 to Gordon and Margaret (England) Elliott.

Bette attended Frank-lin schools. She made the Franklin area her home. She worked for 14 years at the former Insulfab in Franklin as head inspec-tor. Bette later worked at Hannaford in Frank-lin and recently retired as a clerk at Rite Aid In Franklin.

Bette thoroughly en-joyed her computer and connections with family and friends on Facebook.

She loved the ocean, Elvis, and her Bet-ty-Boop collection.

Bette and Harlie were a team who enjoyed motorcycles, fishing, gardening and visiting with family and friends. She cherished the mem-ories of time spent with her nieces and nephews; Fun Spot being the go to place of adventure. Bet-te was always there as a wonderful babysitter.

She loved animals and had a soft spot for stray kittens.

Her involvement for over 20 years with the Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen was most im-portant to her. Whether it was to give a hand to



someone who needed a place to stay or perhaps a little extra support for food or gas for their car... that was Bette.

In addition to her fa-ther, who died in 1991, and mother, who died in 2012, she was prede-ceased by her nephew Jason, who died in 1987, and step father, Earl Durgin who died in 2007.

She lost her best pet friend and longtime companion, Sammy, her adopted Shih Tzu.

She is survived by her husband, Harlie Ball, of nine years; brothers and sisters-in-law Michael Elliott (and Frankie) of South Carolina, Bruce (and Linda) Elliott of Franklin, Gary (and Judy) Elliott of Salis-bury; nieces and neph-ews John (and Cheri) Jill, Jennifer, Peter, Seth, Patrick (and Sa-mantha), Brittany (and Travis), Tristram, Sophi, Beckett, Hunter, Travis, Jr. and Madysen; sever-

al cousins, extended rel-atives from the Elliott, England and Dubois families, family of Earl Durgin and her special friend Liz Greene. She is also survived by Harlie’s sister, Clara Gregory of Whitefield, and his three daughters, Nancy Cahill of Franklin, Jodi (and Greg) Barnes and Debra DeLucca of Florida, and Nancy (and Mike) Ple-banski of Georgia; and the extended Ball family.

She was a devoted wife, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. Bette had a big heart and was a car-ing and generous person, always willing to help those in need. She will be deeply missed by all those who had the privi-lege of being part of her life.

Per Bette’s wishes, there will be no calling hours. There will be a graveside service at Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin in the spring for family and friends.

Assisting her family is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home of Tilton.

Memorial contribu-tions in Bette’s name may be made to the Franklin Animal Shel-ter, P.O. Box 265, Frank-lin, NH 03235-0265

For more informa-tion, go to www.smartfu-neralhome.com.

Denise Carmen Leclair, 58

GILMANTON — De-nise Carmen Leclair, 58, of 16 Malecite Lane, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018 in her home sur-rounded by her family after a brief illness.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1959 in Lowell, Mass., the daughter of the late Gus and Claire (Vigneault) Courcy. De-nise was a graduate of Lowell High School, and worked for twenty-eight years as an assembler for Milpower Source in Belmont. She loved to cook and bake. Denise also enjoyed her annual trips to Foxwoods Re-sort Casino.

She is survived by her husband, Donald C.



Leclair of Gilmanton; one son, Ross Leclair of Belmont; one daughter, Amy Leclair of Con-cord; one granddaugh-ter, Olivia Toni Leclair; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at

the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Fu-neral Home, 164 Pleas-ant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House en-trance.

A funeral service immediately followed the calling hours at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home.

Burial will be pri-vate.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cre-mation 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.

Christine Marie Drever, 25

GILFORD — Chris-tine Marie Drever, 25, of Gilford, passed away on Jan. 27, 2018.

Chrissy was born April 2, 1992 in Naples, Fla., the shining star and beloved daughter of Christopher and Jacque-line Drever.

While her time on this earth was short, Chrissy touched the hearts of all who knew her. She had an amazing spirit and an enormous heart and a gentle soul. She was an aspiring artist with creative talent. Chrissy had an amazing ability to make any room a hap-pier place just by simply being present. She will continue to live on in the hearts of those she loved.

Like many before her, Chrissy struggled with the disease of addiction. Throughout her jour-ney in recovery Chrissy became an inspiration and a rock to many who came to know her. She will be missed.

Chrissy departs this earth into the waiting arms of her loving Aunt, Janet Orlando.

She is survived by



her parents, Jacqueline (Orlando) and Christo-pher Drever, of Gilford; her Loving brother and sister, Thomas Drever of Manchester and Amy Drever of Ft. Lauder-dale, Fla.; her maternal grandparents, Mary Jac-queline and Thomas Or-lando, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; her paternal grand-parents, Cecilia and Frank Drever of Troy, N.Y.; loving uncles and aunts Michael and Clare Drever, Paula VanMe-ter, Amy and Jovi Alta-donna, Michael Orlando; her loving cousins Aden, Trey, Alice, David, Jes-sica, Sean, Kimberly Zoarn and Leah; many great aunts and uncles and numerous second and third cousins; and

an extended family of friends. Love will see us through.

Her family received friends from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Fu-neral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH using the Carriage House en-trance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday Feb-ruary 5, 2018 at the St. Andre Bessette Parish-Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia.

Burial will be private.

Memorial Contribu-tions can be made in Christine’s Name direct-ly to Navigating Recov-ery of the Lakes Region, 635 Main St., Suite 303, Laconia, NH 03246.

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

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Mavis Ellen (Knox) Rutherford, 90

TILTON — Mavis E. Rutherford, 90, a longtime resident of Tilton, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 at the Belknap County Nursing Home in Laconia following a decline in health.

Mavis was born in Worcester, Mass., July 2, 1927, daughter of Darcy C. and Myrtle (Vouden) Knox. She spent her youth in Center Ossipee and schooled there. Mavis was a graduate of the Ossipee High School, class of 1945. She continued her education at Plymouth Teachers College in Plymouth and received her teaching degree in 1951. She was a longtime teacher at the elementary school in Franklin. She later tutored at the Union Sanborn School in Northfield. She enjoyed current events and wrote often for the former Journal Transcript in Franklin.

Mavis was an accomplished photographer, and she and her late husband traveled the New England Countryside and shores, taking wonderful shots of wildlife and untouched scenes. Mavis would



sit at her computer, producing wonderful greeting cards for family and friends. She had the gift to gab and always seemed to remember names of students from the past. She was a former active member of the United Methodist Women's Club in Tilton and was a member and supervisor of Tilton's Voter Check List. Mavis was the first woman to receive the Citizen of the Year Award in Tilton. She and her husband enjoyed the times spent with friends in camping groups, often enjoying the New England Seacoast and Lighthouses. They moved to Franklin in 1951, and later to Tilton in 1958. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Franklin at

the time of her death.

Mavis was predeceased by her husband, Lester "Les" John Rutherford of 66 years in 2015.

She leaves her daughter, Mari Ellen Douton and her husband Mark of New London, Conn.; her son, Michael D. Rutherford, and his companion, Barbara Greenwell of Plymouth; grandchildren Michael Douton and his wife, Denise of Warwick, R.I. and Sara (Douton) O'Byme of Portland, Ore.; great-grandsons Oliver Douton and Jack Douton; numerous nieces and nephews.

A calling hour will be held Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home, Franklin-Tilton Road (585 West Main St.) in Tilton, with a service following at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Home. Spring burial will be at Grant Hill Cemetery in Center Ossipee. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in her name to the charity of one's choice.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

Darlene L. Bouwens, 66

BELMONT — Darlene L. Bouwens, 66, of Shaker Road, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 at Concord Hospital.

