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GILFORD, N.H.

GMS presents "Once Upon a Mattress" this weekend

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Theater is back at Gilford Middle School with youth production of "Once Upon a Mattress" coming to the stage this weekend.

Students will present the comedy musical based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea" Thursday through Saturday with some new approaches because of the pandemic.

"I love this show; I've done it a number of times," said director Matt Demko. "The music's kind of underrated, it's



Gilford Middle School students rehearse for the coming production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

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Budget tops town warrant

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The town's deliberative session is this coming Tuesday, and voters will be deciding on 30 articles, including money toward vehicles and equipment for the fire, police, and public works departments.

The town deliberative session is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Gilford High School auditorium with a link for Zoom meeting available. The full town warrant can be viewed in full at https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/1/agendas/2021_TOWN_MEETING_PACKET.pdf. Registered Gilford voters can contribute public comment, ask

questions, and propose amendments to articles.

Article 2 is a proposed zoning amendment that would change the zoning of the northern side of Lake Shore Road east from Lily Pond Road from Industrial to Commercial.

Article 3 would adopt amendments to the town's fire code, which would put in additional provisions related to structure construction and maintenance for commercial/multifamily buildings and structures.

Article 4 is the proposed budget of \$14,743,845, with a default budget of \$14,189,402 if the article fails.

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a good show. I felt like it was the right year (for it)."

A number of changes have been made to the production to keep the cast, crew, and audience safe.

The show will be presented in a concert style with no choreography. Performers will sing and deliver their lines six feet apart and wearing masks.

Demko said they are

trying to keep everyone involved with the show as safe as possible.

He had a Zoom meeting with middle school tech advisor Aaron Witham and High School Auditorium coordinator

Scott Piddington as well as the high school students helping with tech. He said they decided to do the show in a concert setting, allowing them to focus on music and other
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LRCT, Gilford Conservation Commission celebrate new conservation land

Virtual celebrations erupted across the Lakes Region and down into Florida in November 2020 as the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the Gilford Conservation Commission concluded an agreement with the Weeks family to buy a 65 acre parcel of forested hillside and scenic meadow off Belknap Mountain Road in Gilford.

The John M. and Eileen R. Weeks Conservation land offers both conservation and recreational assets. At its January meeting, the Gilford Conservation Commission will establish a steering committee to



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Carole Hall and Russ Wilder give thanks in November for the acquisition of the John M and Eileen R Weeks Conservation land.

start the work of restoring abandoned trails on the property and connect

them to adjacent trail networks. These trails will bring hikers again

to the spectacular view from Sunset Ledge, and on to an abandoned iron mine and the site of Gilford's first ski tow with connections to the huge network of trails in the Belknaps.

Most parcels of land that find their way into conservation usually follow a familiar path, a willing seller finds a willing conservation buyer and a deal is struck. In the case of the Weeks project, the road had a few twists and turns. Eileen Weeks knew she needed to sell the parcel after her husband died; she and her children wanted it to go into conservation and she knew her husband, whose family had owned the land for generations, would have wanted that too. The Weeks family had lived in Clearwater, Florida, however, since the '50s and Eileen didn't really know where to turn. Serendipity happened. Eileen's daughter mentioned the dilemma to a fellow ex-New Hampshire resident and he called Carole Hall, Chairperson of the Gilford Conservation Commission, and she contacted the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, which was already had its eye in the land. The rest is victory.
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Gilford boys ski to win in Sandwich Catherine Stow skis to victory in girls' race

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

SANDWICH — The Gilford Nordic ski team traveled to Sandwich for a skate race hosted by Inter-Lakes on Tuesday, Jan. 19. While rain had moved through the area the previous weekend, Sandwich was lucky in that the area missed out on the rain and got a few inches of snow, giving athletes the chance to compete.

The Gilford boys put all four of their scorers in the top seven on the way to the win while the girls put all of their scorers in the top 15 in picking up a second place finish.

For the boys, Aiden Bondaz led the way for the Golden Eagles, finishing in second place overall with a time of 11:12.

Mitchell Townsend was not far behind, finishing in third place



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Catherine Stow skied to the win in a skate race at the Sandwich Fairgrounds last week.

with a time of 11:24 and Henry Stow finished in a time of 12:01 for sixth place overall.

Patrick Gandini rounded out the scoring for the Gilford boys,

finishing in seventh place in a time of 12:08.

Carter Forest skied to 10th place in 12:38, with Scott Kulcsar in 12th place in 12:51, Haukur Karlsson in

16th place in 13:29 and Alden Townsend in 17th place with a time of 13:32.

Catherine Stow skied to the win in the girls' race, finishing

with a time of 12:07.

Vanessa Genakos was one spot back, finishing in second place with a time of 12:40 and Sydney Eastman was
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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events

Jan. 28 – Feb. 4
*Sign up required

Thursday, Jan. 28
Mother Goose On the

Loose (Virtual), 10:30-11 a.m.

*Acrylic Paint Night with Kayleigh and Arielle (Virtual), 5-6 p.m.

Paint your own masterpiece with Kayleigh

and Arielle. Sign up and pick up painting supplies at the library and follow along on Facebook Live! You can pick up your supplies the week of Jan. 25.

Friday, Jan. 29
Gilford Library Games, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join Hayden on Twitch.tv (GPLHayden) for interactive live games!

Monday, Feb. 1
Snap Your Snacks
Deadline: Teens and Tweens! Tag @gilfordpubliclibrary on Instagram, tag @GPLHayden on TikTok or send us an email at gilfordlibrary@gmail.com with your own 60 second food video for a chance to be featured on our Instagram and win a prize! Entries due by Feb. 1.

