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## Amendment restores \$115,000 to school district budget

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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Voters at last week's school district deliberative session approved an amendment putting more than \$115,000 into the school budget, bringing the budget back to the amount initially proposed by the school board.

Representatives from the school district and Budget Committee presented and discussed items on the school district warrant during the district's deliberative session on Friday night.

Article 2 was the school district budget of

\$25,903,694. The article was recommended by the Budget Committee, though the school board unanimously voted not to recommend it.

Superintendent Kirk Beitler said the district has been working with increasing costs, including a 14.4 percent guaranteed maximum rate increase in health insurance, as well as examining staffing with declining enrollments.

Beitler said he delivered a suggested budget to the school board that carried a 3.5 percent increase. The school board advised that the budget

should be trimmed to around two percent. Following public comment and looking further into the budget, the school board asked in November for that increase to be closer to one percent.

The two percent increase was initially reached through staffing changes. A retiring librarian position was filled instead with a teacher and a librarian support staff position will also be cut at the middle school after another retirement.

To make the one percent increase the budget postponed a number of

maintenance projects in all three schools. There will also be reductions in technology, textbooks, equipment, and profes-

sional development.

The budget initially proposed a two percent wage increase for non union support staff,

though the school board reduced that to 1.75 percent.

The school district's SEE BUDGET PAGE A9

## Project budget for Town Hall project lowered to \$385,000

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An amendment reducing the budget for improvements to town hall passed by just a couple votes during last week's deliberative session on the 2017 town warrant, and voters will decide on a proposed price tag of \$385,000 article in March.

On Wednesday night voters gathered at Gilford High School for the town deliberative session.

Article 11 originally called for \$450,000 for phase two of the town hall project, with money coming from the fund balance and not taxes. This will install new heating and cooling fixtures, upgrade the water system, upgrade hallway flooring and sidewalks, and install ADA compliant doors.

Town officials said the HVAC system in the building is aging and failing and could barely last through this summer.

The Budget Committee voted not to recommend the project due to concerns about the cost.

Budget Committee Chair Norm Silber said they had concerns about undertaking a project of such a high cost before having working drawings or firm bids and proposals.

Silber said the money from the fund balance is taxpayer money that has not been expended.

Committee member Kevin Leandro said there is no doubt this work needs to be done. The building is around 30-years-old and Leandro said a lot of corners were cut in the construction. Leandro, however, said they cannot fully justify the cost. The HVAC system had an estimate of \$200,000 and Leandro said it was hard

to justify the project for \$450,000.

Leandro moved to amend the article changing the figure to \$385,000, which he said is more

palatable.

"If this fails you cannot spend one dollar to improve the town hall without going to a

SEE TOWN HALL PAGE A9



COURTESY

### Local Scout recognized for spiritual devotion

Local Boy Scout, Neal Miller, 14, of Troop 243 is awarded the "God and Life" religious emblem from Rev. Michael Graham of Gilford Community Church. Miller, a Gilford High School freshman, learned to be faithful in his religious duties and to be respectful of others in custom and tradition.

## GHS theater department takes on "Little Shop of Horrors"

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The tale of a young man and his bloodthirsty plant will come to the stage with Gilford High School's spring production of "Little Shop of Horrors." GHS theater will present the dark comedy with a hungry plant, a sadistic dentist, and more to '50s and '60s style songs.

Sophomore Riley Alward plays the main character, Seymour, who raises his pet plant Audrey in the back of a flower shop on Skid Row. Alward described Seymour as a more shy, weak, and nerdy character, which is the "polar opposite" of what he is



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Riley Alward plays Seymour serenading a prop version of Audrey the plant during rehearsals for "Little Shop of Horrors."

used to playing.

"It's kind of an odd show," Alward said, later adding, "It's definitely much darker than anything I've done."

Alward has been doing theater since he was four-years-old, and said this is unlike any other show he's done. He said he is used to doing classical shows with a full pit orchestra. This show has a lot of rock music elements with a band in the pit.

Sophomore Ryan Witham plays Orin Scrivello, DDS, the villainous dentist. Witham said the Scrivello starts out as a crazy character, SEE HORRORS PAGE A11

## LRGH Red Dress Gala supports heart health

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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— MEREDITH An evening of Tuscan-inspired splendor greatly benefited heart health in the community during LRGHealthcare's annual Red Dress Gala.

Hundreds of people gathered at Church Landing on Friday night for the eighth annual gala raising money for new cardiac equipment at LRGHealthcare.

This year's theme was "An Evening in Tuscany." The room was decorated in the colors of grapes with elements of



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LRGHealthcare CEO Kevin Donovan and members of the Red Dress Gala committee get together before this year's event.

Tuscan style. Becky Doherty, LRG-Healthcare Annual Fund and Special Events Manager, said the gala committee chose the theme.

"It was really a group decision," Doherty said. "It seemed different, but still very upscale."

Doherty said hundreds of people were anticipated to the event. The gala sold out by early December and many tables were filled by sponsors.

The evening included dinner, dance SEE RED DRESS PAGE A11

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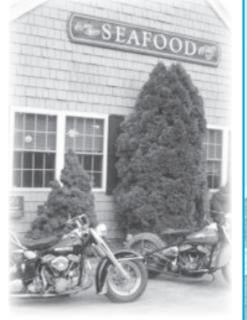
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## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

The other day, I explained to a family that we are closed on Monday, Feb. 20 for President's Day, and the littlest girl's eyes grew as she repeated, "PRESENTS Day!" At first, she was disappointed that they were taking home biographies instead of presents, but as they read together, she forgot her disappointment. They read the new 1st reader biography of Malala Yousafzai by Shana Corey. They read "My Name is James Madison Hemings" by Jonah Winter and illustrated by Terry Widener. She particularly liked "Fannie Never Flinched" by Mark Cronk Farrell. There are new children's biographies on Louis Braille, George Washington, Jane Goodall, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, E. B. White, and sports stars. Recently, we have been regularly adding new books in the popular Who/What series, including "Who Was" Jacqueline Kennedy, Jeff Kinney, Albert Einstein, and the Three Stooges.

We have a relatively large biography sections for all ages, and for good reason. People are interesting. Recently, Bruce Springsteen's autobiography "Born to Run" has been popular in Gilford. Trevor Noah's autobiography has also been popular, though instead of running, he was "Born a Crime." Along with their's, entertainers Bryan Cranston, Carrie Fisher, Anna Kendrick, Amy Schumer, Brian Wilson and others have been involved in biographies or autobiographies.

Many biographies about writers have been written by either the writer's themselves or with other writer's writing. "Chasing the Last Laugh: Mark Twain's Raucous and Redemptive Round-the-World Comedy Tour" by Richard Zacks is unique in its style, while "George Lucas: A Life" by Brian Jay Jones is not (though what a story!). Pat Conroy, John Le Carre, and Jennifer Weiner all wrote autobiographies filled with

vivid stories from their lives as writers with plenty of detail about the ups and down of a writing livelihood. Robert Gottlieb's autobiography "Avid Reader" is almost entirely about editing, rather than writing, drawing on his lifetime of editing major authors like Toni Morrison. All of the personalities I have named so far are larger than life. Their lives are so large that these books can sometimes feel like a teaser.

Many of the teens pick up adult sports biographies. Recent subjects and authors in sports include: Wayne Gretzky, Carli Lloyd, Julius Achon, and Charles Haley. Medical biographies and memoirs are often liked. "Juniper: the Girl Who Was Born Too Soon" by Kelley French, "Swimming in the Sink: an Episode of the Heart" by Lynne Cox, and "Marrow: a Story of Love, Loss & What Matters Most" by Elizabeth Lesser are each medical biographies with aspects of medicine, relationships, and personal struggle.

Patrons often tell me about how "powerful" a biography they read was. Sometimes because they are real, or

because they are told in the first person. Sometimes because an experience you read about is so otherworldly that that you wouldn't have a clue about what such an experience would be like without reading it. I haven't even mentioned the new business, political, historical, military, scientific, or even personal biographies that can be found at the library cleanly organized by subject. If you looking for a "powerful" book, try a biography about someone amazing.

### Classes & Special Events Feb. 16 to Feb. 22

**Thursday, Feb. 16**  
Music and Movement, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Brown Bag Book Discussion, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This month's book is "The Rent Collector" by Camron Wright. The discussion will be led by Molly Harper. Copies of this book are available at the Circulation Desk.

Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.  
Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Conversational French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Evening Book Discussion, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

See 'Brown Bag Book Discussion' above.