Darlene was born Sept. 21, 1951 in Laconia, the daughter of Donald Willis Hyslop and Rachael Anna Straw Hyslop. She held numerous jobs including many years at NH Ball Bearing and also working with the developmentally disabled for the state of New Hampshire.

Darlene was very involved with the American Baptist Disaster Relief working at natural disaster areas in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Louisiana. She very much enjoyed gambling and taking trips to Las Vegas. Above all Darlene was a devoted moth-

er and grandmother and lived life on her own terms.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Bouwens; four sons (Mike Clinton of Sabattus, Maine, Gary Clinton of Belmont, Benjamin Bouwens of Northfield, and Ken Bouwens of New Hampton) and stepson Bryce Bouwens of Fayetteville, N.C.; four grandchildren (Kaylee Bouwens, Elliot Rose Bouwens, Caitlyn Bouwens, and Kamryn Bouwens); brothers Donald, Frank, John, Glen, Gerry, Douglas, and Jim; sisters Frances Stockwell, Carlene Roberts, Dianne Hardwick, Nancy Basler, Sally Dyer, and Rachel Divers; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Darlene was predeceased by a brother, Bill, and a son, Harleigh Bouwens.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service and burial will be held in the spring.

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

Randall Small, 41

FRANKLIN — Randall "Randy" "Smallz" Small, 41, of Laconia and Franklin, passed away on December 27, 2017 due to complications from diabetes.

Randy was born in Lebanon on Aug. 29, 1976, to Jean (Dunham) and Arnold Small, Sr., and spent most of his life in Franklin, where he attended area schools. He then went to school in Vermont, becoming a certified welder. He was employed at Bodycote in Laconia.

In his free time, Randy enjoyed listening to music, comedy shows, animals, and photog-



raphy. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Randy leaves behind his mother, Jean Small of Franklin; his sister, Cindy Houston-Bleggi, and her husband Gary of Tilton; his children Tresean, Corbin, Alexander, and Abigail, all of

Franklin; and his niece, Samantha Houston of Tilton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Small, Sr.

Cremation services were handled by Thibeault Neun Funeral Home of Franklin, and the family wishes to thank Mr. Ray Neun for all of his assistance.

A memorial service will be held later in the spring.

Donations may be made to Granite State Animal League/Franklin Animal Shelter, PO Box 265, Franklin, NH 03235.

Belknap County Republicans welcome Congressional candidate Eddie Edwards

L A C O N I A — The Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) has announced that their next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Shang Hai Restaurant, 331 Main St., Laconia. Please note the meeting date was changed to Feb. 13 so as not to conflict with Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

This month's guest speaker will be Eddie Edwards, candidate for Congress in the 1st District. Edwards will

discuss his reasons for deciding to run for Congress, and share details about his background and qualifications.

Beside hearing from Edwards, the Committee will hear from Les Cartier, the candidate in the upcoming Feb. 27 House of Representatives Special Election to fill the remainder of the term of Rep. Don Flanders who passed away last September.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Indepen-

dents. Per their usual meeting format, if you're interested in having dinner (at your option) and/or wish to socialize before the meeting, plan to arrive as early as 5 p.m.

The Committee again encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries.

For more information, please check the Committee's Web site at www.BelknapCountyGOP.org or send an email to alan.glassman@gmail.com.

Tilton School hosts Winnisquam Regional School District's Second Annual Winter Community Night

TILTON — On Thursday, Feb. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m., Tilton School will host Winnisquam Regional School District's 2nd Annual Winter Community Night on the Tilton School campus.

The event will include games, inflatables, food, and drink in the Memorial Athletic and Recreation Center (MARC), the-

atre games with One Light Theatre Company in Hamilton Hall, open skate in the MacMorran Field House and Hockey Rink, a bonfire, and a chance to connect with local businesses and your neighbors.

This event is free and open to Tilton School and Winnisquam Regional School District families.

About Tilton School

Tilton School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school serving 250 students in grades nine through 12 and post-graduate from 20 states and 17 countries. For more information, visit tiltontschool.org or contact Alexandra Molloy, Director of Communications at 286-1741 or amolloy@tiltontschool.org.

Dakota Banks achieves Dean's Honor List

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — Dakota Banks of Northfield was named to Cedarville University's Dean's Honor List for Fall 2017. This recognition requires a 3.75 GPA or above for the semester, and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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sity, located between Dayton and Columbus, Ohio is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

The Winnisquam Regional School District Budget Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed school budget for 2018-2019 on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Winnisquam Regional Middle School Cafeteria starting at 7:00 PM. The snow day will be Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm. This hearing is an opportunity for the Budget Committee to explain the proposed budget and gather input and recommendations from the public prior to the Budget Committee's final adoption of the budget. After the Budget Committee adopts the budget, it will be presented at the annual school district meeting to be held on March 24, 2018, starting at 9:00 AM in the Winnisquam Regional High School Gymnasium. In its continuing efforts to provide the best possible education for students of the District, the Budget Committee and the School Board are urging citizens of the Towns of Northfield, Sanbornton, and Tilton to attend this public hearing.

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AutoServ named a 2018 Consumer Satisfaction award winner

AutoServ is among the top auto dealers in the U.S that demonstrate excellent customer service

TILTON — AutoServ of Tilton has been awarded a 2018 DealerRater Consumer Satisfaction Award, an annual recognition given to auto dealerships that deliver outstanding customer service as rated by online consumer reviews. DealerRater, the world’s leading car dealer review website, created the Consumer Satisfaction Award program to let online car shoppers instantly spot dealers that provide high-quality customer service.

Consumer Satisfaction Awards are given to the top 10 percent of U.S. new-car dealers based on their PowerScore™. The PowerScore™ is determined using a Bayesian algorithm that factors the dealership’s average DealerRater consumer rating and the total number of reviews written about the dealership during the 2017 calendar year.

“We’d like to congratulate AutoServ of Tilton,” said DealerRater General Manager, Jamie Oldershaw. “DealerRater’s extensive review database allows shoppers to identify dealerships that are providing excel-



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lent customer experiences, and it’s clear that AutoServ of Tilton stands out amongst its peers in the U.S.”

AutoServ of Tilton has achieved consistently high scores on the DealerRater website, placing it among the top dealerships nationwide. Online shoppers visit-

ing AutoServ of Tilton’s dealer page will find a “2018 Consumer Satisfaction Award winner” badge on their profile to instantly recognize it as a high-quality dealership.

“It is a real honor to be recognized by DealerRater with the 2018 Consumer Satisfaction

award,” says AutoServ CEO Dennis Gaudet. “Ensuring Customer Satisfaction is the way we do business every day. Customer Satisfaction is our top priority. This is exemplified best by our ‘AutoServ for Life’ program. With AutoServ for Life, we share the cost of owner-

ship with our customers by providing benefits no other dealer in the region provides. From our Lifetime Engine Guarantee to our in-house Fitness Center, we are a destination serving the community. Price is important...but Customer Satisfaction is priceless.”

DealerRater features more than four million dealer reviews, and has a reachable audience of more than 32 million car shoppers each month.

“Our awards program was more competitive than ever this past year, with thousands of dealers across the U.S. and Canada competing to win our coveted Dealer of the Year award and it is an honor to recognize AutoServ of Tilton,” says Oldershaw. “The Consumer Satisfaction Award is one way for today’s shoppers to instantly recognize quality customer service regardless of brand or region. Customers should feel confident in their decision to buy and service their vehicle at AutoServ of Tilton.”

