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Barnstead voters approve land purchase agreement, defeat revised noise ordinance

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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BARNSTEAD — Voters approved authorizing the purchase of school district property for future use and defeated a proposed noise ordinance among many other articles at town meeting.

Over 100 voters came to town meeting at Barnstead Elementary School on March 13.

Voters narrowly passed an article to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the school board to purchase a piece of property on Hannah Nutter Road owned by the school district. The school district has articles on its warrant for next week's annual meeting to authorize the sale to the town for a price no less than \$318,000.



Barnstead voters hold up their cards during town meeting.

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After questions from voters, Selectman Diane Beijer said the town is considering that land for the highway department, namely for gravel. She said the town is already spending \$145,000 a year for gravel and sand costs while the land the current highway facilities sit on is maxed out.

Several residents expressed concern with how that land is on an aquifer and how a new highway building on there could have significant environmental impacts.

Abutter Brett Tiede said the land has a high water content and any building has a possibility of sliding down the hill.

"I'm just warning the
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New Durham voters pass all articles

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NEW DURHAM — Voters passed all warrant articles including proposed zoning amendments and revisions to several capital reserve and expendable trust funds.

New Durham voters decided 36 different warrant articles during town meeting voting on Tuesday.

All zoning articles passed.

Article 2 cleaned up some language regarding accessory dwelling units. Accessory dwelling units were allowed in all zones except for the Shoreland Conservation District. In the Shoreland Conservation District, accessory dwelling units were subject to different regulations listed in the article. The article passed 159 in favor to 88 opposed.

Article 3 was deleted the sections for the Water Conservation Overlay District and the Water Quality Protection Overlay District and adopted a new Water Quality Overlay district to streamline the requirements. The article passed 186-91.

Article 4 Amended the zoning ordinance to include soil types as the previous soil type table had become obsolete. The article passed 208-71.

Article 5 was a petition zoning amendment repealed the section on special exceptions and includes other requirements for special exceptions listed in the article. The article passed 184-89.

The town's operating budget of \$3,821,901 in Article 6 narrowly passed in a vote of 161 in favor and 120 against.

Voters approved Article 7, which raised \$400,000 for the road program with \$101,412 coming from Highway Block Grants, \$131,000 from the unassigned fund balance, and the rest from taxation. The article passed 214-68.

Article 8 to discontinue the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund passed 185-100. The remaining \$71,510 would be transferred to the general fund.

The passage of Article 9 discontinued the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with \$105,306 going to the general fund in a vote of 179-104.

Article 10 established the Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund with an initial deposit of \$286,816 (\$110,000 from taxation and \$178,816 from the unassigned fund balance). The article was contingent on the passage of Articles 8 and 9 and passed in a vote of 176-107.

If Articles 8, 9, and 10 failed, Articles 11 and 12 would put money into the funds that weren't dissolved in the previous articles. Article 11 would appropriate \$50,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. This article passed 187-96. Article 12 (which passed 171-109) would put \$60,000 into the Solid Waste
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Snow delays elections for some towns

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REGION — Voters in Barnstead and New Durham cast their votes for town and school offices, though Gilford and Alton postponed their voting due to a snowstorm.

Voters took to the polls for town and school elections and decide on warrant articles in SB2 communities.

A snowstorm on March 14 resulted in both Gilford and Alton postponing their town elections until March 28. Barnstead and New Durham held their elections that day.

In Barnstead, one member of the board of

selectmen was reelected and one other candidate beat out an incumbent. Gary Madden was reelected to another three-year term with 210 votes and will be joined on the board by Priscilla Tiede, who received 192 votes. Incumbent Richard Therrien received 158 votes.

The rest of Barnstead's offices were uncontested.

Timothy Eade and Erin Stone were both elected to three-year terms on the Planning Board with 224 votes and 216 votes respectively. Voters cast 78 write-in votes for Jess Vaillancourt.

Alan Glassman and

Andrew Sylvester will return to the Budget Committee, Glassman receiving 255 votes and Sylvester receiving 242.

George Drew will serve a new three-year term as road agent with 299 votes.

Hilary Henry was reelected as treasurer with 270 votes.

Ann Cwik will serve another three-year term as library trustee with 287 votes.

Karen Montgomery was reelected to the trustees of the trust funds with 283 votes.

Elaine Swinford will serve a new one-year term as overseer of public welfare after receiving 267 votes.

For Barnstead school officers, Brandy Pelletier and Lyla Adkins were reelected to the school board, Pelletier with 164 votes and Adkins with 153. Erin Emery received 123 votes and Kevin Genest received 97.

The other school offices were uncontested.

Timothy Eade will serve as school district clerk after receiving 263 votes.

Hilary Henry received 274 votes for a new term as school district treasurer.

John Savage received 53 write-in votes for school district moderator.

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GES breakfast celebrates maple season

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GILFORD — Members of the community experienced all things maple syrup at Gilford Elementary School's annual pancake breakfast, from the syrup itself made right at the school to student projects on maple syrup.

Hundreds of people visited GES on Saturday morning for the annual breakfast, celebrating the end of the school's maple syrup project.

All of the fourth graders were involved in the project and kindergartners and second graders also took part. Kids, with the help of educators and some special guests, tapped trees, collected syrup, and boiled it in the "Sweet" Sugar Shack. Each student also



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Gilford Elementary School opened its "Sweet" Sugar Shack to the public during the annual pancake breakfast

chose a different topic around maple syrup and worked in groups on different presentations.

On Saturday, children presented their projects to visitors at the breakfast. A line to

the cafeteria wrapped around the hallway for the free pancake breakfast.
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Alton Centennial Rotary Club President (left) Terrance Small introduced and thanked Future Business Leader of America (FBLA) Prospect Mountain High School student and FBLA Vice President, Katie Healy, for her slide show and talk about the organizations many goals and objectives. Rotary Club President Terrance Small (left) welcomed Guest Speaker Katie Healy and her FBLA student advisor and Prospect Mountain High School Gennifer Cove (right).

PMHS student Katie Healy speaks to Rotary about FBLA

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School student and Future Business Leaders of America (FLBA) Vice President Katie Healy, was Rotary's Guest Speaker at the Club's weekly dinner meeting last Thursday. Her slide show presentation focused on the goals and objectives of the FBLA, and how important and successful it is for a student's growth and development.

Miss Healy stated, "The Future Business Leaders of America inspires and prepares students to become community-minded leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. FLBA is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world, and each year it helps student network and prepare for careers in business, build their confidences, social skills, conduct meetings, public speaking, travel, fundraise, etc."

Accompanying Miss Healy was high school teacher and FBLA Student Advisor, Jennifer Cove. She spoke about how when Katie first joined the FBLA she was fearful of speaking in public. Today, she's very confident and an excellent speaker.

An example of how the FBLA is committed to public service is its volunteering to help the Alton Rotary Club's host its 17th Annual Home, Garden and Recreation Show, April 22, Prospect Mountain High School. FBLA students will help prepare and deliver food, set-up the show, and put their marketing skills to work for attracting businesses to be in the show. The FBLA will receive a financial donation from Rotary's Home Show net income.

Correction

BARNSTEAD — Due to a reporting error, the article on Barnstead's coming election in the March 9 edition of The Baysider listed some candidates and offices incorrectly.

Alan Glassman was not a candidate for Planning Board and the correct candidates for Planning Board were Erin Stone and Timothy Eade. Alan Glassman and Andrew Sylvester were also candidates for the Budget Committee and not the Zoning Board.

The Baysider deeply regrets any confusion that may have resulted from these unintentional errors.

Gilmanton couple sees conservation vision completed



GILMANTON — In 2006, Charlie and Nanci Mitchell permanently protected 664 acres in the Belknap Mountain Range by placing two conservation easements on their land in Gilmanton and Gilford. The couple donated one easement on a 304-acre portion of Swett Mountain Forest, where they lived, to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and the Forest Society was able to purchase a conservation easement on the Mitchells' 360-acre Durrell Farm tract, thanks to a generous bargain sale. Now, 15 years later, the couple has donated a conservation easement on the last 40 acres in their ownership to the Forest Society.