**Friday, Feb. 17**  
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Storytime, 10:45-11:45 a.m.  
Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 20**  
Closed for President's Day

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**  
Teddy Bear Tea Party, 10-11 a.m.  
Bring a Teddy Bear for our special tea party! For newborns to five year olds.  
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Makerspace Club: Sled Derby, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

8-11 year olds are invited to sign up for this three week program meeting Feb. 7, 14, and 21 from 3:15-4:30 p.m. This month's theme is Sled Derby! Put on by the Gilford Public Library and the Gilford Parks and Rec. Funded by the Friends of the Gilford Public Library.  
The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of

aging. This program provides information about the disease and related dementias, the benefits of early detection, causes and risk factors, treatment, and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association. Hosted by the MA/NH Alzheimer's

Association. Part of our Being Mortal Series. Call 1-800-272-3900 to register, or sign up with a librarian

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**  
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.  
Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Rent Collector" by Camron Steve Wright
2. "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman
3. "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult
4. "Cross the Line" by James Patterson
5. "The Whistler" by John Grisham
6. "One-Pan Wonders"
7. "Never Never" by James Patterson
8. "This Was a Man" by Jeffrey Archer
9. "Sleepwalker" by Chris Bohjalian
10. "Night School" by Lee Child
11. "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly

## GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 150 calls for service and made the following arrests from Feb. 7-12. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Nicholas Buzzotta, age 30, of Gilford was arrested on Feb.

7 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Tasha Marie Morin, age 28, of Danbury was arrested on Feb. 7 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Default or Breach of Bail Conditions. Phillip Bryson, age 45, identified as a transient, was arrested during the same incident for Possession of

Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Clifford J. Hounsell, age 36, of Laconia was arrested on Feb. 8 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.

Thomas Spooner, age 32, of Gilford was arrested on Feb. 10 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.



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## Pet of the Week: Star



Life can deliver some crushing blows that affect both animals and the humans that love them. Star was surrendered by her owner, a tough and wrenching decision, but one made with love knowing New Hampshire Humane Society really was the best place for a second chance for this portly, longhaired, stately feline.

Star arrived with her housemate Max, although they have not been hanging out together lately at the shelter on Meredith Center Road. She resides with queenly, quiet, self confidence in the sunny feline social room where she can be found basking

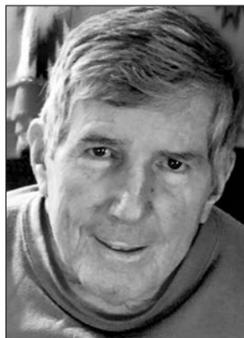
in the warmth of the window seat, while at the same time keeping a close eye on the shelter activities in the our lobby from this special vantage point.

We know Starr is about 11 years old, but our staff veterinarian says she is in pretty good health. Other than her "Lion Cut" coat, which we can assure you will grow back with all luxuriance, this lovely cat awaits a home where she of course, will continue to receive security, affection, and the companionship of humans that she yearns for again.

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## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

*It behooves us to remember when horsepower reigned*



By JOHN HARRIGAN

COLUMNIST

We've been under gas power for so long that it's hard to imagine what life was like when everything—and I mean everything—ran under horsepower. Yet this was little over 100 years ago.

I think of this whenever I'm in towns like Wolfeboro and Alton and Plymouth and Littleton, and see palatial downtown and edge-of-town homes, built before the



A commercial wagon and team, ca. 1900. Everything possible was done to keep things clean. COURTESY

turn of the last century, meaning 1890 or so.

Invariably, these in-town homes have an attached barn with a door on the second story, maybe four feet on a side. And invariably, if I were to gain access via the owners, and things hadn't been all that much remodeled, I'd find two or three horse stalls on the ground floor.

The original inhabitants of these houses had to get to town center for groceries, mail, and of course to do business. And so there were shelters for buggies and sleighs, and stalls for a couple of horses—one for someone to go to work, and maybe one for someone to do errands.

The impetus for this column came from Hen-

ry Beetle Hough, who in 1940 wrote "Country Editor," a book I've long had on my shelves. In it he described life on Martha's Vineyard, when the horse society had just barely given way to vehicles.

In the book, Mr. Hough talks about a Mr. Boyd, a longtime contributor to and support-

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## FROM OUR READERS

### Donors who supported conservation of Piper Mountain deserve thanks

To the Editor:

In case you haven't heard, the Gilford Land Conservation Task Force (LCTF) is thrilled to announce the successful completion of the purchase of Piper Mountain. We worked in a combined effort with the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and the Gilford Conservation Commission, and not only were able to protect Piper Mountain with a conservation easement, but that easement also protects an 85-acre abutting parcel owned by LRCT. The Lakes Region Conservation Trust now owns Piper Mountain and the Town of Gilford holds the easement on both properties. We'd like to thank the owner, Ernest Houle, for giving us the opportunity to purchase Piper Mountain.

While both the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the Land Conservation Task Force did extensive fundraising, as chair of the LCTF, I want to acknowledge and thank the well over 200 donors who contributed to the Town's efforts that led to this successful conclusion. It is obvious that the importance of protecting Piper Mountain goes way beyond the Lakes Region and all of New Hampshire. Donations came from every New England state, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Iowa, Ohio, Florida, and as far away as California. To each and every one of you goes our sincere gratitude.

Some people donated in memory or in honor of another and I certainly want to publicly acknowledge their loved ones. Barbara Strohm in memory of her father, Albert Clark; Barbara Cushing Moore in memory of her husband, Stephen W. Moore; Charles A. McLean given in the name of the Robert Stimson family; Anita Hewitt in memory of her brother, Wayne Mittox; Laura Hall in memory of her husband, Michael P. Hall (along with a very nice letter); the Deschenes/Patazis family in memory of Pat Deschenes; and Phoebe Howe in honor of Tom Howe.

We received two significant donations through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation from the Douglas and Angela Stone Family Fund, and the Penny Pitou and Milo Pike Charitable Fund. We also want to thank the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation for its crucial challenge grant of \$20,000 at the end of the campaign which spearheaded us to the final successful conclusion.

Special thanks to Sandra Hart, who works in the Planning and Land Use Department at the Town Hall and was my exceptional go-to person for basically

everything. A project like this entails direct contact with multiple departments that include the Town Administrator, Selectmen, Assessor's Office, Conservation Commission, and of course the Finance Department. I have to say that Gilford is so lucky to have these wonderful, helpful and professional employees and board members. Each of them have been a total pleasure to work with.

There are others who contributed significant time, effort and financial support as well, and our sincere thanks to each of you: Don Watson for an extensive mailing that resulted in over 37 percent of the total number of donors, and for also prompting a significant donation from the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association; Kate Bruchacova for helping LRCT with soliciting via the web, Jack and Shirley Woodward for their moral and financial support; my son-in-law, Dani Louca, who carried a drone here all the way from North Carolina so I could get aerial photos of Piper for our solicitation handouts and mailings; the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition for soliciting at Mt. Major and the Sandwich Fair, plus a significant monetary contribution; Gunstock for allowing our poster seeking donations to be displayed; and last but certainly not least, my wife, Sandy, who put up with a very intense effort on my part due to such a short time frame to get this done, and my extended family who supported my passion for land conservation even though they've never even seen Piper Mountain.

A big acknowledgement and thank you to Maureen Nix for extensive title and recording work prior to and after a very crucial deadline, and Attorneys Doug Hill and Steve Nix for their efforts both prior to and during the closing which were necessary to bring this to a very long sought for successful conclusion.

All the efforts to raise the needed \$120,000 to purchase Piper mountain would never have happened without the support of each one of you who donated. You should be very proud of your accomplishment and we hope you know that it was because of you that everyone can enjoy hiking, recreating and enjoying this very special Lakes Region icon forever.

Piper Mountain is conserved in perpetuity! Thank you!

Everett McLaughlin  
Chair, Gilford Land Conservation Task Force  
Gilford Conservation Commission

## Consider serving your state

To the Editor:

In the coming weeks, the Governor of New Hampshire will nominate various New Hampshire citizens to serve on any of the 300-plus State Boards or Commissions. As your Executive Councilor, I would like to hear from you if you would like to serve on some of these State Boards or Commissions. Having North

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Remember, the Executive Council welcomes public input on State Board and Commission nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation. As a your Councilor, we are trying to fit the best people with the right talents for each State Board and Commission.

I look forward hearing from you.

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Executive Councilor, District 1  
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# Piper Mountain summit conserved

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and the Gilford Conservation Commission are excited to announce the permanent conservation of a key 273-acre parcel of land on Piper Mountain in Gilford in the Belknap Mountain Range. The parcel encompasses Piper Mountain's open summit (elevation 2,044 feet), the surrounding unfragmented forest and wild habitat, and parts of key hiking trails.

Anyone who has hiked on Piper Mountain or elsewhere in the Belknaps, or who enjoys the views of the Belknaps from around the region, can attest to the beauty of this landscape. Contiguous to thousands of acres of conserved land, the Piper Mountain parcel has long been a conservation priority for LRCT and the Town of Gilford. This project ensures that Piper Mountain's wildness and scenery, popular trails, and magnificent views of surrounding mountains and lakes can be enjoyed for generations to come.

LRCT and the Gilford Conservation

Commission greatly appreciate the extraordinarily generous support for this project from many individuals, families, businesses, and organizations from Gilford and elsewhere in the Lakes Region as well as more distant places.