About DealerRater

Founded in 2002, DealerRater, a Cars.com Company, is the world’s leading car dealer review website that connects consumers with the right person at the right dealership. The site offers more than four million sales and service reviews across 42,000 U.S. and Canadian dealerships. DealerRater content has a reachable audience of more than 32 million consumers across the web each month.

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Taylor Community welcomes Dr. Daniel Perkins and PSU Chamber Singers

LACONIA — Dr. Perkins, Plymouth State University Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, conducts the 22-member PSU Chamber Singers in a concert Sunday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

Their appearance cen-

ters around the group’s recent study and performance tour to New Orleans. Music will range from Sacred Songs to African-American Spirituals to Songs of Protest. The Chamber Singers are always a crowd pleaser and you won’t want to miss their inspirational performance.

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Steele Hill welcomes Sanbornton residents to Open House

SANBORNTON — Sunday, Jan. 28, Steele Hill Resorts welcomed the residents of Sanbornton to its Annual Open House.

The resort has been hosting the event for years to increase engagement with local residents and showcase the property. This year’s event was Patriots themed as New England got ready for another run at the Superbowl to claim that sixth ring. Banners were hung and red, white and blue ribbons were dispersed throughout the West amenities building. Local residents enjoyed drinks from the Oasis Bar and relaxing in the large roman spa while the kids hit up the waterslide and played some of the table games sprinkled throughout the building.

Activities Director Nancy had crafts onsite where children were



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able to create their own red and blue rubber band necklaces and decorated pendants in honor of the Patriots. A buffet was set up that included among other items hamburger sliders, chicken fingers, spring rolls, meatballs, cheese and fruit platters, lasagna, cookies

and brownies for desert as well as cotton candy. Julia Velie, a local artist, performed live music to round out the event.

Steele Hill President Bill Cutillo was on hand to greet the town residents with a warm friendly smile.

“We open the resort amenities to all Sanbornton residents each year. This is always a great opportunity for everyone to get together in a sunny warm atmosphere and shake off the mid-winter blues. Parents, children and grandparents come up to catch up with neighbors and friends while enjoying the warm water, food and entertainment. The open house is Steele Hill’s way of thanking the town of Sanbornton for its support over the many decades that we have been a part of this wonderful community,” says Cutillo.

Non-profit bike exchange seeks new director

LACONIA — Laconia Area Bike Exchange (LABX) is in immediate need of a new director. John Rogers, current director and founder of the organization submitted his resignation, effective February 1, citing personal reasons.

“It’s my hope that someone will step forward to continue the good work of the Exchange and support its continued growth and influence in the community,” states Rogers.

Founded in 2014, LABX is an all-volunteer affiliate of Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire, a 501c3 nonprofit organization which educates, advocates & agitates for safer biking and walking conditions in NH. Laconia Area Bicycle Exchange is dedicated to providing inexpensive,

alternative transportation in the form of refurbished bicycles to those who would benefit from greater mobility in their professional and personal life. The main target of the Exchange is adults who lack the resources to own a car, as well as those without a valid driver’s license. Referrals often come from local human service organizations. Individuals may also approach the organization directly. Bikes can be purchased for as little as \$10.

The organization’s shop, located behind Eased Edges on Court Street, is open mid-April to early October. Long term volunteers, Mark Townsend and Cliff King, along with the help of others, man the shop which is open six hours a week, refurbishing and dispersing

bikes to customers.

To date, Laconia Area Bike Exchange has provided more than 600 bikes to underprivileged individuals in the Lakes Region.

“I’ve seen first-hand the need for this organization. It would be a shame if it had to shut down,” states King, who tunes up and repairs bikes for LABX during the spring and summer months.

The vacant position requires limited hours, with no set schedule. Responsibilities include overall leadership of the organization as well as networking with area businesses and agencies, responding to inquiries received through social media and email, writing press releases, seeking grants to cover rent and

expenses, and running monthly meetings from March through October.

“It’s a perfect opportunity for someone looking to make a difference in their community while learning how to run a small nonprofit,” states Leslie Thompson, Membership and Bike Ed Coordinator of the Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire.

While the position is currently unpaid, there is potential to transition to a paid position in the future.

This opening must be filled quickly as doors open in April. Interested parties can email a statement of interest to labx2014@yahoo.com or send a message through the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/bicylexchange/>.

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice offers free clinics

REGION — Throughout the month of February, Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice will be offering blood pressure clinics, free and open to the public. Don’t delay – come right away. Blood pressure, known as the “silent killer” can be controlled with exercise and medication. But the first step is to know if you are at risk. To do so you can find us:

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What’s the Investment Outlook for 2018?

By most measures, 2017 was a pretty good year for investors. But what can you expect in 2018?

It’s difficult to precisely predict the immediate future of the financial markets. However, many signs point to improved global economic growth and rising corporate earnings – both of which are important drivers of stock prices. In the United States, economic growth may be more modest than in other regions, which could result in international stocks outperforming domestic ones.

Here’s another consideration: Low interest rates typically benefit the financial markets

– and unless inflation jumps sharply, the Federal Reserve will probably remain patient, only raising short-term rates slowly throughout 2018.

Despite these positive signs, there’s also reason for caution. Political uncertainty and changes in economic policies may lead to increased market volatility. Another factor is the long-term history of the stock market, which includes a drop of 10% or more – technically called a “correction” – about once a year. We’ve gone two years since the last correction, so it would not be surprising if we saw one in 2018. Given this outlook – which

could be classified as “moderately optimistic” – what investment moves should you consider this year? Here are a few suggestions:

Rebalance your portfolio – The market’s gains may have increased the value of your stocks so much that they now represent a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended – and you may not be comfortable with this increased presence. So, you may want to rebalance your portfolio to achieve a suitable mix of stocks and bonds, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. As part of this rebalancing,

and in an effort to help reduce the impact of market volatility, you may need to add investment-grade bonds and cash investments. (Of course, bonds carry some risks, too, including interest rate risk and credit risk.) The availability of cash will also make it easier for you to purchase stocks during a market downturn, when prices may be lower.

Look beyond U.S. borders – You may want to consider adding some international equity investments to your portfolio, if appropriate. As mentioned above, these stocks may do better than U.S. stocks in 2018, but regardless of perfor-

mance, the presence of global stocks can help diversify your portfolio – and diversification can help decrease your overall risk level. (However, diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) Keep in mind that international investing carries some inherent risks, such as those related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

Be aware of “big” versus “little” – If you don’t own many stocks of smaller companies, you might consider adding them to your portfolio. Smaller U.S. stocks have traditionally outperformed larger ones and may benefit from stronger

economic growth and lower corporate tax rates. Be aware, though that small company stocks tend to be more volatile than those of larger companies. And, as with all stock investments, you may risk losing some or all of your principal.

You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine which of these moves, or any others, are right for you. You can’t control the external factors affecting the financial markets, but you can take total charge of your own investment decisions – and in the long run, these decisions can help determine your success as an investor.

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Show some real love for your Valentine this month by keeping your heart healthy!

FRANKLIN — You may have heard February is Heart Health Month, but what does that mean? The first American Heart Month took place in February 1964 to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease. At the time this was the cause of more than half the deaths in the US. While we have made improvements, the American Heart Association estimates heart disease claims about 2,200 lives each day, that's one death due to cardiovascular disease every 40 seconds!

