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Andre Storey Cormier was awarded the Tilton-Northfield Rotary's first Rising Star Award for the strides he has made toward improvements in his life and academics. Joining him for the presentation last week were Ryann Riberdy, who nominated him for the award, Winnisquam Regional High School Principal Matt Jozokos, and Rotary President Chuck Drew.

Winnisquam student receives Rotary's first Rising Star Award

BY DONNA RHODES

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TILTON – At least week's meeting of the Tilton-Northfield Rotary, the organization was pleased to welcome Andre Storey Cormier, the first recipient of their Rising Star Award, recognizing a high school student in Tilton, Northfield or Sanbornton who has made a positive change in their life.

Rotary President Chuck Drew said the idea for the Rising Star Award began with Rob Seaward, superintendent of Winnisquam Regional School District and a member of Rotary. After a couple of years of discussion, they formulated protocol for the award and this year passed that on to their high school Interact group to seek out three nominees for the award. A final winner was then determined based on their achievements and willingness to make a positive change in their lives.

"When I saw Andre was one of the nominees. I was excited," said Seaward.

Cormier was greeted at the luncheon last

Wednesday by several administrators who have known him over the years, along with Winnisquam Regional High School Administrative Assistant Ryann Riberdy.

"Last year was not a positive year for Andre...he has a great smile though and I wanted to get to know this kid," she said.

With her encouragement, Cormier got back into football in this his junior year in high school, and his school attendance began to im-

"I wanted to make (him) my 'person' and he made this vast improvement. I'm so happy he came around and started to make good choices," said Riberdy.

In recognition of those good choices, Cormier's name is the first on the new Rising Star plaque that will be displayed at Winnisquam Regional High School. In the years to come, Drew said Tilton-Northfield Rotarv will continue to seek out names of students who have overcome life's challenges to make a positive difference in their lives.

"This is an award we for," Drew said. want students to strive

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Tilton to pursue TrueGreen for damages from 2018 accident

BY DONNA RHODES

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TILTON - Nearly two years after a truck owned by TruGreen Lawncare of Londonderry clipped another vehicle, crashed through an historic metal fence on Main Street in Tilton and ended up in the Winnipesaukee River, the company continues to dodge responsibility for the accident, leaving the Town of Tilton no other choice than to sue them for approximately \$15,000 in damages.

Town Administrator Jeanie Forrester told selectmen last Thursday evening that since she began work for the town in October of 2018, she has been trying to communicate with TruGreen about restitution for the accident. That communication began with the company denying responsibility and ended with a refusal to further respond.

The accident took place at 8:54 a.m. on June 18, 2018, when 45-year-old Thomas O'Reilly of Woburn, Mass., now residing in Auburndale, Mass.,

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Spaulding Youth Center holds Winter Carnival celebration

NORTHFIELD — Spaulding Youth Center recently celebrated its annual Winter Carnival as part of their **Experiential Challenges** Outdoors (EChO) program. This year's Winter Carnival introduced an Under the Sea theme and offered a wide array of exciting activities and events for students and

The weeklong celebration began with a live animal outreach exhibit led by staff from Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Students enjoyed an interactive presentation featuring New Hampshire's wildlife. The following day, Spaulding students eagerly attended a meet and greet with a local dog sled team. Each classroom enjoyed a hands-on visit with the team and learned about this adventurous outdoor winter sport. The dog team even provided a demo so that the children could see exactly



COURTESY

Local teen hopes to compete in Robotics World Championship

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

BELMONT — Belmont High School's Robotics Coach, Adrien Deshaies, has led the district's program for three years with hopes of taking at least one student to the World Championships. He never realized, however, that the first to achieve that goal would be a middle school student who joined the high school program, and he is now helping his young champion raise money to attend the World events in Louisville, Ky. at the end of April.

Last year, Oden Provost was a member of Belmont Middle School's Robotics team, which SEE ROBOTICS, PAGE A8



Belmont High School Robotics Coach Adrien Deshaies and Oden Provost, a member of his team from Belmont Middle School, were proud to display Provost's awards and New Hampshire/Vermont state championship banner as the two look forward to the VEX RC World Championship competition in Kentucky in April.

how a team operates. Festivities concluded on Friday as students and staff prepared for much-anticipated annual winter sled der-Classrooms excitedly assembled to race custom-designed hand-constructed cardboard sleds. Sleds SEE SYC, PAGE A9

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HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY **HAPPENINGS**

Tilton/Northfield

Monday, March 16 Chess Club, 2 - 5 p.m. After-School Board Game Club, 4 p.m., for

grades three and up Monday Bookers, 6

"Normal People" by Sally Rooney

"Connell and Marianne grew up in the same small town, but the similarities end there. At school, Connell is popular and well liked, while Marianne is a loner. But when the two strike up a conversation, something life-changing begins. A year later, they're both studying at Trinity College in Dublin. Marianne has found her feet in a new social world while Connell hangs at the sidelines, shy and uncertain. As she veers into self-destruction and he begins to search for meaning elsewhere, each much face how far they are willing to go to save the other. Normal People is the study of mutual fascination, friendship and love. It takes us from that first conversation to the years beyond, in the company of two people who try to stay apart but find they can't." (AmaTuesday, March 17 Spanish Club, 10 a.m. Sewing Group, 10 a.m. Tech Tuesday, 2 to 4

Self-Care for Teens, 3 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18 Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 19 Craft & Connect, 4

Mason Jar Craft -Drop in to make a lid coaster and we'll decorate the jar for use as a vase or for starting seeds. While supplies last or bring your own

> Friday, March 20 Sit & Knit, 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 Lego Time, 10 a.m.

New Items

"Mercy House" by Alena Dillon

"Oona Out of Order" by Margarita Montimore

"Apeirogon" Colum McCann

"The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz" by Erik Larson

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Winni Dip Weekend March wrap up

LACONIA — Winni Dip Weekend wrapped up at noon today with the final dip of the 24 Hour MEGA Winni Dip and the Community Winni Dip.

The two-day fundraising event includes four different Winni Dips. On Saturday the Margate Resort in Laconia was the scene of the 2020 Law Enforcement Winni Dip that saw more than 100

members of New Hampshire Law Enforcement brave the icy Winnipesaukee waters raising \$92,786.00 for Special Olympics athletes in the Granite State.

Later Saturday, the Cool School Winni Dip brought together 65 students, staff and faculty members of 7 different schools participating in the Cool School Winni Dip and raising

\$24,515.00 for the yearround sports training and athletic competitions provided by Spe-Olympics New Hampshire. Saturday was also

the starting point for the brand new MEGA Winni Dip. These fundraising dippers committed to dipping 24 times over the course of 24 hours. Their first dip was at noon on Saturday and their weekend included the necessary "double-dipping" to account for the weekend's time change. While the MEGA Dippers were small in number, these 7 fundraisers were big on both stamina and fundraising. Primarily members of law enforcement who also participated with their respective departments during Saturday's Law Enforcement Winni Dip, the MEGA Dippers raised \$26,120.00

The MEGA Dippers final dip at noon on Sunday coincided with this year's Community Winni Dip, which raised \$11,377.

The theme for Dip Weekend was "Nifty Fifties" in recognition of Special Olympics New Hampshire's 50th Anniversary in the Granite State. The average Winnipesaukee water temperature over the weekend was 34 degrees, yet time and again all weekend long, these amazing fundraisers came out to participate in these critically important fundraising events. Combined, the four Winni Dip variations raised \$154,798.00 for the more than 3000 athletes served by Special Olympics New Hampshire.

More information about the programs and events of Special Olym-SEE WINNI DIP, PAGE A8

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NORTHFIELD POLICE LOG

NORTHFIELD During the time frame of Feb. 24 – March 1, the Northfield Police Department received 352 calls for service some of which include:

for SONH programs.

Motor Vehicle Stops

16 Citizen & Other Agency Assists (Fire/ Medical, Law Enforcement, DCYF and Public) 8 Motor Vehicle Com-

5 Suspicious Activities/Persons

plaints

Animal Complaints, Attempt to Locate, Burglar Alarm Activations, Message Delivery, Medication Disposal Services, Parking Violations, Sex Offender Registrations, Service, Paperwork Theft of Motor Vehicle, Unwanted Subject and VIN Verification. Taken into Custody:

plaints, Civil Standby,

Harassment,

Fraud,

Kenneth Marshall, 34, Northfield for Protective Custody of Inebriate.

Michael Goudreault, 27, of Northfield for License Req'd; Op w/o Valid License.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 424 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of March 2-8.