Tuesday, Feb. 2
Bilingual Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.

Join Miss Maria every Tuesday to read, sing, dance, and play in both English and Spanish!

*Mystery Book Group, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of "Tag Man" by Archer

Mayor, a Joe Gunther mystery set in Vermont. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Sign up to join us on Zoom.

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Phone-In Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Thursday, Feb. 4
Mother Goose On the Loose (Virtual), 10:30-11 a.m.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Jan. 15-24.

Megan McPhee O'Connell, age 42, of Gilford was arrested on Jan. 17 for Criminal Threatening-conduct and Domestic Violence-Simple Assault-Physical Contact.

Paul Dunham, age 32, of Laconia was arrested on Jan. 17 for Criminal Trespassing.

Preston Tuthill, age 65, of Gilmanton was arrested on Jan. 17 for Conduct After an Accident.

Eric Griffin, age 37, of Tilton was arrested on Jan. 18 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Melanie Lynn Sweeney, age 45, of Gilford was arrested on Jan. 19 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Robin J. Boles, age 58, of Gilford was arrested on Jan. 20 for Disorderly Conduct.

Sharon Cardarelli, age 61, of Laconia was arrested

on Jan. 20 for Theft by Unauthorized Taking and multiple counts of Theft By Deception.

Jaki Lynn Choquette, age 18, of Gilford was arrested on Jan. 21 for Breach of Bail.

Jacob Adam Jason, age 33, of Gilford was arrested on Jan. 22 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Michael A. Fuquay, age 28, of Brockton, Mass. was arrested on Jan. 23 for Unlawful Activities-Litter Control.

Mark Joseph Tucker, age 40, of Bristol, R.I. was arrested on Jan. 23 for Driving While Intoxicated and Speeding 16-20 mph over a posted limit of 55 mph or less. Two adult males, also from Bristol, R.I. were taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Michelle Anne Gagne, age 40, of Laconia was arrested on Jan. 24 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny).

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "NYPD Red 6" by James Patterson
2. "A Promised Land" by Barack Obama
3. "A Time for Mercy" by John Grisham
4. "The Last Traverse" by Ty Gagne
5. "Deadly Cross" by James Patterson
6. "The Sentinel" by Lee Child
7. "Hush-Hush" by Stuart Woods
8. "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig
9. "Daylight" by David Baldacci
10. "Keep Sharp" by Sanjay Gupta M.D.

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LACONIA – The forecast calls for multiple acute cases of February Vacation "blahs" in 2021. But Prescott Farm is pleased to offer the perfect antidote - "Winter Break Outdoor Explorers."

Prescott Farm traditionally hosts WildQuest Winter Day Camp which coincides with New Hampshire February Vacation. The Leadership team knew that the realities and risks associated with COVID-19 made a full day camp experience unrealistic for 2021. The solution? A close-to-home, cost-effective, fun series of 2-hour programs to encourage everyone to outside.

Jude Hamel, Executive Director, is especially pleased that Prescott Farm can accommodate the February Break calendar of neighboring school districts.

"Each year we hear from parents and grandparents whose youngsters have February vacation a week ahead of WildQuest Camp.



They are looking for programs available during their vacation," she said. "Until this year, that just wasn't feasible. We are hoping that the "Winter Break Outdoor Explorers" series is another unexpected 'pandemic silver lining.'"

Led by Camp Director, Jake Newcomb, the education staff selected

some of WildQuest winter campers' favorite activities and adapted them for vacationing families. There is something new to explore every day from 10 am until noon:

Mondays (Feb. 15 & 22)

Shelters: Stuck in the woods with a storm on the way? Use what is around you to build a warm shelter with guidance from Prescott Farm educators.

Tuesdays (Feb. 16 & 23)

Tracking: Unlock the mystery of clues left behind in the snow. Who was here? Where did they go? Become an animal track detective through a whole bunch of silly fun!

Wednesdays (Feb. 17 & 24)

Snow Science: Prescott Farm is your laboratory as we discover that there is more to snow than sledding and snowballs. In the event of a melt, we will conduct other cool experiments (pun intended!).

Thursdays (Feb. 18 & 25)

Winter Art: Celebrate the beauty of winter with outdoors arts and crafts.

Fridays (Feb. 19 & 26)

Snowlympics: The snowball roll! The sledding hill sluice! Participate in a variety of fun games and challenges. In the event of a melt, we will substitute the activities.

"It's a great way to kick off a vacation day and get everyone in the

family active and enjoying time with each other," Newcomb explains. "And the great news is that the activities we have planned can inspire winter fun for the rest of the season and for years to come!"

Guests are reminded to wear boots and dress appropriately for the weather. COVID protocols, including attendee limits, will be strictly enforced. Early registration is strongly recommended.

For more information or to register, visit 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, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on public programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with over 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape, as well as Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool and WildQuest summer and vacation camps. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

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Gilford girls come up just short against Prospect

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — For the second time in a week, the Gilford and Prospect Mountain girls' basketball teams hit the court together. And for the second time in a week, the two teams played a back and forth game.

And for the second time in a week, the Prospect Mountain girls came out on top, finishing with a 42-39 win.

"We didn't finish inside, the same story as the first game," said Prospect Mountain coach Rick Burley. "But, it's early season and we didn't get started very early."

"We had some turnovers, we had enough turnovers to open a bakery," said Gilford coach Rick Forge. "We have to cut down on that."