So, what is heart disease? Heart disease is a term used for a variety of diseases of the heart and blood vessels such as coronary artery disease, heart rhythm disorders and defects of the

heart present at birth. It can cause high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack, blood clots and be a factor in other vascular problems causing loss of function, pain or even limb amputation, all of which can lead to death. If you are one of the 23.4 million US adults to have diabetes, the risk is even higher. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases states, "Over time, high blood glucose from diabetes can damage your blood vessels and the nerves that control your heart and blood vessels. In adults with diabetes, the most common causes of death are heart disease and stroke. Adults with diabetes are nearly twice as likely to die from heart disease or

stroke as people without diabetes."

Despite increased attention to it, heart disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women in the United States. It is an equal opportunity killer which claims approximately 1 million lives annually.

What can you do to reduce your risk, help prevent this disease and endear yourself to your Valentine?

First, do a little family research. Knowing your family health history and your own risk factors for heart disease are good starts. Next take that newfound knowledge to your check-up and talk with your healthcare provider about what you've learned. Don't

have a regular check-up scheduled? That should be your next step, your provider will be your partner in managing your risk factors. One huge risk factor – smoking. I bet you have heard it before, but if you smoke, quit. Try www.quitnownh.org for free resources and support. Showing your intelligence and wit is sure to win hearts, and help your own.

Another important step is your diet. Eating foods low in salt, saturated and trans fats and high in unsaturated fats like the Mediterranean Diet is better for your heart. That means skipping the fried fish and chips in favor of the salmon with avocado and tomatoes, but in the end it's a more flavorful

option as well as being healthier, and what a romantic dinner it could be!

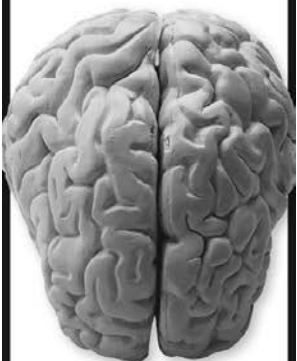
Lastly, don't forget to add exercise in to your day. Taking part in moderate aerobic exercise for at least 30 minutes five days a week or more vigorous workouts at least 20 minutes three times a week helps keep your heart strong, your vessels clear and even improves your mood. Think that's not romantic? Try a walk at the beach, a hike to a picnic or an evening of dancing. You could even take up gardening to grow your love a rose garden.

Don't have a valentine? Be your own. In the words of Marianne Williamson, "As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give oth-

er people permission to do the same." So shine your light, help your heart, and celebrate!

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Annie's Cafe and Catering: New place, new happenings, next chapter!

LACONIA — Passerbys on Gilford Ave. may have noticed a new neighbor in the old "Georgio's" building: Annie's Cafe and Catering. In December, Annie's Cafe and Catering relocated from its eight-year Union Ave. location to 138 Gilford Ave. in order to accommodate the growing business needs and better serve the daily influx of cafe and catering customers.

"We had catering dishes stacked high on counters, and a daily line out the door," laughed Lisa Delampan, Catering and Operations Manager of the Cafe, "and my 'desk' consisted of a corner cafe table which we often had to clear so customers could sit!"

It was at this point that, along with owner Annie Bridgeman, Delampan knew it was time to search for a larger home for the wildly popular and successful Laconia business.

Annie's new space is approximately triple the size of the old space with 1,500 square feet, compared to the old location which had only 500 square feet. Addition-

ally, the new location offers more customer parking, an expanded cafe area for a relaxed dining experience, a larger kitchen, plenty of storage for catering supplies, and the much needed office and creative space.

"We love our new location here on Gilford Ave," said Bridgeman. "We have several exciting happenings coming up including the Winter Warmer opening party, the release of an 'A La Carte Catering Menu,' and this spring, a gelato window! Customers are enjoying the convenience of the location, and we are excited about how much more we can offer here. We will keep bringing lots of fun and good cooking!"

One of the new offerings, the release of an "A La Carte Catering Menu" will provides customers with over 15 homemade, savory menu items that only require a 24-hour call-ahead notice. Menu items include lasagna, Annie's famous mac & cheese, chicken broccoli alfredo, butternut pesto lasagne, and chicken parmesan. Customers



In December, Annie's Cafe and Catering relocated from its eight-year Union Ave. location to 138 Gilford Ave. in order to accommodate the growing business needs and better serve the daily influx of cafe and catering customers.

simply call the cafe 24-hours in advance and the order will be ready for pick-up the very next day. "The new A La Carte Catering Menu will be released and published to our website, www.anniescafeandcatering.com, by mid-February," said an enthusiastic Delampan. "We are very excited for this next chapter while staying true to our business model of serving creative, fresh, and delicious food to our cus-


tomers every day."

Customers can find daily updated specials on Annie's Website, www.anniescafeandcatering.com.

About Annie's Cafe and Catering

Annie's Cafe and Catering located at 138 Gilford Ave. in Laconia, serves breakfast, lunch and catering to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Established in 2009, Annie's Cafe and Catering is founded

on a philosophy of serving creative, fresh, and delicious food. The Cafe offers a cozy atmosphere featuring seasonal menu options ranging from hot breakfast and signature paninis to handcrafted salads, sandwiches and mouthwatering sweets. Offering dine-in, to-go and catering service for any occasion, Annie's Cafe and Catering delivers a premier bakery, cafe, and catering experience.



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Boston Beauties and Iceholes pose together for a photo after winning their respective divisions in the New England Pond Hockey Classic.



Bryce Turmel of Alton holds a drawing of The Bumbles' mascot. His dad, Jay Turmel, was team captain.



Mugs poses with the Lake Winnepesaukee Cup.



Lakes Region-based team The Bumbles poses for photos after winning the 40+ Division.

Old friends, family traditions at Pond Hockey Classic

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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MEREDITH — The New England Pond Hockey Classic brought out teams of old friends

and fellow hockey enthusiasts from across New England and beyond. Over the weekend, 270 teams took to the ice in Meredith Bay for the

ninth annual event, both competing for the Lake Winnepesaukee Cup and spending time with friends and family.

Mugs of Gloucester, Mass. won in the Shiny 35+ division.

Team captain Tony Frontiero of Gloucester, Mass., said this was their seventh year taking part in the Pond Hockey Classic.

“We grew up playing on the same youth hockey team,” Frontiero said. “We all grew up in the same neighborhood.”

Last year the team made it into the championships, but were shut out by Labatt Blue NH.

“To actually win it? Overjoyed. Words cannot express,” Frontiero said.

Local team The Bumbles won in the 40+ Division. Members of the

team come from around the Lakes Region including Gilford, Alton, Moultonborough, and Meredith. The team has taken part in the Pond Hockey Classic since the first year.

Glenn Fusonie of Gilford said they all pay men’s league hockey together.

Team captain Jay Turmel of Alton said winning felt good. Joe Galea of Moultonborough said their championship game was a come from behind win. They were down 5-2 with eight minutes left of the game, but managed to pull off a 6-5 win.

The players’ families were also there during the weekend and helped them celebrate their victory. Turmel’s wife Lynn Turmel said this is definitely a family event.

She said the wives have gotten to know each other after nine years and the kids come out too.

Jay’s nine-year-old son, Bryce Turmel, said it was “awesome” to see his dad’s team win.

Blizzard of Boston won in the Shiny U35 division.

“You can’t put it into words,” said player Dan Jaros of Goffstown about their win.