"We think of the approximately 40-acre addition to the 664 acres we conserved in 2006 as a vision completed," said Charlie and Nanci Mitchell. "We have always wanted to conserve all our land in Gilman-

ton and now we have realized that dream. This land was special to us from the moment we acquired it. The land is especially valuable to larger mammals who live there, the numerous songbirds, as well as whip-poor-will and woodcock. There are two perennial streams and many intermittent ones that contribute to water quality in Manning Lake, Crystal Lake, the Suncook River, and ultimately the Merrimack. It is a good feeling to know that people can continue to enjoy in perpetuity the views from the ledges and peaks and the sense of peace found in the mountains."

The Mitchells first bought the Swett Mountain Forest 32 years ago when they lived in Hollis. The couple moved to Gilmanton, where they built a log cabin on the south side of Swett Mountain. Motivated by strong conservation values, the Mitchells used retirement savings to purchase the neighboring Durrell Farm in 2006.

The Mitchells' property is a highly visible section of the Belknap Mountain Range. Protection of the Durrell

Farm tract, which contains portions of two hiking trails linked to an extensive network traversing the entire range and panoramic views from open ledges on Piper Mountain, includes guaranteed pedestrian recreation access for the public.

"We have reached an age where we can no longer care for our land the way we would like to, and shortly after this last 40-acre easement addition was completed we sold our property," the Mitchells added. "Selling our home and land was difficult, but knowing that it was conserved 'forever' made it easier. Our dream from the start was to protect this land and now that is complete."

"Charlie and Nanci are conservationists to the core," states Jack Savage, president of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. "They purchased this land, built a life upon it, and found a way to conserve it for generations to come. We thank them for their vision, for their generosity, and for conserving such an important part of the Belknap Mountain Range."

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Gilford Community Church's annual summer Mission Trip to take youth to Tennessee



GILFORD — Every summer, youth from Gilford Community Church (GCC) participate in a Summer Mission Trip, an annual one-week excursion “to make a difference in struggling communities.”

“This is a chance for young people to learn more about the world and themselves,” remarked Pastor Michael Graham.

Last year, GCC youth traveled to Pennsylvania to assist families with

repairs to their homes among other related tasks. Highlights of the work performed by the youth (and two adult chaperones) included helping a thrift store organize donations, painting, landscaping, building steps, and basic home repairs.

This summer, July 1 - July 9, the destination is Copperhill, Tennessee.

AJ Coppola, who also serves as GCC Choir Director, is one of three

adult chaperones who will join the youth. Noting he grew up in the church, he said this is his first time going on a Summer Mission Trip as either a participant or chaperone.

“There wasn’t as robust a youth program when I was a kid, so I never got to go on a mission trip with GCC,” he said. “I’ve always loved the videos that they share about their amazing work, so I am very excit-

ed this year to join in on the fun...I can’t wait.”

GCC’s annual Summer Mission Trips also provide opportunities for participants to mingle with youth from other churches.

“It’s a great opportunity for our kids to learn what might make others different from them, but also similar in many ways, too,” said Graham. “This is a service trip for youth with many different kinds of life lessons.”

According to Judy Cook, who has chaperoned 10 previous Summer Mission Trips, these excursions “put things into perspective” for

youth, as she described them as “an experience like no other.”

“I’ve seen how it can change people,” she said. “I believe it makes our youth, or any person, a better human being. It’s the work, it’s the trip, it’s the bonding with folks you know and folks you don’t know.”

Coppola said he looks forward to the experience, noting he believes it will be beneficial to [his] soul.”

“I’m also excited to get to know more about the amazing youth in our church community,” he added.

GCC annual Sum-

mer Mission Trips are available to youth in the community in addition to those who attend GCC services. Interested youth (or parents) may fill out an inquiry form at gilfordcommunitychurch.org for more information.

Located in Gilford, GCC is an inclusive, open community with a broadly ecumenical spirit that welcomes people from all denominational and cultural backgrounds. To learn more about GCC, its community-based programs, or virtually attend services, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.



FREE CHILDHOOD SCREENING

The Littleton School District (SAU 84), is excited to announce a **FREE** childhood screening on Friday, May 12th for children between the ages of birth and 5 years of age residing in Littleton, NH.

This free screening will be held at Lakeway Elementary School.

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The Littleton School District hopes that, through this screening, children in need of any type of early childhood educational services can be identified and receive the support they need.

Appointments will be taken starting **Monday, April 17th through Friday, April 28th**. You can call Lakeway Elementary School at (603) 444-2831 between the hours of 7:30 am - 3:00 pm and schedule an appointment with the Mildred C. Lakeway Office Staff.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mah Jongg for Beginners • Creative Writing: Inside There are Secrets & Surprises • Eggshell Mosaic Art • Tying Crucial Knots • Introduction to Fly Tying • How to Play Guitar, Mandolin, or Violin • Financial Plan Workshop • Introducing "Seriously Social" Bridge • How Democracies Die • Navigating the Grocery Store Aisles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult & Junior Golf Lessons • Early Bird Yoga • Meditation • Balance, Stability, and Strengthening • Barre Fusion • Introduction to Tai Chi • Beginner Yoga • Chair Exercise • Heated 80° Yoga • Functional Breathwork Workshop
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Opinion

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Here comes the sun, and I say it's all right

After a long (and, we think, mild) winter, warmer, longer days are finally here. As the official first day of spring arrived on March 20, we're noticing people have more of a pep in their step. A refreshing sight! While each season has its own perks, there is something about spring that seems to surprise us each year. We re-acquaint ourselves with our yards as they slowly reveal themselves as the snowbanks melt away. Muddy grass has never been a kinder sight. Over the past few weeks, the common chatter has been about baseball, track, softball, springtime fitness goals, gardening, hiking, you know the usual. This week we reminisced about old April Fool's Day pranks in the office. Tacks on seats, the soda bottle filled with water sitting on top of a door waiting to be opened in order to drench an unsuspecting individual, saran wrapped cars, fake lottery winnings, fake wedding proposals and lost wedding rings to name a few. Stunts to make Larry, Moe, and Curly proud. With spring, of course, comes spring fever. In modern times, this is a semi-positive term, however back in colonial times, 'spring fever' referred to the poor quality of health everyone was in, after sustaining a winter without fresh vegetables and proper diet. Today's 'spring fever' will have children restless, new romances transpire and people attacking their homes with dust cloths and Windex. Experts say the changes that a person goes through during the springtime are due to hormonal changes in the body. During the winter months, the body secretes a large amount of melatonin, (the sleep hormone). The presence of more sunlight in spring sends the body a message to stop producing as much melatonin. This causes folks to be more awake. Add this to the uptick in your serotonin levels due to the sunlight and you will not only be awake but enthusiastic. Interesting to note is that during the springtime the body becomes more susceptible to illnesses. Way back when, scurvy outbreaks always occurred during this time of year as did rubella and measles. Doctors note that in spring, gout, a condition that affects joints, peaks in individuals. Because there are more allergens in the air, you will see more cases of rosacea and other skin irritations on the rise. During our research, we did notice that the mud wreaked havoc on our ancestors more than we've ever given a second thought. An excerpt from a 1929 newspaper based in northern New England read, "Easter Sunday was the one best weather offering of the week, although the season is much further advanced than last year. There is very little snow anywhere. There is an abundance of mud on the gravel or dirt highways. It is an unmentionable condition. Teams of horses have been on duty at Riverton to aid helpless motorists." We just love the fact that horses had to come to the rescue of motorists who could not make it through 'unmentionable conditions.' We encourage everyone to spend as much time outdoors this spring. Get back to basics, back to nature, keep things simple and pick up an old hobby you have abandoned but have been meaning to reconnect with, life is meant to be fun.