Prospect's Hannah Capsalis got the scoring started with a pair of buckets before Gilford's Allison Carr drained a three-pointer. Capsalis answered with a three-pointer of her own but Maura Hughes hit a hoop and two free throws from Carr tied the game at seven. Cassidy Kelley hit a hoop for the final hoop of the first quarter, giving the Timber Wolves a 9-7 lead to the end of the frame.

A Vanessa Flanders hoop tied the game to start the second quarter and then Carr hit a free throw and a field goal to give the hosts the 12-9 lead. Ella Smith answered with a three-pointer for Prospect, tying the game at 12 but Flanders scored two from the free throw line. A Capsalis hoop tied the game again, this time at 14.

Maegan Shute hit a pair of free throws to put Gilford back in the lead but a Smith three-pointer put the Timber Wolves back in front. Flanders hit a hoop and Hughes drained a free throw for a 19-17 lead for the hosts. Smith hit one from the line and then Capsalis got the final basket of the half, giving Prospect Mountain a 20-19 lead at the half-time break.

Shute came out and put back a rebound to start the third quarter but Julia Leavitt answered with a hoop for Prospect. Hughes hit another basket and



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Prospect's Michaela Vernazzaro tries to drive past Gilford's Maegan Shute in action last Thursday in Gilford.

Ella Misiaszek drained a hoop, keeping the back and forth alive.

A Capsalis basket pushed Prospect's lead to six but Carr and Shute hit back-to-back baskets for Gilford to propel them to the one-point lead, 27-26. Misiaszek answered with a basket but Gilford got a hoop from Lindsey Sanderson and a three-pointer from Ryan Guyer to take the 32-28 lead.

Prospect got the final four points of the quarter, with Misiaszek and Capsalis each hitting field goals, pulling the Timber Wolves even at 32 heading to the final eight minutes.

Hoops from Misiaszek and Michaela Vernazzaro got Prospect out to a 36-32 lead to open the fourth quarter, but Carr hit a three and Flanders hit a basket to put the Golden Eagles in front by one, 37-36.

Leavitt hit a pair of baskets sandwiched around a Misiaszek hoop to put the Timber Wolves out to a 42-37 lead. Carr got the final basket of the game, making it a 42-39 final.

The Timber Wolves were without inside presence Sophia Bean and Burley noted that it does make a difference inside, but also didn't use that as an excuse.

"That's how it's going to be this year," the Prospect coach

said. "We can be missing anybody on any night."

"But realistically, these are all considered scrimmages because record doesn't matter," he continued. "We just have to learn how to close out games."

Burley praised Gilford for a solid game and said his team will only benefit from playing close games, though there are also things to work on. "We didn't play well," he said. "We have to find a way to get the ball in the hoop and we have to make progress with our defense as well."

"But we'll keep progressing and getting better for the end of the year," Burley added.

"By playing 32 minutes tonight, we have played more minutes than we've had days of practice," Forge said. "It's another game, these are nothing but scrimmages, a chance to play and a chance to get better."

"I thought it was a better effort on our part (than the previous week)," he continued. "I thought we rebounded better tonight."

Capsalis and Carr led their respective teams with 15 points apiece

Gilford is scheduled to be hosting Plymouth today, Thursday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. and



will then be at Plymouth on Saturday, Jan. 30, at noon. Next week they are slated to play Inter-Lakes, in Meredith on Monday, Feb. 1, and at home on Thursday, Feb. 4, both at 6 p.m.

Prospect Mountain is scheduled to host Laconia today, Jan. 28, and next week plays Moultonborough, at home on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and on the road on Thursday, Feb. 4.

**PMHS 9-11-12-10-42
GHS 7-12-13-7-39**

Prospect 42
Capsalis 7-0-15, Misiaszek 4-0-8, Smith 3-1-9, Leavitt 3-0-6, Kelley 1-0-2, Vernazzaro 1-0-2, Totals 19-1-42

Gilford 39
Guyer 1-0-3, Carr 5-3-15, Sanderson 1-0-2, Flanders 3-2-6, Hughes 2-3-7, Shute 2-0-4, Totals 14-8-39

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(Left) Allison Carr launches a shot during action against Prospect Mountain last week.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Jan. 28
BELMONT Boys' Hoops at Ken-
nett; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Ken-
nett; 6
BELMONT-GILFORD Hockey vs. Ke-
arsarge-Plymouth; 2:45
GILFORD Boys' Hoops at Plym-
outh; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Plym-
outh; 6
Friday, Jan. 29
BELMONT Alpine Skiing at Gun-
stock; 10
BELMONT-GILFORD Hockey at Ke-
arsarge-Plymouth (Wa-
terville Valley); 7:30
GILFORD Alpine Skiing at Gun-
stock; 10
WINNISQUAM Boys' Hoops vs. Moul-
tonborough; 6
Girls' Hoops at Moul-
tonborough; 6
Saturday, Jan. 30
GILFORD Boys' Hoops vs. Plym-
outh; 12
Girls' Hoops at Plym-
outh; 12
WINNISQUAM Hockey at Kingswood;
7
Wrestling vs. Plym-
outh; 10
Monday, Feb. 1
BELMONT Unified Hoops vs. Win-
nisquam; TBD
GILFORD Boys' Hoops vs. In-
ter-Lakes; 6
Girls' Hoops at In-
ter-Lakes; 6
WINNISQUAM Unified Hoops at Bel-
mont; TBD
Tuesday, Feb. 2
BELMONT Boys' Hoops at Winn-
isquam; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Winn-
isquam; 6
WINNISQUAM Boys' Hoops vs. Bel-
mont; 6
Girls' Hoops at Bel-
mont; 6
Wednesday, Feb. 3
BELMONT-GILFORD Hockey vs. Berlin; 5:30
GILFORD Nordic Skiing at Gun-
stock; 2:30
WINNISQUAM Hockey vs. Ke-
arsarge-Plymouth; 3:20
Thursday, Feb. 4
GILFORD Boys' Hoops at In-
ter-Lakes; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. In-
ter-Lakes; 6
All schedules are subject to change

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Facts are stubborn things

John Adams was right when he said “Facts are stubborn things.” It’s pretty funny, albeit disturbing, to sit and listen to what some individuals believe to be true, not based on facts, rather hearsay. We’ve become a society where facts just don’t seem to hold much weight anymore.