Arrested during this time period were Stormy Dunton (in connection with a warrant), Katelyn Lewis (in connection with a warrant), Alex Tocci (in connection with a warrant), Amy

Concealment), Cabral (in connection with a warrant), Ashley Huckins (for Criminal Trespassing and Possession of Drugs), Alan Acosta (for Criminal Threatening, Driving After Suspension, being a Felon in Possession, and Theft By Unauthorized Taking), Phillip Stebbins (for Theft By Deception), Joshua Partington (for domestic violence violations), Jeremy Perkins (in connection with a warrant), Maxine Dunn (for Loitering and Criminal Trespassing), Joshua Joyce (for Loitering and Criminal Trespassing), Cory Cosseboom (for Possession of Drugs), Mathew Patralia (for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Endangering Welfare, and Transporting Alcohol), and Jonathan Drouin (in connection with a war-

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Feb. 28 to March 6. Please note that due to space constraints, we are not able to list every call the department responded to during this time period, only those that resulted in an arrest.

Andrew James Decormier, age 27, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 28 for Domestic Violence-Assault.

Craig Michaud, age 43, of Belmont was arrested on Feb. 28 for Reckless Conduct; Placing Another in Danger.

Robyn L. Pratt, age 55, of Northfield was arrested on Feb. 29 for Possession of Drugs and Penalties-Control of Premises Where CD Is Kept.

Michelle Hammond, age 30, of Pittsfield was arrested on Feb. 29 for Possession of Drugs, Unlawful Dealing in Prescription Drugs, Disobeying an Officer, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and two counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic

Kyle D. Haskell, age 29, of Manchester was arrested on Feb. 29 for Driving After Revocation or Suspen-

Cedric E. Gatanti, age 40, of Laconia was arrested on March 1 on two counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Gabriel James Rogers, age 19, of Belmont was arrested on March 1 in connection with multiple warrants issued by Laconia District Court.

Megan Knox, age 32, of Belmont was arrested on March 2 in connection with a warrant issued by Laconia District Court.

Matthew Goupil, age 37, of Belmont was arrested on March 2 in connection with a warrant issued by

the Laconia Police Department. Stacy Lynn Hurst, age 35, of Sanbornton was arrested on March 3 for Second Degree Assault and

Reckless Conduct-Placing Another in Danger. Seth M. Houston, age 38, of Laconia was arrested

on March 5 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking.



Mon.-Thurs.: 12:45, 3:45, 6:45 PM

Fri.: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50PM

Sat.: 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50PM

Sun.: 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15PM

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Boater's Education class to be held in Laconia

LACONIA — At a recent meeting of the Lakes Region Sail & Power Squadron, a part of the United States Pow-Squadrons (America's Boating Club), Commander Patrick Venuti announced that there would be a Boater's Education class to be held in March.

Jim Hill, a Certified Instructor with the Pow-Squadrons, would teach the course with the able assistance of Member Peter Cassell. Commander Venuti continued his statement by saying that those who complete and pass the course, America's Boating Course, would receive a certificate similar to that which the State of New Hampshire issues to those who want to operate a boat in New Hampshire waters. The USPS course has a few more details and instructions than the New Hampshire course, and is accepted in all the states of the United States which require a Boater's Certificate. All students must be at least 16 years of age to take this course.

Jim Hill stated that the course would be held on Saturday, March 28 in the Community Room at the Laconia



Courtesy

Pat Venuti (left), commander Lakes Region Sail & Power Squadron, and Jim Hill (right), certified instructor.

Police Department, 126 New Salem St., Laconia. The course will begin at 9 a.m. and include an exam at the end of the course. The course would include Boat Education - General information about boats and personal watercraft, and their maintenance; Boat Safety — How to make your boating safer and

more comfortable, and Boating Law and Regulation — Laws and regulations that you must follow. Students should bring a lunch, pen and pencil, and a notebook to the class.

Successful passing of this exam will enable the students to receive an Operator's Certificate, allowing them to operate

a boat (in New Hampshire waters) with more than 25 horsepower.

Peter Cassell suggested that due to the size of the Community Room, seating would be limited and pre-registration would be required. The course fee of \$45 includes the course book and a State of New Hampshire Boater's Guide. The LR-

SPS offers a discount

for two people from the same family sharing one book. The purpose of pre-registration is so that the student can obtain the course book before the class and have

an opportunity to prepare for the course prior to Saturday, March 28. For more information, please email Jim Hill at LRSPS1@gmail.com and put Boating Course as the subject of the email, please.

The LRSPS is social boating group, meeting monthly at various restaurants Lake Winnipesaukee throughout the year. They also have summer boating activities, including Rendezvous, and offer free Vessel Safety Checks. A Vessel Safety Check is when a volunteer 'inspects' a person's boat, making sure that the required safety equipment in on board and in operating condition. Successful passing of the requirements will result in the issuing of a special VSC sticker which is attached to the

If you have any questions about the Lakes Region Sail & Power Squadron, or about the Boating Course being offered, please contact the Squadron at their email address: LRSPS1@ gmail.com.

Children's Auction educational programming at Belknap Mill

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill has partnered with UNH Cooperative Extension again this year to providequarterly STEM/ STEAM programming for Lakes Region children through 2020. The \$2,000 grant received from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will help further the Belknap Mill's mission of providing quality arts, history and edu-

to our community.

"We are delighted to once again be able to provide high quality educational opportunities that UNH Cooperative is known to offer through unique and engaging, hands on acfortunate for the collaboration with UNH Cooperative and the generosity of supporters of the auction," Tara

cational programming Shore, Program & Operations Manager.

> UNH Cooperative offers four SPIN (SPecial INterest) programs throughout the year, held at the Belknap Mill. Each one focuses on the four components of STEM (science, techand math) and sometimes a bit of art is added as well! The next program, 4H

STEAMpunk Chal-

lenge: 'Don't Count Your Chickens Before They Hatch' will be held Monday,

March 23, 30, and April 6 from 6-8 p.m. There is no cost for participation.

Those interested in participating can contivities. We are very nology, engineering, tact Karen Deighan at 527-5475.

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. To learn more about the Belknap Mill Society, visit www. belknapmill.org.

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Taylor Community hosting program on life of a Civil War soldier

LACONIA — The everyday life of the Civil War soldier often isn't known or discussed. Yet, thousands of New Hampshire men volunteered to fight in a war against their fellow Americans, many dying or becoming seriously wounded during four bloody years of warfare.

Through lecture and discussion, Educator Warren Sommers will help gain an understanding of the daily trials and tribulations of the Civil War soldier.

Looking at this conflict through the eyes of the soldiers - both North and South - this is an opportunity to learn more about the events that divided our nation from 1861 to 1865. This free, public event will be held at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Follow Taylor Community on Facebook to keep up with all our free, public events. Visitwww.taylorcommunity.org, or call 366-1400 for more information about this premiere not-forprofit Continuing Care Retirement Community in the Lakes Region.

Bank of NH named state's top performing bank

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire was recently ranked as the number one performing bank in the State of New Hampshire in 2019, by Financial Management Consulting Group (FMC Group). FMC Group is a nationally recognized consulting firm, focused specifically on the comprehensive analysis of financial institutions overall performance. Using a proprietary formula, FMC Group analyzed several key indicators, such as asset quality, margin, efficiency and revenue

diversification, leaving Bank of New Hampshire as the top rated financial institution within the State.

"Our team has worked hard over the last few years to establish ourselves as New Hampshire's premier financial institution," stated Paul Falvey, President & CEO for Bank of New Hampshire. "We have been able to make the foundational changes necessary to help us realize these incredible results. We have a renewed emphasis on long-term relationships

and a more responsive and customer focused process."

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Faith or disbelief? Your choice!

BY LARRY SCOTT

The year was 1949 and two young evangelists were about to launch a crusade, this time in Los Angeles, California, that was to have a historic and deeply personal impact on them and on the church.

Charles Templeton, who had been alternating preaching with his best friend, Billy Graham, was in the throes of a major, personal crisis. Some time before he had read an article in Life Magazine featuring a mother in drought-stricken Africa carrying her dead baby in her arms. To quote from Lee Strobel, in his book "The Case for Faith," page 14, Templeton thought, "Is it possible to believe that there is a loving or caring Creator when all this woman needed was rain?" That point of view obviously influenced Templeton's faith in the Bible and he made no secret of his feelings. As Graham recounts in his autobiography "Just As I Am," Templeton challenged him. "Billy," he said, "you're fifty years out of date. People no longer accept the Bible as being inspired the way you do. Your faith is too simple" (p. 138).

Billy Graham, who had enormous respect for his friend, could not dismiss Templeton's argument out of hand. "If I was not exactly doubtful," he recalls, "I was certainly disturbed." Things finally came to a head for him during a quiet walk in the San Bernardino mountains. "Dropping to my knees there in the woods, I opened the Bible at random on a tree stump in front of me" and prayed, "Father, I am going to accept this as Thy Word – by faith! I'm going to allow faith to go beyond my intellectual questions and doubts, and I will believe this to be Your inspired Word" ("Just As I Am," p. 139).

Little did Billy Graham realize what a profound influence that simple prayer was to have on his personal life. Charles Templeton was soon to withdraw from the ministry, move to Canada, and became a writer and commentator. For Billy Graham, however, the Los Angeles crusade launched a ministry that was to enable thousands of people to discover a new relationship with the God Templeton had rejected. Amazingly, it all came down to a matter of personal choice.