"Good Grace" currently on display at Meredith Village Savings Bank in Wolfeboro

Hope Drenning is a storyteller, and her greatest goal is that her work would be as accessible and rich as music. The way a song, without understanding the mechanics or history, can touch your soul. Drenning, as a member of the Governor Wentworth Arts Council, is currently showing at Meredith Village Savings Bank in Wolfeboro. Her show, entitled "Good Grace - Works on Paper" is a collection of drawings that oscillates between the different definitions of grace.

In meditating on grace through its noun rendition, Drenning has found elegant irises. In the context of grace acting as a refined movement, she has drawn open, humble hands and flowing water. Or finally grace as a short prayer concluded before a meal with friends.

"Good Grace" is currently on display until March 25, and can be viewed by stopping by Meredith Village Savings Bank during regular business hours. You can learn more about Governor Wentworth Arts Council's support of the arts in the eastern Lakes Region, including upcoming shows & exhibits, at governorwentworthartscouncil.org.

COURTESY



Letters to the Editor

I will never forget who I represent

To the Editor:

My name is Jason English, and I am running for school board in Alton. I first summoned my courage to speak in the public when I opposed many of the COVID-19 policies forced on our children and their families. We had surveys, to the tune of 75 percent, that resulted in parents and teachers overwhelmingly not supportive of mask mandates as a requirement to enter ACS.

As taxpayers, our children are entitled to the education we pay for. I tried advocating with the board on behalf of the community regarding all the mental damage we were causing the kids. Today, evidence overwhelmingly supported my fears. Self-harm, suicide attempts, depression and anxiety are nearing all-time highs. Conveniently, two weeks before last year's election, all COVID policies went away.

While that was then, we have new challenges ahead of us. Before our schools shut down, our school board passed a transgender policy with language instructing school staff to not communicate to the parents of a child that decides to change name and/or gender. Boys and girls are allowed to have free range on sharing bathrooms. Recently passed procedure the board decided to strike down defining terms of transgenderism according to the American Psychiatric Association. According to watch dog group parentsdefendingeducation.org only 21 out of the 456 schools in New Hampshire have policies prohibiting communication from the school staff to the parents!

What do I support? Parents' right to know- parents are the center of every child and anything regarding our children's welfare deserves the parent's knowledge.

Athletic program improvements- Improving incentives to attract coaches.

Open enrollment- With a declining youth population problem in our town I believe open enrollment at PMHS offers the town of Alton an amazing opportunity. I believe its innovative, bold and a great business plan. Monitoring the funds in order to ensure that it goes back to the taxpayers is a must. I would pledge on monitoring funds to ensure you that it's coming back to the town to help reduce your taxes.

Low taxes- I do not believe in raising any spending that would result in any tax increases. This is too much of a burden on low income and fixed income households and isn't responsible when cost of living is at 40 year highs. Open enrollment could also contribute to stabilizing our tax rate when those extra funds go back to you, the taxpayer.

Transparency- I support making one of the two public inputs into a regulated Q/A format. Too many times have I been to a school board meeting where parents are asking for answers. Depending on the parent the school board may consider answering your question but if they don't agree with your point of view you get stone walled. If you don't know the answer that's OK, but let's engage with your citizens.

I am planning on a meet and greet at the Gilman library in downtown Alton on Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. I would love to meet you and hopefully earn your vote! I will never just be a yes vote. I will always remember who I represent. Our children and you, the taxpayers.

Thank you for your time,
Jason English
Alton

It takes a town...

To the Editor:

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all the poll workers and staff who came out to support the New Durham Town Election on March 14. Due to logistics issues, postponing the election would have been untenable, and creative thinking and teamwork let us proceed. It was a long day, but

everyone was in great spirits and took great care to pay attention to the details for accuracy as well as help any voters with questions or issues. Even with our pared-down staffing, we finalized the counting in an impressively short time. Considering the number of extra absentee ballots submitted at the Town Hall the day prior to the Election,

the results were posted very promptly. This is one you can put in your memoirs: "I survived the Nor'easter Election of 2023!"

Moreover, a shout-out to all those voters who took the time to review the large slate of complicated Warrant Articles this year and the wide range of candidates vying for each Town position. You then showed up in numbers even with the extreme weather.

There was also an incredible effort by everyone in town and every Town Department: the Police with security, transportation, and any other requests we had; the Road Crew for

their help setting up while dealing with the extreme weather; the New Durham School and their personnel in keeping the facility both inside and out accessible to us and the public; the New Durham General Store for keeping us going with pizza and coffee, and food from others as well. I'm sorry if I have forgotten anyone, but you were appreciated! Providing as safe a voting experience as possible was very important.

Enjoy the sunshine after the storm, and again, thanks to everyone!

Linda Callaway
Town Moderator
New Durham

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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Blessings

This could be it. Everything around me is breaking. The toaster even died! A couple of years ago when I had COVID, my old tablet fell off the bed and cracked the screen. My new tablet has been wonderful until a couple weeks ago, the headphone output that I use to play music and streaming things through my stereo stopped working. Then last week, my little plug-in micro mouse dongle doesn't make good connections with the only USB connector, or my splitter extensions. I even tried de-oxing it. No good.

I really like mouses. They do what you direct them to do. All these touchy things always seem to do what you don't want them to do. It drives me crazy.

I'm now working at getting used to using my touch pad until I can get my mouse working again.

Yesterday, when I went to blow the snow from the road, my tractor wouldn't start. When it's nineteen degrees and snowing, it's not my idea of a swell time to troubleshoot a machine. Luckily there wasn't so much snow that I just drove in and out my driveway around twenty times and it was pretty flattened down. Then I scooped out the rest of the parking area and paths around the house.

At that point my little pedometer read one point six miles, I was pretty spent, but decided not to let my tiredness rule and threw on my better than I should have skis for a few rounds on

my trails out back. It wasn't long before I was doubly tired and trudged home only to remember that I was going to route my path out to the mail box, so off I went for another small jaunt to pick up the mail.

It was just about three in the afternoon when I got up to my bedroom and looked at my pedometer again. Two point nine. It felt like I had walked a heck of a lot more than that.

Wanting to just hop on top of my bed for a quick nap, I had a bright inspiration. Wouldn't it be nice to relax and have a sauna tonight. I was soon lighting the stove out in the shack and getting it to roar. After two more loads of wood, it would be ready.

While getting the fire going, the cat has

been taking advantage of me being sedentary for a time and jumps into my lap for some extended petting. After I leave, she stays on the seat and enjoys to heat coming from the stove.

After supper it came time to shut down the stove and get ready. It being a weeknight, I didn't send out my usual invitext. Since it was still snowing and such, I didn't expect anyone would care to venture out from their secure shelters. When I took off my work pants, I looked one more time at the pedometer, it read three point nine.

Inside, the sauna was a comfortable hundred and seventy. Outside it was sixteen. The cat laid smiling on the stool. When it came to cool off time, I went

outside to sit on the bench as this ultra tiny sleet was coming down. The cat soon ran out and raced up to the house and started calling to me through the slider. I wasn't in there. She soon realized where I was and came down and joined me on the bench.

Such a nice way to end the day. I was still physically tired this morning when I got the call to come sub. I accepted and directed my steps toward getting there on time. When I was almost at the school, my battery light came on and I lost my power steering. I quickly parked and cracked the hood. I could pick up a new belt at the auto parts store on my way home. Opening the hood I was surprised to find all my belts were fine.

Upon further inspection, the pulley at the end of the crank shaft was kind of just hanging there loose. It looks like that big, long bolt must have come loose and fallen out. But where?

This 20 year old car is beginning to show signs of its age. I was elated to learn that I would no longer need to get my check engine codes read when I next get it inspected. There are still thirty thousand miles left till it's replace the timing belt time. I'm now wondering if it will even make it that far.

There's still only one thing to say. Thank you, Lord, for all my blessings.