The sky is blue, grass is green, milk is good for your bones, helmets prevent head injuries in accidents, a cow has two eyes, and George Washington was our first President. All of these things we know to be true because we’ve either seen it with our own eyes, or trust the documents of history. Our grandparents tell us stories of days gone by about other family members and the way things were, and we sit and listen intently and enthusiastically, and while we take in this information, we know it to be true.

We can dig through old newspaper archives, old and current court documents, valid witness testimony, police reports, judges’ orders, and we accept this information as fact. This isn’t to say that certain things ought not to be questioned; however, when facts upon facts upon facts are staring you dead in the eye and you still believe them to be true, well, that’s simply dumbfounding.

We know that surgeons wear masks to prevent infection. We know that vitamin C boosts our immune systems. We know what elements make up oxygen and water. We know that Ibuprofen is an anti-inflammatory. We know that too much alcohol can hurt our livers, we know that plants need sunlight and water to grow. We know all of this to be factual, because of science.

So now, when scientists express how important mask wearing is during a pandemic to prevent the spread of a deadly virus (a practice done even in 1919), we have some individuals who just brush it off. It would be humorous if it wasn’t so disturbing. The fact is, based on science, that proper masks prevent the spread of airborne viruses, just like sunblock can prevent a sunburn. Why is one scientifically proven technique widely accepted and the other not? Well, a sunburn has never been politicized. Science has been saving lives and keeping our parents, friends and family members alive for longer, since the dawn of time.

Enter the ever interesting topic of conspiracy theories. A conspiracy theory is an explanation for an event or situation that invokes conspiracy by sinister and powerful groups, often in political motivation when other explanations are based on actual, proven facts.

Such theories have been around forever. They are nothing more than fairytales. Recently, psychologists have begun to unravel why certain individuals are more likely to believe in conspiracy theories and what attributes about them, make them so gullible.

Experts have surmised that characteristics of those people who are likely to believe in conspiracy theories include distrust of others, low agreeability and Machiavelliansim (when a person is so focused on their own interests, they will manipulate, deceive, and exploit others to achieve their goals.)

Low agreeability is typically defined as someone who is not very kind, nor dependable or cooperative with others. People more susceptible to conspiracy theories are more likely to have lower levels of analytic thinking.

When a person who believes in nonsense, is presented with demonstrable, thorough, proven, hard facts, they are often responded to with even further out there thinking, and it is noticeable that there is very little critical thinking.

Further it has been discovered that conspiracy theories make a person feel special. Some individuals who need to feel unique but can’t any other way, may fall prey. Conspiracy theories rely on ‘secret information’ which can give those believers a false sense of belonging.

It has been discovered that those individuals also are narcissists with a grandiose idea of the self and a touch of paranoia. Further, those who fall prey are likely more alienated, powerless and socially isolated.

Remember, conspiracy theories are brought about by people, not actual facts. Take note that you cannot argue with those who believe in conspiracy because those beliefs are not rational.

The simple answer here is to not ignore the facts — wear your sunscreen, wear your mask, drink water, eat your vegetables, have some fun, laugh and be kind to one another.

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Artists of the Month

At the Lakes Region Art Association’s monthly meeting, members voted for their choices as winners in its ‘Artists of the Month’ program. The six selected as the best were, (back row L-R) Sherwood Frazier, Ron Bowman and Duane Hammond. Seated, (L-R) are Sue Merritt, Gail Brunt and Sally Hibberd. This winning art and photography will be displayed from Jan. 20 until mid February on wall space in the Lakes Region Art Gallery designated for ‘Artist of the Month’ winners. The Lakes Region Art Association Gallery is located in the Tanger Mall, suite 132, Tilton, NH. The gallery is open Thursday-Sunday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. LRAA is a non-profit 501 c-3 organization dedicated to supporting and promoting creative art and photography in the Lakes Region.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

You could be moving, or in a tree, but even still



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

A foreign intruder crossed the Canadian border on a recent weekend, without a passport or even a Green Card. There was nary a by-your-leave from the Border Patrol or Customs and Immigration. There were no questions or search for contraband.

Even worse, it turned out that one branch of the federal government knew that the intruder was coming, and never alerted another branch charged with safeguarding the nation’s borders. Even in this time of tightened security, with a controversial wall under construction on the Mexican border, the intruder breezed right through.

The unchallenged intruder, of course, was a weather system from the Eastern Townships, where the upper North Country most often gets its weather. It received no attention, even on TV’s Channel 9 out of Manchester, which I’m always careful to say has been doing a much better job of including the North Country in its news and weather coverage.

In an attempt to keep up with what’s going on, I read daily and weekly papers, listen to New Hampshire Public Radio, and watch Channel 9. As icing on the cake, I try to find out what people are talking about at local hangouts. However, I’m still clueless.



