

Hall pitches Raiders into Division III Final Four

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The spring sports season took a summer turn on Saturday, as the Belmont softball team played host to White Mountains Regional in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday, June 5.

With plenty of heat and sun, the two teams took the field and the Raiders were able to come away with a 6-2 win, advancing to the Final Four for the third time in the last three seasons (four years).

“There’s a lot of maturity on our team,” said Belmont coach Bill Clary, noting his girls do not let a mistake get them down. “I’m fine with physical mistakes, but we want to keep ourselves from making men-

tal mistakes.”

Belmont pitcher Morgan Hall got the day off to a solid start, as she struck out the side in the top of the first inning and it didn’t take long for the offense to respond, as Lena Rodrigues led off the bottom of the first with a homer for the 1-0 lead. One out later, Becca Fleming reached on an error and after White Mountains hurler Lexus McIntosh got a strikeout, Hall had a base hit to put two runners on. However, a pop fly to third ended the inning.

Hall struck out two more in the top of the second inning, then Kara Stephens made a nice play on a bunt attempt to get out of the inning. With two outs

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Joshua Spaulding

Madison Crane of White Mountains dives back into first as Belmont’s Madi Lima puts on a tag in action Saturday.

Franklin Savings Bank purchases \$116,500 in tax credits to support Mill City Park at Franklin Falls

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank announced that it has purchased \$116,500 in CDFA tax credits to close the funding gap on the development of Mill City Park at Franklin Falls. Located in the heart of downtown Franklin, the Park will be the first of its kind in New England and will be situated on 13 acres, featuring several whitewater features, a bike pump track, climbing walls, walking trails, an amphitheater, camping sites, and more.

“We are honored to assist Mill City Park with the final stage of funding needed to move forward with the development of Mill City Park in downtown Franklin,” commented Ronald Magoon, President & CEO. “The

Bank stepped forward early on in the fundraising phase with a \$250,000 donation to the project in an effort to attract other donors to support this major initiative, which will transform the Winnepesaukee River into a popular destination for individuals with a passion for paddling whitewater rapids, hiking and biking. There is so much activity occurring with the revitalization of downtown Franklin, and Mill City Park will complement all the wonderful things taking shape in the city.”

Mill City Park received a total of \$500,000 in tax credits awarded by the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). The bank’s purchase of \$116,500 rep-

resents 23.3% of the allocation. CDFA tax credits enable businesses to partner with nonprofits to support worthy projects in their communities.

“We are grateful for the generosity of Franklin Savings Bank and all the support it has given Mill City Park over the past few years,” stated Marty Parichand, Founder & Executive Director, Mill City Park. “In addition, their Board of Directors and executive management team have been very supportive of our project; we truly appreciate their assistance with seeing this project become a reality for Franklin.”

About Mill City Park at Franklin Falls

Mill City Park at Franklin Falls is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to let the Winnepesaukee River repower the Franklin community. Visit millcitypark.com for additional information on the development of the whitewater rafting park.

About Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA)

The CDFA is a statewide nonprofit public authority focused on maximizing the value and impact of community development, economic development, and clean energy initiatives throughout New Hampshire. Visit nhcdfa.org for further information.

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Tilton to host Plan NH charrette

TILTON — The Selectmen are pleased to announce they have been selected for a Plan NH Charrette for the Town of Tilton. The charrette will take place over a four-day period and the Board is actively seeking residents to participate in this process.

The charrette will focus on enhancing the historic character of the downtown, improving the pedestrian experience (safety and walkability) and consider traffic calming techniques.

On June 14 at 3:30 p.m., and again on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. (both via Zoom), the team will listen to community members (that’s you!) in small group discussions to find out what you like about Tilton, what you would like to see, what is important to you.

On June 19, based on what the charrette team sees and what they learn from conversations, coupled with their own field expertise, the Team will develop recommendations (not mandates) for the Town. The Team will share via Zoom what they saw and heard, and what they recommend to start a revitalization plan.

Plan NH wants to hear from you. This will be a conversation about what is important to you about downtown Tilton - what do you love, what are the Town’s assets and more. And you are invited to attend the Zoom “reveal” on June 19.

To learn more, please visit the Tilton website at tiltonnh.org or call Town Administrator Jeanie Forrester at 286-4521, ext. 101.