Brett Lawson of Upton, Mass., said it was a “rollercoaster” game and they were up and down a lot.

“Lot of battles in the corner,” said Alex Santini of Wilmington, Mass.

Santini said it was tight overall.

“We always have a good time regardless,” said team captain Bob Sinopoli of Wilmington, Mass. “This year we

wanted to win a little bit more.”

Sinopoli said the Pond Hockey Classic is always fun.

“These guys do an awesome job,” Sinopoli said.

Boston Beauties won the Women’s Division for another year.

“Best weekend of the whole year,” said team captain Sue Schmitz of Boston.

Schmitz said the members of the team played together and against each other on college teams and now they play with the South Shore Women’s League.

“It’s every hockey players’ dream,” she said of the weekend.

Schmitz said they come out on the ice with 270 other teams and get a chance to play with their best friends.



New agents join Coldwell Banker’s Laconia office

Gus Benavides and Carly Howie have recently joined the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Office in Laconia. Mary Williams, Broker, welcomes them as they join the award winning staff of agents at the Court Street location. Williams says, “Gus and Carly have demonstrated their skill and market knowledge as they sold over \$29 million in sales, with 97 real estate transactions in 2017! Their technological skills and sensitivity to their client’s goal creates a smooth transaction for all parties involved. Their clients express a longstanding appreciation of superior customer service and exceptional attention to the details, evidenced with over 150 5-Star customer reviews on Zillow.com.”



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Crowds gathered on the ice to watch the games during the New England Pond Hockey Classic.



Sunny skies and chilly temperatures greeted players and spectators at the New England Pond Hockey Classic on Saturday.



Teams face off on the ice in Meredith this past weekend.



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Pond Hockey Classic a rousing success for players and community

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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MEREDITH — Thousands came to Meredith from across the country to enjoy a weekend of hockey during the ninth annual new England Pond Hockey Classic.

Players gathered in Meredith on Thursday, and teams took to the ice of Meredith Bay from Friday through Sunday on rinks set up in front of the Inn at Bay Point.

The event brought in 270 teams competing in different divisions for the Lake WinnipeHockey Cup in front of thou-

sands of spectators.

“It went awesome,” said Pond Hockey Classic founder Scott Crowder.

Numbers were strong overall through the weekend. Crowder said Sunday’s warmer weather helped the tournament, but said a lot of people were still out all weekend including the colder temperatures in Saturday. He said it was “pretty cool” to see the numbers of people out.

Teams played regular games on Friday through Saturday with the playoffs taking place

on Sunday. On Sunday afternoon. After all the games were done the winning teams were announced.

The Iceholes won the Open Division, The Stonedam Islanders won in the 30+ Division, The Bumbles won in the 40+ Division, The Milton Maple Leafs won the 50+ Division, Swedish Stu won the Twig Division, Blizzard won in the Shiny U35 division, Mugs won in the Shiny 35+ division, and Boston Beauties won the Women’s Division.

Crowder said the

weekend overall was a big success and bodes well for the event.

“Meredith can play host to an event of this size and magnitude and have people come back year after year,” Crowder said.

Crowder said Meredith turns into a tournament village for the weekend.

“For us to be able to do this in this small New Hampshire town is cool to see,” Crowder said.

After the weekend was over town officials also voiced their praise for the event. During

Monday’s selectmen’s meeting Town Manager Phil Warren said the event was a great time overall and was well attended.

“Everybody had a good time; we didn’t have any problems at all,” Warren said.

he said they did have some injuries that were typical of hockey playing.

Warren described the traffic through the town from Thursday night through Sunday as being “like a summer day.”

Selectman Bev



Lapham said the number of cars he saw parked in town rivaled the amounts he would see for craft fairs in town.

“It was a great crowd that kept moving and worked with everybody else, there’s no bitterness,” Lapham said.

Next year the Pond Hockey Classic will be marking its 10th year.

“Certainly a milestone, certainly,” Crowder said.

He said when they first started he had no idea they would go this long.



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called in to transport the man to Concord Hospital for evaluation and treatment of those injuries.

The driver of the plow truck, however, had to be extricated from his vehicle. Tilton-Northfield firefighters were able to remove the door and

pull the victim from the vehicle. He was given preliminary emergency care for at the scene then taken to Concord by an TNFD ambulance for further treatment.

Besides state police and local fire-rescue crews, the Department of Environmental Services was also brought in to handle a rupture in the milk

tanks, which was leaking milk into nearby drainage areas. While it is a natural product, milk can still cause environmental damage in a watershed, therefore booms were set out to contain the leak where the drainage crossed Forrest Road in Northfield.

Due to the rupture in the tank, 52,000-pounds

of milk also had to be offloaded to another tanker from HP Hood in Concord before the truck could be towed.

Crews from TNFD remained at the accident site until 3:20 p.m. when the vehicles were finally able to be removed from the highway by crews from Rusty's Towing in Tilton.

NOTEBOOK

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the Emperor's clothes. Government and Big Media are totally out

of touch with the people who love the land. There is joy in Mudville. People Power lives.

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RACES

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brary Trustee and David Caron for Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Northfield also has no opposition for candidates seeking election this year, although there is one new yet familiar name on the ballot. Current selectman Robert Southworth opted not to run for a second term this year but former selectman Glen Brown did sign up to run for that office once again.

Roland Seymour is on-board for another term as Treasurer for Northfield and Scott McGuffin

also looks to retain his position as Town Moderator. Incumbent Terry Anne Steady signed up to run for another term as a Supervisor of the Checklist, while Town Clerk Cindy Caveney said the opening for one member of Trustees of the Trust Fund will be left up to a write-in candidate this year.

Sanbornton also has a new name on the ballot for Board of Selectmen, with Glenn Frederick looking to fill the seat currently held by board member Karen Ober, who did not sign up for another term. While it was confirmed that in-

cumbent Craig Davis is looking to retain his position on the Sanbornton Budget Committee, no information was available as of our press deadline for this week's edition on openings for Trustee of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustee, Library Trustee and Supervisor of the Checklist.

In Tilton, it is a different story however, with four candidates filing for two openings on the Board of Selectmen. This year incumbents Patricia Consentino and Peter Fogg will face challenges from Wayne Brock and Roy Wakefield.

In other openings, unopposed candidates are Chuck Mitchell for Town Moderator and Kathleen Mitchell who is looking to join the Supervisors of the Checklist, while Marie Mahoney is seeking re-election to her seat as a Trustee of the Trust Funds along with Katherine Dawson on the Sewer Commission. Town Clerk Cindy Reinartz reported there are still three openings on the Budget Committee that received no candidacy filings however and those positions will be left to write-in candidates.

90 YEARS

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1928, the owners of the Belmont Mill stepped up to help. Walter Duffy presented the town with the keys to a new library building he and his brother constructed, at the cost of \$25,000, along with "an annual income of \$500 towards the library's maintenance." On behalf of his then deceased brother George, Walter Duffy and his family also provided 5,000 new volumes to the library, Rhodes wrote in his 1969 volume of "Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town."

Over the years, the library has been a vital part of the community of Belmont. Library Trustee Mary Charnley said that when the elementary school (now the site of the SAU offices) was being built, the library also became a temporary classroom for some of the children.

"Students actually came here for a year while the new school was being built," she said.

After the school was completed, the library invited folks at that time to take an old inkwell desk home; occasionally desks from that period are still discovered in the town to this day.

The Belmont Public Library has also been listed on the National Register of Historic Places for being one of the "finest examples of Colonial Revival architecture in the Lakes Region."