JOHN HARRIGAN

The other day, I took a cruise over Titus Hill, and stopped to take this photo as I approached Route 26 just because it was Jan. 22, and the Mohawk River was capering along free and clear (well, almost clear).

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Channel 9’s game-changer with local viewers of divided loyalty (two stations in Portland, one in Burlington) was the widely popular series “North Woods Law,” which made virtual media stars of conservation officers, traditionally a low-profile job.

Stealth, after all, is often seen as the epitome of a Conservation Officer’s work. And as a guy who’s been sneaked up on by what we used to (and sometimes still do) call “game wardens,” twice, no less, and arrested once (yes, me), I can attest to stealth. If I were a potentate, I’d still make stealth a necessary talent for the job.

(How would the bureaucracy ever create a test for “stealth”? I mean, even a potentate could not just sit there and command, “Do stealth.” The first thing, I’d think, would be to look sneaky—hunched over, eyes darting back and forth, like that. Hair slicked back, not effective with a fedora. Maybe some fingers out there, grasping.)

Occasionally, TV epi-

sodes can get the department in trouble. A New Durham couple sued the department and the show’s production company over film of a suspected marijuana seizure in a case that pitted the right to privacy versus the First Amendment. The justices ruled in favor of freedom of speech, and Fish and Game.

The arrest? I failed to notice a sign right there at the gate, and was on someone else’s land (Bayroot’s), in my truck, without permission. As a landowner who never allowed motorized use without permission, I was indeed (as I was quoted in numerous news accounts) mortified.

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New Hampshire’s bear kill last year, Fish and Game says, was the third-highest ever, totaling 886, and represented a 9% increase over the five-year average. The record kill of 1,053 was in 2019.

Of the total, 144 were bears pursued with hounds; 270 were taken by still-hunters (a misnomer that combines

hunters in tree-stands and blinds with those who move through the woods); and 472 were shot over bait.

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The above is a perfect example of how camp-talk often does not conform to even common language, let alone official.

Hunters know that the “still” in “still hunting” refers to sound, not movement. A still hunter is one moving slowly and carefully—often very slowly—over the land, but above all, quietly. His primary goal is to make no sound—in other words, be as still as possible.

But wait, it gets worse. In official parlance “still hunting” also refers to a hunter who doesn’t move. In the official category, a hunter who sits (or stands) in a tree or blind is lumped into the same general category—“still hunting.” As with most all hunting, being quiet rules, but here, “still” has a double meaning.

How in the world would a non-hunter know or understand any of this?

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“Be still” is almost gone from the language. It is a command, after all, on a par with “Hush,” often used with children. Who does that anymore?

These days, if you’re extremely fortunate, it’s “Please be quiet for a moment,” usually said with a palm held downward, more often with a forefinger on lips or in the air.

Sometimes it’s “Quiet, please,” as in a movie theater or library or church. These days, however, it’s likely to be the always-so-ugly “Shut up.”

(Please address mail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Griffin Tondreau battles along the boards during Saturday night's game in Concord.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Geena Cookinham skates the puck into the zone at the Everett Arena Saturday night.

Bulldogs come up short in Concord

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CONCORD — After getting a late start to the season, the Belmont-Gilford hockey team had a pair of games against Pembroke-Campbell on the schedule.

And while the Bulldogs battled, they were unable to come up with a win, including a 3-1 loss on Saturday night at the Everett Arena in Concord.

"We can't get the puck in the net," said coach Jason Parent. "The same thing happened the first time we played them."

"But it's early in the season," the Bulldog coach continued. "It should peak at the right time, not necessarily this time of the year."

Belmont-Gilford dominated the early portion of the game, controlling the puck and keeping the hosts at bay. Gavin Johnson had an early shot that was saved, as did Adam Ribeiro while Owen Guerin had a shot blocked.

The Bulldogs got a power play chance just more than a minute and a half into the game and got some great chances, with Johnson getting a couple of bids that were saved and Zoltan Stefan had a shot denied as well. Guerin sent the puck through the crease but missed connecting with anyone in front as the penalty was killed off.

Trevor Chassie and Jackson Collins teamed up on a bid that was stopped and then Brendan Folan had a shot go wide of the net. PAC came back with a couple of chances, but the Bulldog defense and keeper Colin McGreevy held tight. Geena Cookinham had a bid denied and also had a nice centering pass miss in front and Collins got in close but the PAC goalie was able to make the save.

Belmont-Gilford took a penalty with 2:25 to go in the first period and both Stefan and Griffin Tondreau

on a shorthanded bid. McGreevy also made a couple of solid saves.

However, with 41 seconds to go, the Bulldogs were able to get on the board, putting home a rebound after a McGreevy save for the 1-0 lead. Andrew Rowley had a late shot for the Bulldogs but the period ended with PAC up by a 1-0 score.

Rowley and Tondreau had early chances that were denied early in the second period and Cookinham sent a nice feed in front that just missed connecting. Eric Ellingson had a bid denied and Stefan had a shot blocked while McGreevy kept the puck out of the net with a couple of saves at the other end. Logan Moulton and Folan both had chances denied by the PAC keeper.

With 7:49 to go, Belmont-Gilford took a power play, with Aidan McKenzie getting a great bid while Brady Logan also had a shot go wide of the net before the penalty was killed off.

PAC was able to double the lead with 3:37 to go, firing a shot past McGreevy from the circle for the 2-0 lead. Moments later, Belmont-Gilford got another power play chance and had some good chances. Johnson had a shot stopped and Tondreau sent the rebound on net as well. Guerin and Johnson had chances denied and Logan sent the puck over the top of the net as the penalty was killed off.