Locals star at Meet of Champions



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Winnisquam athletes competed at the Meet of Champions on Saturday. Left to right, coach Patti Malone, Evan Griffin (senior, alternate runner on the 4x800 squad), Jacob Seavey (senior, 4x800 runner), Aidan Donahue (sophomore, 200m sprinter), Joey Damato (junior, 4x800m runner), Riley Mann (senior, 4x800m runner), Dylan Robert (senior, 4x800m runner), coach Warren Bartlett, and coach Luke Morrison.

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KINGSTON — The top local athletes traveled to Sanborn Regional High School on Saturday for the annual track Meet of Champions, and there were a number of solid finishes on the day.

A pair of second place finishes led the way for the locals. Kennett freshman Aida Wheat finished second in the 200 meters with a time of 25.37 seconds, with Plymouth senior Tara Smoker in fourth place in 25.99 seconds and Plymouth’s Katherine Luehrs in sixth place in 26.38 seconds.

The other second place came in the javelin, where Plymouth senior Sam Meier finished second at 111 feet, six inches, with Bailey Fairbank

of Newfound in seventh place at 102 feet, eight inches.

Smoker added a fourth place in the 100 meters with a time of 12.73 seconds after finishing fifth in the preliminaries in 12.77 seconds. Alissa McCarthy of Inter-Lakes finished in 11th place in the preliminaries in a time of 13.25 seconds.

Luehrs added a fourth place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.78 seconds after finishing fifth in the preliminaries in a time of 15.92 seconds, with MollyLu McKellar of Newfound placing ninth in a time of 17.25 seconds.

The Plymouth 4X100-meter relay team of Luehrs, Meier, Smoker, and Bailey Fairbank placed eighth in a time of 1:00.14.

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Girl Scouts make Blessing Bags for those in need

FRANKLIN — Girl Scouts take action to make the world a better place. Troop 10639 did that by gathering items needed by those experiencing homelessness and creating Blessing Bags, which were given to those picking up meal kits at Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen in Franklin on May 20.

The troop, encompassing girls in grades 7-12, got assistance from the community by hosting a drive-through supply collection on April 24 at Hall Memorial Library in Northfield. A few days later they met at a local park to assemble four large game bags



Girl Scouts Emma, Kinzie, Jaylin, Lizzy and the rest of Troop 10639 made four large game bags for children and 30 adult Blessing Bags to donate to the Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen in Franklin.

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for children and 30 adult bags.

Emma Davidson, a

Girl Scout Cadette in eighth grade, said, "We have already received

wonderful feedback from our outreach partner and a request for a

few more to distribute to displaced and homeless students in that area."

This project was the result of the girls' participation in the council's Community Service Club, which provides opportunities for members to take action in their communities.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, the council serving girls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, invites girls of all ages to find friends and become their best selves through Girl Scouting. See more at www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

ACE Academies prepare for take-off

GILFORD — WinnAero's summer day camp program, the Aerospace Career Education "ACE Academies," conducted in association with the Federal Aviation Administration, are preparing for take-off with the first session scheduled at Laconia Airport running July 5-9. Subsequent sessions will run July 12-16 and July 19-23.

WinnAero Educational Programming Director, Dan Caron of Gilford, is excited about getting his team of certified instructors back following a one-year COVID-driven hiatus.

"We're very conscious of the safety issues for our students," Caron

stated.

This year, the non-profit group staff are 100 percent vaccinated, class sizes have been reduced from 10 to eight, instead of classrooms being used for sessions, a large hangar at the Airport will be used with more than adequate spacing between students, open hangar doors weather permitting and masks required in the flight simulator lab, on orientation flights and on field trips.

"As school teachers ourselves, our summer teaching staff felt the measures we've put in place for ACE will protect everyone while allowing our students to

enjoy the unique ACE aviation/aerospace experience," Caron added.

There are a few open seats still remaining for this summer's sessions for those interested. There's room in the July 5-9 session which is divided into three components; one half-day session for elementary-aged students, a full day high school session and a specific Drone-themed session. Week two, July 12-16 is still accepting students in both the elementary half-day session, the Space Academy and the middle school-aged full day Air Traffic Control session. Week three, July 19-23 has just a cou-



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Jillian Mitchell is all smiles as she prepares for her 2019 ACE Academy orientation flight over Lake Winnepesaukee. Ms. Mitchell, of New Hampton, has attended ACE academy for the past five years.

ple of seats left open as well. Families can register their students for the ACE Academies and

pay the tuition on-line at www.WinnAero.org. For more information or to reserve a spot now, con-

tact Dan Caron at dan.caron@winnaero.org.

