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Gilford schools back in session

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Students in the Gilford School District were back in classrooms, the playground, nature trails, and in the hallways helping fellow students on the first day of school.

The school year started for Gilford on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

"It was just a very smooth opening, and good to get back into the swing of things," said superintendent Kirk Beitler.

He said he met with the staff at the high school on Aug. 29, and they talked about the different things going on at the building levels. This

was Beitler's first school opening as superintendent. He said he was "good nervous" when addressing the staff, but it was exciting too.

"Everybody's so excited to just be a part of a great school district," Beitler said. "We're doing some amazing things. Everything went off without a hitch."

School started at Gilford Elementary School shortly after the end of the plumbing and paving projects. After being closed for the summer due to the paving project, the Imagination Station reopened.

Now the playground has a new labyrinth for the kids to pay in thanks

to the work and contributions of the Gilford Rotary Club, Gilford Home Center, and Belknap Landscaping. GES Principal Danielle Bolduc said the labyrinth project started last spring and completed the week school opened.

Bolduc said the opening of school went smoothly. The day before school started, GES held an open house for families.

This year, parents from the Volunteer Steering Committee wrote welcome back messages to the kids in chalk on the new pavement.

"We're just moving
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COURTESY

Mentor program eases the transition for new teachers

The Gilford School District has a mentor program to support new teachers in their transition into schools in the District and to provide ongoing support throughout their first year. Providing new educators with mentor-support is important in connecting mentees to the profession and the school community. Some of the new educators are new to the profession, while others come to Gilford with some experience. Mentors regularly connect with their mentees, and the entire group meets periodically throughout the school year. Pictured here are the mentors and their mentees. From left to right, they are: Chris Davol, Rachel Auger, Preston Ingram, Katie Bryant, Dan Caron, Jessi Bishop, Wyman Eckhardt, Taylor Whipple, Emily Wolpin, and Steve O'Riordan. Missing from the picture are Chris Parker and Tess Rollins.

GES plumbing project completed

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Gilford Elementary School now has a new plumbing system with new fixtures and fresh pavement around the building after a summer-long construction project.

During the summer vacation, crews worked to upgrade the school's plumbing system and repave the driveways.

The project was part of the two-year, \$2.2 million Mechanical, Engineering, Plumbing (MEP) Project that was approved by voters at this year's town meeting voting. The project resulted from a study that revealed many systems in the school are older,

many dating to the 1960's while some dated back to the 1930's when the original building was built.

This year's project focused on the plumbing as well as redoing the pavement around the school.

Construction started right after school got out in June and went on all summer.

Crews replaced all the plumbing and fixtures in all the bathrooms in the school, including bathrooms in classrooms and the bathrooms in the hallways.

Superintendent Kirk Beitler said sinks and countertops were replaced in a majority of classes

Additionally, the

parking lots and roads around the school were repaved.

Summer activities usually held at GES were moved to the high school for the summer. The Imagination Station was closed during the summer due to the repaving.

Beitler said the project went well overall despite a few challenges. There were some drainpipes and roof drainpipes that needed unexpected replacing. Some older clay sewer pipes also needed to be addressed as well.

All construction was done by the week of Aug. 15. After crews were done, custodial staff came into the building
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Jennifer Butts of For Maine Studio sold her fabric collages at the first Labor Day Craft Fair at Gunstock.

Labor Day Weekend Craft Festival draws artisans, shoppers

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Artisans of many mediums and big crowds came to Gunstock for the weekend for the first ever Labor Day Weekend Craft Festival.

More than 60 crafters put their creations on display for the first ever Labor Day show hosted by Joyce's Craft Shows. For the past few years the company has hosted a craft fair at Gunstock for Fourth of July Weekend. Joyce Endee of Joyce's Craft Shows said Gunstock encouraged her to do another show.

More than 60 vendors had their table set up in the field and in the main lodge.

Endee said there was a wide variety of

crafters showing their products.

"There's just a nice variety of artists," Endee said.

Vendors came from all over New England, which is one of Endee's goals.

"It's nice to have local and it's nice to have a variety of handmade things from New England," Endee said.

Visitors also enjoyed food and live music.

Mona Johnson of Salisbury, Mass., sold prints and other items made from her nature photography as part of her company MoJo Photos.

Johnson has done photography for a long time, including for weddings, beauty pageants, and other occa-

sions.
"I got into wildlife
SEE CRAFT FEST PAGE A10

GMS student named Speedway essay contest winner

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One Gilford Middle School student started the school year with a big assembly in his honor after being announced a winner of an essay contest held in conjunction with New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Last Wednesday morning, eighth grader Jacob Guay was announced as one of six winners of the second annual essay contest held by the New Hampshire chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, the New England League of Middle Schools, and NHMS.



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GMS student Jacob Guay stands with Milo the Mascot of New Hampshire Motor Speedway, with the NHMS pace car.

Middle school students from across the state were encouraged

to submit an essay on "What Does the American Flag Mean to Me."

GMS principal Peter Sawyer said the essay
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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

I know you are literate because of evidence too obvious to mention. You probably read voluntarily all the time...like right now. You weren't always literate. At some point, you were taught. Reading is one of the most important activities young students can participate in, but sometimes reading falls to the wayside in lieu of other pursuits. Modern gaming is, frankly, marvelous, then there are sports, TV, gossip, and pulling the hair of siblings all vying for kid's attention. Reading does have certain advantages, not least of which is that it's good for the brain. Yup, the brain.

Many of us would admit anecdotally that reading is good for the brain, helps creativity, improves work and private lives, and will play a large part in curing cancer, but I wanted to find some studies to back those notions up. Specifically I wanted to find out when

reading should begin. Abi (our Children's Librarian) tipped me off about Reach Out & Read, a program promoting child literacy from six months to five years. According to them, there are measurable benefits to reading to children, with children, or talking to children about books that they have read. Check out their research findings page at reachoutandread.org to see some of the studies for yourself (reading will be involved). Essentially, reading with children and surrounding them with books helps them to get comfortable with reading and teaches them to love reading. It lets them know that reading is useful for learning, entertainment, as a creative outlet, and as food for thought to discuss with others (like parents and guardians). Before you know it, their brains are even more awesome than before.

Abi likes brains, so she put together the Family Chapter Book

Reading Challenge. Simply, families that read 12 chapter books which meet a set of themes and criteria before the end of the school year will complete the challenge and will be awarded a prize. (the prize is in addition to the brain practice). The stipulations are that each book must be checked out from the Gilford Public Library and they must be read together as a family, either read aloud or read by parent/guardian and child independently and then discussed. We hope to encourage families to read together, to talk about books, and to have books on hand in the house for kids to read when their sibling's hair isn't in reach. The prize is gravy.

What really makes the experience is finding a chapter book that grabs the child's interest. Series like the Land of Stories by Chris Colfer and the Hero's Guide by Christopher Healy are comedic fantasy that kids go crazy for. The Judy Moody books by Megan McDonald are popular early chapter books that are realistic fiction. 'Friday

Barnes, Girl Detective' is a new book series by R. A. Spratt that is a captivating read for slightly older readers. The "I Survived" series by Lauren Tarshis has been a hit with any reader looking for realistic, historic, or adventurous fiction. These are so many more series to look at in the children's room, and the children's librarians are giddy with the idea of helping families find books. Some of our newest additions I'm excited about include "Nine, Ten: a September 11 Story" by Nora Raleigh Baskin, Mary Pope Osborne's newest "Night of the Ninth Dragon," "Full of Beans" by Jennifer Holm, "Grayling's Song" by Karen Cushman, and "Lucy" by Randy Cecil. With books like these, kids will be having so much fun they won't even notice their brains growing.

Classes & Special Events

Sept. 8 to Sept. 14

Thursday, Sept. 8

Library Card Sign Up Month Visits, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Kayleigh will visit

T-Bones and Cactus Jack's with library card mascot Rita Book to promote Library Card Sign Up Month. Visit her to sign up for a new library card and to learn about all the services a library card offers.

Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The Magic the Gathering Club has started again this school year at this new time. For 5th-12th graders. The library has some decks, but feel free to bring your own cards if you have them and get excited for some good games.

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

Friday, Sept. 9

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

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 10

Library Card Sign Up Month Visits, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Kayleigh will visit the Gilford Farmer's Market with library card mascot Rita Book to promote Library Card Sign Up Month. Visit her to sign up for a new library card and to learn

about all the services a library card offers.

Monday, Sept. 12
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lapsit Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.

Songs, lap bounces, finger plays, books, and playtime for children ages newborn to two and their caregivers.

Storytime, 11:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m.

Stories, songs, and a craft for children ages three to five, independent.

Makerspace Club: Cardboard Creations, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Eight to 11 year olds are invited to sign up for this three week program meeting Sept. 13, 20, and 27 from 3:15-4:30 p.m. This month's theme is Cardboard Creations! Put on by the Gilford Public Library, the Gilford Youth Center, and the Gilford Parks and Rec. Funded by the Friends of the Gilford Public Library.

Book Bites Cook-SEE LIBRARY PAGE A11

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead
2. "After You" by Jojo Moyes
3. "A Great Reckoning" by Louise Penny
4. "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware
5. "The Girls" by Emma Cline
6. "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
7. "Sweet Tomorrows" by Debbie Macomber
8. "The Obsession" by Nora Roberts
9. "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman
10. "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 307 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Aug. 30-Sept. 5. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Kristopher p. Anctil,

age 31, of Gilford was arrested on Aug. 31 for Harassment.

Heather M. Albert, age 28, of Belmont was arrested on Aug. 31 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

James Purcell, age 20, of Gilford was arrested on Aug. 31 in connection with an outstanding warrant, and for being a Fu-

gitive From Justice.

A 32-year-old male identified as a transient was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 3.

Allison J. Flood, age 19, of Lynnfield, Mass. was arrested on Sept. 3 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

A 26-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 3.