Living by faith is, indeed, no "cakewalk" and it does demand that we accept the truth that God has chosen to reveal, yes, by faith. The evidence is there for anyone who is willing to study the record and judge it for what it says. In the final analysis, however, it is an act of faith. There is no other way.

The choice to believe, it seems, is most generally a personal issue rather than an intellectual one. God and the revelation He has given us demands that we accept His Lordship over our lives. That is a tough call for most people. We don't want to live under God's control.

It is a matter we each must settle in our own lives. The choice we make will inevitably impact the life we live and, whether we want to face it or not, our eternal destiny. But do not fear; God is no man's debtor. He never takes more than He gives in return. It is, indeed, a privilege to serve the Living God!

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarry-scott@gmail.com.

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COLIPTESY

Franklin High School Robotics team partners with Nobis Engineering

The Franklin School District would like to thank Franklin Mayor, Tony Giunta, for partnering with the Franklin High School Robotics Team. Mayor Giunta facilitated a partnership with the company he works for Nobis Engineering. Nobis has been sending two engineers to Franklin High School Robotics Team meetings to mentor our students. The robotics team will attend their first competition this weekend and is grateful to Mayor Giunta and Nobis for all of their support and guidance. Pictured below is Mayor Giunta with Franklin High School Robotics Team Members and Coaches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's the excuse this time?

To the Editor:

The Sanbonton annual town report, as far as I can recall, always had a section entitled "Compensation for Elected and Town Employees." For some reason, the reports for 2015 and 2016 did not include that compensation information; as I recall, the selectmen's explanation was that it was just an oversight on the part of the Town Administrator. This

pertinent information was once again included in the 2017 and 2018 annual reports, as in the past.

So today, while reviewing the 2019 Town Report, guess what? The "Compensation for Elected and Town Employees" information is once again missing from the Town Report. Why this time?

Bill Whalen Sanbornton

It really ain't broke, and it doesn't need fixing

Support Claude "Sonny" Patten, Jr.'s re-election as Belmont Selectman

To the Editor:

The cliché is an old one, but it applies to our upcoming municipal election in Belmont. Normally, change and turnover in public office is a good thing, but sometimes it's best to leave a team that is working well as it is. I felt compelled to speak at the end of a recent Deliberative Session about what a pleasure it is to volunteer and work on community projects in Belmont and how lucky I feel to live here. Our current Board of Selectmen and Town officials are supportive, encouraging and obviously have the best interests of our town in mind. They work well together as a team and with our citizens and that success has saved us tax money, spurred efficiency and generated continuing improvements in our community.

It is quite unusual for a governing body to actually keep the municipal budget fairly level in a NH community. The Board of Selectmen in Bel-

mont have worked hard as a team to accomplish this. They attend to the business of running our town amicably and cooperatively -- and it works. I urge the voters to re-elect Sonny Patten as Selectman and keep the team working together harmoniously and effectively. Our current Board of Ruth Mooney, "Sonny" Patten and Jon Pike is doing just fine. "It ain't broke" and we don't need to fix it. Please cast your vote for Claude "Sonny" Patten, Jr. as Belmont Selectman.

Thanks, and please do vote -- however you vote -- on both the School District and Town ballot issues on March 10th at Belmont High School. It is a right won for us at great sacrifice and a duty that should be exercised and not shirked. If you don't bother to vote, don't bother to complain.

Sincerely, Woody Fogg Belmont

Investing in our community's critical infrastructure

To the Editor:

Greetings fellow residents and taxpayers. Your Police Building Study Committee (PBSC) had an action-packed year as we continued our work on a new police facility. As you all know, 2018 revealed a huge win for us. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester agreed to sell their land on Sanborn Road to our community for a great price and in July the purchase was finalized. The Board of Selectmen then directed the PBSC to continue moving forward and identified a scope of work to include:

- 1. Collaborating with the Selectmen, Town staff and the architect to develop a timeline and tasks,
- 2. Working with the architect to fully develop the building design beyond the conceptual schematics,
- 3. Creating shovel ready construction documents that will allow the town to secure bid estimates in time for the 2020 Town Meeting.

Our committee took this charge very seriously and moved forward with extreme dedication. In consultation with the Selectmen, the PBSC selected a Construction Manager in order to obtain a complete bid estimate for our project. After a thorough selection process, Milestone Construction of Concord was chosen as our Construction Manager (CM). The Construction Manager process provided more accurate, transparent pricing and bid documents to our community. Through five months of laborious design, development and pricing, our committee was able to present solid

budget numbers to the Selectmen in preparation for the warrant article. The Selectmen voted to accept our final design and budget numbers on Dec. 9, 2019. This year's warrant article to authorize the financing of \$4,716,518 is the final cost that will allow us bring two decades of committee work to the finish line.

This collaborative work built on all the committee work done in past years; and we were grateful for the solid foundation on which to build. Committee members always had an eye towards transparency, fiscal responsibility and integrity. The final result is a building that meets the community's needs now and into the future; it is also a facility that provides a safe environment for our employees. We are proud of our work and extremely grateful for the continued support from our community. Most of all, we are honored to be your committee that looks forward to bringing this project to a close. At this year's annual Town Meeting we will present to you a 21st Century police facility.

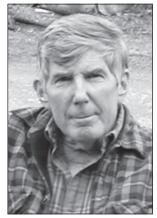
Many thanks to the Board of Selectmen for placing their confidence and trust in us to perform this important work. We ask that you also extend this same confidence and trust in us by joining us in saying "yes" to investing in our community's critical infrastructure.

Thank you all! We would not be to this point without your continued support.

Kevin LaChapelle, Chair Ken Dame

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

A book on the Panama Canal, as crows tell us spring is nigh



By John Harrigan **COLUMNIST**

Sunday, March dawned as one of those bright-overcast not destined to change much. A sun-dial would have shown a fuzzy finger of shade. Only your stomach told time.

When I let the dog out in early afternoon, I heard a sentinel crow cry its alarm, and looked down into the pasture to catch sight of some flapping. It was a short flight, fear not being a real factor. The crows took up new positions in the big maples behind Vince and Michelle's house, squawking away.

It gave me pause--something had to, because I've got too much going on, too much to hardly be able to get into a good book, and I've got another good one at hand, this one a tome on the Panama Canal, "The Path Between the Seas,"



A crow doing what crows like to do, just flapping around.

by David McCullough.

First published in 1977 and in several editions since, it is one of those books, like "From Sea to Shining Sea" on Lewis and Clark, that never really dates itself, at last until the next original journal by a participant in the topic at hand is discovered in someone's attic. This is why, in particular concerning Lewis and Clark, my reading on some topics seldom stops. Every few years, there's something new.

For some reason, the canal through the Western Hemisphere's isthmus---the whole notion of it, the story of its creation---has always fascinated me. Even today, long after I began reading about it, all the way certain places on the

through Theodore Roosevelt and beyond, from boyhood on, it remains on my Bucket List. For some reason I just want to go there, and sail through this stupendous series of lakes and locks connecting the world's two largest oceans.

The notion of a canal through the isthmus, a narrow, meandering strip of mountainous country connecting North and South America, was not a new one. The explorer Balboa had it in mind in 1513, when he went looking for (and found) the socalled Southern Ocean, which indeed is first descried to the south from

western shore. But we think of it as the Pacific, ocean of the west.

In the northeast, most of the major tribes, often identified by their watersheds. were (and are) aligned with the Abenaki nation, or more recently Wabanaki, translated as "Dawn Land." The book on the canal doesn't offer much detail on what the original people along the west coast called themselves, and I haven't delved into the subject for a long time. But by the time Lewis and Clark got there, the original people were battle-scarred veterans of European contact. They had long since been conquered or driven inland by the Spanish.

It is the ocean where

the sun goes down, or in many mythologies and religions, where the sea swallows the sun. and the records must be rife with nature-driven names for the land and its people. How many names of tribes and nations translate to "Peo-

ple of the Sunset Land?" What this book does not eventually offer, I'll find from different sources. And one day soon, I'll make a voyage to the canal aboard a vessel going through, and see this Seventh Wonder of the World (the list changes) for myself.

Crows were decidedly migratory in my boyhood, and when we heard their cries through the north-facing window of the upper ell bedroom I shared with brother Peter, it was a sure sign of spring. There was a slaughterhouse up at the Pollard farm on Cooper Hill, and it was there that the crows first showed up, tired and

hungry from their travels and more than ready to feed on the slaughterhouse offal.

(Courtesy shutterstock.com)

But in these times the winters have been getting milder, the crows have been hanging around right through, albeit mostly in lower habitat. I've seldom seen them in the dead of winter, which to me is from New Year's to the Ides of March.

On this day, I'd planned to fire up the shop stove and split some kindling, sweep things up, maybe haul a little wood.