Local students named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — A total of 376 students have been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Spring 2021 semester

and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Jordan Camerato of Sanbornton

Taylor Nute of Sanbornton

Sabrina Robinson of Belmont

Joshua Emond of Belmont

Shannon Goodwin of Sanbornton

Hannah Shirley of Belmont

Nishit Jani of Tilton

Eric Young of Tilton

Monique Horne of Tilton

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning

produces well-educated undergraduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 24-31.

Bianca Berryman, age 28, of Concord was arrested on May 25 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Aaron Robert Casey Laflower, age 18, of Belmont was arrested on May 27 for Possession of Drugs, being in Control of a Premises Where Drugs were Kept, and Acts Prohibited.

Vincent Anthony Scott, age 37, of Belmont was arrested on May 27 in connection with a warrant.

Shawn C. Ingham, age 32, of Pittsfield was arrested on May 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Suspension of Vehicle Registration, Carrying or Selling Weapons, Possession of Drugs, and being in Control of a Premises Where Drugs Were Kept.

John T. Polo, age 44, of Sandwich was arrested on May 27 for Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Edward L. Bryans, age 59, of Marlborough was arrested on May 28 for Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon and Interference With Custody-in-state.

Ian Keith Bastraw, age 27, of Laconia was arrested on May 28 for Operating After Certification as a Habitual Offender and Disobeying an Officer.

Ryan William Streitenberger, age 40, of Plymouth was arrested on May 29 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension-DUI.

Brianna Marie Fielding, age 19, of Brookline was arrested on May 29 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Joanne M. Benwell, age 33, of Laconia was arrested on May 29 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.



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Canterbury Shaker Village announces summer concert series

CANTERBURY — This summer, Canterbury Shaker Village brings back its Sunday outdoor concert series with an exciting new lineup of performances. With the support of New England Foundation for the Arts, the Village is pleased to present new performances by The Spark: River Sister and Lorraine Chapman, The Company on opening day, June 20, Bee Parks and The Hornets on July 18, and Lara Herscovitch on Aug. 22. In addition, many performers from

last year's series will return, including cellists Jan Fuller and Harel Gietheim on August 8th and The Wholly Rollers on Aug. 1 & Sept. 19. From folk to classical, Music on the Meeting House Green offers something for everyone. The Village is hosting 13 summer concerts in a varied lineup, also featuring dance and poetry, culminating in a celebration of the arts for all to enjoy.

The series begins on Father's Day, June 20 with The Spark: Riv-

er Sister and Lorraine Chapman, The Company, and continues every Sunday through Sept. 19. Each concert is from 4 – 5 p.m. All concerts will be held on the iconic Meeting House Green, where there is always a beautiful view and a cool summer breeze. Suggested donation of \$10 per person for each performance. Bring a picnic, bring a chair, and enjoy a series of concerts on the green.

All concerts are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Con-

cert cancellations will be updated on www.shakers.org the morning of each performance date. Sunday, July 25 will be reserved as a rain date.

Please visit www.shakers.org for more information, and to learn

about more upcoming events. Please email info@shakers.org for any questions, or call 783-9511, ext. 205.

Thank you to the New England Foundation for the Arts, CCA Global Partners, New Hamp-

shire Dance Collaborative, and Kathleen Belko for generously sponsoring the Music on the Meeting House Green concert series.

Olivia L Robillard of Sanbornton named to Clarkson University's Dean's List

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Olivia L Robillard of Sanbornton, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation. We ignite personal connections across academic fields and industries to create the entrepreneurial mindset, knowledge and intellectual curiosity needed to innovate world-relevant solutions and cultivate the leaders of tomorrow. With its main campus located in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Beacon, N.Y., and New York City, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions. Our alumni earn salaries that are among the top 2.5 percent in the nation and realize accelerated career growth. One in five already leads as a CEO, senior executive or owner of a company.

Belknap EDC awarded micro-enterprise grant

LACONIA — Belknap Economic Development Council (Belknap EDC) and three partner regional development corporations will be allocating more than \$240,000 to support small business development in the region. Working with the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the organization will be able to directly support businesses with accessing technical assistance, business plan development, and other resources.

The Community Development Block Grant, administered by the New Hampshire Community Develop-

ment Finance Authority (CDFA) is for low- to moderate-income (LMI) microenterprises (those with fewer than five employees) and start-ups to provide a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services.


"We are pleased to partner with the CDFA, SBDC, and our strategic partners to provide this much needed one on one support to our small business community," said Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC's Executive Director.