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NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

Seeing clearly now

BY VIVIAN LEE DION
Contributing Writer

I knew I was in trouble when I couldn't read the word "Forever" on my postage stamps. Don't you love to buy several sheets of postage stamps ahead of time before postage rates go up especially when the stamps are marked "Forever?" But the "Forever" episode wasn't the only misreading that happened. The next time it happened was at the grocery store. I've been very careful buying meats and poultry because of the skyrocketing prices. I selected and made sure it was the right cut of meat for the price. I checked the item thoroughly for the weight and description of the product and this is where I read the label incorrectly. I thought

the package was labeled "homeless" instead of "boneless." With all the news lately about homeless people living in tents in Manchester and on the West Coast I think my brain was focused on that terrible situation as I read the label. I felt embarrassed and quickly blinked my eyes as I realized that the labeling was for a "boneless" cut of meat.

I saw my optometrist over a year ago and now I needed to find out what's going on with my vision. At his office I went through various stages of the examination. One stage was looking at two barns side by side (one red and one green) on a computer screen. The assistant asked me which barn was clearer and I selected the red one. Then there was a pressure check of my

eyes and I passed that test with flying colors. It was time for the optometrist to ask questions and have me look at the eye chart. He kept saying, "Is this one clearer or is this one better?" There were lots of changes to various eye charts and I thought, "Oh boy I'm in trouble now." According to the NIA (National Institute on Aging), "Many people don't notice any signs or symptoms in the early stages of eye disease. A dilated eye exam performed by an eye care professional is the only way to find some common eye diseases while they're easier to treat—and before they cause vision loss. Everyone over age 50 should have a dilated eye exam every year or as recommended by your eye care professional, even if you have good vision

and don't wear contacts or glasses. After age 60, you should get a dilated eye exam every year or two. Most people with diabetes or high blood pressure need to get a dilated exam at least once a year."

In the final analysis, macular degeneration was not detected or any serious eye problems such as cataracts or constricted blood flow in my eyes. However, I do have astigmatism and NIA explains, "It is caused by a cornea or

lens that has a different shape than normal. With astigmatism light rays do not refract (or bend) properly as they enter the front of the eye. It is a myth that reading in low light or sitting very close to the television causes astigmatism or makes it worse."

I have my new tri-focal glasses and couldn't be happier. Reading a book is a joy as I stay alert and can read for a longer periods of time. The same holds true when I'm typing or

reading information on the computer. When I read labels and smaller printed items they look accurate and I'm appreciative. Those "forever" postage stamps sure look great because I can see clearly now.

"The eye is the jewel of the body." – Henry David Thoreau

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Partnership for Public Health invites community to 2023 Annual Meeting

LACONIA — The Partnership for Public Health is pleased to announce its 2023 Annual Meeting, which will take place on Thursday, April 6 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Huot Technical Center in Laconia. The event offers an excellent opportunity for community members and partners to learn about PPH and its work, including the latest public health initiatives in the region, as well as network with other local individuals. Registration is free and is now open on their Web site.

The theme of the meeting will focus on Public Health and the Housing Continuum, building upon the well-attended forums held this past fall, as well as other public health initiatives in the Lakes Region, including substance use disorder prevention and mental health. Dr. Daisy Pierce, Executive Director from Navigating Recovery of the Lakes Region will be the keynote speaker of the afternoon, followed by a panel discussion of local public health professionals.

The meeting is free and open to the public. To register, please visit pphnh.org or call 603-528-2145.

The Partnership would like to extend its thanks to its Partner Sponsors, The Bank of New Hampshire and the Franklin Savings Bank, for their support. Other sponsorship and donation opportunities are available. Please contact PPH to inquire.

PPH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of individuals and communities in the Lakes Region. Its mission is to work collaboratively with partners to develop and implement effective public health strategies that promote healthy living and prevent disease.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Time for financial 'spring cleaning'

Now that we've put winter behind us — at least on the calendar — it's time for us to think about sprucing up our homes, inside and out. But it also may be time to do some financial spring cleaning.

Some of the same ideas involved in tidying up your home can also be used to help put your financial house in order. Here are a few suggestions:

- Dust off your investment strategy. As you look around your home, you might find that many items — tables, desks, bookshelves, and computer and television screens — could benefit from a good dusting. And, once you've accomplished this, you'll get a clearer view of all these objects. Similarly, your investment strategy needs to be "dusted off" every so often, so you can see if it's still working to help you move toward your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Over time, your personal circumstances and risk tolerance can change, and these changes may lead you to reexamine your future financial and investment decisions.
- De-clutter your portfolio. If you took a survey of your home, would you find duplicates or even triplicates of some things — brooms, vacuum cleaners, toasters, and so on? If so, it may be time to do some de-cluttering. And the same could be true of your portfolio — you might have several identical, or substantially identical, investments taking up space. If so, you might want to replace these redundancies with investments that can improve your diversification. While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it may help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings.
- Get organized. If your closets are overstuffed, with clothes and miscellaneous items crammed on shelves and the floor, you may well have trouble finding what you're looking for — but with a little straightening up, your searches will become much easier. And when you're trying to locate financial documents, such as investment statements or insurance policies, you'll also benefit from having everything organized in one central location. Even if you get most of these documents online, you can save what you need and keep them in a file on your desktop, laptop or tablet. (And it's also a good idea to tell your spouse, adult child or another close relative how these documents can be accessed, just in case something happens to you.)
- Protect yourself from dangers. If you look around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some ob-

jects — such as gardening tools, paint thinners, engine fluids and leaning ladders — that could be dangerous if they aren't stored properly. As part of your spring cleaning, you'll want to remove these hazards to safeguard yourself and your family. But have you addressed the various financial risks that could threaten your loved ones? For example, if something were to happen to you, could your family members maintain their lifestyle? Could your children still go to college? To guard against this risk, you may want to discuss protection strategies with a financial professional.

Spring cleaning can pay off — in a cleaner, safer home environment and in helping ensure your financial strategy continues to work hard for you.



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Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction awards \$525,000 to 60 nonprofits

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA) last week distributed \$525,000 in grants to 60 area nonprofit organizations at a luncheon event at the Huot Career and Technical Center that also included a workshop on digital marketing.

The 60 nonprofit leaders gathered their checks during the meet-and-greet event that also offered lunch prepared by students at the center and the half-hour marketing presentation.

Corina Locke, the creative director of Snap-Root Creative Digital Marketing, an agency that collaborates with the Auction, offered the talk on how nonprofits can use an online software graphics program called Canva to enhance the posting they are doing on social platforms like Facebook.

"We were glad to see everyone enjoying their meal and feeling grateful not only for their grant but for the chance to network with other nonprofit leaders and to learn from Corina," said Jaimie Sousa, Chair of the Auction board. "It was a great opportunity to get everyone together."

Grants will be used



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Nonprofit attendees pose for photos with Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction board members.

by the local nonprofit organizations to fund wide-ranging programs that support local children and families in need. These programs address needs that are vital to the well-being of children in our communities, including food and housing insecurity and related emergency assistance; afterschool programs, recreation, education and the arts; childcare and related family resources; and healthcare, including

victim outreach and support and preventative health and wellness training.

The Auction had \$686,398 in requests in 2022 from 65 nonprofits and awarded \$525,000 to 60 agencies. For specific distribution information, visit <https://www.childrensauction.com/whereourmoneygoes>.

Sousa is pleased with the 2022 Auction results, and commented "In 2020

and 2021, while still impressive, our fundraising was impacted by the financial pressures of the pandemic. I am beyond thrilled to see the Auction emerging stronger than ever with a new fundraising record set in 2022," she said. "These funds are significantly improving the lives of local children by ensuring their basic needs are met, and they have opportunities to thrive. There are so many people from the Lakes Re-

gion and beyond that made this possible, and we cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions."

Sousa also thanked the Auction's board's Distribution Committee, which reviews all the grant applications and makes recommendations on funding.

"We are so lucky to have a group of truly dedicated community volunteers who carefully review every application to ensure that we are best meeting the requirements and wishes of the children in need in our local communities," said Cindy Hemen-Plessner, chair of the Distribution Committee. "Because of the committees' strength with problem solving, analysis, empathy and community awareness, we are able to ensure all who donate, bid and volunteer that the funding is being spent wisely."

The next round of grant applications will be due by Oct. 15.