The sound of the crows gave me second thoughts, and made me contemplate bundling up and sitting out on the front porch, if only for a moment, to enjoy a landscape garbed in fresh white, still bundled up for winter's last gasp.

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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Black swans



By Mark Patterson

I suppose we have all heard the phrase" black swan event," which is a metaphor to describe an event that comes as a surprise and has a major effect. Black Swan is derived from the Latin expression coined in the 16th-century when the thinking was that there were no black swans, only white. But in 1697, Dutch explorers first saw a black swan in western Australia. The sighting opened the door to the theories of statistical outliers happening when it was thought they could not. We tend to remember black Swan events as surprises that are typically negative such as the attacks on the World Trade Center's twin towof the Internet which I think, most people would perceive as very positive.

So how does all this relate to the management of your assets and investments? You cannot manage or should not manage for black Swan events, but your portfolio of investments should be managed per modern portfolio theory.

Harry Markowitz wrote an essay in 1952 on modern portfolio theory. Markowitz, an economist, wrote about mean-variance analysis. These phrases are straight out of the statistics textbook and I'm sure many of you are familiar with. But it is how they are applied regarding your investment portfolio what makes them significant and extremely relevant. In the event of a black swan event you will likely see world debt

and equity markets react in an extreme manner. In 1987, black Monday saw the Dow Jones iners in 2001. While this is dustrials lose significant certainly a black swan amounts of value. Those event, so is the discovery who were using margin or sold near the bottom did not recover. But if vou remember the bell curve, as things move away from the statistical mean or average they will in fact revert to the

average. Markowitz believed having a variety of non-correlated assets you would enhance the yield of your portfolio and reduce the risk. This is very true today if you can obtain real asset diversification.

Unfortunately, what I see all too often, are mutual funds with different names which would you lead you to believe that they are diversified but often have very similar holdings in very similar asset classes. I personally have not seen an occasion where one family of mutual funds can provide true asset diversification.

In a truly diversified asset mix, not all your investments will be doing great at the same time and conversely, they will not all do poorly at the same. Bull markets in equities often give us a false sense of security and tend to make us chase the winners and shun the laggards. Things change and go through their various cycles. Rebalancing a diverse portfolio is necessary otherwise you no longer have properly diversified asset mix. Risk and your portfolios objective will also determine the asset mix. Is growth your objective? Income? Capital preservation? All these objectives can be managed in a properly diversified mix of low fee, high value investments.

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Are you concerned about your child's development? Do you suspect that your child may have a disability? We will be holding a "Child Find Clinic" on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Canterbury Elementary School from 1:00 - 3:00 pm for children age birth through 6 years old. Certified staff will screen students for possible learning disabilities, speech and language disabilities, motor skills, and overall developmental functioning. The clinic is open to any resident of Belmont or Canterbury, but APPOINTMENTS ARE **REQUIRED.** Please contact the SAU office at 267-9223 ext. 5306 for additional information or to make an appointment.

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<u> Edward Jones: Financial Focus</u>

Will Your Money Last as Long as You Do?

What do your fellow citizens fear most? Almost half of them - 49% - are most afraid of running out of money during retirement, a higher percentage than the 44% whose chief concern is failing health, according to a recent survey by Aegon Center for Longevity and other

What steps can you take to help ensure your money will last as long as you do? Here are a few suggestions:

 Estimate your longevity. None of us can say for sure how long we'll live. However, you can make some educated guesses based on your health and family history. And once you do have at least a ballpark figure, you can then determine about how much money you may need to last the rest of your lifetime. A word of caution: It's probably going to be more than you think

the hundreds of thousands, even with

· Determine when you'll retire. Your retirement age will have a big impact on how long your money can last. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k). Plus, if you have health insurance through work, you should be able to cover some of the out of pocket health care costs you'd normally have to pay if you're retired.

· Invest as much as you can in your retirement. During your working years, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And every time you get a raise, try to increase the amount you put into your employer's plan

Health care costs alone can run into • Protect yourself from long-term care costs. If you're fortunate, you'll never needany type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care provider. Still, there are no guarantees, and long-term care expenses can be big enough to threaten your retirement savings. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare typically pays just a small portion of these amounts, so you may want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will pay for qualified longterm care costs. Or you might consider a "hybrid" policy, which combines longterm care protection with life insurance. So, if you never needed long-term care,

your hybrid policy would pay a death benefit to your beneficiary, but if you did need the care, your policy would pay benefits toward those expenses

· Choose an appropriate withdrawa rate. During your retirement, you'll need to withdraw money from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement ac counts. But you'll want to avoid tak ing out too much each year, especially during the early years of your retirement. It's important to establish an an nual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs, taking into account and other factors.

The thought of running out of money during retirement is scary indeed - but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

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William Franklyn Bertholdt, 81

TILTON — William "Bill" Franklyn Bertholdt, 81, passed away at the New Hampshire Veterans home on Feb. 25, 2020.

Bill, often known as "Bear" or "Sheriff" was born in California to Rella Mae and Commander (USN) Herbert William Bertholdt. Bill moved into the Veterans home in 2014. He became President of the Resident's Council in 2015 which he proudly served until his death.

Bill joined the Air Force during the Korean conflict. His last duty station was Pease Air Force Base. He was a quality assurance engineer at Raytheon, Sanders, and BAE. While working for Sanders Bill had the opportunity to work in Berlin, Germany at Tempelhof, where he developed an enthusiasm for German antiquities. He was also a reserve Deputy Sheriff for the Rockingham Sheriff's Department.

Bill had many inter-

ests. He was an avid CB radio enthusiast and was active in the Southern New Hampshire CB jamboree committee. He enjoyed roller skating and taking pictures. He was also a talented bongo and ukulele player.

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Besides his family,
Bill's great loves were
the United States military and boating on Lake
Winnipesaukee. He was
a vocal supporter of implementing a speed limit
on the lake.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Paula (Bozek); his four children (Paul Bertholdt and his wife Ann, Rella Bartlett and her husband Billy, Susan Lee and her husband Dwayne, and William Bertholdt); and his grandchildren, Tiffiany (Bartlett) Cook, William Bartlett, Jason Bertholdt and his wife, Gabrielle, Angela Schools, Derek Lee, and Carter Lee. Bill was blessed with five precious great-granddaughters.

A Memorial Service

will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen.

For those who wish memorial donations in Bill's honor can be made to the New Hampshire Veterans Home, C/O Resident Fund, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH, 03276 or the Diabetes Association, 154 Lions Camp Pride Way, New Durham, NH 03855.

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.

TILTON — Richard R. Griffin, 71, of Tilton, died at Lakes Region General Hospital on

March 4, 2020. He was born in Franklin on July 4, 1948, the son of Earl and Malvina (Laro) Griffin.

He was raised in Tilton where he resided for several years.

Mr. Griffin was a proud veteran, he served in the US Army during the Vietnam War as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. After his discharge, he continued service as a member of the NH National Guard. He spent his career at Quin-T Corp (later 3M) where his father was also em-

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and ATV

ployed.

Richard R. Griffin, 71



rider. He enjoyed his retirement spending time working on his property and sharing stories with his buddies at the Legion.

He was a member of the Franklin Lodge of Elks #1280 and The Whiteman-Davidson American Legion Post #49 in Northfield.

Family members include his children, Kel-

ly Russell and husband Theo of Franklin, Sandra Lussier and her husband of Concord, and Ryan Griffin of Tilton; six grandchildren (Alyssa Griffin, Lauren Hair, Kaitlyn Griffin, Kimberly Griffin, Adam Griffin, and Jael Russell); a sister, Judith Miller of Concord; his best friend, Jim Collins of Franklin; and nieces and nephews.

Burial with military honors will be held in the spring.

Donations in memory of Mr. Griffin may be made to American Legion Post #49, 4 Park St., Northfield, NH 03276.

Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin is assisting the Griffin family. For an online guest-book, please visit www. neunfuneralhomes.com.

Region's largest travel show returns March 28

GILFORD — On Saturday, March 28, Penny Pitou Travel will once again be hosting the largest Travel Show ever done in the Lakes Region at: Contigiani's Event Center at 140 Country Club Rd in Gilford.

"Passport To The World Travel Show" will be an exciting day of exploring the world with special presentations by travel experts. If you love travel, this will be the place to be. The doors will open with free admission at 10 a.m. to the public. For the first 50 people through the door, there will be the new Penny Pitou Travel water bottle, courtesy of Penny Pitou Travel. There will be great door prize drawings throughout the day, culminating in a Grand Prize Giveaway – A Trip to Disney's Animal Kingdom! Roundtrip transport to Manchester airport from the Lakes Region, courtesy of Lakes Region Shuttle, roundtrip air to Orlando, hotel and meal plan and passes. No purchase necessary to win. Attend the show, have your passport stamped and one special presentation stamp and enter to win. There are many choices when planning your vacation or next adventure, there are also many questions. By gathering travel experts from across the travel spectrum Penny Pitou Travel hopes to help with those questions and

Featured travel experts attending the show are: G Adventures, Rocky Mountaineer, AMA Waterways, Trafalgar, Viking Cruises, Scenic, CIE Tours, Holland America, Silversea, Globus Journeys, Avalon Waterways, Royal Carib-SEE TRAVEL SHOW, PAGE A9

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John Stanley Shelley brings one-man show to Belknap Mill

LACONIA — Last Friday night, about 60 people were witness to a musical event at the Belknap Mill in Laconia that from this point on will be known as the birthplace of the fable-opus. The sold-out, standing room only performance of John Stanley Shelley's one-man, two-act show, "Man on the Hill" was a moving experience bringing laughter, tears, and plenty of smiles to those in attendance.