Shane M. Meyer, age 20, of Northfield, Vt. was arrested on Sept. 3 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Currie Dube, age 26, town of residence withheld, was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 3, and subsequently charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. A 38-year-old companion of Dube's was also taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Tracey L. Brooks, age 47, of Quincy, Mass. was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 3, and subsequently arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

A 33-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxi-

cation on Sept. 3.

A 42-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 3.

David S. Dorr, age 35, of Meford, Mass. was arrested on Sept. 4 for Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.

Jordan L. Jacobs, age 20, of Hopkinton, Mass. was arrested on Sept. 4 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Ryan Brandon Tuttle, age 25, of Gilford was arrested on Sept. 4 for Criminal Mischief (Vandalism).

A 43-year-old female and 48-year-old male were taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 4.

Timothy M. Dearborn, age 32, identified as a transient, was arrested on Sept. 4 for Criminal Trespassing.

Two 24-year-old males were taken into protective custody for intoxication on Sept. 4.

Peter J. Emanuel, age 54, of Laconia was arrested on Sept. 5 for Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Kerry A. Parker, age 34, of Derry was arrested on Sept. 5 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, having a Suspended Registration (an Operating misdemeanor), Failure to Obey Inspection Requirements, driving an Unregistered Vehicle, Transporting Alcoholic Beverages, and violating Driver's License Prohibitions.

Eliana K. Fontanez, age 24, of Laconia was arrested on Sept. 5 for Operating Without a Valid License, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and in connection with two outstanding warrants.



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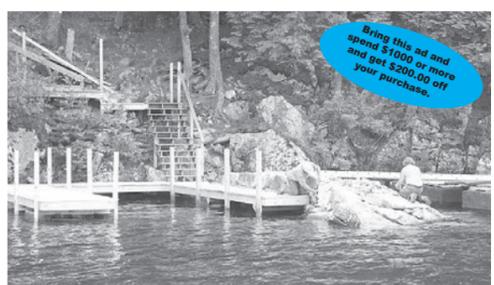
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GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Gilford Old Home Day Wrap Up

The annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held this past Saturday, Aug. 27 and the weather was beautiful! Annual activities included the parade, entertainers, pie-eating contest, egg toss, band concert, community dance and spectacular fireworks! The parade award winners were as follows:

Grand Prize, Best Overall - Lake Shore Park

Neighborhood Floats - 1st Place to Gilford Public Library, 2nd Place to St. Baldrick's

Commercial Floats - 1st Place to Street Car Company, 2nd Place to Beyond the Belt and 3rd Place to Bank of NH

Mini Floats - 1st Place to Lakes Region Chordsmen and 2nd place to Gilford Robotics

Neighborhood Marchers - 1st Place to Knights of Columbus, 2nd Place to the Gilford Farmer's market and 3rd Place to Piche's

Antique Vehicles - 1st Place to Hayden McLaughlin, 2nd Place to Heather and Pat Labonte and 3rd Place to Charlie St. Claire

Classic Vehicles - 1st Place to Neil Flaherty, 2nd Place to the Thurstons and 3rd Place to Lacey

Motorcycles - 1st Place to The Sidekicks

Oxen - 1st Place to Kathy Salanitro

Equestrian - 1st Place to the Uickers

The Parks and Recreation Department would also like to offer a special thanks to all the people who

have worked so hard to make Gilford Old Home Day a success. A special thank you to the Old Home Day Committee for their tireless effort and time, the Gilford High School Football Team for their assistance with the day before prep and the morning after clean-up, the Bank of New Hampshire for their sponsorship of the musical performance of Jon Lorentz and Matt Langley and all the Town Departments for their assistance throughout the event. To all others who helped to

make the day so great, Thank You!

Senior Moment-um End of Summer Beach Potluck on Sept. 12

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring an end of the summer Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Sept. 12. Participants are invited to join us at Gilford Town Beach at 11:30 a.m. for potluck lunch and a game of bocce ball. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide the

drinks and paper goods and participants are asked to bring a dish to share with the group. If you have a lawn chair, please bring it! Come and enjoy the last of our summer days at the beach. Participants must RSVP with the dish they plan to bring with the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 by Sept. 9. The rain date will be Tuesday, Sept. 13.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Gilford Parks and Rec. Department at 527-4722.

Opechee Garden Club opens fall programs with "Folklore of Garden & Wild Flowers"

GILFORD — On Monday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m., Opechee Garden Club will begin its fall programs at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Rd., in Gilford. A Business Meeting will be followed by a speaker program titled, "Folklore of Garden and Wild Flowers," presented by Marilyn Gilmour, New Hampshire's 2003 Environmental Educator of the Year.

Dedicated to bringing the beauty and importance of nature to the forefront, Gilmour had most of her formal education in Massachusetts, studying and graduating from the Hathaway School of Conservation, as well as the Essex County Agricultural School, and finally at Salem State College where she studied natural history, exotic trees shrubs, botany and geology.

In Audubon, Mass.,

at the Ipswich River Wildlife Center, Gilmour was a tour guide, a director of their summer camp, and director of volunteers. She brought nature programs to the mentally ill, and the criminally insane by providing wild flower and nature walks, birding and water color paintings of nature.

More recently, she has served as a Senior Program Naturalist, and Pre-K Coordinator and Director at the Seacoast Science Center of Rye, where she worked for 21 years creating programs for both children and adults.

Gilmour currently is employed at the Misty Meadows Herb Farm in New Hampshire, as a wild crafter, one who forages for wild medicinal plants, and is attending school there to become a certified herbalist. Additionally, she has been creating natural histo-

ry and woodland hikes during the summer for children in nearby communities.

While she has several different program offerings available, on this visit to the Opechee Garden Club, Gilmour will be delivering a power point presentation, that will focus on garden and wild flowers, and the folklore that accompanies them.

Hospitality Chairs Carol Block and Carolyn Dickey, along with their Committee Rachel Achber, Lois Bolduc, Gail Brewer, Eleanor Brouillard, Priscilla Clark, Nancy Fuchs, Carmel Lancia,

Nancy Leroy, Brenda O'Brien, Connie Russell, and Sharon Tyler, will provide refreshments and table décor. While the Business Meeting begins at 1 p.m., members and their guests are encouraged to arrive between 12:30 - 1 p.m. to visit and chat with friends before the meeting begins. Opechee Garden Club always welcomes new members!

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Hoagie wasn't in the best of shape when we first took him in – but we've fatten him up, brought his vaccines

up to date, freed him of the parasites that were living off his body, and generally given him hope that a new forever home awaits. Hoagie of course, rests blissfully at our animal shelter, he may be hard of hearing making a firm pre-requisite, we want him to be an indoor cat – assured of safety at all times. Perhaps about four years young, Hoagie and his new family will enjoy many years of cozy companionship. Visit this majestic boy – you be glad you did.

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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Well, the occasional rants must be a perk of seniority



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

I generally avoid indulging in rants, because they tend to scare off people and don't accomplish much. Also, the people with the net and white coats might show up to drag me away. My most recent rant, in



JOHN HARRIGAN

Beecher Falls Factory, tight up against the Canadian border, where I labored and learned much for a year and a half on the Machine Floor.

which I vented after a transcontinental flight but probably didn't accomplish much, was in a different column I

write for InDepthNH.org, in which I ranted away about the basic inhumanity of a coach-class airplane seat.

I also try to limit my dependence on radio or TV for news, because there's plenty SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A11

FROM OUR READERS

Hunter Taylor will have my vote for County Commissioner

To the Editor:

I will vote for, and now endorse, Hunter Taylor for Belknap County Commissioner, District 3, on Sept. 13. Having arrived at this decision after a long and painful process of investigation and reflection, a decent respect for the opinions of our Belknap County voters requires that I declare my reasoning.

Among the most critical issues facing any of our elected officials in these troubled times is the proper stewardship of our tax money and how it is spent, including, without limitation, on our nursing home and our correction facilities. In my view, proper stewardship of other people's money requires the utmost in personal integrity, particularly in financial matters.

Although I have known Hunter Taylor for a fairly sort time, it turns out that we both graduated from the same law school many years ago and had some of the same professors. I have studied Hunter's background and experience, and found him to have displayed the highest ethical standards and personal integrity. In the world of lawyers (for whatever that might be worth), Hunter has achieved the aV® rating for "Peer Review for the Highest Level of Professional Excellence" by the well-known Martindale Hubbell® law directory, with a peer review rating of 5.0 out of 5.0. To my knowledge, Hunter has never been accused of any misdeeds, financial or otherwise, and he has retired in the Lakes Region after a successful career in private law practice and as a law professor.

Contrasting Hunter's background with his opponent has been very difficult personally for me, for I came away feeling betrayed. I was misled by his opponent to believe that the only reason he filed for personal bankruptcy was because he had become over-

whelmed with medical bills incurred for treatment of his father and wife.

But a close reading of the public court records indicates that a probate court in Maine found that his opponent breached his fiduciary duties to his wife's elderly grandfather and exerted undue influence over him in order to obtain valuable property, resulting in the imposition of a judgment against him and his wife of \$210,000, to which he and his wife actually consented to be entered against them. Thereafter, there were actually three bankruptcy cases filed, one each in 2008 in Maine, and in 2011 and in 2013 in New Hampshire.

The federal Bankruptcy Courts found that the probate court judgment, now grown to \$295,000-plus, was not subject to being discharged in bankruptcy because it arose out of "false pretenses, a false representation, actual fraud, or willful and malicious injury by the debtor to another entity or to the property of another entity" (the words of the federal statutes). In the final 2013 bankruptcy case, Hunter's opponent filed three different sets of financial schedules purporting to disclose his financial condition, each one different from the last, with the ultimate result that the Court found that his proposed "plan" was filed in bad faith, and he was denied confirmation of his "plan" to pay off his creditors.