For more information about the GLRCA application and funding process, visit www.childrensauction.com/applyforfunding.

In the past 41 years, the Auction has distributed \$8 million to nonprofit organizations in the community.

Learn more about the Auction at www.childrensauction.org, or follow the Children's Auction on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

Textile Arts at the Belknap Mill

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill is pleased to offer expanded textile education classes. Intermediate knitting classes will be Thursday mornings 9:30-11 a.m. starting March 23. Beginner Crochet classes will be held Wednesday evenings 6-7:30 p.m. starting April 5. All classes are held at the Belknap Mill. The cost is \$80 for a six-week session. Registration details can be found at www.belknapmill.org/textile.

Knitting is taught by Beth James. Her grand-



mother placed her first pair of knitting needles in her hands at age 8 and it was love at first stitch. Over the years, she has

expanded her love of fiber to include hand spinning yarns and dyeing her own textiles. Monday afternoons, she can

be found spinning wool or knitting at the Mill.

Crochet is taught by Kristen Morrill. She and her family recently moved to New Hampshire, and prior to Covid, she had never held a crochet hook. Morrill loves to share crocheting with others and looks forward to teaching at the Belknap Mill.

For information about textile arts or other events at the Mill, visit

www.belknapmill.org.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Adult Indoor Pickleball on Friday mornings Starting March 31 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 5-week co-ed pickleball program for adults ages 18 and up, to be held on Friday mornings from March 31 - April 28 at the Gilford Youth Center. Space is available in two sessions; Intermediate Level play from 9:45-11 a.m. and Advanced Level play from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Both sessions will have limited availability and registrations will be accepted on a first come basis. Equipment will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own paddle if they would prefer. The registration fee is \$25 for the full five-week session and pre-registration is required! For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Bunny Hop Story Walk for Gilford children planned for April 7 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, Gilford Public Library and Gilford Youth Center are co-sponsoring a combination Egg Hunt and Story Walk on Friday, April 7. This program will take place on the Nature Trail located behind the Gilford Elementary School with assigned groups beginning at 3:30 p.m. This program is open to all Gilford children through the 4th grade and participants must be accompanied by parent throughout the walk. All participants must pre-register no later than Tuesday, April 4th. Space is limited and participants will be assigned a specific time slot when they register. For more information or to register your child(ren), please call the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Tickets available for Red Sox bus trip on July 26 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to watch the Red Sox at Fenway Park this summer. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 to see the Red Sox play the Atlanta Braves. Travel to and from the game will be provided aboard a Premiere Coach Company, Luxury Coach fully equipped with climate control, DVD Video System and Lavatory. This trip is limited to 53 participants, so register early! Cost: \$90 per person For more information, please call the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Ernest Thompson to appear at Belknap Mill tonight

LACONIA — Ernest Thompson will be at the Belknap Mill this Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m. for a book discussion about his new book, Book of Maps. Innisfree Bookshop will have books available for purchase at the event!

The Book of Maps, with its powerful father-son relationship and one man's relentless albeit unintentional quest to evolve into the better angel we all aspire to be, will capture the imagination of readers and leave them wanting to relive this mad, irresistibly moving, ridiculously funny, reflective and inspiring cross-country odyssey again and again.

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Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events

March 23 - March 30

Thursday, March 23
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Spanish Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, March 24
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10-11:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, March 25
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 27
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-11 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Cursive Writing Prac-

3:30 p.m.
Join Miss Linda & Miss Jill in practicing cursive and learning the basics.

Tuesday, March 28
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Power of Nutrition, 10-10:30 a.m.

We all know that our nutrition is essential. Nutrition can be medicine and can help us to live longer and more vibrant lives. However, that doesn't mean it is easy to determine where to start/what to do. This informative class will focus on breaking down some important tools to add to your daily routine to optimize your nutrition. Presented by Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic.

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

Dungeons and Dragons Club, 3-4:30 p.m.

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29
Senior Stretch Yo-

gaaah!, 9-10 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class designed specifically for seniors! Lani Voivod, E-RYT 500 yoga teacher and professional muse, will guide you through a series of gentle stretches and poses that will help improve flexibility, balance, and overall mobility. Each class can be enjoyed from a chair or on a yoga mat, and will also include relaxation and breathing techniques to help reduce stress and promote a sense of calm and well-being. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, stay active, and take care of your body and mind in a safe, supportive environment. Whether you are new to yoga or an experienced practitioner, our "Senior Stretch Yogaah!" class is perfect for anyone looking to improve their physical and mental health.

Hand & Foot, 10 a.m.-noon

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

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.
Afterschool Teen Club, 3-4 p.m.

Science @ the Library: Animals Winter Survival, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Navigating Life's Final Journey, 4-5 p.m.

This will be a conversation about how to find one's way in what often is the medical maze of serious and terminal illness. Coming from more than 40 years as a nurse/nurse practitioner, I will attempt to shed light on the mystery which comes with illness and the final stages of life. This talk will be helpful to each and every person whether they wish their own journey illuminated in order to maintain control of their own life or that of someone they love. I will speak about conversations, choices and resources. This is a topic I am passionate about having seen so much suffering when people are in the dark!

Thursday, March 30
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Spanish Storytime,

10:30-11:30 a.m.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Brewing in NH: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State, 6-7 p.m.

Glenn Knoblock explores the fascinating history of New Hampshire's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days, when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. Unusual and rare photos and advertisements document this changing industry and the state's earliest brewers, including the renowned Frank

Jones. A number of lesser-known brewers and breweries that operated in the state are also discussed, including the only brewery owned and operated by a woman before the modern era. Illustrations present evidence of society's changing attitudes towards beer and alcohol consumption over the years. Whether you're a beer connoisseur or a "tea-totaler," this lecture will be enjoyed by adults of all ages. A NH Humanities Program.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Countdown" by James Patterson
2. "Walk the Blue Line" by James Patterson
3. "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus
4. "Storm Watch" by C.J. Box
5. "Unnatural History" by Jonathan Kellerman
6. "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks
7. "3 Days to Live" by James Patterson
8. "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict
9. "Earth's the Right Place for Love" by Elizabeth Berg
10. "Pineapple Street" by Jenny Jackson

ALTON POLICE LOG

The Alton Police Department responded to 136 calls for service during the week of March 5-11, including two arrests.

-1 Male Subject was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

-1 Subject was taken for Involuntary Emergency Admission.

There were 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

There were 6 Suspicious Person/Activity Reports on Jones Road,

School Street, New Durham Road, (2) Homestead Place and Mt. Major Highway.

Police made 38 Motor Vehicle Stops and handled 10 Motor Vehicle Complaint-Incidents.

There were 79 other calls that consisted of the following: 1 Fraudulent Action, 3 Fingerprinting, 7 Assist Other Agencies, 1 Pistol Permit Application, 5 Animal Complaints, 4 Juvenile Incidents, 2 Domestic Complaints, 9 General

Assistance, 3 Alarm Activations, 1 Case Work Follow Up, 1 Lost/Found Property, 4 Highway/Roadway Hazards, 1 Simple Assault, 2 General Information, 1 Untimely, 1 Trespass, 1 Sex Offender Registration, 2 Civil Matters, 1 Wellness Check, 1 Community Program, 1 Dispute, 10 Directed Patrols, 1 Motor Vehicle Lockout, 2 Medical Assists, 12 Property Checks and 2 Paperwork Services.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 13-19.

Ronald About, age 58, no known current address, was arrested on March 17 in connection with a warrant.

Anna K. Heine, age 41, and Wayne McMann, age 50, of Concord were arrested on March 17 in connection with warrants. A 26-year-old male from Concord was taken

into protective custody (drug related) during the same incident.

Aiden Michael Kimball, age 18, of Chatham, Mass. was arrested on March 17 for Possession of more than three quarters of an ounce of Marijuana, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and Speeding 16 to 20 mph Over a Posted Limit of 55 mph or Less.

Erica Joan Simpson, age 32, of Gilford was

arrested on March 17 for Aggravated DUI.