A qualifying business must be classified as a for-profit entity with five or fewer employees, be in current operation

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Lakes Region Art Association announces 'Summer Art Camp'

TILTON — The Lakes Region Art Association, a non-profit 501-C-3 organization is hosting three separate Summer Art Camps beginning in June for students in grades six to 12. Professional artist, and President

of the LRAA, Tom Hitchcock, will teach all three courses beginning with the first camp on June 7. Summer Art Camp 2 begins in July, and camp 3 in August. Each camp session is made up of six classes over 3 weeks, two classes per week, Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m. at the LRAA Fine Art Gallery, Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, suite 300. To register, call: 496-6768.

Hitchcock will focus on teaching many art disciplines to include drawing, composition, perspective, design, color and light and how to paint with acrylics. His teaching will also include Art History and instruction to build an appreciation of fine art. Tom's background in art, and his curriculum for teaching, was developed over the years from first graduating from Syracuse University Fine Art School to then his professional experiences in the real world of art and design, photography, illustration, offset printing, marketing and advertising.

"I want to pass on what I can do to help young adults willing and eager to learn how to become and accomplished artist, and perhaps make it their career like I have," he said.

Hitchcock's classes will focus on a student's ability to learn and grow as an artist. Class sizes are limited and it's recommended early registration to insure a 'place at the easel.'

Local students named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — A total of 911 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Spring 2021 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Caitlyn Button of Northfield
Callie Dawson of Northfield
Emily Elliott-Lucas of Belmont
Hannah McCain of Tilton
Asia Merrill of Belmont
Jia Chiu of Belmont
Krystal Groz of Northfield
Marissa LoGrasso of Belmont
Amanda O'Leary of Northfield
Lindsay Blier of Tilton
Jessica Holt of Sanbornton
Casey Lang of Tilton
Kyle Patten of Belmont
Brett Auclair of Belmont
John Beaulieu of Northfield
Jackson Cozzens-Forgione of Belmont

Corbin Gentile of Belmont
Madison Langan of Tilton
Mark Magoon of Tilton
Katy Porter of Tilton
Lilli Keegan of Northfield
Sheena Duncan of Tilton
Carley Latorre of Sanbornton
About Plymouth State University
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United we stand, divided we fall

In the 6th century B.C., Aesop shared a fable about the Lion and The Four Oxen. The story, if you have not heard it, goes like this:

A lion used to prowl around a field where four oxen dwelled. Several times he would try to eat them but whenever he approached the four oxen would back their tales up to each other with their bodies pointed outward in different directions. No matter what direction the lion approached, he was met by the horns of one of them and could do nothing. Finally, the oxen began quarreling amongst themselves and so each went off to a pasture of their own in a separate corner of the field. Then the lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end to all four.

The moral to Aesop's tale has become one of the most well known sayings of our time — United we stand, divided we fall. President Abraham Lincoln parroted the sentiment in his acceptance speech, during this same month in the year 1858: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

As of late, it seems the division amongst the country and even in our small communities has grown deeper. What this Editor noticed, however, is that most well minded, kind, compassionate, intelligent people all want the same things. To be happy and successful. The arguments ensue, when people have different ideas on how to reach such a state of success in our government, and even in our own lives. When one person thinks we should reach A by doing x and y, and another thinks we should reach A by doing z, tempers flare. We want to remind you, that there is no reason to get heated when talking to a friend or colleague. Getting heated at a stranger is even more inappropriate. It's ok if someone disagrees with you. Remain calm.

What needs to unfold, is the ability to hear each other out with a listening ear. Where one person's experience ends, another's begins. Solutions always appear in that middle area, where compromises are made.

To be steadfast in your beliefs is important, but it's even more important to exercise some flexibility, that is where growth takes place. This is where we can learn from someone who doesn't think the same way we do. It does not make a person weak, when there is a mind shift. It makes them smart.

We're seeing a lot of arguing on social media, people publicly going back and forth, and the thread never ends with any real change being made. If you want to have a meaningful, productive conversation with someone online, take it to a private message, where the world isn't watching. In the public eye, we all can be defensive.

Now, there are extremists on both sides of any argument, in those cases, there's not much you can do. There are people who want to see things through one lens and one lens only. Fine, let them. You will also see ignorance and evil come flying out of the mouths of those you never thought capable, fine let them. Remember that the majority of the people in this country want to unify. It comes down to common sense. United we stand, divided we fall. That statement could not ring truer.