So I asked myself, is this the type of person we should put in a position of power over our county finances? And the clear answer is "No." Thus, I will vote for Hunter Taylor, and urge my fellow voter is in Belknap County to do the same.

*Norman J. Silber
Gilford*

Thanks to all who contributed to a successful Old Home Day

To the Editor:

The Gilford Board of Selectmen would like to offer a hearty congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Old Home Day.

During the planning for this year's event, the Selectmen made it very clear they were unhappy with the fireworks in recent years that seemed to suffer from a variety of technical glitches. This year, the Board sent a representative to the Old Home Day Committee with a message that things needed to improve or changes would be made.

We are now pleased to report to the citizens of Gilford that our call to action was answered with resounding positivity. The weather was simply beautiful on Saturday, Aug. 27. The parade turnout was outstanding (as usual). The activities on the Village Field were well-planned, fun and safe. And the fireworks were spectacular – thank you Atlas Fireworks of Belmont.

We are truly appreciative of all the efforts by the volunteers and staff who contributed, starting with the members of the Old Home Day Committee: Angela Pouliot, Michelle Blake, Bob And Charlene Pelland, Chris Bowler, Diane Maher, Ardy Eaton, Ethie Ritson, Grace Hebert, John Hall, Helen Murphy, Kelley Park-

er, Sue King, Mary Chesebrough, Kathie Merriam, Pattu Smith, Pete Bowler, Ronda Reimers and Karen Thurston. We would also like to thank some supporting cast members to include: Dave Reimers, Jerry Maher, Jerry Murphy, Rich Parker, Bruce Thurston and Bob Blake. Members of the Gilford High School Football team helped with set-up and clean-up. The Gilford High School Class of 2017 served as the bucket brigade. We also want to thank the folks who served as parade judges. Additional praise is due to the members of the Thompson-Ames Historical Society, the Gunstock Nordic Association, Gilford Rotary Club, and Friends of Gilford Library for partnering with the Town on this memorable day.

The Town of Gilford is fortunate to be able to count on many employees as well who contributed to the success of Old Home Day, including Katherine Dormody, Kristin Jarvi and the members of the Police and Fire Honor Guards. Many DPW employees gave of their spare time in preparations for the parade while police and fire employees worked to ensure the safety of the public. Thanks to Bob Pomeroy for serving as Master of Ceremonies. A special thanks is conveyed to Parks & Recreation Director Herb Greene who works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep things organized. We apologize in advance to anyone we may have inadvertently failed to recognize.

Lastly, we were proud that Old Home Day 2016 was honored by the presence of Merrill Fay, who served as Parade Grand Marshal, and the entire day was dedicated to Phil Merriam, a long-term member of the Old Home Day Committee who sadly passed away in 2015. We can only hope that everyone who took part in Old Home Day came away with as much joy and satisfaction as we did.

Sincerely,

*The Gilford Board of Selectmen:
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Increased sales, shrinking supply push up home prices



BY RANDY HILMAN

August regional home sales rose nearly 20% year-over-year on volume of \$110 million with sales year-to-date up 13 percent on volume of \$620 million, an increase of nearly 13 percent from the previous year, figures show.

August transactions in Belknap, Carroll and Grafton counties picked up from July, ending the

month 6% percent higher with 366 closed sales, according to sales data supplied by the New England Real Estate Network Multiple Listing Service.

Home prices in August gained, too, with the median price rising 10 percent year-over-year to \$220,000. The median home in the three-county region stood at \$208,000 for the year, up 4 percent from the same period last year, NEREN figures show.

New August listings again trended downward, dropping nearly 18 percent from July and 11 percent year over year. For the year, new listings are off 11 percent, from 4,719 units a year ago to 4,198 units this

year, NEREN figures show.

Increased sales combined with fewer homes coming to market are a formula for rising prices, good news for homeowners preparing to sell, experts say.

Housing supply at the end of August in the three-county region declined 9% from July to 8.9 months with the market absorbing an average of 273 units per month over the previous 12 months. In July average monthly absorption was 271 single-family housing units according to NEREN figures.

“Even as prices rise in many communities homes are selling faster now than they have in the past several years,

the New Hampshire REALTORS® said in its most recent housing report.

“This creates a situation where buyers need to move fast in order to secure homes and they many have to pay more for them”.

Statewide, the mid-summer median price of a home rose 1.2 percent, year-over-year, while new listings fell 17 percent in the same period, according to the NHR report, which noted that low housing supply is now acting as a kind of brake on an “outright boon” in sales activity, “despite near record low mortgage rates and an unemployment rate under 5 percent.”

Area builders remain optimistic that a sustained housing recovery will soon ignite demand for new housing. The dilemma for homebuilders is that construction prices have continued to rise since 2008, while housing prices in most areas are still below the 2007 mark.

Grafton County posted the greatest number of sales in July with 128 closed transactions, up 52 percent from a year ago, according to NEREN.

Grafton home sales for the year were up nearly 12 percent to 731 closed transactions on dollar volume of \$194.4 million, up nearly 11%

from 2015. New listings in August declined 18 percent to 147 units compared to the same period last year. The median price of a Grafton County home, meanwhile, rose 17 percent year-over-year to \$199,450 and stood at \$195,000 for the year, an annual increase of 3 percent, NEREN figures show.

Carroll County saw 120 closed transactions in August, a year-over-year increase of 10 percent on dollar volume of \$45.3 million, up 50 percent over a year ago. Sales through the first eight months of the year were also up a healthy 13 percent on dollar volume of \$217.8 million, up 25 percent from the same period in 2015.

The August median home price in Carroll County was up 16 percent from a year ago to \$247,250. The median home price for the year was up 7.5 percent to \$215,000, according to NEREN.

Belknap County saw its August-to-August sales numbers rise a comparatively modest 4.5 percent to 118 closed transactions on volume of \$32.4 million, down 19% from a year ago, according to NEREN. To date, however, Belknap home sales remained up a healthy 15% to 709 closed transactions on dollar volume of \$208.3

million, up 4 percent.

The August median home price in Belknap County was up nearly 5 percent from the same month last year to \$225,500, but down to \$213,700 for the year, a year-over-year decline of less than 1 percent, NEREN figures show.

Do you have specific questions pertaining to real estate activity in your neck of the woods? Are you thinking of selling your home or do you know someone who may be planning to buy or sell a home in the near future? I can help.

The real estate market is ever changing. What you don't know about it could cost you time and money. Contact me today by email or phone to schedule a free, no-strings consultation. Meanwhile, thank you for reading The Winnepesaukee Talkie.

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FROM OUR READERS

Gunstock Nordic Association thanks supporters of Old Home Day 5K

To the Editor:

Gunstock Nordic Association (GNA), with the support of Piche's Ski and Sport Shop, once again hosted the 39th Annual Gilford Old Home Day 5K Road Race on a nice cool typical Old Home Day morning. There were 156 runners, with the youngest age six and the oldest 73. All in all, it was a success, with no need for CPR.

GNA truly appreci-

ates the sponsors of the race, to include MB Tractor, Belknap Landscape Co., Gilford Well, Troy Schrupp DDS, Winniquam Dental, Patricks Pub and Eatery, Northeast Delta Dental, and Piches. I would also like to thank all of volunteers doing registration -Donna Ackerly, Lisa Buckley, Rachel Colbath, Michelle Stow, Katherine and Annie Rice who had to get up extra early. Also ap-

preciated were those who manned the course: Troy Schrupp, Hugh Rice, Tim Rice, and local EMTs and Gilford Police, and those timing: Guy Rice, John Stow, Nina Gavryluk and Chris Naimie with the computer.

Thank you also to Kim and Ed Valpey for setup, signs and the use of their house and electricity. Ann Czerwinski, Sarah Townsend, Jack Schrupp, and Sara Rosenfeld also contributed by baking the homemade pies, breads, granola bars, and cookies as prizes for the lucky winners. Most of all, thank you to the runners who participated!! You know who you are. See you next year.

Eliza Deery
Gunstock Nordic Association

Belknap County needs commissioners capable of addressing the issues we face

To the Editor:

My opponent in the Belknap County District Three commissioner's contest passes out literature in which he emphasizes his compassion. Can compassion be a code word for unwarranted expansion of human services? His definition of compassion does not extend to those who restructure their finances because of cataclysmic events over which they had no control. That restructuring is the reason behind United States bankruptcy codes of which, as

a retired lawyer, I am sure my opponent is aware. Debt restructuring does not equal evasion of responsibilities.

There are quite a few serious issues facing Belknap County. Are we having a discussion of best policies to answer our economic challenges? Are we speaking to State and Federal

changes which are coming to the County nursing home or to the grim economic realities facing young people? I suggest that we begin by defining these issues and that a discussion be initiated that in-

cludes a multi-faceted approach. It should include policy experts such as the New Hampshire Institute for Public

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Dominick Giunta, 102

Dominick Giunta, passed away peacefully, Friday Aug. 26, 2016 in Laconia, New Hampshire at the age of 102.

Dom, a Boston native, retired from the Boston MBTA, where he was a train operator. He moved to New Hampshire with his wife Marjorie in 1999. Both loved the area and enjoyed taking rides and square dancing. Marjorie passed away from complications due to Alzheimer's in 2005.

Dom lived in his own home, here in New Hampshire until two months ago, when he developed health complications and was moved to St. Francis

retirement community in Laconia, New Hampshire. He is survived by his two daughters, Wini and Patricia, and his two sons, Richard and Eddie, all of whom were at his side, along with extended family members.

Dom served as a medic in Germany and France in WWII, and later served in Germany during the Berlin Crisis. He was honorably discharged from the Army, the Massachusetts Air National Guard and the Reserve of the United States Air Force.

For those who may want to join his family, his cremated remains will be deposited with

those of his deceased wife, Marjorie, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, with a Military Honors Salute at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Route 3, Boscafen.