LRCT President Don Berry said that "The strong and enthusiastic support for the Piper Mountain project is a testament to the importance of the Belknap Range as a destination for hiking and other recreational activities and as a key natural landmark of the Lakes Region."

Berry said that LRCT is particularly grateful for the dedication of the Gilford Land Conservation Task Force and the Gilford Conservation Commission to the conservation of Piper Mountain and for the Conservation Commission's approval of a substantial contribution from the Town of Gilford Conservation Fund. Berry also recognized the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation for a very generous challenge grant which helped to bring the



**The Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and the Gilford Conservation Commission are excited to announce the permanent conservation of a key 273-acre parcel of land on Piper Mountain in Gilford in the Belknap Mountain Range.**

campaign to a successful conclusion, as well as the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition and the Belknap County Sportsmen's Association for their important support for and assistance in the project's success.

Carole Hall, Chair of the Gilford Conservation Commission, said "We are very thankful for the strong support for the Piper Mountain

project from so many people in Gilford and points beyond. This is an outstanding conservation achievement for the Town, and we are pleased to have worked with LRCT to raise the necessary funds. It has been a very successful partnership."

The Piper Mountain project is the second land conservation effort in recent years that LRCT and the Gilford Conservation Commission have worked on together. In 2014, the two organizations conserved the 332-acre Moulton Valley parcel, which abuts the Piper Mountain property.

LRCT is now the owner of the Piper Mountain parcel, and the Town of Gilford holds a conservation easement on the property. As part of the project, LRCT also granted to the Town a conservation easement on another contiguous parcel of 86 acres already owned by LRCT.

With the completion of the Piper Mountain project, LRCT owns and the Town of Gilford holds a conservation easement on contiguous parcels totaling 691 acres, protecting key habitat, incredible hiking trails and destinations, and unspoiled natural hab-

itat in the heart of the Belknap Mountains.

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust, founded in 1979, has conserved more than 25,000 acres of land throughout the Lakes Region in more than 140 properties. LRCT's land conservation work preserves community character, conserves critical wildlife habitat and diverse ecosystems, protects natural landmarks and scenic landscapes, and provides recreational opportunities for people of all ages. To learn more about LRCT, please visit the LRCT Web site at [lrct.org](http://lrct.org).

The Gilford Conservation Commission, founded in 1965, is an agency of the Town of Gilford charged by law with protection of the environment and natural resources of the Town. The Commission holds and manages interests in critical conservation land as stewards for the community. The Gilford Land Conservation Task Force was authorized at the Gilford Town Meeting and charged by the Board of Selectmen to inventory and identify areas of the community, which, by preservation, would maintain Gilford's rural character and scenic beauty, while simultaneously protecting its natural resources.

## Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

### Senior Moment-um Breakfast and a Movie on Feb. 20

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Feb. 20. We will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. for breakfast and a movie! In honor of President's Day, we will be watching "My Fellow Americans" starring Jack Lemmon and James Garner. The movie and coffee are free of charge. We will also have breakfast available for anyone interested at \$2 per person, which will include breakfast sandwiches and hash brown patties. So please join us to watch this comedy classic! Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 16.

For more information or to RSVP please call the Parks and Rec-

reation Office at 527-4722.

### Adult Curling program continues on Thursday evenings

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a five-week pick-up curling program for adults on Thursday evenings. The program will be held at the Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. through March 2. Curling is the sport of "sliding stones" down the ice in an attempt to get your "stones" closer to the target than your opponent. Although this activity is held on the ice, participants do not wear ice skates. Participants should dress to be outside and should wear sneakers or boots. Cost for this program is \$2 per evening and participants can register at the start of the program.

For more information please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Dept. at 527-4722.

### Cardboard Box Sled Derby - Wednesday, March 1!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be holding their Annual Cardboard Box Sled Derby on Wednesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at the Gilford Outing Club sledding hill on Cherry Valley Road. Participants in this program will build their own sled ahead of time to have their sled judged and compete in a race down the sledding hill the day of the event. This program is open to participants of all ages. All interested participants are asked to pre-register by Tuesday, Feb. 28. Derby guidelines and registration forms are available in the Town Hall, and on the Parks and Recreation Web site at [www.gilfordrec.com](http://www.gilfordrec.com).

For more information and Derby Design Guidelines, please call the Parks and Rec Office at 527-4722.

## New organization formed to promote agriculture in Gilmanton

GILMANTON — Gilmanton's Own, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has been established to preserve and promote agriculture in Gilmanton by providing local farmers with a voice and opportunity to distribute local produce and products.

The Organization's purposes in summary follows:

- The promotion of agriculture and the es-

tablishment of an agriculture center in Gilmanton;

- To sell agriculture products and to provide an opportunity to experience farming and its history in the community; and

- Provide farmers with a voice and outlet to distribute local products and to keep farming viable and vibrant in our community.

The organizers are lo-

cal farmers and artisans, working to provide a convenient common site for consumers in Gilmanton and surrounding towns to purchase locally produced meat, fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, maple syrup and related agricultural products as well as hand-made items.

Organizers invite the public to an informational meeting to explain the concept and solicit ideas on

March 4 from 3-5 p.m. at the Wagner Barn, 63 French Rd. in Lower Gilmanton. Appetizers and beverages will be offered. A suggested \$20.00 donation per attendee would be appreciated and every attendee who donates will have an entry into a raffle basket filled with local food products. Please RSVP to [gilmantonsown@gmail.com](mailto:gilmantonsown@gmail.com) or email with any questions.

## OnSite Dermatology to visit Wesley Woods

Wesley Woods and The First United Methodist Church are pleased to offer the services provided by OnSite Dermatology, the leading provider of mobile dermatology to senior communities across the country.

Starting Feb. 15 at 1 p.m., Isabelle Waddell NP-C a specialist in general dermatology will visit the Wesley Woods / First United Methodist Church on a monthly basis to assist our residents, church members, and local residents in Gilford and Laconia.

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pating provider. There is absolutely no additional cost for this service.

To schedule an appointment for your skin check please call 1-877-345-5300. We are unable to set up appointments in the office.

If you can't make the first session, you will still have the opportunity to learn more on Friday, Feb. 17 at noon in the Wesley Woods Community Center hear a presentation on Healthy Skin and Skin Cancer Awareness. Learn about this important subject and the services offered by OnSite Dermatology. Free gifts will be provided. Please contact Stace at 528-2555 or [sdhendricks@wesleywoodsnh.org](mailto:sdhendricks@wesleywoodsnh.org) to RSVP or for more information.

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## Armand G. Belanger, 96

LACONIA — Armand G. Belanger, 96, died on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 at the St. Francis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a period of failing health.

Mr. Belanger was born on Oct. 22, 1920 in Laconia, the son of George and Grace (Jacques) Belanger. He was a lifelong resident of Laconia and attended Laconia Public Schools. He was employed at Robert H. Irwin Motors, as a Master mechanic, for over 30 years, retiring in 1982. After his retirement he was employed as a "handy man" by Simoneau and Son Funeral Home for over 10 years.

Mr. Belanger was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Mr. Belanger was a World War II Army Veteran, and held the rank of Tec 5. He served in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was a recipient of the Croix de Guerre, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle East



ern Theater Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Star service arrowhead, American Theater Campaign Ribbon and the Victory Medal. In 2009, Mr. Belanger traveled to Washington, D.C., accompanied by his son Norman, to visit the nation's war memorials as part of the Honor Flight New England program. The trip was one of his favorite memories. Mr. Belanger was a family man who enjoyed spending time with his family and working in his backyard workshop.

Mr. Belanger is survived by his wife of 70 years, Theresa R. (Fogg) of Laconia; two sons, Richard, of Concord and Norman, of Laconia; a daughter, Carol Gammon, and her husband David of

Laconia; a granddaughter, Kelley Gammon of Belmont; three great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; several nephews and nieces; and two brothers, Lorenzo Belanger and Ralph Belanger, both of Laconia.

Calling hours will be private.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 at 11 a.m. at St. Andre Bessette Parish - Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia.

Burial will be held in the spring in the family plot in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Laconia.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758540, Topeka, KS 66675-8540.

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](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## Doroteba "Sally" S. Dame, 88

LACONIA — Doroteba "Sally" S. Dame, 88, of Court Street, passed into the arms of the Lord after a brief illness on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Sally was a proud survivor of Leukemia, having left Concord Hospice House shortly after her diagnosis.

Sally was born on June 22, 1928 in Concord, the daughter of Leo and Clara (Mellon) Swain. She lived in Laconia for the past 55 years. She was employed by St. Pierre's for a number of years and later worked for AT&T and New England Telephone as a telephone operator for 40 years.

Sally enjoyed dining out with friends and family and was a social butterfly. She also enjoyed dabbling in arts and crafts, making chocolates with her grandson, Brad and her favorite time of the day was 5 p.m.