Your first question might be, just what is a fable-opus? The answer would be a musical work that tells a story through narration and song. John Shelley, a New Hampshire native, has been a song writer, singer, and actor for forty years and combined all his talents to write and produce this very touching story of an old man looking back on his life.

"I grew up listening to 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and 'Tommy' and sometimes I refer to 'Man on the Hill' as my mini-rock opera," Shelley said. "The biggest difference for 'Man on the Hill' is you don't feel like it's a story about someone else or a fictitious character. Everyone can relate to the old man. He's telling the story of his life, and we've all been through some or all of what he describes. It touches home for people and that is why they are so moved by the show."

Concert goer Michael Penney, who had not seen or heard of John Stanley Shelley before the concert, said, "It was the best solo performance I have ever seen in my life." Other audience members described it as "deeply touching," "moving," and "absolutely amazing."

The set is designed to look like the old man's living room with a crackling fireplace in front of his chair, pictures hang-



John Stanley Shelley

ing on the wall, and a hall tree that is stocked with a dozen different hats Shelley wears throughout the show. He comes on stage, fills his coffee cup, picks up his pipe and starts talking to the audience as if they had just come in for a visit.

"I felt very connected to the old man," said one attendee.

The musical styles vary from song to song and the flow matches the mood of the storyline every step of the way. The

ing on the wall, and a hall show includes rock, folk, tree that is stocked with a dozen different hats Shelley wears throughout the show. He comes show includes rock, folk, jazz, and country and the variety keeps your ears from getting tired during the performance.

Shelley plays the guitar and sings throughout while being accompanied by a recording of a full band/orchestra playing in the background that makes you forget you are watching one guy on a stage.

"The backing music was recorded in Nashville, Las Vegas, Ohio, New Hampshire, and Belize," Shelley explained.
"These were some very talented professionals that give me the full sound I have on stage."

Future tour dates and locations have not been confirmed, but Shelley says he is looking forward to performing his fable-opus throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts in the coming months. More information and dates can be found on his Web site, www.johnstanley-shelley.com.

Children's Auction helps youth of WinnAero

GILFORD The Greater Lakes Region Auction Children's awarded a \$5,000 grant youth attending WinnAero's ACE Academies this coming summer. WinnAero is the non-profit based at the Laconia Airport whose mission is to provide STEM education for youth through hands-on aviation and aerospace activities. The primary thrust of the WinnAero mission is achieved through its series of age-appropriate mer day camps; the ACE Academies.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Chil-

dren's Auction for their generous grant," said WinnAero President, Karen Mitchell.

Her colleague, the WinnAero Director of Educational Programming Dan Caron, has outlined plans to implement the grant to benefit young students.

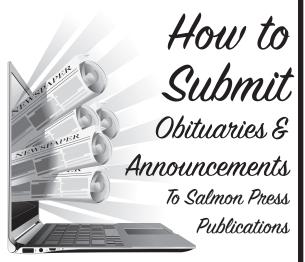
"This grant enables us to subsidize a larger share of ACE Academy tuition for young people of limited or modest financial means," said Caron.

"We'll also be able to purchase additional equipment for our hands-on approach to learning. Items such as drones, model rockets and flight simulator software will supplement our classroom instruction tremendously," he added.

The ACE Academies are conducted at the Laconia Airport with half-day programs for elementary-aged students and full day programs for middle and high

school students. vear's schedule includes sessions from the weeks of July 6-10 and 13-17. Interested parents/students should contact Education Director Caron at dan.caron@winnaero. org for details and visit the Web site, www.winnaero.org, for a photo tour of previous ACE Academies. The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is an annual event held in December to benefit youth and organizations throughout Central New Hampshire. From its early beginnings 37 years ago, when \$2,100 was raised from the communities of the Lakes Region, the annual event has grown immensely thanks to countless volunteers and donors who have made it the Lakes Region's single largest fund-raising event. Since its inception, the Children's Auction has raised and distributed more than 6.1 million dollars for local

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Jesse Kosman-Holland receives Spaulding Youth Center's Spaulding Spirit Award

N O R T H F I E L D—Spaulding Youth Center is thrilled to present its most recent Spaulding Spirit Award to Jesse Kosman-Holland. This peer-nominated recognition is presented at each quarterly staff meeting to one employee who exemplifies Spaulding Spirit and whose peers are proud to work alongside each day.

Among numerous thoughtful and compelling nominations, Ms. Kosman-Holland was described by her colleagues as detail-oriented, fun and devoted to her work. She always goes above and beyond without hesitation and is a compassionate team player.

Ms. Kosman-Holland began her Spaulding career 10 years ago after working as a cook at Campton Cupboard, a grocery store in Campton. She was drawn to the dining services opportunity at Spaulding once she learned about the students and their touching life stories. Based on her own childhood, Ms. Kosman-Holland relates to the struggles many Spaulding children face.

When asked about her favorite part of Spaulding, Ms. Kosman-Holland does not hesitate to say the students. She looks forward to participating in culinary events on campus, such as ice cream socials and fudge making, because it allows her to bond with students and introduce them to different cui-



Jesse Kosman-Holland

sines. Ms. Kosman-Holland has earned multiple certificates from the Institute of Child Nutrition due to her dedication to learning about child nutrition, food safety and culinary techniques. With many Spaulding students requiring dietary restrictions, including allergies and food eliminations as well as eating protocols and adaptive utensils, she has worked diligently to ensure every student at Spaulding Youth Center is offered safe, nutritious and delicious food options.

"Jesse is an upbeat and dedicated member of our staff who takes great pride in her work," said Susan C. Ryan, President & CEO of Spaulding Youth Center. "Her commitment to her job and our students is truly inspiring and her continued efforts to go above and beyond her job description is motivating to everyone on the food services team and well beyond. We are grateful to have Jesse on our team and admire her kindness along with her dedication to creating menus that are fresh, healthy and exciting for our students."

In her spare time, Ms. Kosman-Holland enjoys surfing, playing bass, attending concerts and painting. She also loves to spend time with her husband of 14 years, Brett, and her two cats, Eric and Patrick.

About Spaulding Youth Center

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth withneurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Services include academic, residential, clinical, community based, foster care, and family support. Established in 1871 and known as Spaulding Youth Center since 1958, our scenic hilltop campus is located on nearly 500 acres in Northfield, NH and welcomes boys and girls from ages 4 to 21 from around the state of New Hampshire and beyond. Spaulding Youth Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3)nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit www.SpauldingYouthCenter.org.

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Tilton-Northfield Rotary and the family of Andre Storey Cormier were pleased to congratulate him for being the first recipient of the organization's first Rising Star Award, acknowledging a Winnisquam Regional High School student each year who has made a positive change in their life and academic career.

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Along with the plaque recognition, Cormier was awarded a total of \$150 from Belknap Sub-Camaro Heaven and Rusty's Towing. He also received \$25 gift cards from Greenside Restaurant at Lochmere Country Club and Tilton House of Pizza, along with a number of tee shirts from local businesses, who all ask them to consider their company when looking for jobs in the future.

"We want you to understand that with all the things you are doing now, the community is watching out for you," said Drew. "Your actions have been seen, and we're here for you if you ever need anything!"

Cormier, who was accompanied at the luncheon by his grandmother Stephanie Storey, her friend David Izenstatt, and father Brian Vastine, said he was really excited to hear he got the award.

"At the end of sumrealized I had to get my grades up. Joining the football team again, that shaped me into a different person. I bonded with the team, made new friends and that made a big difference," he said.

Another change was moving into his grandmother's home where there was someone to keep an eye on him and ensure he was doing the right things in his life.

"My mom wasn't home a lot so I was kind of free range, and I see now that wasn't a good thing," said Cormier.

While things looked grim for a while, with the encouragement of Riberdy and his grandmother, Cormier is now on track to graduate in 2021 and this year will even rejoin the track team that he loved in

middle school.

"I came in third in the state meet and ran in my

freshman year. I can't wait to get back to that again," he said.

More than anything though, Cormier said this award has encouraged him to become a in similar situations in role model to others who have found themselves

their lives.

ROBOTICS

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uses plastic components to create "Lego-style" robots for VEX IQ competitions. While he enjoyed that experience, as a seventh grade student this year, he was eager for bigger and better things in robotics.