Dom lived a long and interesting life, and we will greatly miss his humor and good will.

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

Thelma Louella Nault, 97

CANTERBURY — Thelma Louella Nault 97, former longtime resident of Stark Street in Gilford, died Sunday, September 4, 2016 at Concord Hospice House.

Thelma was born June 21, 1919 in Laconia, daughter to the late Louis and Florence Bockus DeHart. She lived on Stark St in Gilford her entire life until moving to Canterbury in 2005 where she lived and was cared for by her daughter Nancy and her husband Vincent. She worked for Scott & Williams in Laconia, making military parts during the war and then worked at Laconia Shoe factory for a number of years. Later, She proudly managed Peek N' Buy, a women's clothing store in Gilford until its closing.

Thelma loved to tell the story of how she met her late husband Pete Nault while ice skating on the lake in Lakeport. He was a talented skater, she a novice, and when she took a fall, he came to her rescue. It was love at first sight and he was her hero for ever after.

Thelma enjoyed cake decorating and was well known for her professional quality creations including wedding cakes for family weddings. She also was an advocate of eating and cooking healthy which helped her to remain free of complications while having dia-



betes over 40 years. She was especially proud of the many different fruit and berries she and her husband, Pete cultivated, preserved, and shared. A visit to her home usually included an invitation to pick fresh fruit. Thelma especially enjoyed a month long 50th anniversary trip around the US with her husband. She was honored to serve as Matron of Honor in her granddaughter's wedding at age 70. More than anything, Thelma loved spending time with her family and friends sharing a simple meal or activity such as a game of Parcheesi, checkers or cards, and entertaining visitors with endless stories.

Thelma was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Joseph "Pete" Nault in 2005. In addition to her parents, she is also predeceased by her brothers, George, Walter and Norman DeHart and her sister, Evelyn Tardy. Thelma is survived

by a son, Peter Nault, and his wife Lucille of Deerfield; a daughter, Nancy Foden and her husband, Vincent of Canterbury; four grandchildren (Shelly Cote and her husband, Louis of Pembroke, Michael Normandin and his wife, Denise of Gilford, Paula Langevin and her husband, Mark of Deerfield, and Peter Nault and his wife Jennifer of Deerfield); nine great-grandchildren (Ethan and Alex Cote, Julia, Laurel, Austin, and Addison Normandin, Nickolas and Michael Langevin, and Timothy, Ashley, and Caley Nault); Step grandchildren, Vincent, Aaron, Joseph, Tom, and Pam Foden, Denise Delaney, and Alana Susko; a sister, Marian Fecteau of Laconia; nieces, Patty and Jane Nault and several other nieces, nephews and cousins. Thelma also leaves a dear friend and caregiver, Deb Cotnoir.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. at Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service will be Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. also at the funeral home.

Burial will immediately follow the funeral service at Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilford, in the family lot.

For those who wish memorial donations may be made to CRVNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

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, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Multicultural Festival presents a global symphony

LACONIA — Have you noticed a splash of salsa in the air lately? An Irish lilt in the breeze? Or a bit of the blues in the sky? It could be the preparations of the talented individuals & groups who will be performing during the 15th edition of the Laconia Multicultural Festival on Saturday Sept. 10 from 10 am to 4 pm in Rotary Park and downtown Laconia.

This signature event, the original Laconia festival, celebrates America's cultural diversity and the rich ethnic heritage right here in the Lakes Region. Admission is free to all ages at this family-friendly event.

"In every possible way, festival visitors will be transported to the cultures represented," explained Becky Guyer, Multicultural Festival Committee Executive

Director. "thru the tastes & smells of the native cuisine available at the vendor booths, by the sight of the arts & crafts displayed, and the people in ethnic garb and also by the varied music styles of the many artists who will be performing all day on our three stages—the Main Stage at Rotary Park, the City Hall Stage & the Children's Corner at Healthlink parking lot. We have about 70 vendors this year & over 35 different cultures represented."

"Some of the performers are from nearby, others farther away," continued Muff Kruse, committee member & Entertainment Chair, "but they bring with them traditions spanning the globe. The group Tyler Road, for instance, has been performing its signature 'folkgrass' sound—a unique blend of folk, blues, bluegrass

& traditional—for over twelve years in the Merrimack Valley.

"Then there's the O'Brien Clan," Muff Kruse added, "a family Irish band from right here in the Lakes Region. They perform instrumental Irish jigs & reels, plus folk songs in the Celtic tradition featuring rich vocals and vivid harmonies."

"Meantime the Edwin Pabon Orchestra will spice things up," said committee member Matt Soza. "Led by percussionist/singer Edwin Pabon, this 12-member band from Boston excels in salsa, merengue, bolero and mamba from Puerto Rico."

"Continuing the Latin theme," added committee member Debbie Frawley-Drake, "is El Arto Flamenco. Roberto Rios on classical guitar and performer Isabel SEE MULTICULTURAL PAGE A11

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Make the Most of Gifts to Grandchildren

Did you know that National Grandparents Day is less than a week away? While this "Day" is not as widely known as Mother's Day or Father's Day, it is nonetheless important, as it recognizes the key role that grandparents play. If you are a grandparent yourself, you might expect some cards or phone calls or emails from your own grandchildren – but you will probably experience even greater enjoyment in the gifts you can give them. If you're thinking of making a financial gift, consider your options carefully.

To begin with, don't forget about your own needs. As much as you love your grandchildren, you can't afford to provide significant financial gifts to them at the expense of your own retirement savings or the resources you might need for health care or long-term care. So, review your budget to determine what you can afford to give. This amount may change year by year, depending on your circumstances, so you may want to review your potential gifts annually.

However, assuming you can afford to give regularly to your grandchildren, how should you go about it? Here are a few possibilities:

- **Establish a 529 plan.** A college degree is a very

good investment in your grandchildren's future – but higher education comes with high costs. If you want to help your grandkids go to college, you could establish a 529 plan. Earnings in a 529 plan can grow federal tax-free and will not be taxed when the money is taken out to pay for college. Plus, you may receive state tax incentives if you invest in your home state's 529 plan. (However, if withdrawals are not used for higher education expenses, the earnings portion is fully taxable and will incur a 10% penalty.)

Keep in mind, though, that a 529 plan could affect your grandchild's financial aid. While a 529 plan owned by a grandparents generally won't be reported as an asset under the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), withdrawals used for school will be treated as student income on the next year's FAFSA, and so could lower your grandchild's financial aid package. So you could wait for your grandchild's final year of college, when he or she won't be applying for future financial aid, before you allow withdrawals from the 529 plan. (You may want to discuss a 529 plan's potential financial

aid impact with a financial aid professional.)

- **How much can I afford to contribute?** As much as you'd like. Contribute to a custodial account. You can give money to your grandchildren through a custodial account, known as UGMA or UTMA. These are irrevocable gifts that minors gain control of at the age of majority. Be aware, then, that once they get the money, they can do with it as they choose, and their choices may be far different from what you had intended.
- **How much can I afford to contribute?** As much as you'd like. Pay college bills directly. You can simply write a check to the college to help pay for your grandchild's expenses.

By making any of these gifts, you can help your grandchildren move forward through life – and their journey can provide you with the gifts of pride and joy.

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The movie that made Bette Davis a star comes to LRPA

“Of Human Bondage” is this weekend's After Dark feature

LACONIA—Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Sept. 9 & 10) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1934’s melodrama “Of Human Bondage,” starring Bette Davis and Leslie Howard.

In “Of Human Bondage,” we meet Philip Carey (Howard), socially awkward and painfully self-conscious due to a clubfoot. He has dreams of becoming an artist, but is advised by his teacher to give up on those dreams due to limited talent. Philip returns home to London to enroll in medical school. Joining a fellow student at a tearoom, Philip meets Mildred Rogers (Davis), a vulgar Cockney waitress who attracts many of her male customers with her wanton ways. Philip tries to flirt with Mildred, but she rudely rebuffs him. Undaunted, he persuades her to go on a dinner date, where she continues to mistreat him. Philip becomes obsessed with Mildred, daydreaming of her instead of studying for his exams. He proposes marriage, but she rejects him for another man, taunting him for loving her, and leaving Philip brokenhearted. Just as Philip is getting back on his feet and finding contentment with another woman, Mildred returns – with another man’s child. Will Philip learn from his mistakes, or will the bond that he feels for Mildred draw him back under her spell?

Bette Davis was so convinced that “Of Human Bondage” would be her breakthrough film that for six straight months, she begged Jack L. Warner, the head of Warner Brothers, to lend her out to RKO to make this picture. Warner felt that the terribly unglamorous and indecent part would ruin her career, but he eventually gave in. It was the right decision, as both critics and moviegoers alike found her spellbinding in this sadistic, heartless role. Davis had made 21 films before “Of Human Bondage,” but Mildred the waitress was the character that catapulted her to Hollywood superstardom. “Of Human Bondage” was adapted from the W. Somerset Maugham novel and made into a movie two more times, once in 1946 with Paul Henreid and Eleanor Parker, and again in 1964, with Kim Novak and Laurence Harvey. Neither film was the critical success that is our original. The New York Times critic Mordaunt Hall wrote that Davis’s portrayal of Mildred was “enormously effective” and said this of Leslie Howard’s performance: “One might be tempted to say that his portrait of Philip Carey excels any performance he has

given before the camera.” This movie truly is a classic. Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for the movie that made la Davis a star.

You can’t find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream

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community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast Channel 24 (educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member

towns and cities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. 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. LRPA’s slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at www.lrpa.org.

Carter Mountain Brass Band to perform at UMC

Carter Mountain Brass Band will present a concert at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. This “Thank you” concert is presented to thank the church for the use of its facilities for rehearsals during the year. All proceeds from this concert go to the church to help support its mission of creating spaces for outreach by community organizations. The church is used by Streetcar, Carter Mountain Brass Band, Alcoholics Anonymous, and other groups.