Sally is survived by five daughters (Linda Bryar and her husband, Gregory, of Gilford, Sandra Dame-St. Gelaïs and her husband,



Donald, of Sanbornton, Barbara Foote, and her husband, James, of Laconia, Sally Dame and Dana Singleton, of Metheun, Mass. and Suzanne Wolf and her husband, John, of Northfield); 11 grandchildren (Todd and Tarah, Tom and Jodi, Zachary and Monique, Scott and Nikki, Allyson and Matt, Bryan and Natalie, Caleb, Brad, Conner, Patrick and Carly, and Shawn and Chloe; 10 great grandchildren (Ian, Morgan, Brayden, Trafton, Trace, Brittany, David, Samantha, Leo, Alfie and a baby girl arriving in April); several nephews and nieces; and her dear friend, Teri Patridge.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Clayton, and four sisters (Barbara, Virginia, June and Peggy)

and two sons-in-law, Alfred Parys and Duncan Taylor, and the father of her children, Edward A. Dame, Jr.

Calling Hours were held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations may be made to Lakes Region General Hospital - Oncology, 80 Highland St., Laconia, NH 03246 or to Central NHVNA & Hospice, 780 N. Main St., Laconia, NH 03246.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH 03246 is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## Clara Alice Martineau, 91

LACONIA — Clara Alice (Blodgett) Martineau, 91, formerly of Gilford, died on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017 at the Belknap County Nursing Home, Laconia.

Clara was born on March 19, 1925 in North Stratford, the daughter of Arthur and Florence (Cheeseman) Blodgett. She attended North Stratford School, and after graduation, went to Western Union School, and then worked for Western Union for several years in Nashua. She met her husband, Maurice "Moe" Martineau, in Nashua, moving to



Gilford in 1971. They owned and operated Trustworthy Hardware of Laconia for 43 years.

Clara is survived by a daughter, Pamela Langlitz, and her husband, Mark, of Gilford; two grandchildren, Mark B. Langlitz and

Kimberly A. Langlitz; a sister-in-law, Claire Sklutas, of Manchester; several nephews and nieces; and a dear friend, Lucille Connell, of Hudson.

In addition to her parents, Clara is predeceased by her husband, Maurice "Moe" Martineau; a brother, Clarence Blodgett; and three sisters, Doris Hammond, Arvilla Strawn, and Rena Willis.

There will be no calling hours.

A Private Graveside Service will be held in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110, DW Highway, Boscawen.

For those who wish, the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Belknap County Nursing Home - Activities Fund, 30 County Dr., Laconia, NH 03246 or to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

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](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## Louise Niles Gauthier, 97

LACONIA — Louise (Eastman) Niles Gauthier, 97, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2016 at Forestview Manor with her loving husband by her side.

Louise was born Jan. 4, 1920 in Washington, D.C., daughter to Carl Alonzo and Florence (Arnold) Eastman. Her parents met in Washington, D.C., both working for the government and later married during WWII.

In 1921, the family moved to Laconia, where her sister Miriam was born. This was followed by moves to Concord and Springfield, Mass., where she started school. Her mother died in 1932, and the two girls came to Laconia where they remained with loving grandparents until the girls went to college. They both attended University of New Hampshire and Louise graduated Cum Laude in 1942. Her first teaching position was an English teacher at Belmont High School. In 1943 she met and married Thomas R. Niles also a UNH graduate. Tom was in pilot training so they moved to several airbases during WWII, they moved to the East Coast where they raised three children, Tom, Tim and Daughter Nancy. They moved through several states as Tom pursued his teaching career, with Louise always teaching as well.

In 1975, Louise accepted a Civil Service position at the Army



Ordinance Depot at Fort Dix. She soon moved up to a GS12 level. She retired in 1984 and moved to Daytona Beach, where for several years she enjoyed walking the world famous beach, playing bridge with neighbors and reading. This all changed when in 1988, she attended her 50th LHS class reunion in Laconia and met a former classmate who was also single. John Gauthier was at the time living in Florida during the winters, across the state in Naples. Two years later they met again in Daytona. After many trips from one coast to another, they married and Louise moved to Naples where, as usual she easily made many new friends. More bridge, golf, reading and trips were enjoyed. She met John's sister Louise and soon discovered someone who enjoyed ocean cruises, but John was really not a good candidate for cruises. So the two Louise's had a great time "cruising" for several years together from Africa to Peru to Alaska. She and John retired to Laconia where she continued to make friends wherever they went.

Family was very important to Louise. Louise was a lifelong member of the United Baptist Church of Lakeport and alternated services with John at the Congregational Church of Laconia, where they were married 27 years ago.

Louise is survived by her husband, John Gauthier of Laconia; two sons, Thomas Nile II and his wife, Judy of Williamsburg, Va. and Timothy Niles and his wife, Anne of Cary, N.C.; a daughter, Nancy Hall, and her husband, Richard of York, Mass.; and her special nephew, Bradford Cook, and his wife, Kathy; three grandchildren, Thomas Nile III, John Nile and Rebekkah Niles; five great-grandchildren (Allison Niles, Jack Niles, Michael Niles, Madeline Niles and John's new baby boy).

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Miriam Cook, and her half siblings, Norma and Kenneth Eastman.

There were no calling hours.

A Funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Beane Conference Center, 35 Blueberry Lane, Laconia, NH 03246.

Burial will be in the family lot at Union Cemetery in the spring.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home and 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](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).



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**Rita R. O'Brien, 82**

Rita R. O'Brien, 82, of Weirs Road, died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at Mountain Ridge Center, Franklin.

Rita was born in Winthrop, Mass., the daughter of Walter and Irene (Hurley) Mackenzie. Rita was the owner of Lee's Trailer Park and also owned and operated the Cherrystone Restaurant in Gilford. Rita had been a resident of the Lakes Region for over 30 years.

Rita is survived by a step-son, James O'Brien, Jr.; a step-daughter, Elizabeth



O'Brien; three step-grandchildren, Mary, Rory, and Meghan; and a sister, Mary LaSala, and several nephews and nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband,

James O'Brien, and her brother, Walter Mackenzie.

There will be no calling hours.

A Graveside Service will be held in the spring in the family plot in Bayside Cemetery, Laconia.

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

**Catherine Partridge, 90**

CONCORD — Catherine "Kay" Partridge, 90, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 at Presidential Oaks in Concord.

She was born on May 8, 1926 in Worcester, Mass., the daughter of Antoni and Rose (Jasinska) Agentowicz. Catherine graduated from Becker Junior College, and worked for several years as a medical secretary in Worcester, Mass., and later for many years in the Haverhill, Mass. Health Department. She will be dearly missed by her two children; Dolores Sargent and her husband Richard of Danville and Glenn Banach and his wife Joyce of Dodge City, Kan.

Catherine was predeceased by her daughter, Roseann Banach; her husband, Allan B. Partridge, Jr.; and an infant great grandson, Garret Jantz.

Catherine and Allan lived in Gilford, and became active members of the Congregational Church of Laconia. They



especially enjoyed traveling, and for many years were involved with the Auburn Club in Indiana. Catherine was an outgoing, caring person with a sense of humor and an enthusiasm for life. She brought much joy into the lives of her family and friends. In her later years, even as she suffered health problems, she rose above them and still lived life to its fullest.

Catherine will also be sadly missed by her grandchildren, Emily Jantz and her husband Ryan, Elsa Giesbrecht and her husband Devan, Matthew Banach and his wife, Teresa, Marjorie, Ashley and Angela Partridge; seven great grandchildren; the Par-

tridge family; and many dear friends whom she treasured.

Calling hours were held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service immediately followed at 4 p.m., also at the funeral home.

Burial will be held in the spring in the family plot at Durham Cemetery in Durham.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Dorcus Fund, Laconia Congregational Church, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia, NH 03246.

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

**Raymond Robert Reed, 86**

LACONIA — Raymond Robert Reed, 86, of Frank Bean Road died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Raymond was born Nov. 21, 1930 in New Britain, Conn., son of the late Raymond R. and Vada "Effie" (Carleton) Reed. He was the owner and operator of Reed's Enterprises, Rental properties for over 50 years. Raymond enjoyed collecting old pictures of the City of Laconia and was a Boston Red Sox fan.

Raymond is survived by his three sons, Robert "Bob" R. Reed of Belmont, William "Bill" K. Reed and his wife, Sherry of Laconia and Raymond "Mikey" M. Reed and his wife, Heidi of Laconia; five grandchildren (Chris Reed, Elizabeth Aresnault, Randi Reed-Fogarty, Craig Reed and Katie Reed); ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Effie Peshka of Burlington, Conn.;



two nieces and one nephew.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife, Patricia (Perkins) Reed.

Calling Hours were held Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance

There will be no funeral services.

Burial will be in the family lot at South Road Cemetery, Belmont in the Spring.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Central New Hampshire VNA &

Hospice, 780 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

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The Cardiac Rehabilitation program is located at Lakes Region General Hospital and open Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 527-2810 for more information.