Allison Rose Moul, age 21, of Allenstown was arrested on March 18 for DUI-Impairment. A 27-year-old female from Franklin was taken into protective custody during the same incident.

Lucien Frederic Tarabelsi, age 46, of Gilford was arrested on March 18 for DUI-Impairment.

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Men's Basketball 18 years and over-Thursday nights

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Men's Basketball 18-plus pickup games at Alton Central School on Thursdays from 8-9:30 p.m. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Paint Night with Anne Morrell

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Pearson Road Community Center, 7 Pearson Rd., on Wednesday, April 12, 6-7:30 p.m. Let your creativity flow by painting a colorful lake scene at sunset. All supplies are included, \$15. View the painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name/contact information by April 7 to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109. Register early as space is limited.

Book BINGO

Alton Parks and Recreation and the Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Book BINGO on Thursday, April 20 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library- Agnes Thompson

Meeting Room. Play novelty BINGO games for fun and win a new to you book. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a gently used book if you'd like to share one in the pool of prizes. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Weight Training Classes- Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises and build strong muscles and bones. \$20 per month or \$5 drop in. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Yoga Flow to Yin Class

with Sheila Marston
Join a fun flow Yoga Class on Sundays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9-10 a.m. \$10 drop in fee. Yoga Flow to Yin is an all levels flow class incorporating strength, core and balance. Bring mat and water. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Yoga Sculpt Class with Sheila Marston

An energetic class that is a combination of vinyasa, strength training, cardio and core at the Alton Bay Community Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bring two sets of weights, water and a yoga mat.

Alton Flashlight Egg Hunt

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a nighttime Flashlight Egg Hunt for ages 14 and younger on Friday, April 7 at B&M Park on Depot Street. Glow with us as we search for hidden eggs and prizes in the park. Event includes: Egg Hunt, activities, Easter Bunny and

formation, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109, parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

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OBITUARY

Emma Louise Pijoan, 84



Wolfeboro, NH—Emma Louise (Elliott) Pijoan, lovingly referred to as “Miss Emmy,” passed away at her home in Wolfeboro, NH surrounded by family on Friday, March 10, 2023, at the age of 84. Emmy was born on May 15, 1938 to parents Nathan “Jack” Elliott and Ethel Grund Elliott of Fullerton, Maryland. Emmy graduated from Catonsville High School in Catonsville, Maryland in 1956. It was in the state of Maryland Emmy met her husband, Peter Pijoan, and they were married in Baltimore in 1959. Their marriage lasted 64 years. Emmy had a passion and special place in her heart for children. Her greatest work was being a Sunday School teacher, caregiver, and teacher’s aide. Emmy had three biological children, Michael Pijoan, Timothy Pijoan, and Lisa Pijoan Goodwin; she also adopted three children, James Anthony Pijoan, John Robbins, and Nicole Pijoan Morales. Her children and her grandchildren, Matthew Pijoan, Melissa Pijoan, Alex Pijoan, Brittany Aus-

tin, Haley Joy Goodwin, Nyre Warren, Antonio Morales, Kiara Morales, Fabian Morales and new great grandchild Juniper Austin were her pride and joy. Emmy also took in neighborhood children, several foreign exchange students and almost any soul who needed a mother’s touch, feeding them and caring for their needs. Emmy’s love also extended to animals and creatures of the Earth who needed a safe place to live. Emmy loved the Lord and everything He created, from every person, to every bumble bee, deer, rock, ladybug, tree, and flower. She loved nature and being in her garden almost as much as she loved going to church. Anyone who came across Emmy knew she was the most loving, tender, and kind soul. Always singing showtunes and dancing her way through the kitchen, her presence will be missed by all who knew her. A celebration of life will be held 9:00am on Saturday, May 13, at First Congregational Church of Ossipee, NH. It is requested attendees wear pinks, purples, greens, blues, or yellows, definitely not black, as black was Emmy’s least favorite color. In lieu of flowers, Emmy’s family is asking for donations to be made out to the Salvation Army in her memory.

If you wish to express a condolence or leave a fond memory please visit, www.lordfuneralhome.com.

April events at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. are dedicated to our Children’s Story Time. This is a great way to get out of the house, meet other people, and help your littles learn how to socialize and make stuff. You can expect: awesome stories, fun crafts, catchy tunes, and a general feeling of bonhomie. Plus, we have a dedicated area for the littles to play in afterwards.

Yoga Time at the Library. Plain and simple, doing yoga is good for you. It can reduce stress, increase physical strength, and help you sleep better. Take this opportunity to treat yourself to a little self care. On Mondays we have All-Levels at 10:15 a.m. and Seniors at noon. Tuesdays are reserved for Intermediate Yoga at 5:30 p.m. A \$10/class donation is suggested but not required.

Mead and Read Book Club (ages 18 and older) will be at Over the Moon Farmstead in Pittsfield Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. We will be discussing James Clear’s Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones (now that’s a mouthful). Our May book will be The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

Thursday, April 20, from 4-6 p.m., the library is the place to be for Tween DnD. What will the party do after their long rest? Who or what is waiting for them further below the mountain? For grades 6-8, and anyone can join at any point in the campaign. Light refreshments provided.

Teen DnD (grades 9-12) is still going strong, and Thursday, April 20, from 6-8 p.m. is your

time! The party has taken a tumble and they now find themselves in the Underdark. What lies in wait for our heroes? Flumphs and dinosaurs and glowing mushrooms, oh my! Anyone can join at any point in the campaign. Light refreshments provided.

The Gala Event of the Season is coming! After last year’s huge success, the PMHS National Art Honor Society is back with another fabulous art exhibit. Student artwork will be on display in the library’s meeting room from Wednesday evening (April 5) to Friday evening (April 7). Then, on Friday (April 7), from 6-8 p.m., OFML will be hosting an Evening of Art. Enjoy a variety of art displays, meet the artists in person, and partake of delicious refreshments (made possible by a donation from the PMHS Teachers’ Association). Books, stickers, and postcard-sized prints of the showcased artwork will be available for a donation, and the event proceeds will support the PMHS National Art Honor Society. So come prepared to be awed by our local students’ immense talents while you fill up on tasty hors d’oeuvres. Feel free to dress up!

During our monthly Homeschool Event on Tuesday, April 11, from 12:30-2 p.m., tap into your inner artist and come prepared to paint! Registration is required.

Friday, April 14, at 6 p.m., we’ll be having our Family Movie Night! Our super movie this month will be DC “League of Super-Pets” (rated PG). Sadly, this is not about all the awesome pets and animals living here in Barnstead (e.g., Egberta the Escape Artist Chick-

en and Henri the Ornerly Horse). But it is about some heroic pets who set out to rescue Superman and the Justice League from their dastardly kidnappers.

Tween Advisory (grades 6-8) is Thursday, April 27, from 4-5 p.m. Teen Advisory (grades 9-12) is Friday, April 28, from 6-7 p.m. Have a voice in your community! Meet with like-minded individuals about book suggestions, and library events. Need volunteer hours? This is a great and fun way to get them, while improving your résumé. Light refreshments provided.

Calling all Tweens and Teens! On Thursday, April 27, from 5-7 p.m., in honor of National Sense of Smell Day, come give your schnoz a test! Can you name everything you’re smelling? Remember, preparation is key. So be sure to practice with non-toxic items in your own home, like gym bags and garbage cans and the refrigerator bottom drawer. You might get some strange looks, and will probably experience some nausea, but it will be worth it when your nose wins the title of Supreme Schnoz!

OFML Kids Club: Friday, April 21, from 3:30-5 p.m. Ages six to 10.

It’s a Book Tasting! No, you can’t eat the books, but you will get to try out a variety of genres you might not normally check out to see what strikes your fancy! Light refreshments provided.

OFML is collaborating with T.L. Storer to bring you Earth Day Nature Journaling! All ages and abilities are welcome to join us at the camp on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We’ll host short, easy hikes where we’ll observe nature and then document what we see using a variety of recording methods. Art supplies will be provided, but we recommend journalers bring snacks or a picnic lunch. The event is open to everyone, but please sign up with the library in advance.