Last Saturday, Feb. 4, 2018, the 90th anniversary of the generous donation made by the Duffy family was celebrated through an open house at the library. As part of that day, old photos, town library reports and

lending records were placed on display as the library celebrated its historic past.

Library Director Eileen Gilbert and Children's Librarian Katherine Bollenbach each pointed out items from the library archives that were especially meaningful to them. Bollenbach selected scrapbooks and a 1901 catalog listing all the books found at the library in that day, while Gilbert chose handwritten lending records, many from the early days when "new" library was built.

"It's really interesting to look back and see how many books people borrowed way back then," she said as she paged through an historic ledger.

In her research for the anniversary, Gilbert also found a 1982 facilities report stating that the library had outgrown it's latest facility; ironic, she noted, as trustees and supporters continue that quest to put an addition on the building that the Duffy's first donated 90 years ago.

Several people dropped by on Saturday afternoon to enjoy refreshments, tour the facility and learn more about the town library's past.

"I love this library. This building is absolutely beautiful," said Trustee Charnley. "I'm looking forward to an expansion now so we can provide another 90-plus years of community service and special events in the town."

For information on weekly, monthly or the special programs and activities held at the historic Belmont Public Library, please visit them online at www.belmont-publiclibrary.org.

POLLS

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ments that require voter approval, and of those, Article 8 drew a lot of attention.

Article 8 will essentially ask for a provision to allow a temporary, six-year tax exemption of 50-percent on municipal and local school taxes for any new commercial construction or additions to an existing commercial property that are approved by the town. Selectmen said the hope of this exemption, which is also being presented in a few other neighboring towns this year, is to attract more businesses to the area. The overall exemption proposal, offered under RSA 72:81, is limited in duration however, and would only remain in effect for projects presented and approved over the next five years.

While some voters felt it would benefit the town in the long run by promoting commercial growth, several residents felt that any new or expanded business would require additional water, sewage, and emergency response services. Those needs would only transfer the burden of the cost for such services to tax payers. The article will now be left up for voters to decide in March.

Article 12 also garnered a lot of attention. It presents a request by the Space Needs Committee to withdraw \$65,000 from the Municipal Facilities

Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2006) to send out Requests for Proposals for engineering studies of town-owned properties, including the library, town offices, police department, the Belmont Mill and the former post office. Examining current and future needs of the town, the committee seeks to present proposals on what adaptations, if any, may be made to existing structures, or what better options may be available through other town-owned buildings that are currently vacant or under-utilized.

Selectman Jon Pike and a few other residents felt that the amount was more than was necessary, siting studies being done on future use of buildings at the former Laconia State School property for approximately \$50,000.

Carmen Lorentz represented the committee and quickly countered by explaining that the amount requested for the Laconia State School project is for studies that are much more preliminary than those in Belmont and would eventually need more funds down the road. She said that Belmont's Space Needs Committee has already done considerable work through their membership of professional volunteers and are also considering information from past studies in the town. The sum requested for RFPs, she added, was determined through consultation with other towns

that underwent similar space needs studies. After the studies are completed, any left over monies would be returned to the fund.

"I think \$65,000 of the money sitting there in this account (currently reported to have a balance of \$419,096.34) is there for this type of project," she said.

Lorentz went on to state that the mission of the committee is to research and develop options that have actual costs associated with them so that voters can make an informed decision in the future. Money spent on the studies would bring the town one step closer to that goal.

Several voters agreed. "I think that's a cheap price to pay to get on track with our buildings," said George Conodemetrakys.

Belmont Fire Department also has proposals to withdraw funds for equipment purchases, such as a \$950,000 Quint Fire truck.

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Newhall explained that the new truck would replace both their 1988 Ladder Truck and a 25-year-old rescue vehicle, depleting the size of their fleet of vehicles and the maintenance that goes along with it, while providing better services to the town.

Selectman Mooney also pointed out that the purchase would not impact taxes. The department is asking to withdraw \$250,000 from their established Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Special Revenue Fund, funded through their emergency medical services, while the remaining amount of \$700,000 would be raised through grants they are already seeking. In the event that they do not obtain such a grant however, the \$250,000 would not be granted. The article is being supported by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Several other of the remaining articles pertain to transfers of funds, or approval of utility funds such as water and sewer, that will be offset by revenues.

With the March 13 ballot approval of all articles on this year's warrant, the overall approved budget would become \$10,630,382, with a projected revenue to the town of \$4,719,747. An additional \$25,000 would be reserved for abatements, \$246,700 would be given in War Service Credits, and there would be an unexpended fund balance of \$425,000. That would all translate into a property tax rate of \$9.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value.



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Austin Garrett dives for a loose ball against Mascoma last week.

BOB MARTIN



Griffin Embree has been a solid point guard for Belmont all season.

BOB MARTIN

Red Raiders roll to a pair of wins

BY BOB MARTIN

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BELMONT — The Red Raiders boys' basketball team improved its record to 7-4 with a couple good wins last week over Franklin and Mascoma Valley, giving the team a three-game winning streak.

The game against the Royals was all Belmont right from the beginning with the Red Raiders taking a 20-7 lead after one quarter. Belmont was led by a great scoring output by Aidan Rupp, who had

10 points in the first quarter.

The Red Raiders opened up the game with an 8-0 run and never looked back. Belmont benefited from having a nice size advantage, with Rupp and forward Matt Thurber crashing the boards all night.

Mascoma made a push to come back in the second quarter, but strong shooting by Matt Pluskis allowed Belmont to hold onto a 36-23 lead going into the half. Mascoma's Connor Thompson

had eight points in the quarter and provided some spark, but otherwise Belmont dominated the game in all areas.

It was a 45-28 game at the end of the third quarter, in what was a very low scoring quarter. Belmont outscored Mascoma 9-5 in the quarter. The fourth quarter allowed for some considerable playing time for freshman guard Nate Sottak, who had Belmont's first seven points of the final frame. Belmont went on to win 61-37.

Rupp had 17 points, 14 rebounds, three blocks and three steals in what was an outstanding all-around

performance.

Coach Jim Cilley praised Rupp for his effort and said he is a player that has been playing at an all-state level.

"For a month now he has been playing like an All-Stater," Cilley said. "I would imagine he will get some All-State votes. He just keeps working harder than anyone. If you get 14 rebounds in a game it means you are working hard. He has been a double/double machine lately.

Other leaders included Pluskis, who had 14 points on the night. Thurber finished with eight points, and Cilley said his play

was even better than his statistics indicated. Griffin Embree had six points and Cilley loved the way he took care of the ball and ran the offense.

The combination of Embree and Sottak has been productive out of the point guard position. Cilley said both players have great natural ability and have been fun to watch.

Cilley was very happy with the win and said it was good to see team firing on all cylinders. He said going into the game, the team knew Mascoma was the type of team that played very hard, but also had scoring deficiencies. He said the Red Raiders matched

up well with them and the team was able to take advantage of the size mismatch to pull down rebounds and create scoring opportunities.

"We thought we could exploit them inside," said Cilley. "We knew that if we could really defend the paint we would have the opportunity to force them to shoot a bunch of threes. I thought defensively we were really good all night."

Belmont also won 71-63 against Franklin on Jan. 30. Cilley said Jayden Torres gave Belmont a tough time, scoring 27 points, including 14 in the first quarter. Once the team

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Coffey sets personal bests in pair of meets

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — Winnisquam Regional High School sophomore Miranda Coffey participated in the swim meet at Southern New Hampshire University on Jan. 21 and recorded a personal best time of 2:41.16 in the 200 IM.