## Sarah Lachapelle named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, MAINE — Sarah Lachapelle of Gilford, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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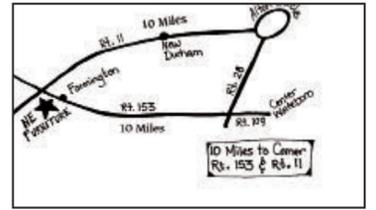
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**BUDGET**

initial proposed budget was \$26,019,631, a 1.1 percent increase over the previous year.

The budget was presented to the Budget Committee in December. In January, Beitler said the district was surprised to hear the Budget Committee say wanted the budget to be the same as it was this school year, cutting \$115,937 from the initially proposed budget.

He said they asked what line items they should cut and were given the response to find somewhere to cut that amount.

Beitler said this will result in cutting two support staff positions and doing away with the wage increase for non union staff members.

"The school board really feels they came in

lean with their budget," Beitler said. "They have put together a responsible budget. That's why they have not recommended the Budget Committee's budget."

Joseph Wernig moved to amend the article returning the budget number to \$26,019,631.

Wernig has children in the the school system, and said the district, in business terms, has been putting out a good product. Wernig said looking at the AP scores, the achievements of the performing arts department, and other factors are indicators of how well schools are doing.

"You need to get your friends out to vote and we need to get them out in numbers," Wernig said.

Several other residents spoke in favor of the amendment. A num-

ber of people said they came to Gilford because of the high quality of its schools.

"I don't feel it's okay to nickel and dime he school for a few thousand dollars," said Chris Harris.

Wernig and a number of other residents took exception to Budget Committee chair Norm Silber's comments during the budget public hearing that the district was paying Cadillac prices for a Yugo result.

Silber said after committee and subcommittee review, it was determined that the school board's proposed budget was "not in the best interest of the taxpayers of Gilford."

"No one on the Budget Committee has questioned the hard work by anyone employed by the

school," Silber said.

Board member Chris McDonough, who is also the school board representative to the Budget Committee, spoke in favor of the amendment.

"I am so proud of the budget we put together this year for one percent," McDonough said.

McDonough said the Budget Committee's decision to cut the \$115,937 was done at the 11th hour.

The amendment passed and the article will go on the warrant.

The Budget Committee held a meeting after the deliberative session and voted seven to three in favor of not recommending the budget. Committee member Kevin Leandro said the district can come up with the \$115,937, saying the district already found

\$118,000 to fund non-contract costs with this year's default budget.

Another factor discussed was the projected end of the year surplus of \$375,000 and how that could be used to cover

that amount. Committee member Geoff Ruggles, however, said that projected number also accounts for unanticipated revenues and not just the unexpended portion of the budget.

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special town meeting," Leandro said to the selectmen. "If that air conditioner dies in the middle of summer you can't replace it because the money's been shot down by the voters."

Board of selectmen chair Richard Grenier said they made a conscious decision a year ago that if they did not use fund balance for this project they would use capital improvements money. He said they have not used the fund balance to offset the tax

rate, plus they wanted to save CIP money for a later time.

Grenier said the initial estimates for the project came in at around \$400,000 for the whole project, \$250,000 for the HVAC system. At the last minute they go a quote for \$165,000, though that was missing details such as baseboard heating in the bathrooms. Leandro said the higher numbers were reflected too much built into the contingency. SEE TOWN HALL PAGE A11

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# Baron's Major Brands sponsors Leadership Day

REGION — Baron's Major Brands recently sponsored the group Leadership Lakes Region's annual Economic Issues Day.

The day began at the Meredith Community Center with a "state of the Economy" presentation by Russ Thibeault, Founder of Applied Economics Research of Laconia. A panel discussion of the current Lakes Region Housing market by Mike Santomassimo of the USDA Rural development Authority, Linda Fields, a realtor with Coldwell-Banker and Brian Settele of Milestone Home Loans followed to give the class of 26 area professionals an idea of the forces at work in the housing sector of our economy. Following lunch, day planners and Leadership Lakes graduates Josh Mazzei and Cristin Bailey brought in half a dozen local business representatives for a fun game of "Business Bingo" with the class. This exercise allowed the class to interact in a fun way with representative local businesses which included Melcher & Prescott Insurance, Hermit Woods Winery, Mill Falls, Moulton Farm,



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Restaurant entrepreneur Alex Ray, second left, enjoys the company of Leadership Lakes Region class members Bambi Lane of Bank of New Hampshire, Hamilton McLean of NH DES and Elise Cushing of Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Eversource, Caldwell Banker and the Corner House Inn.

The leadership class then traveled to the Eversource facility in Tilton for a brief presentation by Mazzei on the work of his company at that location. As a major component of our local economy is recreational activities, Bailey brought in a panel of Dave Mallard from the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, Marianne Leberman, a Recreation and Wilderness Program Leader with the White Mountain National Forest, Chris Gamache, Chief of the NH Bureau of Trails in the Division of Parks and Recreation and EB James, Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Association. Each spoke to the work, challenges

and rewards of their respective jobs. Next up on the agenda was a lively give and take session with Alex Ray, founder of the Common Man Family of Restaurants. Ray gave some personal history then spoke to the keys to his business success citing his emphasis on hiring good people who are innovative thinkers and become loyal employees. He cited the longevity of his most senior associates some of whom have been with him since he began with his first restaurant. The Leadership Day concluded with a walk through tour of Spinnaker Contract Manufacturing in Tilton led by President Guy Nickerson. The class got to see an electronics manufacturing operation in a modern,

clean environment where workers took time to explain their individual skills in response to class member questions.

"This was a very informative and entertaining day for our class,"

said Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

"We are, once again, indebted to the generosity of Baron's Major Brands for sponsoring our Economic Issues Day," McLean added.

For more information about Leadership Lakes Region and how you can become a class member or sponsor, please visit the Web site, [www.leadershiplakesregion.org](http://www.leadershiplakesregion.org).

## Red Sox enthusiast Carl Johnson returns to Annie's Book Stop March 4

LACONIA — Carl H. Johnson will be discussing and signing copies of his new book, "Big Papi and the Kids," at Annie's Book Stop, 1330 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246, on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a. m. until noon.

Mr. Johnson's visits are always interesting. The last time he was here a former Oakland Athletics player stopped in to see him and signed autographs and posed for pictures with customers. Mr. Johnson is energetic, and will keep you entertained and informed!

In his newest book, "Big Papi," relive the excitement that marked David Ortiz's last season and the evolution of the young Red Sox team into the American League Eastern Division Champions; this book chronicles that entire season. Follow the Red Sox, game by game, trade by trade and thrill by thrill, through one of the most exciting seasons

in their history, as the newest baseball dynasty evolved.

Mr. Johnson, will also have copies of his popular book "From Beer to Beards, Boston Baseball's 2011-2013 Roller Coaster Ride," and the first two volumes of his series "The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Book" available for purchase and signature.

One reviewer called "From Beer to Beards" "A must read for Red Sox Fans" and "a book that is nearly impossible to put down" and "one of the best baseball books I have ever read." Award winning mystery writer, Kate Flora, says of "From Beer to Beards," "New Englanders' relationship with the Red Sox is like a crazy romance – up and down, on and off, with raised pulses and dashed hopes, and Carl Johnson captures it vividly in this chronicle of the years from 2011 to 2013." Sit down with a book, and let

your beard grow as you relive the ups and downs of your favorite team.

"The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Books" were hailed as '~another grand slam for Carl Johnson' by one reviewer and another said they '~contain essays concerning various baseball subjects that every true fan will be interested in...'

Mr. Johnson writes a column entitled Baseball World, covering the Boston Red Sox, for the Biddeford, Maine, Journal Tribune. He also manages a blog on major league baseball at [baseballworldbjt.com](http://baseballworldbjt.com). He has lectured on the history of baseball, teaches classes in baseball at the community college level and is a lifelong student of the game. Come by the bookstore and meet Mr. Johnson, pick up a book or two, and maybe meet another local baseball fan you know! Red Sox fans, this event is for you!



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## Bank of New Hampshire hosts iPad/iPhone seminar for Prestige Plus members

Bank of New Hampshire's Prestige Plus members listen during a recent iPad and iPhone seminar held at the bank's Operations Center in Gilford. The seminar was presented by Bank of New Hampshire's Public Relations Officer, Tiffany Baert. Baert walked the members through the settings, features, functions and maintenance of their iPad and/or iPhone. Apple Pay, Touch ID and the iSight Camera were featured at this year's seminar. There was a great question and answer session and everyone in attendance gained knowledge and confidence with their device. Bank of New Hampshire offers seminars to its Prestige Plus members at no charge. To learn more about Bank of New Hampshire's Prestige Plus program, visit [BankNH.com](http://BankNH.com) or contact Valerie Drouin, SVP - Prestige Plus Manager at 527-3207 or [DrouinV@banknh.com](mailto:DrouinV@banknh.com). Bank of New Hampshire, founded in 1831, provides deposit, lending and wealth management products and services to families and businesses throughout New Hampshire. With 24 banking offices throughout New Hampshire and assets exceeding \$1.4 billion, Bank of New Hampshire is the oldest and largest independent bank in the state. Bank of New Hampshire is a mutual organization, focused on the success of the bank's customers, communities and employees, rather than stockholders. For more information, call 1-800-832-0912 or visit [www.BankNH.com](http://www.BankNH.com).