When Deshaies invited interested middle school students to come on board for the more challenging VEX RC competitions at the high school, Provost readily accepted but never imagined he would do as well as he did.

The difference between the two programs is that through the higher level VEX RC program, students use metal components with real nuts and bolts that are harder to design.

"Oden was the only middle school student who wanted to take part in what we were doing mer school last year, I here at the high school," Deshaies said. "When he joined us, he would just walk in and start putting things together. He was really self-sufficient!"

> Through the VEX RC program, Provost continued to compete at a middle school level but had the ability to work with the more complex materials, older students and Coach Deshaies. Nearly every day after school this fall and winter, he would catch a bus to the high school where he set out to learn all he could about design, programming and the operation of a robot built on a higher skill level than he had been exposed to before.

> "I like designing. The hardest part was the programming and understanding how it all works," he said.



While still in middle school, seventh grade student Oden Provost of Belmont is the youngest member of Belmont High School's VEX RC Robotics team. He recently demonstrated how his robot, "I Don't Know," can accomplish challenges that have led him to the World Championship competition in Kentucky next month.

As a humorous tip of the cap toward his uncertainty, he named his robot "I Don't Know."

Deshaies said this year was the first time Provost had any real exposure to programming but he did quite well. The programming he was required to learn was a "C++/Object-based program" that is also used in colleges and businesses today.

Impressive for a seventh-grade student.

As he designed and programmed his bot, Provost was also required to keep an engineering notebook of his plans, his successes, and even his failures. That notebook would later become a part of the scoring process at competitions over the past couple of months.

This year's VEX RC challenge required entrants to design a robot that could not only move around a busy playing field, but place and stack objects on different parts of that field in order to earn points.

Throughout the winseason, Provost

Out of his four competitions, he made it to the semi-finals in the first but did even better in the last two. In one competition at Coe-Brown School he was disqualified when his robot inadvertently got forced into a restricted zone but Provost now has all the rules of competition memorized so that doesn't happen again. In the end it didn't matter though. Despite his elimination that day, he still left with a World Ranking of 183 points out of

After another meet at Manchester College, Provost came home with the Judge's Award after

they looked at his engineering notebook and saw all that his robot could do.

By the end of the sea-

son, Provost was ranked

232 out of 2,348 robots, placing him in the Top 10-percent in the world for middle school students. "And that's with a lot

of room for him to still improve," Deshaies said with pride and confidence.

Yet, it was still enough to put him up against students from not only the U.S. but other countries from all over the globe in the World Championship rounds.

Belmont Middle School principal Aaron Pope said that the VEX IQ program is new at his school in the past couple of years, so for Provost to step up and participate with the high school team after just one year at the middle school was impressive.

"He's representing us very well," said Pope.

Businesses or residents who would like to donate any amount, large or small, to Provost's entrance in the VEX RC World Championship Competition in Kentucky next month are asked to please contact Deshaies through the high school at 286-6525.

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1,739 competitors.

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pics New Hampshire can be found online at www. SONH.org.

About SONH

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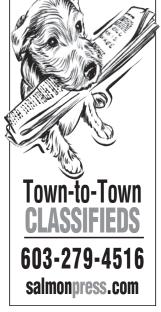
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"WOW: Here Today: Gone Tomorrow?"



(Left) The Eastern Box Turtle is one of New Hampshire's species. endangered According to New Hampshire Fish & Game, statewide only two small populations have been identified and are currently being monitored.

an active, introductory education program designed for the most curious among us, with recommended ages ranging from eight to 12, though anyone with a thirst for knowledge is welcome. Some of the most fundamental wildlife

conservation and naturalist concerns will be addressed - from understanding the distinctions between endangered species categories and criteria, to what humans can do to lessen their impact on those wildlife species most effected.

The cost to attend is \$6 and free for Prescott Farm Members. For additional information or to register go to prescottfarm.org.

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 dedicated to environmental education and preservation. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecol-

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ogy, natural history and

Laconia Rotary welcomes new member

LACONIA – The Laconia Rotary is pleased to announce the membership of Brian Bernard. Bernard who officially joined the service organization in January, is

Manager of Regional Coordinators for Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire.

Even before joining the Rotary Club, their motto 'Service Above Self' has held great value to Bernard. Since his graduation from UNH in 1995, Bernard has been involved in the nonprofit sector. His current role with Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire has him connecting kids with caring, committed volunteers from the community. He strongly believes every child de-

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were under construction as part of classroom curriculum over the past month and designs were comprised of Under the Sea themes including sharks, fish and decorations based on movies like The Little Mermaid, Finding Nemo and Free Willy. The carnival also included themed games, such as narwhal ring toss, mermaid marathon, feed the shark, squid inking, as well as cold weather treats, such as hot chocolate and cookies.

"Students and staff members look forward to the Winter Carnival festivities every year,"

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hit a vehicle while turning from Park St. onto Main Street. His truck and trailer then veered across the road. went through the fence and landed in the river. O'Reilly was arrested for driving under the influence when police found an open container in his vehicle at the time, then recorded a blood-alcohol content of 0.169 on a breathalyzer test. Due to the nature of the chemicals inside the truck, DES was also called upon to prevent contamination of the river.

At his trial in April of 2019, O'Reilly was fined \$750 and sentenced to 17 days in jail, all but five suspended on the condition of good behavior for one year. In addition, he lost his driver's license for 18 months and was

once his license was restored.

"It's ludicrous that here we are, having to fight to get the cost for the damages," said Selectman Katherine Daw-

Other board members agreed that while he pled guilty to his charges, they could not understand why he and TruGreen would not feel they are liable for the damages and expense to the town that his actions incurred under their employ.

Forrester submitted invoices for the replacement of the fence and the temporary fencing that had to be put in place in the meantime, but the company has refused to

ordered to have an ig- the bridge, said that in state, failed to propernition interlock device addition to the fence, he, ly negotiate a left-hand placed on his vehicle too, has lost at least one turn, crossed the double tree that was damaged in the accident and his company's insurance attempts at reimbursement have also been ig-

> Forrester said consultation with Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC was the last resort. After looking over evidence from the accident, they recommended that the town move forward in suing both TruGreen and O'Reilly for the dam-

> "We have no choice," Chairman Scanlon and the board voted unanimously to file court action.

> Count I of the lawsuit is for negligence due to the fact that O'Reilly was operating "heavy dinarily

yellow line and ultimately drove through property belonging to or under the control of the Town, severely damaging said property and terminating in the Winnipesaukee River."

Count II is for Negligence Per Se by the company, while Count III seeks Enhanced Damages due to O'Reilly's inebriated state and wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. In Count IV, the town deems that as O'Reilly was conducting business for TruGreen during normal hours of operation, they are liable both jointly and severally for the accident and all damages and expenses incurred as a result.

The papers were to be







5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could summer

rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend much of their vacations

Summer vacation lounge poolside, skip indoors playing with their digital devices.

> Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape summer camp remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

1. Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

2. Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place Campers outdoors. may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence. Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other stu-

dents. 4. Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure

activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

5. Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.

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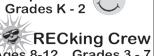
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Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is

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\$85, while the same each child is different. \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

Kids' interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child's interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but

fee at a day camp is Just because mom and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children's interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront

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camps that focus on children to lengthy marine biology, boatinvolving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want commit their

camp sessions, even ing or other activities if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they're accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several

weeks might be what they're looking for.

Summer camps give kids a chance to make memories that will last a lifetime. Choosing the right camp is an important decision that parents and kids should make together.



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serves a mentor, and he values the importance of personal relationships.

Laconia Rotary President Kevin Conway knows that success for the club depends on a combination of dedication from current members and the

fresh ideas and perspectives of new members like Bernard.

"It's imperative," Conway said. "We are only as good as our members and when people like Brian make a commitment to us I know we are headed in the right direction."