Now in its 18th year, the band, under the direction of Mike Mikuski, will present a program of well know favorites: marches, overtures, feature numbers highlighting soloists and sections of the band, patriotic and popular tunes. A special

selection will be the Porgy and Bess Suite by George Gershwin. Four songs from the show will be played, including: “It Ain’t Necessarily So,” “I Got Plenty of Nuttin’,” “Bess, You Is My Wom-

an Now” featuring Anne Cauble on euphonium, and “I’m On My Way.”

Carter Mountain is made up of all brass instruments, in the style of many 19th Century factory bands of the day. The

musicians are drawn from all over New Hampshire and Vermont and are united by their common love of performing high quality brass music and sharing knowledge of their instruments with

interested audiences. The concert is open to the public. Donations of \$8 will be accepted at the door. Mark your calendars and come for an evening of delightful entertainment.

Broadway’s Carolyn Kirsch makes Playhouse playwriting debut

MEREDITH — The life and loves of some of the 20th century’s iconic artists are explored in “The Waltz,” a play written by Broadway veteran Carolyn Kirsch. “The Waltz” will have its world premiere at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse from Sept. 7-10.

This original work explores sculptor Camille Claudel’s tempestuous relationship with Auguste Rodin, her ongoing struggles to be recognized in 20th Century Parisian art circles, and the question of her



Carolyn Kirsch COURTESY PHOTO

descent into madness. A gifted artist, Claudel left a magnificent artistic legacy which is beautifully immortal-

ized in this new work by award-winning actress Kirsch.

The play features three different actresses, each playing Claudel at a different stage of her life. Kelley Davies portrays the youngest Camille, newly arrived in Paris and eager to learn from her tutor, Rodin. Sebastian Ryder (most recently seen as Fraulein Schneider in “Cabaret”) plays “middle” Camille. Kirsch herself will be playing the oldest version of Camille. They are joined by Deb-

ra Walsh, who played Rodin’s partner, Rose, and Mark Cote, who plays composer Claude Debussy. A talented musician, Cote underscores the production, playing Debussy’s works on the piano.

This will be Kirsch’s fourth collaboration with the Playhouse. In 2008, she won a New Hampshire Theatre Award for her powerful performance as Amanda in “The Glass Menagerie.” She returned to the Playhouse in 2009

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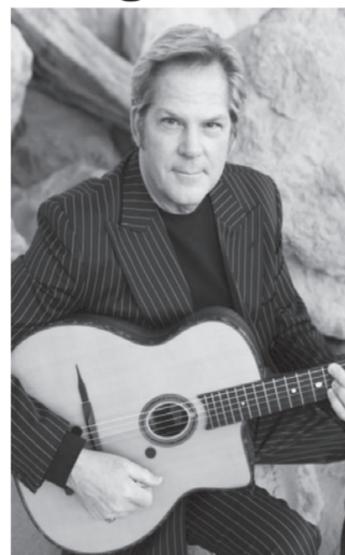
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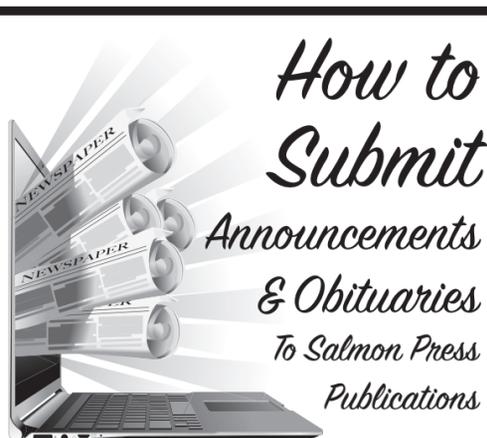
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The magic of fall in New England

Don't miss these fall foliage drives and destinations in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire

The scenery in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire is always beautiful, but during the fall it becomes a lot more colorful. And, although scenic walks and hikes are a favorite way for many to experience all the autumn shades, here are a few other suggestions to try!

There are plenty of scenic drives that lead you through the fall foliage. Just hop in the car and take a leisurely drive around Lake Winnepesaukee. Regardless of your starting point, there's plenty to see on this 115-mile loop, sweeping through Alton, Alton Bay, Gilford, Weirs Beach, Meredith, Holderness, Center Harbor and Moultonborough. While there are many routes to choose from – one of the most popular drives starts in Meredith at the town docks by the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. Then travel on Route 25 through Center Harbor and Moultonborough and continue on Route 109, where there are frequent views of the lake along the windy road that takes travelers to the oldest summer resort in American, Wolfboro. Some visitors find that even on a rainy fall day, the colors are indescribable.

One of the most enjoyable ways to view the fall

colors is on the water. Whether it's on the M/S Mount Washington or Winnepesaukee Belle on Winnepesaukee or the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center's pontoon boat, you're sure to enjoy seeing the fall colors surrounded by water. Sometimes, when it's still enough, the water mirrors the vibrant colors making the scene even more breath-taking.

Another unique way to get up close and personal with the fall foliage is a train ride on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, the Hobo Railroad, or up to the highest peak on the Mount Washington Cog Railway which all run regular foliage trains throughout the season.

There are many seasonal deals available in the fall for visitors to take advantage of. Abakee Cottages, on Lake Winnepesaukee has discounted fall rates. This is the perfect spot to relax on the water and take in the beautiful natural and secluded setting. Or, relax at the Common Man for their Healthy Getaway, where you can enjoy a one night stay in their spacious and unique rooms. Common Man will also offer a guided hike up the Rattlesnake

Mountain where you can overlook Squam Lake with breath-taking colors from the foliage. Woodstock Inn offers the Franconia Notch package, where you get to experience fall foliage by riding a tram to the top of the Cannon Mountain for awesome views and enjoy a nice cool walk

on the way back down the mountain. Or discover the beauty of being on Squam Lake with the Manor on Golden Pond fall package. This package gives visitors a way to view the foliage by taking a boat tour of Squam Lake to see the historical movie location of "On Golden Pond" and

the beautiful fall foliage from the water.

With all these options, it's no wonder that visitors from all over the world make the Lakes Region of New Hampshire a "must do" for "leaf peeping!" There's no training required to become a leaf peeper to view and take pictures

firsthand of this colorful phenomenon that fortunately takes place in September and October every year! While planning your trip to the Lakes Region to see the foliage, don't forget to look at the Lakeregion.org deals section for great deals, and don't forget...New Hampshire is tax-free!

Gilford Rotary awards 28th Annual Cheryl Walsh Memorial Scholarships

The Cheryl Lynn Walsh Memorial Scholarship was presented at the Gilford High School Senior Awards Night, June 11 to Cassidy Bartlett, an outstanding member of the Class of 2016. Bartlett will be attending the University of New Hampshire majoring in business administration with a focus on marketing. Minor in biology.

The Award and Scholarship are presented annually by the Cheryl Lynn Walsh Memorial Scholarship Foundation and Gilford Rotary Club. It is awarded to the applying student(s) who display Cheryl's character, promise and aspirations. With the presentation of the 28th Annual Cheryl Walsh Scholarship, over



COURTESY

Gilford graduate recognized with awarding of 28th Annual Cheryl Lynn Walsh Memorial Scholarship. Front Left to right: Scott Bartlett; Walsh Scholarship recipient Cassidy Bartlett, Leslie Bartlett, Cheryl Lynn Walsh Memorial Scholarship Foundation board member Larry Routhier. Back: Board members John Walsh, Carolyn Scattergood, President Russ Lunt, and board member Katie Bryant.

\$47,000 has been presented to 46 graduating Gilford High School seniors.

The Scholarship was started and was first presented in 1989. Gilford Rotary initially funded the Scholarship with seed money which was invested conservatively. The proceeds/earnings of investments plus contributions by

Committee members, family members and friends has resulted in \$500 - \$2,500 grants to the recipients over the years.

Since the beginning, a silver commemorative bowl, a citation, and the grant have been given to recipients at Senior Awards Night in June. A selection committee of Board Members,

friends and past recipients conduct interviews to select the recipients. The Scholarship has traditionally attracted the brightest and most talented leaders and scholar/athletes of the Senior Class.

Several fund-raising activities have been attempted over the years, including the long-standing Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Gilford's Old Home Day. The goal has been to raise and conserve a substantial enough principal to fund a meaningful and truly helpful grant to each year's recipient(s). The current fund goal is \$100,000.

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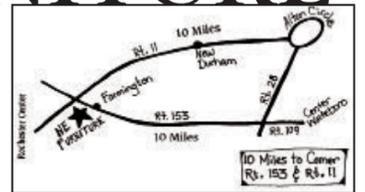
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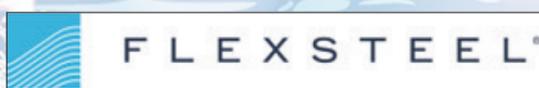


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SCHOOL

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ahead," Bolduc said. GES' theme for the year is "Where will your feet take you?" Bolduc said with this theme they aim to get the kids outside on their feet as much as possible this year. Bolduc said for these first few days kids have been outside on nature trails. The PTA will be hosting a movie night at Gilford Village Field on Friday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-9 p.m. The event is free, attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and the PTA will provide popcorn. Attendees will watch new version of "The Jungle Book" on the big screen in the field. Gilford Middle School principal Peter Sawyer said they had a great start of the year at his school. The first day kicked off with eighth grader Jacob Guay receiving a special presentation at an assembly for winning New Hampshire Motor Speedway's essay contest. "It was a nice way to start the school year with some school spirit," Saw-

yer said. Sawyer also spoke to every grade level and welcomed the students back, telling them that now is the time to work hard. He said while kids enjoyed the last day of school, they enjoyed the first few days back because they reunited with their friends. "They're back in their routine, they're smiling, so all is good," Sawyer said. GMS students, staff, and families will again be carving hundreds of pumpkins for PumpkinFest this October. Sawyer said the goal is to carve twice as many pumpkins as they did last year. Students were back for another year at Gilford High School. "Kids like structure and I think it was good to see them get back in the routine of things," said GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo. On the first day, Eagle Ambassadors welcomed freshmen and helped

them out through the day. Sperazzo said the group started last year and was open to students of any grade. "They're just trying to help make this place a better place," Sperazzo said. The group now consists of mainly upperclassmen. The students wore their Eagle Ambassadors shirts and helped the freshmen find their way around on the first day. Freshmen also got an introduction to the school during Freshmen Orientation. Sperazzo said administrators met with each of the four grades talking about their hopes and expectations for the new year. They shared the school's new motto of "Gilford High School Students LEAD," which stands for "Learn, Excel, Achieve, Dream." Sperazzo said they talked to the students about what it means to do all those four qualities and asked them to pursue these goals through the year.