Just moments after the penalty ended, the Bulldogs were able to get on the board. Johnson sent a shot on net that was stopped, but Tondreau was there to get the rebound and popped it into the net with 1:07 to go. Johnson and Guerin got the assists on the tally. Chassie had a late crossing pass just miss in front and McGreevy made a late save to close out the second period with PAC holding the 2-1 lead.

Guerin, Stefan and Ribeiro got early chances in the third period for B-G but they

couldn't solve the PAC keeper. McGreevy also held tight in the Bulldog net as the hosts pressured.

Belmont-Gilford took a penalty with 7:12 to go and Guerin did a great job with a good clear and then helped to kill off the penalty with possession in the Bulldog offensive zone. Stefan also had a good penalty kill and Tondreau had a shorthanded bid stopped before the penalty was killed off. The Bulldogs continued to pressure but they were still unable to find the back of the net.

With just less than three minutes to go, Belmont-Gilford took a penalty and after a couple of McGreevy saves, PAC capitalized, putting home a rebound with 2:17 to go for the 3-1 lead. The Bulldogs took a couple of late penalties and PAC had a shot go off the post while Folan had a nice clear, but the Bulldogs were unable to get any other pressure and took the 3-1 loss.

"It comes down to a couple of bounces here and there," Parent stated. "The 50/50 pucks in front, the last couple of times we've lost those 50/50 pucks in front of the net."

The Bulldog coach also praised the work of Pembroke-Campbell.

"They're a solid team, they have good depth, they play three lines and their fast," he said. "And they took advantage of the opportu-

nities and we didn't."

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Kearsarge-Plymouth today, Jan. 24, at 2:45 p.m. and will be at Waterville Valley to take on the Cats on Friday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. On Wednes-

day, Feb. 3, they are scheduled to host Berlin at 5:30 p.m.

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Shaker Regional School District PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TIME LIMIT FOR FILING CANDIDACIES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The undersigned clerk of the School District herewith gives notice of the time limit for declaration of candidacy from this school district for election of a moderator and school board members of the Shaker Regional School District. The filing period will start Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

The election will occur during the annual voting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and will be conducted under the non-partisan ballot law.

Positions to be filled at the election are:

- Belmont – one member to serve for three years (2024)
- Canterbury – one member to serve for three years (2024)

Written declaration of candidacy must be filed with the clerk prior to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 29, 2021 in order for the name of the candidate to appear on the ballot. A filing fee of \$1.00 is required. Forms may be obtained from the Superintendent of School's Office; 58 School Street; Belmont, NH 03220, telephone number 267-9223, or by calling Stacy Kruger, Clerk, at 267-7552 evenings.

No person may file a declaration of candidacy for more than one position of the School Board to be elected at such election. Any qualified voter in each of the pre-existing districts named above is eligible to file for the position to be filled from that District. All candidates will be elected at large.

Stacy Kruger, Clerk
Shaker Regional School District

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Remote Work May Offer Financial Benefits

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways – and it may end up providing workers with some long-term financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

Reduced transportation costs – Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transpor-

tation and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.

Potentially lower car insurance premiums – Your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.

Lower expenditures on lunches – If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week – even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures, you could end up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

Lower clothing costs – Despite the rise

in "casual dress" days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can "dress down," reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than

\$97,000 – and if you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise.)

You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for something like a major home repair. Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part – but, in strictly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Shaker Regional School District will hold a public hearing relative to the receipt of Supplemental Public School Response Funds (SPSRF) on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Belmont Middle School.

PET OF THE WEEK

Buddy is an active little guy that has lots of puppy energy and thinks that playing and running around is a LOT of fun. He will need to work on basic skills, but is a well mannered young gentleman. His favorite activities include but are not limited to, sniffing and exploring his environment, oh and did we mention he loves food?

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School District deliberative session set for Feb. 4

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Voters will decide on

a number of articles on the Gilford School District warrant, including

several articles putting money away for future capital projects.

The Gilford School District deliberative session is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Gilford High School Auditorium, masks and social distancing will be required for the entirety of the session for those in the building.

The meeting will also be available via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/97923967896> or by calling 1-301-715-8592 and using Webinar ID: 979 2396 7896. The virtual options are for viewing only and no comments, questions, or voting will be allowed remotely.

A full copy of the school district warrant can be found at https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/31-postings/Budget_Hearing_Packet_1-14-21.pdf.

Article 2 is the general operating budget of \$27,015,813. If the article fails, the default budget will be \$27,935,981.

Article 3 would put \$200,000 into the School Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund with money coming from surplus fund balance. Currently there is \$456,089 in that fund. According to the article, the next capital project will be the renovation of the Gilford High School locker room built in 1974. The project is scheduled for the 2022-2023 school year and has an estimated cost of \$870,000.

Article 4 would put \$52,500 into the School

Buildings Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund from surplus fund balance. The next roof project is redoing the roofing at Gilford Elementary and High Schools for \$800,000 in the 2023-2024 school year. There is currently \$255,597 in the fund.

Article 5 would put \$30,000 into the School Buildings Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund (with a current balance of \$122,280) from surplus fund balance. The Gilford School District's wireless infrastructure project is the next expected major technology project. The project is slated for this coming school year and has an estimated cost of \$182,000.