Be strong enough in character, where you are a leader, whether that be in your own community, at work or in your own family. Unity should always be the end goal. Therefore, if you see someone that disagrees with you, and you want to unify, have a conversation that will do just that.

Sometimes, try simply saying, "Hey the country is really divided right now, how can we start to unify on a small scale?" That question puts both people in a position to come up with a solution that works for everyone. Then the domino effect takes hold. Then unity happens, then change, then success.

"None of us is as smart, as all of us." Ken Blanchard

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Tilton-Northfield Professional Firefighters donate to Blaisdell Foundation

The Raven Gael Blaisdell Foundation at Hall Memorial Library is grateful to the Tilton-Northfield Professional Firefighters Association for their generous donation to provide books and materials to the children in the communities they represent. Firefighter Association president Dan Leathers is shown here presenting a check to Hall Memorial Library Director Jenna Davis.

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING Religious liberty and the American Dream

BY LARRY SCOTT

America was founded by men and women in search of religious freedom, the opportunity to practice their faith without government intervention. Indeed, the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech" was not designed to prevent the influence of our faith on government, but to prevent the government from interfering in Church affairs.

Given what is happening in Washington at this hour, that is no longer true. The Biden Administration has, as a current case in point, demanded that such religious schools as the College of the Ozarks open residence halls and bathrooms to members of the opposite sex, a requirement that goes

against the Christian principles on which the college was founded. As it stands, the Supreme Court will have to settle the issue.

The point is made. Conservative Christians are no longer able to make a living, serve the public, and practice their faith without running into severe opposition from those with a liberal, progressive agenda. Tolerance has become a given in America, no matter how deviant the practice. Except for Christians. They have now become the object of hatred, vilification, and open opposition.

Ask Jack Phillips. Although he won a case before the U. S. Supreme Court for refusing to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, he is now back in court for refusing to make a cake celebrating gender transition. And the cake is not the issue. The request was a trap, an effort to destroy another

Christian businessman for defending the principles of his faith.

And then there is Barronelle Stutzman, the Washington florist in trouble for refusing to provide flowers for a gay wedding even though the suit was brought by a long-time friend and customer. A Washington judge ruled against her in February, allowing the plaintiffs to collect damages and attorneys' fees. If this is not reversed, Barronelle Stutzman stands to lose her business, her home, and her savings ... all in the name of justice!

And that is just the point. Christians can and do allow for social diversity. But don't ask us to support and in some way encourage actions that run counter to our faith. To us, God's Word is God's Word, and we follow it accordingly. If there is an argument, it is not with us; it is with the Word of God.

So what can we do?

For one, as this writer is doing, Christians can stand for truth, highlight the problems, and oppose the drive to liberal progressives that have overwhelmed every segment of American society. And, in the coming election cycle, we can replace progressive legislators with conservatives who will help stem the tide away from godly principles of conduct.

I will say it again, America. You are sowing to the wind, and you are going to reap the whirlwind. What has been happening across our land is only a foretaste of where we are headed. A godless society is also an intolerant society, and intolerance leads to lawlessness and anarchy. Turn away from God and there will be hell to pay. There is only one solution to the fix we are in, and His name is Jesus!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A report from the "Faux State House"

To the Editor:

This last week was two long legislative sessions at our not undisclosed remote location in Bedford. Half of the legislature is still hiding from the boogie man in the State House, so instead, we met at an athletic complex in Bedford, not in the People's House. There we could spread out ten feet apart, and those who wanted to wear face recognition inhibitors (aka masks) could cower in the corner of a football field size venue. Despite this, we reviewed and voted on several hundred Senate Bills.

I still don't understand the Senate's thinking. In many cases, they chose to combine up to 72 separate issues into a single omnibus bill regardless of subject matter content. Rumor was that this allowed the Senate to pass a bill that had at least one part of Senate agreement. I know in the Criminal Law Committee, we deleted many of the extraneous parts to focus on one or two issues that actually pertained to the committee's purview.

I want to focus on one of the rare single-issue bills, Senate Bill 141 (SB141) or the abolition of the State gun line for the purchase of handguns. Today all approvals for a handgun purchase are first routed through the State before going for the Federal approval. The federal approval is required of all firearms, not just handguns. There is some overlap but this process requires a fairly large staff of officers that could be more effectively on the highways and byways keeping you and me safe. As can be ex-

pected there were a number of supporters on both sides. The Republican side was split and the bill was heading towards being "retained," meaning it would not be sent to the full House for a up or down vote and we would just "work" on it over the summer. The only way to assure getting a full vote on the House floor was to make a motion for Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL). Then as expected all the Democrats would vote to ITL and some Republicans. The sponsor for the bill was sure he could flip that decision to an Ought to Pass (OTP) on the floor. Since the sponsor did not want to be on record voting against a gun bill and thus could not make the ITL motion, I took one for the team and made the motion. In the House it passed 197 to 180. I supported this vote.