GES

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and started cleaning the building. Beitler and GES principal Danielle Bolduc gave huge credit to the custodial staff for getting the building cleaned up after the construction and ready for the new year. "Not only did they clean everything; they put classrooms back, putting chairs and desks and teaching materials back to

where it had been in June," Beitler said. Beitler said the custodial crew did an amazing job overall. "We're amazed how clean everything was and how everything was ready to go at the start of the school year," Bolduc said. Teachers returned to a clean building on Aug. 26 to start their preparations for the beginning of school.

Bolduc said the students and staff are now using their new bathroom and sink fixtures. The next phase of the MEP project will be to replace and upgrade the buildings electrical and data systems. That project will take place over the course of next summer.

CRAFT FEST

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photos five years ago and I never looked back," Johnson said. Johnson said she travels a lot to get the photos, going all over the US and Canada. Her daughter traveled to Kenya for a mission trip and brought back photos of the wildlife there. Johnson sold a few of these images at her booth. Her company name MoJo Photos was partially inspired by the first to letters of her name and some words from friends. "All my friends say, 'You've got the mojo going with your photos,'" Johnson said. Johnson also donates a lot of photos to the schools. "They've never seen these animals before," Johnson said. "I want to make sure the children in the schools can see them."



ERIN PLUMMER
Phillip LaRoche of Just a Dream Farm with some alpaca friends.



ERIN PLUMMER
Mona Johnson sold her photos as part of her company MoJo Photos.

Just a Dream Farm in Belmont brought out a number of items made from alpaca fleece as well as three of their own alpacas to meet the crowds. Kathy and Phillip LaRoche have been raising alpaca for the past 10 years. Kathy LaRoche said alpaca are really easy to raise, as they are generally well behaved and healthy. "They're great animals. I don't think

enough people know about them," Phillip LaRoche said. When the alpacas are sheered in Belmont their fleece goes into a fiber pool based in Massachusetts. At the fair The LaRoche's were sell-

ing a number of items made from fleece in that pool as well as a number of items from Peru, the country of origin for alpacas. Kathy LaRoche said they love having their alpacas meet people. The week before, they were at Gilford Old Home Day and Just a Dream will have open barns throughout the year. "We love to educate people about them because they're a different kind of animal," Kathy LaRoche said. "Most people don't know anything about them."

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| Bead Weaving: Learn the Basics! | 6 | Wed. Sept. 28 | 5:00-8:00 | Bead Divine | \$50.00 | C. Ordway |
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| Fly Tying* | 9 | Mon. Sept. 26 | 6:30-8:30 | 509 | \$45.00 | M. Cox |
| French for Beginners (Conversation)* | 10 | Mon. Sept. 26 | 7:00-8:15 | 202 | \$45.00 | M. Burke |
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ERIN PLUMMER

Milo the Mascot meets GMS kids outside of school as they see the NHMS pace car.

ESSAY

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contest was brought to students last spring and all students were encouraged to write for the contest.

The essays were reviewed by a panel of judges with six winners chosen.

On the first day of school the school was called to an assembly in the gym. Sawyer and Bill Quigley, vice president of marketing and events for NHMS, announced Guay as the winner. Kids also got the chance to meet Milo the Mascot and see the NHMS pace car.

Guay wrote a one and a half page essay on what the American flag means to him. His father

and grandfather served in the US Marine Corps, and Guay said he plans to enlist after high school.

He said took three days to write the essay.

"It took a lot of thought," Guay said.

The essay was submitted last May. Sawyer said he was notified in early August of Guay's win.

"You have made Gilford Middle School very proud," Sawyer said.

Guay said he was surprised at the win.

"I was wondering why me out of everyone in the state who did it," Guay said.

Guay was given 25 free tickets to the New

England 300 on Sept. 25. Sawyer said he and Guay would decide how to distribute the tickets.

Guay said he likes NASCAR and enjoys watching the races.

"I think it's awesome, what a way to start off the year," Sawyer said. With Guay being one of the few in the state to win, "this is a feather in our cap.

Quigley said this is part of the speedway's growing commitment to youths in this state and getting kids interested in racing.

"NASCAR is very, very committed to growing the sport through kids," Quigley said.

LETTER

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Policy, service providers, interested taxpayers and

local government officials. This approach worked successfully in fostering plans for the new County Corrections Center and to open up such a discussion is only sensible.

Has anyone else noted the remarkable lack of support extended to

my opponent by sitting State Representatives who also serve as delegates to the County convention? Since they meet with the current commissioner for District Three, perhaps they are well positioned to gauge his candor and legislative philosophy. A career largely spent lecturing to law students may

not provide one with humility and a grasp of the problems of everyday people. I am such an everyday person, and continuously work to discharge my responsibilities and to better myself and my family life.

Please vote on Sept. 13.

Jonathan Smolin
Alton

MULTICULTURAL

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Rios present the music & magical dance style of Andalucia. They provide a great introduction to this unique tradition for both children & adults."

"Making their Festival debut is Artsfest," said Matt Soza, "which brings artists together for collaboration, creation and community. Under the leadership of artistic director & local performer Erin

Lovett-Sherman, this French-Canadian performance troupe gives classes on dance, theater, aerial & circus arts across the Lakes Region. Artsfest will march in the event kickoff Parade of Flags and then perform first on the Rotary Park Main Stage."

"We'd like to emphasize that there are still many opportunities for volunteers to help on the

day of the Festival," added committee member David Stamps. "In particular, individuals will be needed to carry flags & march in the opening Parade. Many will have the chance to carry flags representing their own ethnic heritage.

For more information on volunteering, go online to www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org, or Email beckyg@laconiamulticulturalfestival.org or inquire early on the day of the Festival. You can also follow us on Facebook."

"From Europe to Canada, Africa to the Caribbean, our performers and vendors make up an orchestra of cultures," concluded Becky Guyer. "And on Sept. 10, the air downtown will hum with their global symphony!"

WALTZ

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and 2010, performing in "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Love Letters." She appeared in 15 Broadway productions over a 21 year period of performing in New York City. During that time, she worked extensively for the Director/Choreographers Michael Bennett and Bob Fosse. For Mr. Fosse, she appeared in both the First National and Broadway companies of "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying," "Sweet Charity," and she toured with the first National Company of "Chicago," in which she played Velma Kelly. She was one of the first teachers of Fosse Technique in the country to be sanctioned by The Verdon-Fosse Estate. For Mr. Bennett, she appeared in the Broadway productions of "A Chorus Line" (The Original Compa-

ny) as well as "CoCo" (with Katharine Hepburn), "Company," and "Promises, Promises."

"The Waltz" is the sixth production of the summer season performed at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse campus in Meredith. The 2016 summer season is generously sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and the Taylor Community. "The Waltz" is further supported by the generous sponsorship of AutoServ Dealerships and 98.3 WLNH. Tickets range from \$18-\$31 and can be ordered by calling 279-0333 or by using a credit card at www.winnepesaukee-playhouse.org. The Winnepesaukee Playhouse also offers free educational programs in conjunction with each of the mainstage productions. Visit the Web site for details.

LIBRARY

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book Club, 5-6:30 p.m.

Join us for a cooking demonstration and discussion! Each month, the recipes and demonstration will have a different theme. September's theme is Out of the Garden!

Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.

Gilford Clickers Photography Club,

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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

Teen Early Release Movie, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The new film 'Allegiant' will be shown in the Teen Room during early release.

Early Release Pokemon Club, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Come play Pokemon! All levels welcome. We'll have some cards to share, but please bring your own collection if you'd like. Attendees are welcome to bring any Pokemon paraphernalia or video games they would like.

NOTEBOOK

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to rant about, like the link-arms-and-sway "Wow, that's wonderful!" National Public Radio story last week on how the U.S., after the near-total collapse of its furniture industry, has been able to hang onto a few thousand jobs in the upholstery business. Somehow I fail to see the 'Wow!' part of this story. It's like a little thin strip of frosting. Where's the cake? And so where's the story about the La-La Land Free Trade Agreement that cost us our furniture industry?

We began losing our furniture making industry back in the '70s, when the Bulgarians or Romanians or someone over there in the Balkans began copying our designs, and then, Soviet Bloc countries having an abundance of cheap labor at the time, began turning out furniture at about half the cost of what we could make it for. At least the was the story going around at the Ethan Allen plant in Beecher Falls, Vermont (just across the Connecticut River from Stewartstown), where I was laboring away on piecemeal making the slots in bedposts and inserting the little lead slugs that are the reason for all those hammer-marks on your bedrails.

This current virtual death blow to America's furniture industry came about because (a) China has abundant extremely cheap labor and lax government

oversight on environmental issues, and having cut down almost all its own forests gets cheap wood from somewhere else, and (b) that "somewhere else" is Southeast Asian nations that are happily hacking away at what's left of the earth's rain forests.