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## Gilmanton Dump Run Cafe to re-open

After a winter break, the Gilmanton Dump Run Cafe will be re-opening on Wednesday, March 1. It's a welcoming place where people can stop in for a free cup of coffee, tea, home baked pastries, including freshly made donuts (made on site). Of course donations are always welcomed. There will also be breakfast sandwiches (ham, egg, cheese on an English muffin) for \$3. The cafe will be open every Wednesday from 8 – 11 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., music will start with the Dump Run Gang, a group of around 15 people playing a variety of instruments with music ranging from gospel, bluegrass, country, oldies, seasonal, etc. WiFi is also available. If you're looking for a place to hold a meeting, play board games (which will be provided), meet new people, or just listen to some music, come join us any Wednesday morning and if you happen to play an instrument, bring it along. Everyone is welcome either for a few minutes or the whole time. The cafe is located downstairs at the Gilmanton Community Church on Route 107 near the intersection of Route 140, next door to the Town Hall/ Academy building. Parking is in the back of the church. Come and join us.



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cy. The project would also include \$23,000 for the groundwork for a police impound yard, which would be constructed through a possible grant through Homeland Security. Grenier said the police have been keeping a few vehicles for criminal investigations and the impound yard would keep them secure. Resident David Horvath asked if they could still get the Homeland Security grant without this groundwork, Grenier said yes. Paul Blanford, a contractor, said keeping the number low would require value engineering, which will not give the product they want. "I think the \$450,000 is

as good as you're going to get," Blanford said. Selectman Chan Eddy said he agreed with Leandro's statement that there was too much included in the contingency. He said he could support the \$385,000, saying they would have to make some changes. Chris McDonough, the school board representative on the Budget Committee, noted the police impound lot was not included in the warrant article. Grenier said they initially cut out the impound yard and vault improvements, though when they got lower estimates they put those back in. "There seems to be this urge to spend it on other items they may feel are needed on the

project, I want to take away that incentive," McDonough said. "I am confident the job can be done for the \$385,000" Skip Murphy said adding these projects that are not included on he warrant is a bait and switch. Murphy and Leandro both said they would rather see these items as separate warrant articles. Leandro also questioned the legality of having these items included. The amendment narrowly passed in a hand count vote of 29 in favor to 27 against. Members of the Budget Committee met after the deliberative session and voted unanimously in favor of recommending the article with the new numbers.

**HORRORS**

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but he becomes scarier and more of a villain as the show goes on. "It's interesting to play somebody more dominant when I'm more of a laid back person," Witham said. Cecilia Zarella, Claire Gardner, and Julie Auld play backup singers named Crystal, Ronette, and Chiffon, who are onstage pretty much the whole show. Zarella said they play more of a comedic role with a lot of sass. "That's the fun part, being sassy," Auld said. "We get a lot of good lines," Gardner said. Members of the cast said they were really excited to be doing "Little Shop of Horrors." "I'm so excited, it's one of my favorite ones," Gardner said. "When I was in middle school it was on repeat on my iPod." "It was my top 10 of what I wanted to do," Zarella said. Auld said they can re-



ERIN PLUMMER  
**Cecilia Zarella, Claire Gardner, Julie Auld, and Ryan Witham rehearse for the coming Gilford High School production of "Little Shop of Horrors."**

ally get into the show. Gardner described "Little Shop" as a "macabre show in a super sparkly package." "It's so sad, but the music is so fun," Gardner said. Witham said his own character of a sadistic dentist who takes drugs, but has a lot of moves like Elvis. Zarella said there are sad parts, but there are a lot of comedic elements too. Gardner said the music is a little more challenging as it has a lot more pop elements, but she said that's what makes it good. Zarella said when everything comes together it works amazingly.

**RED DRESS**

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ing, music by the Eric Grant Band, and a silent and live auction with Jesse Thompson as auctioneer. Doherty said more than 100 businesses sponsored or supported the event in many ways, including donations to the auction, monetary donations, in kind services, and many other ways. The auction also included a trip to Tuscany donated by Penny Pitou Travel. "It's amazing," Doherty said. "Every year the event, I think is more and more successful and the level of support just continues to increase. It's just a testament to our community and the incredible giving nature of our businesses and individuals."



ERIN PLUMMER  
**This ice sculpture was one of the first things people saw as they came to the Red Dress Gala.**

Doherty said nearly every business they approached found some way to support the event. Proceeds from this year's gala are going to a new electrocardiogram (ECG) module. Patti Strohla, Chief Nursing Officer at LRGHealthcare, said he new equipment will upload a patient's ECG information into the electronic records management system. Strohla said ECG's are typically scanned and added to a patient's record, this was the information is located right into their electronic record and readily available for any physician who needs that information to treat that patient.

which Doherty said is always amazing. LRGHealthcare CEO Kevin Donovan said since the event began it has raised over \$620,000 for cardiac services at LRGHealthcare. "It's a testament to the support the community has for orga-

nization and those in need," Donovan said. He said they appreciate that the community has stood up and supported these vital services. "We're very proud and happy that people have chosen to support (us)," Donovan said.

**NOTEBOOK**

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er of the weekly paper: "He was the grandson of a Boston teamster who had carted cannon to the frigate Constitution." Now, think about that. Today, you and I can go down to Boston and head for the waterfront and look for three tall masts, with rigging and all, and find our way to the USS Constitution, Old Ironsides. And in bent-over posture we can explore below-decks, and see some of the great ship's original cannon. And through Hough's book, we have a direct connection to how some of those cannon got there. It was another lesson for me on how so totally life in countryside and small-town and city re-

lied on horses. Those four-by-four doors above so many of today's in-town barns were there so a farmer could back up his wagon loaded with hay, send a boy up to mow away, and thrust huge forkfuls of hay up to a son, to be folded away there in the hay-mow. And that hay, delivered perhaps in October, would keep the doctor or lawyer or jeweler or teacher or storeowner or librarian or minister in enough hay to have a healthy horse pulling a pung or buggy to town. And the hay in the mow would last until the green grass of spring. It was a time of unimaginable spin-offs from horsepower--har-

ness makers, saddle makers, carriage makers, farriers, stable-keepers, horse-sellers and horse-buyers, veterinarians, and of course entrepreneurs who made a specialty of picking up after horses in the streets and storefronts, and keeping things clean. It was an incredible lifestyle, all built on the power of grass. (This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

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**What's Smarter -- Paying Off Debts or Investing?**

If you're just starting out in your career, you will need to be prepared to face some financial challenges along the way – but here's one that's not unpleasant: choosing what to do with some extra disposable income. When this happens, what should you do with the money? Your decisions could make a real difference in your ability to achieve your important financial goals. Under what circumstances might you receive some "found" money? You could get a year-end bonus from your employer, or a sizable tax refund, or even an inheritance. However the money comes to you, don't let it "slip through your fingers." Instead, consider these two moves: investing the money or using it to pay off debts. Which of these choices should you pick? There's no one "right" answer, as everyone's situation is different. But here are a few general considerations:

- Distinguish between "good" and "bad" debt. Not all types of debt are created equal. Your mortgage, for example, is probably a "good" form of debt. You're using the loan for a valid purpose – i.e., living in your house – and you likely get

a hefty tax deduction for the interest you pay. On the other hand, nondeductible consumer debt that carries a high interest rate might be considered "bad" debt – and this is the debt you might want to reduce or eliminate when you receive some extra money. By doing so, you can free up money to save and invest for retirement or other goals. • Compare making extra mortgage payments vs. investing. Many of us get some psychological benefits by making extra house payments. Yet, when you do have some extra money, putting it toward your house may not be the best move. For one thing, as mentioned above, your mortgage can be considered a "good" type of debt, so you may not need to rush to pay it off. And from an investment standpoint, your home is somewhat "illiquid" – it's not always easy to get money out of it. If you put your extra money into traditional investments, such as stocks and bonds, you may increase your growth potential, and you may gain an income stream through interest payments and dividends. • Consider tax advantages of investing. Apart from your mortgage, your other debts

likely won't provide you with any tax benefits. But you can get tax advantages by putting money into certain types of investment vehicles, such as a traditional or Roth IRA. When you invest in a traditional IRA, your contributions may be deductible, depending on your income, and your money grows on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawals, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you reach 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. Clearly, you've got some things to ponder when choosing whether to use "extra" money to pay off debts or invest. Of course, it's not always an "either-or" situation; you may be able to tackle some debts and still invest for the future. In any case, use this money wisely – you weren't necessarily counting on it, but you can make it count for you.