Next week, we meet again in Bedford to decide whether to accept changes made by the Senate to House bills or to refer bills to Committees of Conference to work out the differences. This is critical. The Senate significantly modified the Critical Race Theory (CRT) language in the Budget (HB2). This is unacceptable. If it remains as modified, I will vote against the budget. I am not alone.

Email me at dave@sanbornhall.net or call at 320-9524 of you want to talk or just have a cup of coffee.

Cheers!

Rep. Dave Testerman
Franklin

North Country Notebook

We raise it on our trash, and then kill it in the road



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

The raccoon is the bane of people who love ground-nesting birds. It relishes eggs, as any chicken-cooper knows. So do skunks.

Staff members and volunteers at the Loon Preservation Center have made great strides in protecting and restoring New Hampshire's loons. They put signs out to warn boaters about sensitive areas. They build rafts for defensible nests.

Raccoons were always among the major problems the LPC faced. Loons are awkward on land, but are ground-nesters nonetheless. They try to select places they can protect.

People sharing the shoreline generate garbage and trash. Raccoons are supreme

opportunists, and are omnivorous to boot. Thus, people can be tied directly to the attraction and proliferation of raccoons, just as people behind the wheel are among the leading causes of raccoon deaths.

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Raccoons, while not quite having opposable thumbs, come the closest to it save for the newcomer opossum, a close runner-up in the dexterity department. Either one of them seems to consider a box, bottle, or can an insult to intelligence and ability.

Raccoons and skunks have always led the "problem animal" list for conservation officers. Bats and snakes are right up there, too. Let's not forget the errant swarm of bees.

Whatever it is, someone is supposed to "do something." And if it's anything even remotely to do with the word "wild," it's Fish and Game.

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Raccoons resume full activity in early spring, after something--the sun, or the magnetic

field, or a sale on sunglasses--wakes them up from a light on-and-off sleep that is something shy of hibernation.

Mating season is January to March, a long time until you consider the three-week disparity between the Seacoast and the high country of Pittsburg. Newborns arrive in April and May.

From mating season on, raccoons become one of the more, if not the most, common mammals to get killed in the road. This is not counting the innumerable moles and voles. Why their little feet don't burn off from the friction is beyond me (the moles and voles, not the raccoons). I mean, just watch how fast they go.

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If there is one creature you don't want loose in your house or kitchen, it's (pick one) a bear, a squirrel, or a raccoon. I've had experience with all three in one way or another; several times over; and don't wish them on anyone. Far better to be careful.

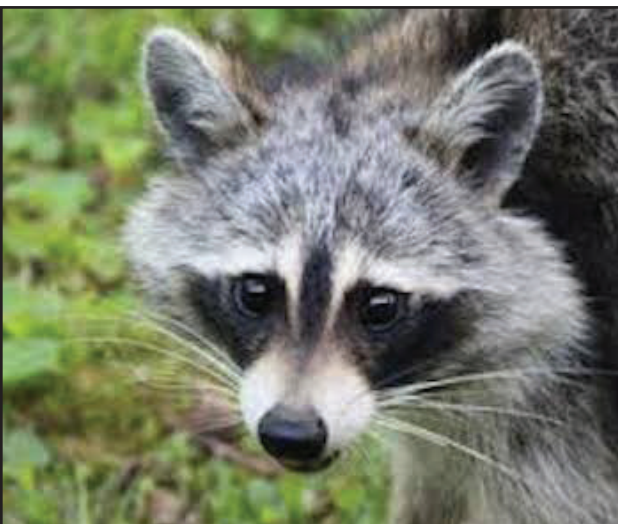
Food is always the issue. All three animals are omnivorous. Their

every waking moment is spent looking for food. This is why we're so careful about never leaving food at camp, and why I'm cautious at home.

Just once, I let my guard down, and hurried downtown on some errand and neglected to close an overhead door. A bear got in during the half-hour I was gone and trashed shed, shop, and barn.

One of the neat things during my years at Clarksville Pond was the fly-tying vise. It was always set up and ready to go, right there near the porch door in the main room, various sizes of tying-thread on the table, and hackles and body and wing material in drawers just below.