Gilford Got Lunch to benefit from Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag program

In this time of uncertainty due to COVID-19, supporting local non-profits has never been more important. As you make essential trips to the grocery store, you can purchase a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford located at 1425 Lakeshore Rd., Gilford, in February to send Gilford Got Lunch a \$1 donation. If you do pick one up, be sure to practice standard safety

protocols. Just like you need to wash your hands regularly, always wash your reusable bag before and after use. If possible, bag your own groceries at check out when using a reusable bag. Thank you in advance for your support!

About Gilford Got Lunch

Gilford Got Lunch was started in 2014. The program provides meals not only during the summer

school vacation, but also on weekends during the school year. This program is made possible by active support of volunteers, in conjunction with the Gilford School System and has made a real difference to those families in need.

If you are interested in more information about the Gilford Got Lunch program, visit our Web site at www.gilfordgotlunch.com.

Caitlin Mallahan earns Dean's List honors at Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Caitlin Mallahan, of Laconia has been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

About RWU

With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along

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Damon Shute of Gilford named to Dean's List at Dean College

FRANKLIN, Mass. — Dean College is pleased to announce that Damon Shute of Gilford has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious com-

mitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Is-

land. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

CONSERVATION

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Victory, for Gilford which gets new recreation land and protection for valuable land; for the Weeks family which knows the land will be protected forever; and for the LRCT, with several conservation parcels nearby. Russ Wilder, Chairman of the LRCT Board of Trustees and the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, noted that this parcel has high conservation value because it is nearly surrounded by conserved land, is part of a large unbroken forest block

and is highly visible.

The LRCT and the Gilford Conservation Commission are grateful to the many donors, to the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, to Rick Muehlke of the abutting Muehlke Family Tree Farm, who brought this land to the LRCT's attention, and to Gilford and its residents for their support of this and other conservation efforts.

The LRCT is not resting on its laurels; the Trust recently finished fundraising for its next

project, the 127-acre Mt. Pleasant property in Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro, and will announce completion of that project soon.

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust, founded in 1979, has conserved more than 28,200 acres in 160 properties in 23 towns in the Lakes Region including 33 miles of shoreline, 28 summits and more than 120 miles of trails. For information on the work of the Trust please visit the website: LRCT.org.

MATTRESS

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aspects.

When school went remote right before Thanksgiving, he said they made the right call. Demko said if they were rehearsing this will full choreography, they would have to have rehearsals a lot more often and a lot longer to make it in time for the show.

Demko said they have never done a show like this, so everyone has been learning "on the fly."

"These kids have been great about it," Demko said. "They didn't complain once, they've been troopers in this."

The show is significantly smaller than usual with mostly seventh and eighth graders performing in the major roles

with some sixth graders in the ensemble. Demko said around the spring if the current situation stays stable, they will do something again with fifth and sixth graders.

While they're not using much for choreography, they will still have sets and costumes. Witham and Piddington are both working with students on the tech aspects of the show.

He said the kids have been really cooperative as have the parents.

"They've done great, they've rolled with it, they're just excited to be here," Demko said.

Demko said the production got to a slow start with delays to the high school production of

"Godspell" and school going remote for a number of days.

"We're just fortunate the town, the school, and the parents have supported this and keeping the arts alive," Demko said. "We got to a point right before Thanksgiving when we realized there are certain circumstances we are going to have to deal with."

"Once Upon a Mattress will take the stage Jan. 28 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will only be sold online at <https://www.onthestage.com/show/gilford-high-school/getting-to-know-once-upon-a-mattress-99779/>. Social distancing and masks will be required.

WARRANT

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Article 5 would accept the cost items in the two-year collective bargaining agreement between the selectmen and Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing certain Police Department employees. This would also raise and appropriate \$50,749 in wages and benefits for the current fiscal year.

Article 6 would put \$36,000 for the third and last phase of the police department's radio system upgrades, which would all come from surplus fund balance.

Under Article 7, \$205,919 would go to the final lease purchase payment for Fire Engine 3 and would come from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The fire department would get a command vehicle for \$60,000 under Article 8 with \$12,600 being raised and appropriated for the first year's

payment.

Articles 5 and 6 are for Public Works equipment. Article 5 would enter into a lease purchase agreement for a trailer mounted jet-vac cleaner for \$170,000 and put \$34,000 to make the equipment operational and as the first year's payment.

Article 6 is would purchase and install a vehicle scale at the Solid Waste Center for \$85,000 with money coming entirely from the surplus fund balance.

Articles 12-21 and 23-24 would put money into a number of different capital reserve funds: \$2,900 for the Police Dog and Training Fund in Article 12; \$10,000 each for the Sidewalk fund (Article 13); the Glendale Boat and Launch Ramp Facilities fund (19); and the Sewer Maintenance fund (24); \$10,293 for the Technology fund (14); \$25,000 each in the Building Repair

fund (15) and Fire Water Supply Maintenance fund (17); \$50,000 into the Public Works Building fund (16); \$20,000 into the Recreation Facilities Maintenance fund (18); \$100,000 each for the Fire Equipment fund (20) and the Bridge Replacement fund (21); and \$58,000 for the Lakes Business Park fund (23).

Article 22 proposes to change the name of the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to the Bridge Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. This would require a two-thirds majority vote.

Articles 25-28 are petition articles that would give money to different community agencies: \$10,000 for the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program in Article 25, \$2,660 toward New Beginnings without Violence and Abuse in Article 26, \$21,000 for the Lakes Region Mental Health Center in Article 27, and \$23,500 for Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice in Article 28.

Article 29 would authorize the selectmen and Conservation Commission to convey part of a land parcel on 48 Hedgewood Circle to Christopher Harris through a boundary line adjustment.