But nobody wants to say that. It's saying bad things about Third World nations. Oops, can't call them that. "Emerging nations."

And then, on CNN, I saw a story that left me just baffled. CNN "discovered," by actually interviewing actual farmers, meaning the people who try to find the labor to get the crops in, that workers are actually imported from Latin America because (here comes the shocker) Americans will not do the work.

Pick me up from a faint. Who did not know this? You'd have to have spent the last 50 years living under a rock.

But it's the avoided story because by reporting it you're implying, not so very subtly, that "other" people, meaning olive- or brown-skinned people, are needed to do this kind of work because "we" (whoever that is) won't, because we're somehow better than that--we won't stoop that low.

But no one wants to say that.

Finally, in Colebrook, I was part of a crowd that packed a meeting room (actually, the court room,

where not a few of us in the room, including me, had been dragged in for justice over 10 these many years) to talk about a request to open more rural roads to ATVs.

Now, I was among those supporting the initial agreement to try using portions of country roads as vital links in the huge thousand-miles-plus "Ride the Wild" system. It was voted in at Town Meeting as an experiment, and still is.

The stated reason for wanting to open up more roads was that ATV riders who lived off the tail system wanted to be able to ride on their roads to get there. Property owners sick and tired of even more noise and dust said a profound "No."

It turned out that all anyone has to do to get from home to trail system is get a note of permission from the selectmen. Translation: It was a matter of miscommunication. Ergo, there was really no need for the meeting. I got up and said so, and everyone went home.

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Belknap Mill to host open house during Multicultural Festival

LACONIA — The community is invited to celebrate the Laconia Multicultural Festival at the Belknap Mill on Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Engaging presenters will be on hand in the Knitting and Power House Museums to showcase

the Belknap Mill's exhibitions and talk about multiculturalism and the early beginnings of the richly diverse community in Laconia. Following the Parade of Flags marking the opening of the Festival, all flags will be brought to the Belknap

Mill for public display. We welcome you to enjoy an up-close look at the flags that represent the breadth of Laconia's multicultural community. Artwork by Larry Frates, Artist-in-Residence at the Belknap Mill and founder of Frates Creates in Laconia, will be on display in the Riverside Gallery.

Throughout the event, we invite you to participate in our Riv-

erside Gifts-Giveaway. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Riverside Gifts will be open 10am to 4pm and features unique products made by local artists and crafters.

The Belknap Mill is the one of the original homes of multiculturalism in Laconia, providing work and resources to the 19th Century immigrants who settled in Laconia and established

the foundation that defines our community today. For further questions about the event, to make a donation or to become a member of the Belknap Mill Society, visit www.belknapmill.org or call 524-8813.

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as the Lakes Region's unique historic gathering place and a center for award-winning cultural and educational

programs. Built in 1823, the Belknap Mill is the oldest unaltered textile mill in the United States and is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places as a site worthy of preservation. The Society relies on the continued support of donors and its members. To learn more about the Belknap Mill Society, to make a donation or to learn about becoming a member, visit www.belknapmill.org or email development@belknapmill.org.



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Gilford's Owen Ramsey (22) barrels down the field with a White Mountains defender on his hip in the second half of the Eagles' 4-0 victory in D-III action on Friday afternoon.



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford midfielder Branden Lemay heads towards the goal in the second half of play against White Mountains on Friday.

Defense clamps down as Eagles blank White Mountains, 4-0

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – The cornerstone of nearly every Gilford High School boys' soccer state championship team has been a suffocating and incredibly stout defense. That was again the case in 2015, as the Golden Eagles allowed just one goal in their entire playoff run en route to a D-III crown. With the entire defensive unit back, Gilford is in good shape once again this fall, and the early results have been solid.

Gilford moved to a perfect 3-0 to start the season on Friday, as the squad

picked up its second shut-out of the young fall with a 4-0 win over visiting White Mountains in Division III action.

“This was the best we’ve played so far this year and I thought the kids played with a lot more passion and fire in this game,” said Gilford head coach Dave Pinkham, whose team outscored its first three opponents by a 16-1 margin. “We didn’t allow (White Mountains) time on the ball. Defensively, we’re getting ourselves organized and that’s the key.”

The Gilford defensive

unit of Tyler Hanf, Logan Essaff, Alden Blais and Seth Valpey blanketed the visiting Spartans in front of goalkeeper Ethan Warren, who hasn’t been forced to make a single save through the first three games of the year.

“We’ve got some big kids who are also quick and physical in the back so when you can defend like that, you’re going to have some success,” Pinkham lauded. “Right now, this is a better team than they were at this point last year. I don’t know what that’ll mean going forward but for now, it’s a good start.”

Essaff was particularly solid in the middle, as the senior has transformed seamlessly to defense from when he entered the program as a freshman goalkeeper.

“When Logan was going to be a junior, that summer I had a feeling it was going to happen,” Pinkham explained of the position change. “And to his credit, he

told me, ‘Coach, I’ll play wherever you want me.’ He’s just that type of kid. And it was really a no brainer move once we saw him back there. He’s so tenacious and hard to beat back there that it’s worked out very well for the team.”

The Eagles got on the scoreboard just 10:16 into the first half on Friday, as Sander Valpey roofed a

shot thanks to a feed from Owen Ramsey to make it 1-0.

The lead grew to 2-0 just two minutes later, when Patrick O’Connor was taken down in the box. Gilford was awarded a penalty kick, and Hanf finished the deal with a goal to continue the momentum.

The Eagles received
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Fraser, Valentine pace Eagles at Early Bird

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – Once again, the fall cross country season kicked off at Gunstock Mountain, where Gilford High School hosted the popular Early Bird Invitational on Sept. 1 with a large contingent of Division III schools in attendance.

The Golden Eagles fared quite well in the big season-opening meet, as the girls' side finished third overall while the boys' team captured sixth place in a crowded field. The girls' team amassed 93 points, behind just winner Plymouth Regional (57 points) and runner-up Moultonborough (67). Gilford's boys' team was sixth with 150 points, while Derryfield School took home the team title with 82 points and Prospect Mountain was second with 105.

The girls' team put all five of its scorers in the top 40, including three inside the top 20 for a fine day at Gunstock. Leading that charge was freshman Natalie Fraser, who made an impressive debut by finishing 15th overall as the team's top runner with a time of 25 minutes, 11 seconds. Junior veteran Madison Relf wasn't far behind the rookie, as she was 17th overall in 25:26, while twin sister Elizabeth Relf joined her teammates in the top 20 by nabbing 20th overall in 25:35.

Fellow junior Kaitlyn Callahan was the fourth scorer for Gilford on the day. She traversed the course in 27:03, good enough for a 31st place finish.

Rounding out the scoring Eagles was freshman Chloe Lynn, who made her varsity

debut with a 37th place performance, crossing the line in 27:36.

It was an impressive start for an Eagles team that had all five of their runners within 2:25 of each other. That sort of consistency should bode well moving forward and into the state championship come Oct. 29 at Derryfield Park in Manchester.

White Mountains' Leah Dutkewych won the girls' race with a time of 21:36, ahead of Belmont's Alice Riley (21:49) and Laconia's Delia Cormier (23:01).

On the boys' side, Gilford had two runners in the top 20, with sophomore Josh Valentine setting the pace thanks to an 11th place overall finish with a time of 19:16. Moultonborough's Tyler McLaughlin won the event in 17:56, ahead of Derryfield's Ben Garfield (18:18) and Hopkinton's Simon Doneski (18:28).

Senior Mark Young gave Gilford a solid 1-2 punch, as the veteran harrier grabbed a 17th place performance at Gunstock, crossing in 20:08.

The young tandem of freshman Eddie Demers (37th, 21:44) and sophomore Matthew McDonough (38th, 21:46) continued the momentum for the Eagles, while sophomore Steven MacDonald was the final scorer in 73rd place (23:25).

Also competing and finishing for Gilford at Gunstock were senior Ben Altmire (81st, 24:05), junior Jacob Malbourne (105th, 25:46) and senior Anthony Eldridge (107th, 26:08).

The Eagles are back in action on Sept. 8 with a road trip for a meet at Winnisquam that also features Berlin and Bishop Brady.



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Gilford freshman Natalie Fraser heads for home in the final stretch of the Early Bird Invitational on Sept. 1 at Gunstock Mountain. Fraser finished 15th overall to lead the Eagles to a third-place team finish.



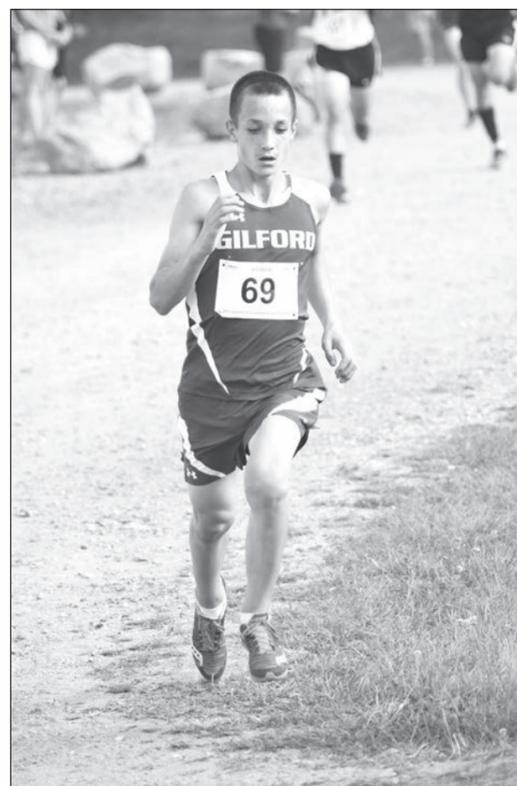
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Josh Valentine of Gilford was the top finisher for the Eagles in the boys' race on Sept. 1, as he crossed in 11th place at the Early Bird Invitational.