One early summer day when we were all out of the house, doing outside work, a red squirrel got into the camp. When we returned, the fly-tying bench was an unholy mess--a tangle of thread, feathers, hackles, and multiple shades of chenille. It was, as Shatney called any ball of short branches in a spruce tree, "a hoorah's nest."



COURTESY

Not so fast: It might look cute and cuddly, but the raccoon exploits our bad habits, is a major carrier of rabies, and is most likely to get hit in the road. (Courtesy freeimages.com)

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This last goes into the "Just when you think you know it all" category.

Some of my supposed expertise on things wild is gleaned from youthful experience, and like anything based on memory, it bears checking. Ergo, I visited New Hampshire Fish and Game's website, which (as always) I found informative and easy to use.

Among things I didn't know about raccoons were that the name is from the Algonquin "aroughcoune," which translates to "he scratches with his hands;" that

the "a" was dropped in the 1700s, giving us the word-sound as we know it today; that the species name translates to "washer"; and that a raccoon can rotate its hind feet 180 degrees.

For this and who knows how much more, I have to thank Public Affairs intern Kat Bagley, and the untold souls who make the Department's site a breath of fresh air.

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BY MIKE GREY
Sanbornton

SANBORNTON — Before you get real excited, this was the news for Aug. 6, 1893. It is true that George Lewis Cross, or "Lem," is the only person I found from Sanbornton who is listed in the baseball register or other baseball reference books to play major league baseball. We know that "Lem" was born on Jan. 9, 1872 in Sanbornton. I know very little about his life in Sanbornton.

Prior to being promoted to the majors, Lem played for the Manchester Amoskoegs from 1891 to 1892. The Amoskoegs

played in the New England baseball league, and were sponsored by the Amoskeag textile mill, the largest textile factory in the world at the time, employing 17,000 people. At that time, many factories had their own teams.

Five-foot-nine, 155-pound Lem Cross was promoted to the Reds on Aug. 6, 1893 at the age of 21. During his time in the major leagues, Lem was the winning pitcher in three games and losing pitcher in six games. He also batted 32 times and had eight hits for a .225 batting average. He was released from major

league baseball on Aug. 6, 1894. One year exactly. Did Lem celebrate or mourn Aug. 6 for the rest of his life?

Before nicknames became unpopular, Lem had many colorful teammates with the Reds. "Ice Box" Chamberlain was a fellow pitcher. Named "Ice Box" because for one of two reasons, eh was cool under pressure, or so "lazy" he never broke a sweat. Depends on which historical version you like.

"Bumpus" Jones was another pitcher for the Reds. "Bumpus" is famous for throwing a no-hitter in his first

game in the majors. Career went straight downhill from there, and he was soon out of baseball. The catcher was "Farmer" Vaughn. You can probably guess how that nickname developed. Baseball Hall of Famer Charlie Comiskey was a player on this team. He went on to be the owner of the Chicago White Sox. Comiskey Park in Chicago was named after Charlie.

My favorite of Lem's teammates was "Dummy" Hoy, an outfielder on the 1894 Reds. William "Dummy" Hoy was considered the greatest "deal" baseball player

for a century. He was a great defensive outfielder who once threw out three runners at home base in the same game. This record has been tied by several players, but never broken. In 1894, the word "dummy" was associated with someone who was nonverbal, unable to speak. It was not yet associated with intelligence. William and his teammates used their own sign language to communicate on the field. There are several good books written about William "Dummy" Hoy, including a children's book. He lived into his 90s, was a successful

businessman and an important advocate for services for people who are hearing impaired.

Lem eventually played 11 seasons of minor league baseball in Tacoma, Charleston, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, St. Paul, Chatham, Montreal, and three years in Lowell. It appears that this is where he retired from baseball at the age of 31. Lem Cross obviously had some stories to tell from his colorful life and career. Wish we could hear those stories. Lem died on Oct. 9, 1930, and is buried in Manchester.

Belmont baseball drops playoff opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The White Mountains baseball team scored five runs in the first two innings and Belmont was never able to catch up, as the Spartans took an 8-2 win in the opening round of the Division III tournament on Tuesday, June 1.

The game was postponed a day due to

weather concerns and White Mountains came out strong, with three runs in the first inning and two more in the second inning. They added one each in the fourth, fifth and sixth before Belmont scored their two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Liam Waldron took the hill for the Belmont, as he went the distance, striking out three.

Waldron, Jason Gaudette, Jason Roberts and Nate Sottak each had hits for the Raiders to help pace the offense.