Our Writers Forum happens from 6-7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of every month: Friday, April 28, is April’s date. For ages 14 and older and for all levels of writing experience/expertise. It’s time to dust off those couple of chapters or stack of poems sitting in a lonely drawer or directory, just waiting to be revisited!

For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Children’s Auction to host Let’s Meet for Coffee event April 5

LACONIA— The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction will host a Let’s Meet for Coffee event on April 5 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Lakes Region Chamber.

This casual morning coffee gathering will offer members of the public a chance to meet board members and members of the Auction’s Community Engagement Committee and learn more about the Auction’s mission to engage the community to financially support local children and families in need.

“The Auction offers many opportunities for people to get involved, or you can just come to the event to learn more and build connections,” said Executive Director Jennifer Kelley.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3FkmVQW> or contact Kelley at Jenn@ChildrensAuction.org.

In the past 41 years, the Auction has distributed roughly \$8 million to nonprofit organizations in the community.

Learn more about the Auction at www.childrensauction.org, or follow the Children’s Auction on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

Prospect Mountain junior class hosting hypnotism show

ALTON— Prospect Mountain High School’s class of 2024 is hosting a hypnotism show on March 23 at 7 p.m. in the PMHS auditorium. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. Come see the “Undisputed Heavyweight Champion of Hypnosis,” Joe Devito! A great night for friends and family, all are welcome!

Hope to see you there!

Woman dies in Barnstead fire

BY ERIN PLUMMER
rnews@salmonpress.news

BARNSTEAD — A 72-year-old woman died during a building fire on Varney Road.

Frances Barrett of Barnstead died during a building fire on Varney Road on March 13.

According to a statement from the state Fire Marshal’s office, a building fire was reported on 139 Varney Road around 3:23 a.m. on March 13. The Barnstead Fire Department responded to the scene to fund the single-family structure fully involved. After the fire was extinguished, crews found the body of 72-year-old Frances Barrett of Barnstead.

An autopsy was conducted on March 13 by the state medical examiner’s office and the cause and manner of death are pending.

The cause and origin of the fire are still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Barnstead Fire and Police Departments. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the state Fire Marshal’s office at 603-223-4289 or fmo@dos.nh.gov.

“State Fire Marshal Toomey wants to remind everyone to maintain working smoke alarms in their homes and keep exits clear of debris. In the event of an alarm activation, or visible smoke or fire, immediately exit your home and call 9-1-1,” read the statement from the Fire Marshal’s office. “If you have any questions about fire safety in your homes, contact your local fire

department or the NH State Fire Marshal’s Office.”

The Barnstead Fire Department was aided by Gilmanton, Alton, Pittsfield, Strafford, Epsom, and Farmington in extinguishing the fire. New Durham provided station coverage.

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For more information, please visit abundant Harvest.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.

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Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Barnstead	11 Bow Mills Rd.	Multi-Family Residence	\$10,000	Peter Oddi and Donna Boylan	Peter Oddi
Wolfeboro	52 Glendon St.	Commercial Building	\$2,350,000	Kammler LLC	Sawyer LLC
Wolfeboro	35 Harbor Way, Unit 33	Condominium	\$460,000	Alcaraz Fiscal Trust and Belinda A. Alcaraz	Gary H. Metzger RET
Wolfeboro	N. Main Street	N/A	\$85,000	Penelope S. Garrett	Richard and Danielle Ouellette
Wolfeboro	Port Wedeln Road	Residential Open Land	\$85,000	Penelope S. Garrett	Richard and Danielle Ouellette
Wolfeboro	50 S. Main St.	Commercial Building	\$2,350,000	Kammler LLC	Sawyer LLC
Wolfeboro	19 School St.	Residential Open Land	\$1,000,000	Kammler LLC	E A C LLC

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com

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Actors tackling challenges in preparing "Extremities" for stage

Spring show opens at Village Players Theater on March 31



COURTESY

RAUL (Lawrence Goodrow) confronts **MARJORIE** (Jeannie LeGrow) during a scene from *Extremities*, opening March 31 at the Village Players Theater.



MARJORIE (Jeannie LeGrow) and **Terry** (Toni Urquhart) debate what to do with a tied up Raul during a scene from *Extremities*, which opens on March 31 at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

WOLFEBORO — Actors in the spring show at the Village Players are challenging themselves as they tackle the serious subject matter in "Extremities," a drama by William Mastrosimone.

Jeannie LeGrow, who is in her third show at the Village Players, is tackling the role of Marjorie, who finds herself the victim of an attack in her own home by a man she does not know. While Marjorie manages to overcome her attacker

and tie him up, she still has to decide just what to do with him and how those decisions are handled plays a key role in the outcome of the play.

"Trying to understand the emotional ups and downs she goes through, she goes through a lot of negotiating the situation," LeGrow said of how she's moved forward with the character. "She makes a lot of rash decisions in the moment about what she's going to do and has to live with what she's

done after that.

"I have to remind myself that when you're in stressful situations, especially ones like this, you can't be asked to make reasonable decisions in unreasonable situations," she continued. "That's what she's doing.

"She's trying to think of what the most reasonable response is and when she thinks she has the answer and she thinks she can do what needs to be done, she realizes she just can't,"

LeGrow adds. "There's a part of her that just can't be like him, even though she knows she's in a situation where there's no good outcome."

Joining LeGrow on stage are Village Players veterans Toni Urquhart and Emily Judkins as Marjorie's roommates Terry and Patricia, along with newcomer Lawrence Goodrow, who notes that playing the attacker, Raul, has given him, "the unique challenge in exploring the dark side of human-

ity."

Directed by Michaela Andruzzi and Christian Boudman and produced by Joshua Spaulding, *Extremities* is set to open on Friday, March 31, and continues on Saturday, April 1, both at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. and Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, both at 7:30 p.m. All performances will take place at the Village Players Theater at 51 Glendon St. in downtown Wolfeboro. Tickets are available at village-players.com, at

Black's Paper and Gifts in Wolfeboro and at the door.

Extremities is generously sponsored by Linda's Flowers, 91 Center St. in Wolfeboro.

Due to the serious nature of the subject matter and the adult language and situations, *Extremities* is not suitable for children.

Rotary invites crafters to join Home Show

ALTON — By vote of the Alton Centennial Rotary Club Home, Garden and Recreational committee, they're pleased to invite crafters as vendors in its Annual Show, April 22, Prospect Mountain High School.

"It's not that we wouldn't allow people who do crafts to be in our past Home Shows, it's a case of us never really

marketing or promoting it to them. The last couple of years, we did have a few crafters in the Show and they sold very, very well. So, why not invite them too?" asked Rotary Club President Terrance Small.

In fact, he added, "This year, we'll have eight or 10 artists from the Lakes Region Art Association in

the show selling their

fine-art and photography, it only makes sense to include crafters as well?"

The 'door' is now wide open for all crafters who'd like to take advantage of displaying and selling their products. Cost for booth space, either inside or outside the school, begins at \$85 for a five-by-10-foot area. Admission to the public is free. Last year, more than 1,000 people attended. To register as a vendor, go to: www.AltonRotary.org. Don't wait! This is your one and only opportunity to reach so many buyers at this lowest possible cost.

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The new date for voting will be Tuesday, March 28. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gilford Youth Center on Potter Hill Road. Absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk and School District Clerk by 5pm on Monday, March 27.

Gilford elections postponed until Tuesday

GILFORD — Due to last week's snowstorm, the Gilford Town & School District Moderator decided to postpone the annual elections. This decision was made in the interests of public safety after consulting with numerous town and school officials as otherwise required by state law.

MAPLE

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fast, which also accepted donations.

“This is a tradition we do every year, the fourth grade really takes the lead in it,” said GES principal Danielle Bolduc.

Usually, the breakfast takes place around April, but Bolduc said they were having it the earliest they ever had because of the early sugaring season. The breakfast also coincided with New Hampshire Maple Week.

She said they usually get around 400 people to the breakfast during the two hours it takes place.