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# Gilford's Defregger signs with Rochester Rhinos

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. – After two seasons as a professional, Gilford native and former Dartmouth College standout Stefan Defregger will continue his soccer life with a new team this season.

The former GHS star signed last week with the Rochester Rhinos (N.Y.) of the United Soccer League (USL), keeping him in the same league he has played the past two years with the Wilmington (N.C.) Hammerheads. The Hammerheads announced they would self-relegate to a



Gilford's Stefan Defregger will continue his professional soccer career in the United Soccer League (USL) this season after signing with the Rochester (N.Y.) Rhinos for the 2017 campaign. Defregger, who made his pro debut in 2015 after graduating from Dartmouth College, played for the Wilmington (N.C.) Hammerheads the past two seasons.

lower division for this season, meaning Defregger was left looking for a new team to remain playing at one of the highest levels of professional soccer in the country.

The midfielder made his professional debut in 2015 after finishing his collegiate career at Dartmouth, where he won an Ivy League title his senior season. The knack for the dramatic was something he had honed long before, as Defregger also won a state championship during his senior season at Gilford High School.

Defregger's new team brings him closer to his hometown, where parents Hermann and Cathy still reside. The Rhinos, which went 13-5-12, reaching the conference semifinals last season in the USL, are scheduled to open the 2017 season on April 1 with a road trip to the Bethlehem Steel FC (Penn.). The home opener is set for April 22 against the New York Red Bulls II at the team's home field, Capelli Sport Stadium, which holds a capacity of 13,768 fans.

# Success continues for Nordic Eagles

GILFORD – Under the guidance of coach Nina Gavrylyuk the Gilford High School boys' Nordic ski team is proving once again that they are the best team in Division III.

Sophomore Josh Valentine has had a phenomenal year, taking first place for the Eagles in all but one ski meet, the latter a biathlon where he had the fastest time but finished second due to teammate Sander Valpey's higher target count. On the Eastern Cup circuit, Valentine started with three second place results, finishing each time behind Will Koch, son of U.S. Olympic medalist Bill Koch. However, in the last three Eastern Cup races Valentine has

bested his rival and both have now earned places on their U16 Junior National Team, which is comprised of the six best skiers of their age group in all of New England.

Unfortunately, the D-III state championship meet was scheduled in conflict with the Junior National Championships, to be held in Lake Placid, N.Y., meaning the Golden Eagles will be without their best, and crucial fourth, skier. While they have an excellent chance of taking the top two places at the D-III meet, and may score a third in the top 10, without a fourth skier it will be nearly impossible to accrue enough points to defend their championship. Family and friends of



Gilford's Mitch Townsend won the boys' middle school race at the first of two annual NH Coaches Series races earlier this month at Gunstock.

the team have looked into chartering a plane to bring Valentine back to N.H. for the championship race, but it would be cost-prohibitive.

Though the expected banner will be missed in the GHS gymnasium, the team has a great deal

to be proud of. In D-III competition, the combination of Valentine, Mark Young and Valpey has swept the podium at every event, with Seth Valpey recording a top 10 finish. Abbie Filion, Gilford's lone high school girl competitor,



Catherine Stow of Gilford has posted an undefeated season in middle school races this winter.

has also cracked the top 10.

Hot on their heels, the next generation of Gilford nordic skiers is tearing up the middle school ranks. Seventh-graders Mitchell Townsend and Catherine Stow remain undefeated this season and are hopeful of back-

to-back middle school championships. Seventh grader Vanessa Genakos has placed in the top five more than once, while Madeline Barlock and Sydney Eastman have both cracked the top 10. Henry Stow, only a fifth grader, has already

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REGION — As many readers of the Gilford Steamer, Meredith News and Winnisquam Echo might know, this week's paper is Jeff Lajoie's last week filling pages for Salmon Press.

While he will be hard to replace, we are in the process of looking for a new sports reporter. However, please note

that over the next few weeks the sports sections will likely have fewer stories than usual as we attempt to fill the position.

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Senior Chaz Hacking (26) looks to slide a pass between two MAIL players in Belmont-Gilford's 5-1 win on Feb. 8.



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Ethan Becker of Belmont-Gilford scored two goals and assisted on another in the Bulldogs' 5-1 win over Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes.

# Bulldogs handle MAIL in penalty-filled affair, 5-1

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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LACONIA – Tempers flared late, but by then the final result had long been decided.

Thanks to a dominating 50-8 edge in shots on goal, Belmont-Gilford continued to roll on Feb. 8. The Bulldogs completed a season sweep of rinkmate Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes on the strength of a 5-1 victory in an NHIAA Division III contest at Merrill Fay Arena.

“Getting wins is always a good thing but I thought we left a lot (of goals) out there,” said B-G head coach Dave Saball. “We missed the net, hit the goalie, had a lot of opportunities that if this was a closer game, we wouldn’t have been able to get away with that.”

The final few minutes of the third period was marred with penalties and questionable hits, leaving the referees scrambling to maintain order.

But the Bulldogs (11-1-1) were the winners on the ice, as they stormed out to a 3-0 lead after one period against the Renegades (5-8 with the loss). Ethan Becker notched a pair of first period goals for B-G, while freshman Nate Shirley made it 3-0 with a goal just 41 seconds before the intermission. Harrison Parent posted a pair of first period assists, while Hunter Dupuis, Alex Muthersbaugh and Miles DeFosses also added helpers.

Needing something to break their way for momentum purposes, MAIL got on the board just 1:10 into the second period on what would be their only shot of the frame. On the power play, senior sniper Mike Dalzell took a feed from classmate Collin Sheehan and buried a shot from distance that ricocheted off the post and past B-G keeper Bailey Defosie to cut the deficit to 3-1.

But B-G would respond with 9:24 remaining. This time it was senior defenseman James Buckley who got the goal, as the Bulldogs



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Belmont-Gilford forward Hunter Dupuis (8) holds possession of the puck away from a Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes defender in the Bulldogs' 5-1 victory in an NHIAA Division III contest on Feb. 8 at Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia.

took advantage of a power play. Buckley's tally, with assists from Muthersbaugh and Parent, reestablished the three-goal cushion up 4-1.

It would stay that way into the third, when Buckley notched his second of the night and

the clincher with 8:29 remaining. His power play goal, the team's third of the night, came with assists from Parent and Becker off a face off win, extending the B-G lead to 5-1. It was Parent's fourth assist of the night.

The victory was the second of the year for the Bulldogs against MAIL, as they also won a 7-2 decision back on Dec. 21. It was the Renegades fifth straight loss after a 5-3 start to the season, as they've played four of the division's top five

teams during that five-game skid.

MAIL goalkeeper Hunter Sanders played well in the loss, recording a whopping 45 saves while Defosie made seven stops in the B-G net.

The Bulldogs have

games on the schedule this week against Goffstown and Kearsarge-Plymouth, both on the road, while the Renegades play a pair inside Fay Arena against Somersworth/Coe-Brown and Laconia/Winnisquam.

# Hoop Eagles sweep Mascoma Valley

GILFORD – It was a good week for the Gilford High School basketball programs. Despite Mother Nature playing havoc on postponements, the Golden Eagles swept a pair of important games against Mascoma Valley on Friday night.

The boys' team held serve at home, knocking off a pesky Royals team that beat powerhouses Inter-Lakes and Belmont within the past two weeks. The Golden Eagles improved to 9-5 overall with a convincing 63-42 win over a Mascoma team that fell to 7-6 with just its second loss in its last eight games.

The Gilford girls' team won its fourth game in a row on Friday night, taking to the road

and knocking off Mascoma, 48-32, to improve to 9-7 overall entering the last week of the regular season.

The Eagles opened the week with a 60-27 thumping of Winnisquam, as Gilford jumped out to a 19-5 lead after one quarter and pulled away from the Bears (1-16) on Feb. 8. Senior Stevie Orton posted a double-double with 18 points and 14 rebounds, while Lexi Boisvert had a nice night to finish in double figures with 12 points. Olivia Harris continued her strong run of play with nine points and six steals.

Gilford has huge road games this week against local foes Winnisquam (Feb. 15) and



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Gilford's Mason McGonagle rises for a shot during the host Golden Eagles' 63-42 victory over Mascoma Valley in Division III action on Friday night. The win put Gilford at 9-5 overall with a pair of huge games on the docket for this week.

Belmont (Feb. 17) on the boys' side, two teams in the thick of the playoff push. The girls' team has

games against Stevens (Feb. 14) and Belmont (Feb. 17), both at home, as the Eagles look to

climb up the D-III standings and secure a home playoff game.

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# Hancock posts pair of top five finishes at Gunstock

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – The final tune-up before this week’s NHIAA Division III state championship saw the Gilford High School alpine ski team take to the slopes at Gunstock Mountain on Friday with plenty of fresh snow after a week of storms ripped through the Lakes Region.