The loss brought the season to a close for the Raiders, while White Mountains went on to beat Winnisquam in ex-

tra innings, then Berlin in the quarterfinals to advance to the Division III semifinals.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Discuss financial goals with your family

June is Effective Communications Month. And it's a good idea to recognize the importance of good communications because it plays a role in almost every aspect of living – including your finances. You'll want to clearly communicate your financial goals to your loved ones – and you'll want to hear theirs, too. Let's look at some of the communications you might have with family members:

- Your spouse** – You and your spouse may have different thoughts about a range of financial topics – how much to save, how much to spend, the level of debt with which you're comfortable and so on. Try to reach some type of consensus on these issues. However, in regard to investing, you don't necessarily have to act in unison all the time. You each may have different investment styles – one of you may be more aggressive, willing to take on more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other would rather invest with an eye toward mitigating risk, even it means accepting a lower return. Of course, there's nothing stopping each of you from pursuing your individual investment strategies in your own accounts – IRA, 401(k) and so on. Still, if you are going to work toward common goals – especially toward a shared vision of your retirement lifestyle – you each may want to compromise in your investment choices. And this accommodation is even more necessary in your joint accounts.
- Your parents** – If you may someday be involved with your parents' financial plans – which is highly likely – you should know in advance what to expect. This may not be the easiest conversation to have, but it's an important one. So, for example, ask your parents if they have a durable power of attorney, which allows them to designate someone to manage their financial affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated. You might also inquire if they have protected themselves against the potentially enormous costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. If not, you might suggest that they contact a financial advisor, who can offer solutions. Once you begin communicating about these issues, you may well want to go further into your parents' estate plans to determine what other arrangements, if any, they have made. If it seems that their plans are not fully developed, you may want to encourage them to contact an attorney specializing in estate planning.
- Your grown children** – Just as you talk to your parents about their estate plans, you'll want to discuss the same topic with your own grown children. Let them know who you have named as a durable power of attorney, what's in your last will and testament and whether you've established a living trust. If you're already working with a financial advisor and an estate planning professional, make sure your children know how to contact these individuals. Of course, you don't have to confine your communications to estate plans – if you want to help your children financially, such as loaning them money for a down payment on a home, let them know. By talking with your loved ones about key financial matters, everyone benefits. So, keep those lines of communication open.

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Lakes Region Rotary Club supports nonprofits that support the community

ACONIA —The Lakes Region Rotary club recently reached out with gifts of support to four area nonprofits that have supported families who have been impacted by the pandemic over the past year. Belknap House, the Isaiah 61 Cafe, the Santa Fund, and Got Lunch Laconia each received donations of \$500 to support their ongoing work.

Rotary member, Bob

Ewell, said, “This has been a difficult year for everyone and these four organizations have done outstanding work helping the most vulnerable members of our community - children, homeless individuals and homeless families, and families in crisis.”

The Lakes Region Rotary Club follows the Rotary motto of “Service above Self.” Each year funds raised through the Lakes Region Rotary

Annual car show are donated to support the work of area nonprofit organizations that work to make life in the Lakes Region better for children and families. This year’s car show will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Endicott Street North in the Weirs (insert rain date info here if we’re having a rain date). More information about the car show is available on the Lakes Region Rotary

Club Facebook page.

The Lakes Region Rotary was formed in 1991 and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. In addition to fundraising, club members contribute to service activities throughout the Lakes Region throughout the year. Anybody interested in learning more or becoming a member may contact the club through its email at lakesregion-rotary@gmail.com.



COURTESY

Members of the Lakes Region Rotary Club present checks to four area nonprofits.

Front row from left to right: Chris McCarthy of The Santa Fund; Linda Tunncliffe of Got Lunch Laconia; Dawn Longval of Isaiah 61 Café; and Paula Ferenc of Belknap House. Back Row from left to right: Larry Greeley, Jude Hamel, and Bob Ewell of the Lakes Region Rotary Club.

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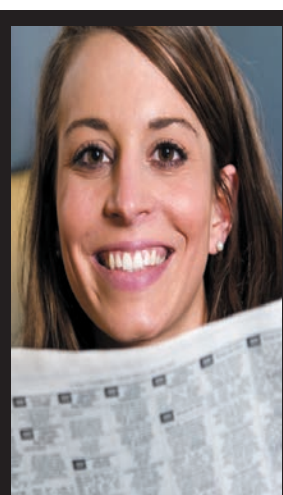
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