Article 30 is a petition article urging the state's General Court to redistrict communities "in a fair and transparent way" that accounts for fair representation and not political party and allow every municipality to have a representative that represents the interests of that community.

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WAKEFIELD SCHOOL WARRANT – 2021 STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Wakefield, New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs: You are hereby notified of the following annual School District meeting schedule.

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gymnasium of the Wakefield Paul Elementary School, 60 Taylor Way, Sanbornville, New Hampshire in said District on Saturday, the 30th day of January 2021 at 9:00 AM or directly following the first session of the Annual Town Meeting beginning at 9:00 AM. If necessary, the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting may continue or be postponed to Saturday, February 6, 2021, same time, and place. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbered 2 through 17. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) collective bargaining warrant articles cannot be amended, (c) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (d) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall Opera House, Wakefield, New Hampshire in said District on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour to vote by official ballot on warrant articles numbered 1 through 17.

Article 1: Election of Officers (voting by official ballot March 9, 2021)

To choose the following school district officers:

- (1) Moderator 1 Year Term
- (1) School District Clerk 1 Year Term
- (1) School District Treasurer 1 Year Term
- (2) School Board Members 3 Year Term

Article 2: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Wakefield School Board and the Wakefield Education Association - Teachers, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits and a decrease in health insurance premium at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year?

Estimated Increase	Less:
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Year	Salary	FICA + Retirement	Co-Curricular	Health Premium Savings	Estimated Increase
2021 - 2022	\$94,222	\$18,732	\$1,850	-\$75,007	\$39,796

"And further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$39,796) for the upcoming fiscal year, 2021-2022, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits and a decrease in health insurance premium over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal school year?" (Majority vote required.)
Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 3: Shall the Wakefield School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 costs only? (Majority vote required.)

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 4: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling eleven million, two hundred eighty two thousand, five hundred and sixty-nine dollars (\$11,282,569). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eleven million, two hundred forty thousand, seven hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$11,240,736), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Wakefield School District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

NOTE: Warrant Article 4 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. The total operating budget will be offset by estimated federal grant revenues of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and an estimated two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in local, state, and federal child nutrition revenue, leaving a net budget of ten million, seven hundred thirty two thousand, five hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$10,732,569). The amount of \$550,000 will not be raised by taxes. (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact Proposed: (\$0.02) Default: (\$0.05)

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 - 0).

Article 5: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Educationally Disabled Children Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2010? (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 - 1).

Article 6: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of a Wakefield School District Lighting system upgrade? (Majority vote required) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 7: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Wakefield School Transportation Expendable Trust Fund established in 2000 for the purpose of obtaining vehicles and funding major repairs of vehicles needed for student transportation? (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 8: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the Gym Floor Expendable Trust Fund established in 2019 for the purpose of repairing, replacing, and maintaining the gym floor? (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 9: "Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Wakefield School District Technology Trust Fund established in 2009 for the purpose of purchasing, replacing, and upgrading computers and related educational media technology in the Wakefield school district?" (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.07

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 10: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), to be placed in the Replacing Boilers Expendable Trust Fund established in 2010 for the purpose of replacing boilers? (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 11: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to be placed the Parking Lot and Sidewalk maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 2020 for the purpose of parking lot and sidewalk repairs, and corrective maintenance of the pavement? (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.02

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 12: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), to be placed the Updating and Improving Security Expendable Trust Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of updating and improving security? (Majority vote required.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 13: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to establish a Building Renovation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, for the purpose of building repairs, and renovations, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), to be placed in the fund and further designate the school board as agents to expend from the fund? (Majority vote require.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.02

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 - 0).

Article 14: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to discontinue the expendable trust fund for the purpose of replacing, repairing, maintaining, and installing windows at Paul School created in 2019, said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately eighteen thousand, seven hundred sixty-five dollars, \$18,765) are to be transferred to the school district's general fund and used to offset next year's tax rate? (Majority vote require.) Estimated Tax Impact: (\$0.02)

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 15: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to discontinue the expendable trust fund for the purpose of building repair, maintenance and equipment at the SAU Office created in 2017, said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately twenty one thousand, five hundred ten dollars, \$21,510) are to be transferred to the school district's general fund and used to offset next year's tax rate? (Majority vote require.) Estimated Tax Impact: (\$0.02)

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 16: Shall the Wakefield School District vote to discontinue the expendable trust fund for the purpose asbestos abatement and room renovation created in 2012, said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately nine hundred forty-three dollars, \$943) are to be transferred to the school district's general fund and used to offset next year's tax rate? (Majority vote require.) Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10 - 0).

Article 17: Shall the Wakefield School Board enter into a cooperative effort with the Sanbornville Water Precinct and negotiate terms and conditions to transfer up to 15 acres of school property on Rines Road (Tax Map 197, Lot 68) for the purpose of enhancing the Sanbornville Water Precincts capability to serve our Town and the Wakefield School District? (Majority vote required.)

The School Board recommends this appropriation (4 - 0).
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9 - 0).

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Aiden Bondaz skis for Gilford during his team's race in Sandwich last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Mitchell Townsend was second for the Gilford skiers in last week's meet in Sandwich.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sydney Eastman races during action in Sandwich last Tuesday afternoon.

the third scorer with a time of 15:00 for 11th place. Maddie Burlock rounded out the scoring for the Golden Eagle girls with a time of 15:08 for 13th place. Gilford is scheduled to be hosting a meet on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Gunstock at 2:30 p.m. Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

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