Gilford competed in a meet with several high-powered schools, and the day kicked off with the boys’ team capturing fifth place in the morning giant slalom (333 points) and the girls’ team nabbing seventh place with 255 points.

Gilford’s Tyler Hanf led the way for the Golden Eagles, as he was 13th overall in the GS during the morning session with a two-run total of 1:14.05. Christian

Workman was next for Gilford in 17th position (1:15.42), followed by fellow scorers Colton Workman (23rd, 1:16.63) and Matt McDonough (31st, 1:19.71).

Also finishing in the top 50 for Gilford were Daniel Ellis (34th, 1:22.20), Adam Donnelly (39th, 1:24.48), Brendon Bergman (41st, 1:25.26) and Steven McDonald (47th, 1:27.40).

The girls’ team was unable to get four scorers to truly figure into the team standings, as Hannah Lord was 19th after her first run but suffered a DNF in run number two.

Jenny Hancock was first down the mountain for the Eagles, as she cracked the top five with an impressive fourth place performance in 1:15.52.

Next came Bailey Hildreth, who made it two Gilford skiers in the



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford’s Daniel Ellis finished 34th overall in the morning giant slalom at Gunstock Mountain on Friday.

top 10 with a 10th place finish in 1:19.58. Lucy Jude also scored points towards the team total, crossing the line in 47th place overall (1:50.79).

In the afternoon slalom, Hanf moved up to a strong fifth place showing, with Colton

Workman 12th overall, McDonough taking 30th and Bergman rounding out the scorers in 32nd place.

Max Stephon (39th), McDonald (41st) and Donnelly (43rd) all found their way into the top 50 for Gilford.

Hancock capped the best day of any Gilford skier with another top five in the slalom, this time crossing fifth overall in the girls’ race. Lord took 21st overall for the Eagles, with Jude nabbing 50th position overall.



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## Skating exhibition

Magic Blades Figure Skating Club and Plymouth State Skating Academy will return to the ice together for their annual exhibition, Color My World. Skaters aged three through adult will be performing. Featured guests include the Synchro Stars intermediate and pre-juvenile synchronized skating teams, as well as national competitor, Kirstyn Nanista and international and Olympic competitor Elene Gedevanishvili, both students at Plymouth State University. Magic Blades is celebrating its 20th year serving the Lakes Region as a community skating organization. Plymouth State Skating Academy opened with the new PSU arena in 2010. Both clubs are affiliated with the US Figure Skating’s Learn to Skate USA program and share coaching and administrative staff. The exhibition is Sunday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

## NORDIC

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Gilford’s Abbie Fillion is the lone member of the varsity girls’ nordic team this winter.

skied into the top 10 for the Silverhawks, and moving up quickly are Alden Townsend, Scott Kulcsar, Carter Forest, Karson Genakos and Ben Czerwinski.

While this will be remembered as a bittersweet season for the

Golden Eagle boys, they have carried the torch admirably. The sport of nordic skiing is growing nationwide, which bodes well for future Gilford teams. Combine this with the unrivaled coaching of four-time Olympic gold medalist

Gavrylyuk and the truly superior nordic facilities of the Gunstock Mountain Resort, and locals can anticipate many more championship banners to fill the place of the one that might have been there for 2017.

# Sportsmen’s Association sponsoring dinner tonight

GILFORD — Belnap County Sportsmen’s Association will be hosting its annual Italian Night dinner on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at the BCSA clubhouse on Lily Pond Road (Route 11C) Gilford.

Bob Cottrell will give a talk titled “Harnessing History: On the

Trail of NH’s State Dog, the Chinook.” This program looks at how dog sledding developed in NH and how the Chinook played a major role in this story. Explaining how man and his relationship with dogs won out over machines on several famous polar expeditions, Cottrell covers the his-

tory of Arthur Walden and his Chinooks, the state dog of NH. Cottrell will be accompanied by his appropriately named Chinook, Tug.

This will be both an educational and entertaining evening.

All in the community are welcome, attendees must provide their own beverages.

# GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

<b>Friday, February 17</b> <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Belmont at Gilford, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, February 20</b> <b>UNIFIED BASKETBALL</b> Gilford at Plymouth, 4 p.m.	Inter-Lakes at Moultonborough, Great Glen, 2:30 p.m.
<b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b> Gilford at Belmont, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Division III first round, 7 p.m.	<b>Thursday, February 23</b> <b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Division III second round, 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday, February 18</b> <b>HOCKEY</b> Belmont-Gilford at Kearsarge-Plymouth, 11 a.m., Plymouth State University	<b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b> Gilford at Newfound, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Friday, February 24</b> <b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b> White Mountains at Gilford, 6:30 p.m.
<b>NORDIC SKIING</b> Inter-Lakes, Moultonborough, Gilford, Belmont at NH Coaches Series Race #2, Plymouth Regional High School, 10 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, February 22</b> <b>HOCKEY</b> Belmont-Gilford at Merrimack, 4 p.m.	<b>NORDIC SKIING</b> Middle School State Championship, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
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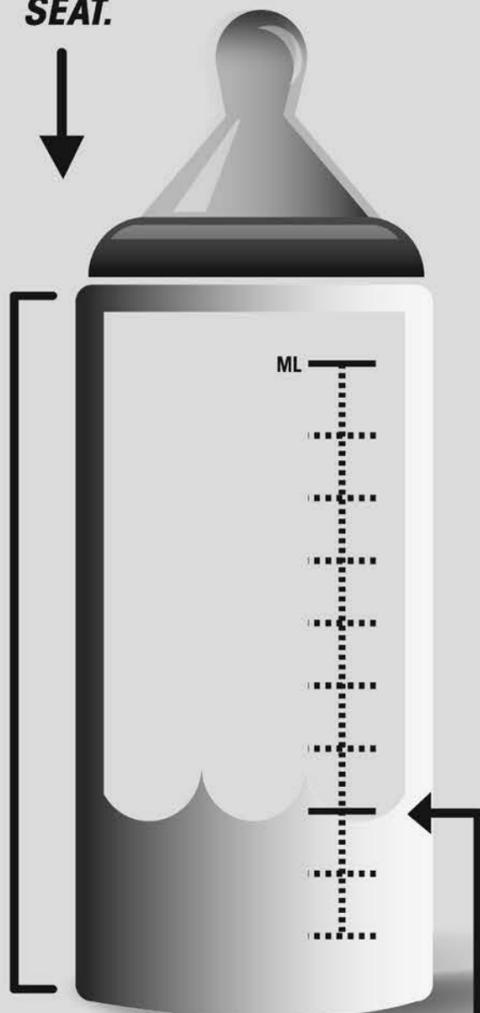
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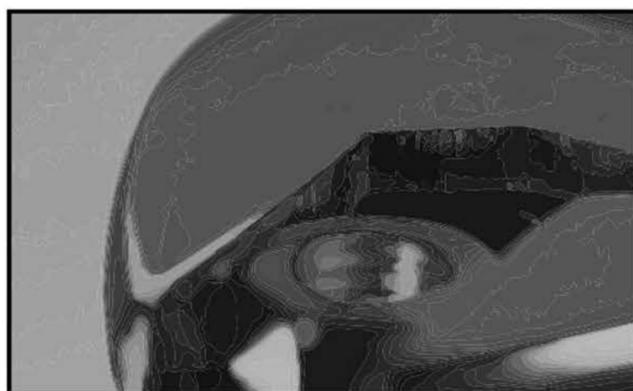
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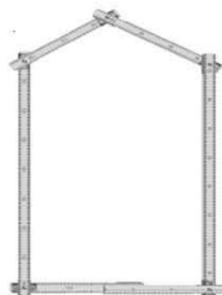
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FREE STATE INSPECTIONS FOR LIFE!<sup>\*</sup>

MSRP **\$26,135**  
*AutoServ* -\$2154

Buy For **\$23,981\***

**0.9% APR**  
FOR 60 MONTHS AVAILABLE<sup>\*</sup>

#KT7076

SAVE UP TO **\$2,154**

Buy For **\$332**/MO\*  
**ZERO DOWN!**

**SIGN IT & DRIVE IT**  
LEASE

**\$241** /39 MO\*  
**ZERO DOWN!**

### 2017 SORENTO LX AWD V6



FREE OIL CHANGES FOR LIFE!<sup>\*</sup>  
FREE STATE INSPECTIONS FOR LIFE!<sup>\*</sup>

MSRP **\$32,080**  
*AutoServ* -\$1637  
Customer Cash Rebate -\$1500  
Loyalty Rebate -\$500

Buy For **\$28,443\***

**0.9% APR**  
FOR 66 MONTHS AVAILABLE<sup>\*</sup>

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SAVE UP TO **\$3,637**

Buy For **\$392**/MO\*  
**ZERO DOWN!**

**SIGN IT & DRIVE IT**  
LEASE

**\$280** /39 MO\*  
**ZERO DOWN!**

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- Lifetime Engine Guarantee
- Lifetime Oil Changes
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