Brian, his wife Felicithe world. Laconia Rotaty, and their two children ry typically meets every

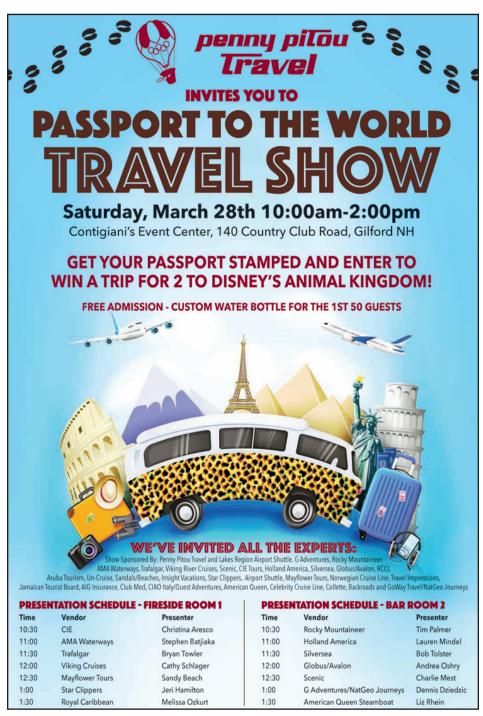
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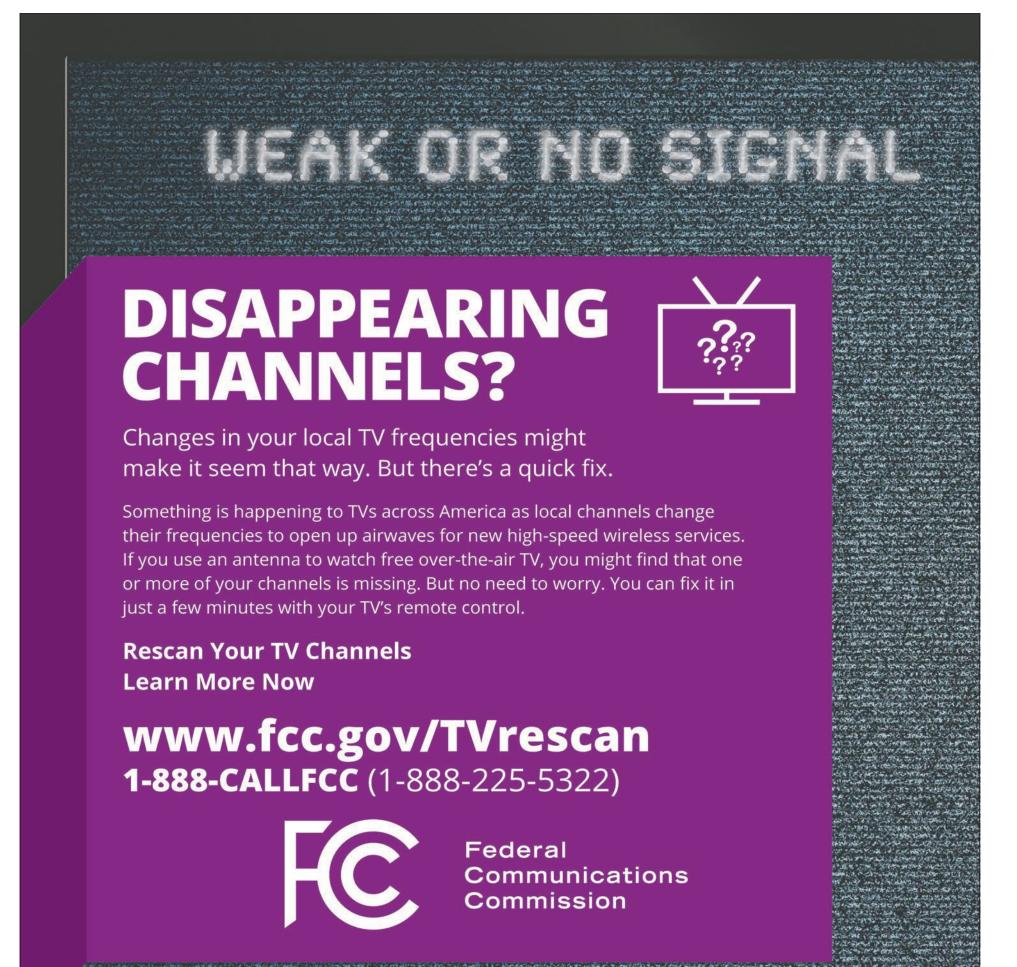
(Left) Laconia Rotary
President Kevin Conway welcomed Brian Bernard as a new member to the club in January.

Thursday at noon at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. All are welcome. Please write to LaconiaRotary@gmail.com to let us know you'll be attending. Visit www.LaconiaRotary. org for more information about the club.





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Jacob Seavey drives to the basket for the Bears.



Phil Nichols led the game in scoring with 23 points in a win for the Bears.

Bears bounce Red Raiders in OT playoff tilt

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON – It was a hotly-contested matchup between two Winnisquam area basketball rivals, with the Winnisquam Bears taking an overtime win against Belmont in the first round of the Division 3 boys' basketball playoffs by a score of

46-40.

The first quarter started out with both teams struggling to make shots, due to strong defensive efforts as well as inaccuracy. Keith Landry finally got the Red Raiders on the board with a layup about two minutes into the game, and the rest of the quarter was backand-forth between the two rivals. Phil Nichols provided four of the Winnisquan six points and Brian Carroll had five of Belmont's nine points.

The second quarter had Winnisquam outscore the Red Raiders 10-7 and make it a 16-16 game heading into the locker room for halftime. Landry scored all seven Red Raider points on a three-pointer and a pair of layups. Caleb Bushway had five points in the quarter for Winnisquam, while Cooper French also drained a three.

The third quarter was again fairly even with Winnisquam

outscoring Belmont Winnisquam 10-8. came out and scored five-straight points, highlighted by three-pointer by Bushway. Anthony Robbins had four points for Winnisquam. While Winnisquam had a 26-19 lead, the Red Raiders battled and made it a 26-24 game after three quarters.

The fourth quarter had Belmont outscoring the Bears 14-12 and both teams traded leads on several occasions. Phil Nichols was clutch from the free throw line with a pair of foul shots to tie the game and Isaiah Costa put up a three at the buzzer to try to seal the win, but it frontrimmed, sending the game to overtime.

In overtime, Jackson Ruelke got the Red Raiders the lead with a foul shot but then Nichthe Bears a two-point lead. With the game in favor of Winnisquam 43-41, Ruelke drove to the hoop with a minute left and made the shot, but the officials called it a charge, which not only negated the shot but gave the ball to the Bears.

Another quick foul led to French going to the foul line where he made one of two shots. putting the game at 44-39, Winnisquam lead. Costa then drove to the bucket and was fouled. He made one shot and it was a 44-40 game, but as time was expiring Nichols nailed two free throws to make it a sixpoint game and secure the win for the Bears.

Both teams were missing key players in this game. Nate Sottak

of Belmont has been sidelined for several games now after breaking his wrist, while Winnisquam's nar Horman suffered a high ankle sprain in practice the night before the game. Both have been top scoring options for their respective teams this season. Winnisquam has also been without Garret Mango the majority of the season.

Nichols took over the scoring load for the Bears with a 23-point performance, while Bushway added 12 points. For the Red Raiders, Carroll led with 13 points, Landry had 11 points and Ruelke had 10 points.

Winnisquam coach Kevin Dame was happy with the win, but knew there was plenty that his squad needed to work on.

"I thought our effort ols responded with a tonight was great but three-pointer to give our execution was terrible," said Dame. "We acted like we hadn't seen a man to man defense before, but credit Belmont because they were getting after it. We weren't cutting crisp or setting screens. Our defense was fantastic though. I was happy to come away with a win over a tough team like Belmont."

Belmont coach Jim Cillev felt his team played well enough to win, but just didn't take care of business down the stretch. He was visibly upset with some of the calls against his team, but in the end he said there was no excuse and that if his team wanted a win they should have never put themselves in that SEE HOOPS, PAGE B2



BOB MARTIN Jesse Gardner launches a three-pointer in a win for the Bears.



Corbin Dubord of the Bears and Christian Marrone of the Red Raiders hustle for a loose ball.

Unified Bears slip past Red Raiders in tourney

BY BOB MARTIN

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WINNISQUAM Winnisquam hosted Belmont in a matchup of local rivals in the Division 3 unified bastournament. kethall and the Bears proved to be too much for the Red Raiders with a 51-39 victory in the opening round.

It was a 12-6 game in favor of Winnisquam after a quarter, with the Bears led by Jesse Gardner who made a pair of threes. He made four threes in the game on his way to a 20-point night.

It was 25-13 at the half, with the Bears outscoring Belmont Winnisquam's scoring continued in the third quarter with the Bears increasing the lead to 18 points with a 42-24 score. While the Red Raiders outscored Winnisquam 15-9 in the final quarter, Winnisquam was able to hold on for the win and advance to the next round of the playoffs.

Other scoring leaders for the Bears were

20 points, Josiah Olson with eight points and Preston Hartford with three points. For Belmont, Christian Marrone had 16 points, Keegan Donovan had 12 points and Elissa Pinard had four

The Red Raiders finished with a 3-4 record and coach Richard Bergskaug said he was happy with the progress his team made all season. It was the most wins in the team's history with three league wins and four tournament victories. Marand Donovan were standout players averaging 15 and 12 points respectively. They were also excellent defensively, he said.

Bergskaug the unified program, which partners students with players with disabilities, is vital for the school.

"Unified school culture and adds to the inclusion efforts with our schools," said Bergskaug. "Couple with

Mark Labonville with Best Buddies, it is an essential part of our

school community. Winnisquam coach Sierra Elderkin said she and the team were both excited about the win, which put the Bears at 4-2. She also gave credit to Belmont saying they were a tough team to beat. This year, she said, has been the best turnout for any unified team at Winnisquam.