Coffey also had a time of 32.36 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle.

On Jan. 26, Coffey par-

ticipated in a swim meet in Londonderry and had another great day, posting a personal best time of 1:21.20 in the 100-meter breast stroke. She also had a time of 104.64 in the 100-meter freestyle.

Coffey will be swimming the 100-meter breast stroke and the 200-meter freestyle in the NHHS state meet championship at UNH on Feb. 10.

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BOB MARTIN
Nick Randos placed sixth in the 1.000 meters on Sunday at the Division 2 state meet at Dartmouth College.



BOB MARTIN
Sana Syed finished second in the state meet in the 55-meter hurdles on Sunday.

School records fall at indoor track State Meet

BY BOB MARTIN
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HANOVER — The Belmont indoor track team was well represented at Sunday’s Division 2 state meet, with five school records set in the event.

Sana Syed had an outstanding day with a second place finish in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.31 seconds. She was a state medalist and also set a school record with the time. Hunter Dupuis finished

second in the 300 meters with a time of 36.73 seconds. This was a school record and awarded him a medal. He was also 10th in the 55 meters with a school record time of 6.89 seconds. Alice Riley set a

school record in the 1,500 meters with a time of 5:05.74. This was good for eighth place in the event. She also finished seventh in the 3,000 meters with a time of 11:01.10. Nick Randos was a state medalist with his

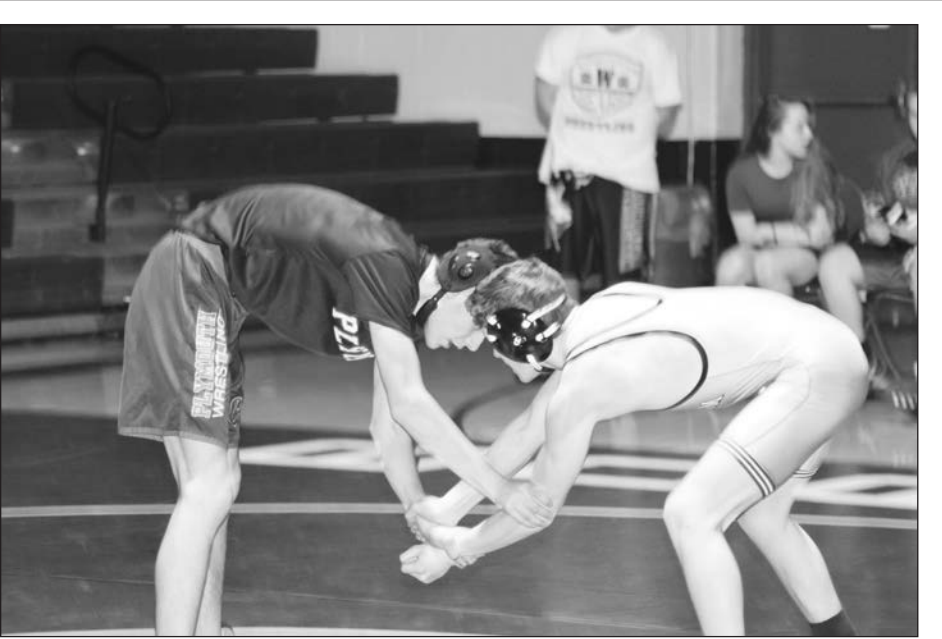
sixth place time of 2:43.54 in the 1,000 meters. Ian Remenar finished 13th in the 55-meter hurdles. The 4X200-meter relay team won a medal for its sixth place finish. The team comprised of Mark Forgione, Dupuis, Re-

menar and Connor Dupuis ran a time of 1:40.48. Syed, Hunter Dupuis and Randos have qualified for the New England Championships to be held on March 3 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.



Bears battle Bobcats

(Left) Hunter Finmore, right, wrestles against James Coleman of Plymouth in the 120 pound weight class. Plymouth beat Winnisquam by a score of 69-12. (Right) T.J. Robinson of Winnisquam has been a strong wrestler all season. Here he is shown wrestling Ethan MacDonald of Plymouth Regional High School in a loss for Winnisquam last week.



BOB MARTIN

Play for free with Laconia Lacrosse Club

LACONIA — If you register by Feb. 28, there is no cost to play with Laconia Lacrosse Club, an affiliate club with the NH Youth Lacrosse Association, the governing body of youth lacrosse in New Hampshire. Uniforms are provided by the league.

Players from Laconia and surrounding towns that do not host a NHYLA league are eligible including: Alton, Canterbury, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilmanton,

Belmont, Meredith, Moultonborough, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton are all welcome to register with this regional club.

Laconia Lacrosse fields teams for players of all skill levels, both boys and girls, from grades 1-8. Practices start the week of March 18. Games are played on Sundays beginning April 8 and the season wraps up with the annual NHYLA State festival the weekend of June 9-10.

Laconia Lacrosse plays at the Bank of NH turf stadium at Laconia High School, and is host to the state’s North/South Games over Memorial Day weekend, which brings players from all over the state in friendly competition.

There will be a substantial late fee assessed March 1, so register now while it’s free. Your player must be a member of US Lacrosse (<https://www.uslacrosse.org/membership>) and should open an account on the Laconia Lacrosse Club web site in order to be placed on a roster (<https://leagueathletics.com/Registration/Default.asp?org=LA-CLAX>). Questions or issues can be directed to the club at LaconiaLacrosseClub@gmail.com.

Bear boys bounce back with win over Wildcats

BY BOB MARTIN
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TILTON — It has been a tough season for the Winnisquam boys’ basketball team, but last week the team was able to get a bit of a morale boost with a 51-45 win over Fall Mountain, which followed a tough blowout loss to Campbell by a score of 71-36.

On Jan. 30, Winnisquam hosted Campbell and coach Kevin Dame said it was a very difficult game for the Bears all around. The Bears were down 39-12 at the half and were never close to catching up. The team was led by Kyle Mann’s 23 points, which was the brunt of the scoring.

On Feb. 2, Winnisquam bounced back with a nice win against Fall Mountain. Winnisquam was up 15-13 after one quarter and 24-21 at the half. Fall Mountain took a 38-34 lead after three but Winnisquam capitalized on a great fourth quarter.

“We made some adjustments and played some solid defense, and made some big plays,” said Dame.

Mann had 23 points to lead the scoring. Phil Nichols had nine points and Avery Hutchinson had six points to go along with seven boards. Gunnar Horman had six points and 11 rebounds.

Dame said it was a strong night for the Bears rebounding and making plays when they needed it. He said there were some lapses on defense, but they did a good job sharing the ball and not making drastic mistakes.

“We did a nice job on getting inside and making plays,” said Dame. “This was a quality win against a decent team.”

For the girls’ basketball team, the struggles continued last week with a 57-48 loss to Campbell and a 69-22 loss to Fall Mountain. Coach Jordan Richardson was unavailable for a comment.

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Ennis wins paintball biathlon

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — It was a good week for Zach Ennis of the Belmont High School Nordic ski team, who came away with a win at the annual Gunstock Nordic Association paintball race and a third place finish in the classic race at the NHNCA Coaches Series.

In the paintball biathlon, Ennis had a final time of 10:34 and hit the targets five times in two rounds.