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford freshman Chloe Lynn earned a 37th place finish in her first varsity race at the Early Bird Invitational on Sept. 1.



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Freshman Eddie Demers motors towards the finish line at Gunstock en route to a 37th place finish on Sept. 1.



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Gilford freshman Emily O'Connor tries to stop the momentum of Berlin's Kate Host in the first half of the Golden Eagles' 3-0 win on Friday.



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Julie Auld of Gilford sneaks around a Berlin defender in home opener action on Friday afternoon. The Eagles turned back the Mountaineers, 3-0.

Eagles blank Berlin in title game rematch

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – In a rematch of last year's NHIAA Division III state championship game, the Gilford High School field hockey team exacted a bit of revenge on Friday.

For the first time in the Dave Rogacki era at GHS, the Golden Eagles picked up a victory against perennial nemesis Berlin High School. Gilford handed the defending champion Mountaineers their first loss since 2014 with a 3-0 victory in the D-III home opener.

"The kids played a

good game," said Rogacki, whose team improved to 2-0 on the season entering this week's games. "They were a lot more aggressive at the start of the game than they were in the Bishop Brady game. The big thing at this point is to keep learning things and moving forward, especially with all the freshmen and young players we have on this team."

Junior Kellie Ryan got the scoring started just five minutes into the first half, as she buried a goal to put the Eagles up 1-0.

That advantage would hold into the second half, when freshman Sydnie Lehr got herself into the act with an important insurance goal to make it 2-0. Ryan finished things off with her second of the afternoon late in regulation, with an assist coming from Jillian Lachapelle.

"I think everyone is learning to play the game at a higher level, especially in games like this against good programs like Berlin," offered Rogacki. "We use a lot of subs and the good thing for us is that doesn't change

our attacking or the way we play. We have some depth to be able to wear other teams out."

Gilford held a 12-8 edge in penalty corners, while freshman goalkeeper Jenna Delucca made three saves to earn her second consecutive shut-out to start the season.

The win was the first for the Eagles against Berlin since Rogacki took over the program in 2011. Gilford tied the Mountaineers in 2013 during the undefeated regular season campaign, though they lost to Berlin in the

2014 semifinals as well as the 2015 regular season and finals.

Rogacki credited the play of the defense, with Lachapelle and seniors Hannah Sullivan and Kaitlyn VanBennekum leading the charge along with freshman Randi Byers.

"Our offense is scoring some goals but a lot of that is the defense is getting us the ball," said Rogacki. "We still have to do better with our opportunities. We had 12 penalty corners and we didn't execute them for the most part the way we need to in order to be successful."

The win came after a season-opening 6-0 victory on the road at Bishop Brady earlier in the week, as the Eagles shook off a slow start to pour in three goals in each half.

Seniors Libby Giles and Shannon Anderson had two goals each in the win, while Ryan and Cloe Boucher also found the back of the net for the Eagles. Delucca turned away two shots in net, as the stout Gilford defense showed it was back with authority after a dominating 2015 season.



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Gilford-Belmont falls to Kennett in D-II opener, 43-22

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Gilford-Belmont junior wide receiver Tanner Woods strains for extra yardage while being tackled by Kennett High School defenders on Friday night at Gary Millen Stadium in Conway. The Golden Eagles made their debut at the Division II level with a 43-22 loss, and they'll play their home opener this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. against John Stark.



Brandon Scheffer of Gilford-Belmont cuts down Kennett's Aaron Lamar on Friday night in the season-opening 43-22 loss under the lights at Gary Millen Stadium.

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Thursday, September 8
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 Gilford at Prospect Mountain, 4 p.m.
GOLF
 Gilford at Derryfield, 4 p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY
 Gilford, Bishop Brady, Berlin at Winnisquam, 4 p.m.

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FIELD HOCKEY
 Gilford at Newfound, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
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 John Stark at Gilford-Belmont, 1:30 p.m.
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FIELD HOCKEY
 Laconia at Gilford, 3:30 p.m.
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goals from Branden Lemay and Hanf in the second half, with Lemay scoring on a rebound and Hanf burying a free kick from distance to make it 4-0.



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Freshman Ben Gardiner played well in the Gilford midfield as the Eagles picked up their second shutout of the season in a 4-0 win over White Mountains.

"We're going to struggle scoring goals a bit this year so it's really a matter of putting people where they benefit the team most and that's what we're trying to figure out right now," Pinkham said. "But I will say that I like where we're at now. Overall it's a pretty experienced group of players

who have devoted a lot to the game." The victory came after the week opened with a 4-1 win on the road at Newfound, as O'Connor had a goal and two assists, while Ramsey, Sander Valpey and Connor Leggett also scored in the victory. Ramsey has impressed during the ear-

ly portion of the season as one of the few newcomers to the Gilford lineup. "He's been a real pleasant surprise up top so far," lauded Pinkham of Ramsey.

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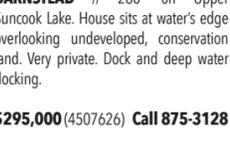
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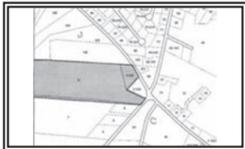
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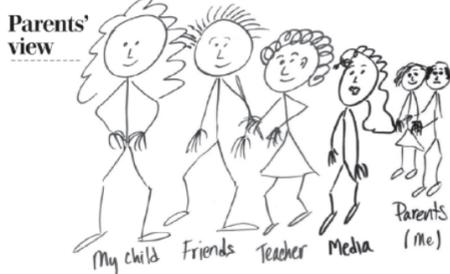
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Research shows teens who regularly eat as a family (5-7 times per week) are **33 percent** less likely to use alcohol.

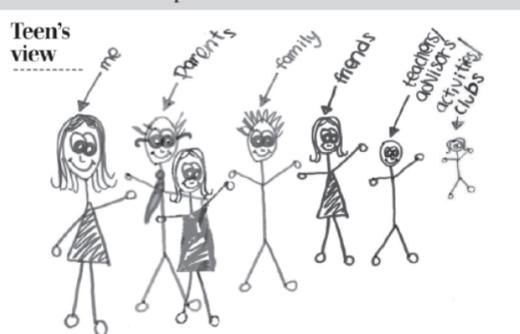


Most parents don't realize they are the No. 1 influence in their children's lives.

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



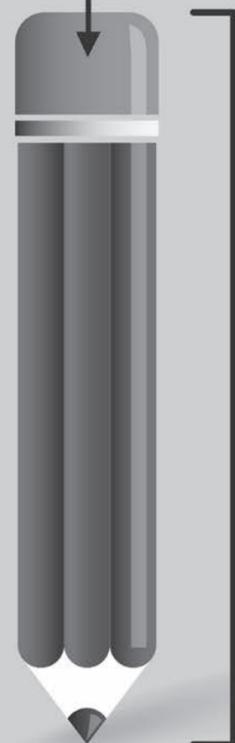
When teens were asked to draw the major influences in their lives, they placed their parents first, before peers and activities.



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THE ONES WHO **ACTUALLY DO.**

CHOOSE CAR SEAT: BY AGE & SIZE



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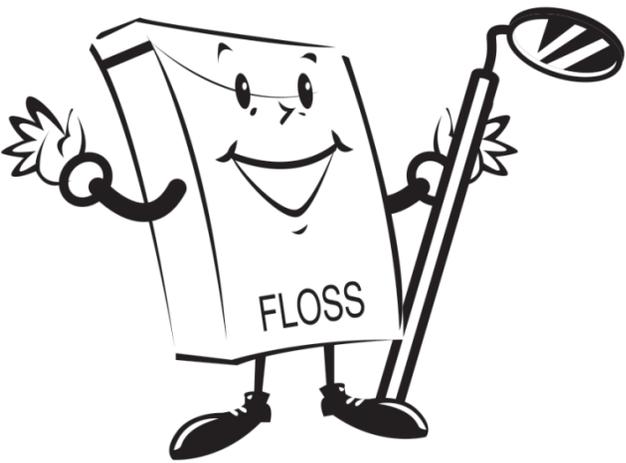




KIDS' CORNER

CREATIVE COLORING

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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

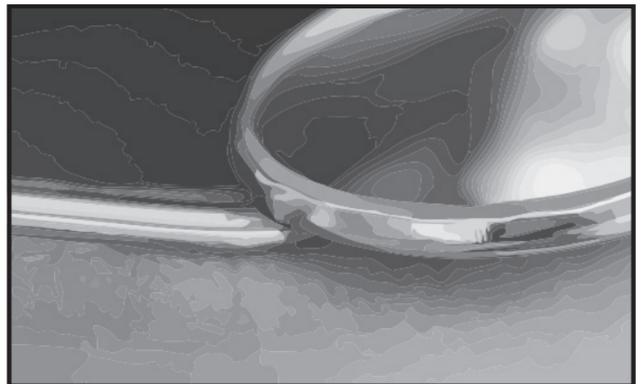
- **1609:** HENRY HUDSON BEGINS HIS EXPLORATION OF THE RIVER THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BEAR HIS NAME
- **1953:** FUTURE U.S. PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY MARRIES JACQUELINE BOUVIER
- **1992:** DR. MAE CAROL JEMISON BECOMES THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SPACE. SHE TRAVELS ABOARD THE SPACE SHUTTLE "ENDEAVOR"

New
word

GINGIVITIS

inflammation of the gums

GET THE PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: DENTAL MIRROR

HEALTH FACT:

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS CAN BE PREVENTED BY KEEPING THESE CLEAN AND HEALTHY



ANSWER: TEETH AND GUMS

Did You Know?

FIRM BRISTLES DO NOT NECESSARILY MAKE TEETH MORE CLEAN THAN SOFT BRISTLES. IT'S BEST TO CHOOSE A SOFT-BRISTLED TOOTHBRUSH



How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Tongue
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