This season Hartford come along way as the team's most improved player, as he has been able to hit a couple of three this season. Corbin Dubord has been a top defensively player, who has tenacity when covering players. Gardner and Olson are the team's high scorers, as they have a knack for hitting threes and also shots under the basket. Mark Labonville has risen to the occasion as a player and a great teammate.

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Riley earns bid to Nordic Meet of Champions

BY BOB MARTIN

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GORHAM - Will Riley is the lone Nordic skier for Belmont High School and last week he traveled to the Great Glen Trails for the Division 3 state meet, and coach Nina Gavrylyuk was happy with his performance.

In the freestyle race, Riley placed 10th with a time of 15:49.8. In the classic race, Riley came in in sixth with a time of 15:03.3.

Gavrylyuk coaches the Gilford and Belmont skiers and she said she was very happy with the performance of her skiers, but also said this was indicative of how they have performed all winter.

Gavrylyuk said it was impressive to have all of her Nordic racers



William Riley skied well at the Division 3 state meet for Belmont High School.



William Riley of Belmont starts his classic race at the Great Glen Trails.

heading to the Meet of Champions, showing that despite the team's small size, they are among the best.

The Meet of Champions took place in Dublin on Tuesday and results will be in the next edi-



BOR MARTIN

Caleb Bushway looks for an open man for Winnisquam in a playoff game against Belmont.

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"It should never have gotten to the fact where there could have been any 50/50 calls because we missed 11 free throws," said Cilley. "We missed some lay ups along the way. There tire game we kept them were certainly times we in check and really did had the opportunity to end the game."

While it was a tough loss to swallow Cilley, he said he was still very happy with the effort put forth by his squad.

"Realistically the enwhat we wanted to do," said Cilley. "We had a good game plan that was totally different. changed everything about the way we played. I don't think



Preston Hartford squares up against Christian Marrone in unified basketball.

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"The 'partners' on the team this year are fantastic," said Elderkin. "They are supportive, encouraging, positive and inclusive both in school and on the court. The athletes really look up to them and enjoy their friendships. I have watched several different friendships flourish this season."

The seventh-ranked Bears took on second-ranked Exeter on Monday and results will be in the next edition.



Keegan Donovan takes a shot for the Red Raiders.



BOB MARTIN

Jackson Ruelke goes up for a lay up against Winnisquam.



BOB MARTIN

Brian Carroll shoots a free throw for the Red Raiders.



BOB MARTIN

Isaiah Costa looks for an open player making a cut for the Red Raiders.

we turned the ball over plan was to make the from their press, which Bears go to the hoop was much better. Defor lay ups. While this fensively we are usualis unorthodox, he felt it ly in match up zone, but worked as the Red Raidwe played man to man ers were able to contest the entire game." shots routinely and force

Cilley said he knew missed lay ups. "I really thought we going into the game that the Bears live and did everything well the die by the three-pointentire night except make er, so part of his game our free throws and fin-

The Bears went on to play Hopkinton in the quarterfinals on Friday and fell 68-50.

ish the game," Cilley said.

The Red Raiders wrapped up the season 9-9 in the regular season and 9-10 overall. The Bears finished 13-5 in the regular season and 14-6 overall.



Griffin Tondreau brings the puck up the ice against ConVal in the opening round of the playoffs.



Nate Shirley sets up for a shot for the Bulldogs.



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Cam Jarvi goes in for a shot against ConVal last weekend.

The Bulldogs celebrate after a goal against ConVal.

Bulldogs let one slip away

BY BOB MARTIN

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LACONIA – It was a disappointing ending to the season for the second-ranked Belmont/Gilford Bulldogs, who lost in the opening round of the Division 3 state hockey tournament, as the team blew a 4-2 lead over ConVal-Conant and allowed five unanswered goals after to take a 7-4 loss.

ConVal jumped on the board first with a quick goal at 13:25 on the team's first real scoring opportunity of the night. With 8:29 left in the first period, Cam Jarvi got the Bulldogs on the board with a goal assisted by Griffin Tondreau to tie up the game 1-1, which is how the first period would end

In the second period, ConVal took the lead with 12:55 left, but Belmont/Gilford responded less than a minute later on a shorthanded goal by Hayden Parent to tie it 2-2. With 5:01 on

the clock, Owen Guerin made a big hit near the bench and then promptly put the puck in the back of the net to make it 3-2.

In the third period, the Bulldogs added a fourth goal with 8:14 left by Zoltan Stefan and things were looking great for Belmont/ Gilford. However, this is where the wheels fell off in dramatic fashion. ConVal scored a goal at 7:39 and then another with 7:11 left to tie the game. With 5:42 left, Belmont/Gilford was charged with a five-minute major for boarding and Con-Val immediately took advantage with a goal with 4:43 left to go up

ConVal was charged with a two-minute penalty making it four on four, but ConVal scored on a one-timer to make it 6-4. With about a minute left in the game, ConVal added a seventh goal.

Coach Jason Parent was frustrated with the

loss, but also gave credit where it was due to ConVal.

"ConVal did a great job getting us involved in the type of game we couldn't win," said Par-

ent. "If we play five on five we are a very hard team to beat but when we play from inside the penalty box we are susceptible. ConVal got the calls from the officials

at the times when they needed them. We didn't seem to get those same type of calls and that's how it goes sometimes. In order to win games in playoffs you need a

lot of things to go right for your team. We didn't do what we needed to do to win the game simple as that, and now we are watching playoffs instead of being in them."

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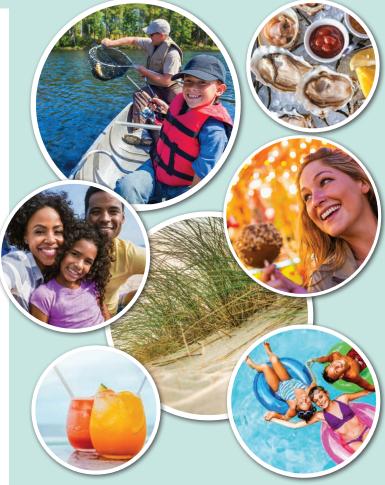
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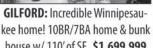


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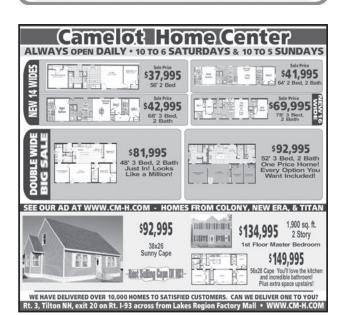
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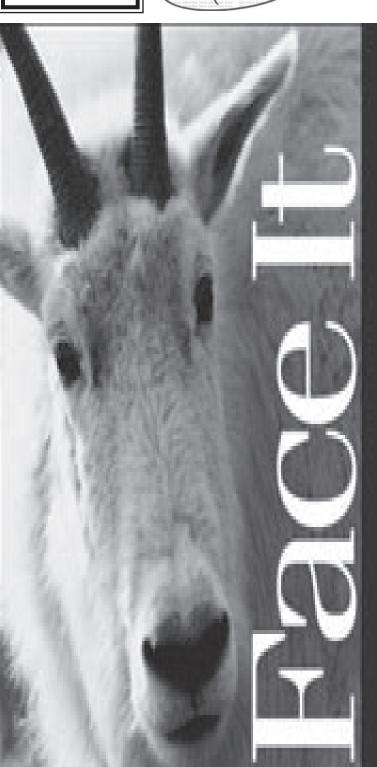


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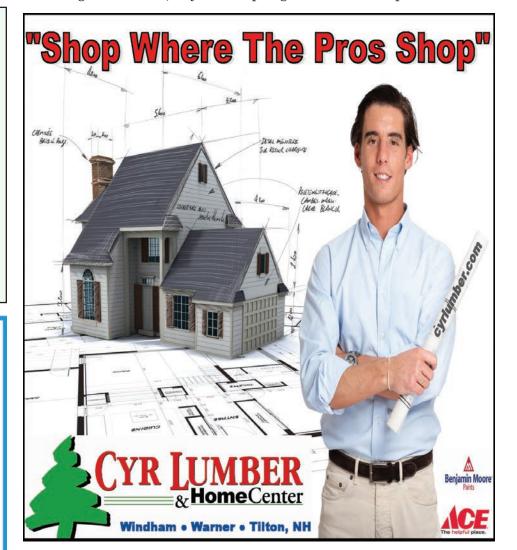
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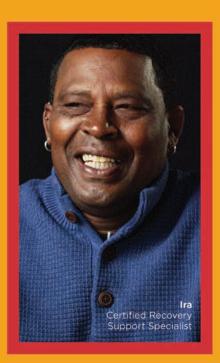


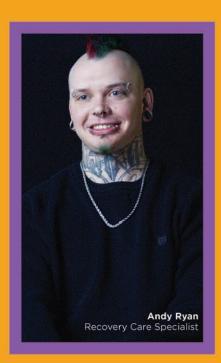
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