“So far my season has been going pretty well,” said Ennis. “I have been training al-

most year round and put a lot of work in. This event is always really fun because you can go out and shoot the guns. It is kind of nerve racking too because you have to hit the targets to get a good time.”

The Gunstock Nordic Association biathlon has been going on for about 15 years, according to GNA President John Stow. Stow explained that there were high school and middle school skiers involved. Each skier went individually in 15 second intervals. They do three laps each and the total distance was

about four kilometers. After each lap, they go into the shooting range and have five shots. Every target they hit takes 10 seconds of the total time.

“Nordic is a very difficult sport and the training is really hard,” said Stow. “But this is pretty fun for them. It is a good event.”

Ennis said his goal was to come in the top three at the Coaches Series on Feb. 3, and he was able to meet that goal with a time of 14:51.1. The top finisher was Nathaniel Nichols of Concord with a time of 14:37.9.



BOB MARTIN
Zach Ennis fires off a paintball gun during the Gunstock Nordic Association paintball biathlon last week.

Belmont girls knock off Franklin, fall at Mascoma

BY BOB MARTIN
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BELMONT — The Belmont girls’ basketball team went 1-1 last week with a win at home against Franklin and a tight loss on the road to Mascoma Valley.

Belmont hosted Franklin on Jan. 30 and won 42-25. The Red Raiders were led by Elaina Hoey, who had a big double/double with 12 points and 14 rebounds. Julianna Estremera had 12 points and was a main scoring option once again. Morgan Hall had a nice game with six points and nine rebounds. Coach Mark Dawalga commended Katie Galambos and Jordan Sargent for strong defense and said it was a great team win.

On Feb. 2, Belmont lost 37-34 in a game where there were multiple chances to tie the game on three-pointers that rimmed out. The game was tied up at 32-32 with 1:22 left and Mascoma drilled a three-pointer to take the lead and hold on for the victory.

Leading the scoring was Estremera with 17 points. Makenzie Donovan had eight points in the game.

“Proud of our girls’ effort tonight,” said Dawalga. “Mascoma just made a couple more baskets down the stretch.”

Belmont hosted Prospect Mountain on Feb. 6 after deadline, and the Red Raiders will host Monadnock on Feb. 9 for a 6 p.m. matchup.

Deadlines and the Olympics

MEREDITH — Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding will be covering the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea the next few weeks.

Because of the time difference and the Olympic schedule, this will require a few deadline changes for a couple of weeks while he is out of the country.

All sports items for the North Country papers (Littleton Courier, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter) for the issues of Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 must be submitted by noon on the Sunday prior to publication.

All sports items for the Lakes Region papers

for the issues of Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 must be received by 8 a.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

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RAIDERS

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figured out how to stop him, the Red Raiders were able to cruise.

“Jayden torched us in the fourth quarter so I put Mikey Sprague on him, and he was a main reason we won,” said Cilley. “He had nine points, which were a product of his defense. We were down 14 and

made the switch, and every time Jayden got the ball we trapped him.”

Scoring leaders included Pluskis and Rupp with 16 points apiece.

Belmont traveled to Prospect Mountain on Feb. 6 after deadline and on Feb. 9 the Red Raiders will travel to Monadnock for a 6:30 p.m. matchup.



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Unified Raiders
(Top) Josh Gardiner looks for a lane to the basket in a unified basketball game against Gilford. (Bottom) Christian Marrone drives to the hoop for Belmont’s unified basketball team.



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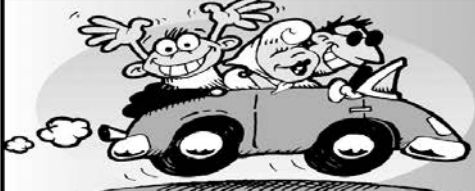
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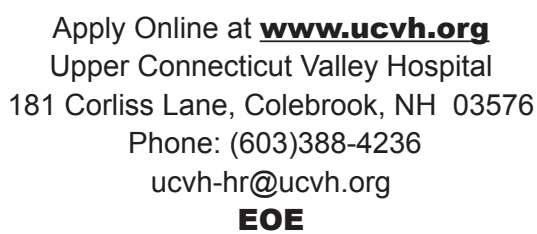
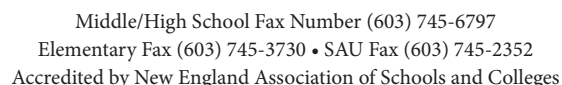
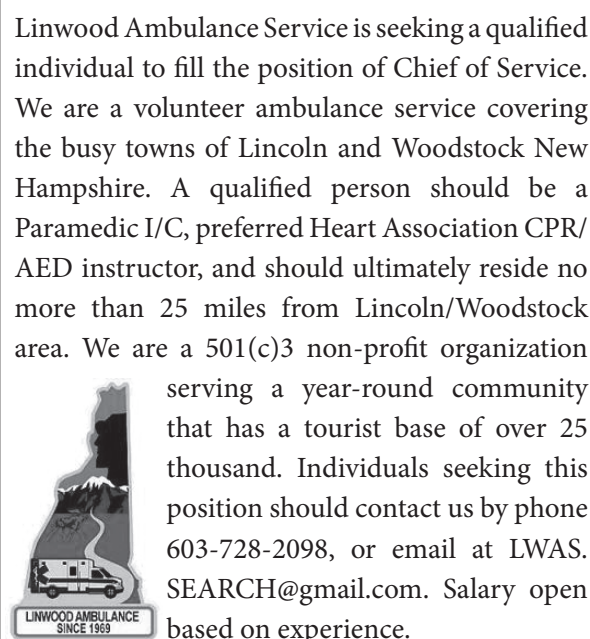
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Encouraging news:

Central to this media campaign to eliminate underage drinking is the encouraging news that studies show parent disapproval is the **No. 1** reason children choose not to drink alcohol. Parents empowered can trump peer pressure.

The most effective parenting techniques are among the most simple, including:

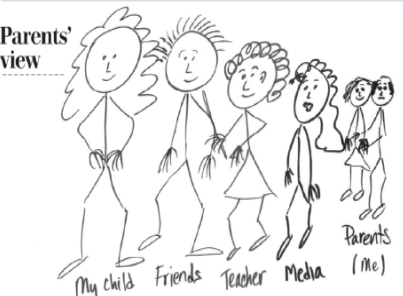
- Set clear rules about no underage drinking
- Know where your children are and whom they are with
- Know your children's friends
- Ensure your children's social environments are alcohol-free
- Have daily, positive communication and interaction with your children
- Eat dinner together

Research shows teens who regularly eat as a family (5-7 times per week) are 33 percent less likely to use alcohol.

Most parents don't realize they are the No. 1 influence in their children's lives.

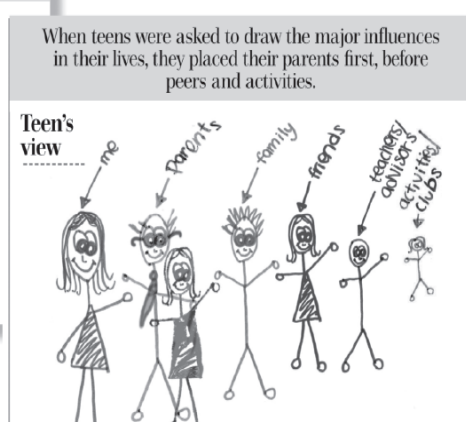
When parents were asked to draw the greatest influences on their teens, they placed themselves last.

Parents' view



When teens were asked to draw the major influences in their lives, they placed their parents first, before peers and activities.

Teen's view



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