“We have learners coming back from past years, it’s really just an amazing community event,” Bolduc said.

Visitors could also enter a raffle to get different items, including a home tapping kit and a bottle of syrup made at the school.

The breakfast as co-organized by the Volunteer Steering Committee and volunteers helped out throughout the event.

Bolduc said this is a huge hands-on activity for the student and they are getting an up close look at all the equipment and the process that goes into making maple syrup.

Liam McGrath and Nolan Smith did their project on evaporators. Nolan said evaporators are the equipment that take the water out of sap in the process of becoming maple syrup. Liam said they got most of their information from the internet.



Volunteers served breakfast in the GES cafeteria on Saturday.

They said they enjoyed the overall project and learned a lot about maple syrup.

“We know where it’s from,” Liam said.

Eight students teamed up to do a project on maple recipes. All of them took on different tasks from finding and making the recipes to making handouts and posters among others.

Team member Emma Milligan, who made maple snow, said they found a lot of recipes on the internet and other places.

Team member Maryjane Ornsteen made maple cinnamon buns.

“It takes a little trying because it was hard to get them right and sliced,” Maryjane said.

Team members said they had fun with the project.

“It was really fun because I love maple sugar,” Maryjane said.

Emma said it was great working with her



Maryjane Ornsteen and Emma Milligan were a few of eight students who did a project on cooking with maple syrup.

“I got to do it with a lot of my friends,” Emma said. “It was a pretty good project that only took a few weeks.”

Ava Axtell and Charlotte Towle did their project on Bolduc Farm. Started in 1779, the Bolduc Sugar House is one of the longest operating maple syrup operations in the country.

Ava said they read books on the topic to put together their presentation and Charlotte said they went past the farm.

“I think it was really fun to do a project on it, Charlotte said.

Both said they enjoyed doing the syrup project. Ava said her favorite part was, “When we got to taste it.”

Ernie Bolduc from



Fourth graders Ava Axtell and Charlotte Towle did their project on Bolduc Farm.



Liam McGrath and Nolan Smith did their project on evaporators.

Bolduc Farm gave a talk to the fourth graders during the project and he said they asked him so many questions.

“They’re absolutely amazing,” Bolduc said.

Bolduc came to the breakfast on Saturday and said the overall project was “unbelievable.”

“All of the kids are all involved, it’s one of the greatest teaching things

they’ll have in any of the schools here,” Bolduc said. “They help with the process”

He also noted how other schools in the area got involved with the project. Students at Woodland Heights in Laconia, Belmont Elementary School, and Sanbornton Central School all came to GES to boil their own sap.



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New Horizons Band hosting “Music for Everyone” concert

MEREDITH — The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is proud to host the State-wide New Horizon Bands of New Hampshire “Music for Everyone” Concert on Saturday, April 1 at 4:15 p.m. at the Meredith Community Center, Meredith.

The New Horizons International Music Association “provides entry point positions to music making for adults, including those with no musical experience at all and also those who were active in school music programs but have been inactive for a long period of time. Many adults would like an opportunity to learn music in a group setting similar to that offered in schools. The New Horizon Bands provide music instruction at all levels from beginner to advanced.

On April 1, this one-day event will begin with musicians in New Hampshire’s four bands meeting for the first time together to rehearse the afternoon’s concert under the direction of Maria Isaak of Concord, Debbi Gibson of the Lakes Region, Donna Morse and Phil Crotto of Monadnock and Russ Grazier of Portsmouth.

Admission is by donations. Won’t you join us for a concert of good music amongst friends in music!! Information on the organization or to join the band can be found at newhorizons-lakesregion.org or follow us on Facebook.

How they SAY that in...

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Did you know?

UMBRELLA COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD “UMBROS,” WHICH MEANS SHADE OR SHADOW.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: UMBRELLA

Youth hoop players do battle in Francouer/Babcock Memorial Tournament



Gilford and Lou Athanas do battle in a senior division boys' game in the Francouer/Babcock Memorial Tournament.

Gilford and Lou Athanas do battle in a junior division game in the Francouer/Babcock Memorial Tournament.

All-Tournament honorees in the Francouer-Babcock Memorial Tournament. Back row (l to r), Alexander Thompson, Mia Williams, Cooper Mousseau, David Brooks, Nathan Greeley, Owen Phillips and Penny Flanders. Front row (l to r), Owen Poole, Dylan Cook, Cole Desjardins, Natalie Allen and Samantha Bonnett.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
GILFORD — The annual Francouer/Babcock Memorial Basketball Tournament took place March 9-12 in Gilford featuring teams from Gilford, Sanbornton, Franklin, Lou Athanas of Laconia and Gilmanton.

In game one on March 9, Sanbornton beat Gilford in the junior division by a 28-25 score. For Sanbornton, Noah Potter had 12 points and Noah Robinson had 11 points, while Dylan Cook at 11 for Gilford and Jameson Halligan had 10. Hustle Awards were presented to Robinson and Halligan.

In the next game, Lou Athanas beat Franklin in junior division action 26-19. For Lou Athanas, Landon Noyes had eight points and Emmett Lasata had six points, while Tanner Berman had eight points and Giovanni Gamari had five for Franklin. Hustle Awards were presented to Noyes and Berman.

In Thursday's final game, Gilford defeated

On Friday, March 10, Lou Athanas defeated Franklin in the senior girls' division by a 28-16 score. Mia Williams led Lou Athanas with 10 points and Guliahna Weeks had eight points while Cyra Wyatt and Taylor Croteau each had eight points to lead Franklin. Saniya Matthews of Lou Athanas and Franklin's Wyatt were presented Hustle Awards.

In senior boys' division action, Gilford defeated Sanbornton 48-23. Sammy Worthen led Gilford with 16 points and Thomas Southworth had 11 points while for Sanbornton, Evan Cote had 14 points. Worthen and Cote were presented with the Hustle Award.

In Friday's final game, Lou Athanas defeated Gilmanton 40-5 in senior boys' division action. Nick Kercheval-Behan led Lou Athanas with nine points and Micah Choice and Logan Treffrey each added six points while Damon Cottrell finished with five points for Gilman-

ton. Lucas Blais of Lou Athanas and Jackson Shirley of Gilmanton each earned the Hustle Award.

On Saturday morning, Gilford defeated Franklin in the junior division consolation bracket by a 50-16 score. Deacon Flanders led Gilford with 18 points, Cook had 14 points and Halligan added eight points. Cole Desjardins had seven points to lead Franklin.

In the junior division winners' bracket, Sanbornton defeated Lou Athanas 25-17. Robinson, Jackson Evans and Alexander Thompson each led Sanbornton with six points while Nathan Greeley led Lou Athanas with six points.

For the senior girls' division consolation bracket, Gilmanton defeated Franklin 18-9. Rosalyn Rogers led Gilmanton with eight points and Aubrey Bruneau added six points, while Wyatt had five points for Franklin.

In the winners' bracket for the senior girls' division, Gilford defeated

Lou Athanas by a 35-12 score. Penny Lewis led Gilford with 16 points and Addi Hodson added nine points. Williams and Matthews each had four points for Lou Athanas.

For the boys' division consolation brackets, Sanbornton defeated Gilmanton 36-19. Cote had 10 points for Sanbornton and Jack Colby added nine while Cottrell had 10 to lead Gilmanton.

In the winners' bracket for the boys' senior division, Gilford defeated Lou Athanas 39-37, with Worthen leading Gilford with 20 points and Southworth adding 11. Kercheval-Behan led Lou Athanas with 14 points.

In the junior division consolation bracket, Lou Athanas defeated Gilford 41-36. Noyes paced Lou Athanas with 14 points and Nathan Greeley had nine points, while Flanders had 15 points and Cook had 10 to pace Gilford.

In the consolation bracket for the senior girls, Lou Athanas defeated Gilmanton 21-12.

Williams had nine points to lead Lou Athanas and Rogers had four to lead Gilmanton.

In Saturday's final game, Sanbornton defeated Lou Athanas 46-31 in the senior boys' consolation bracket. Cote had 15 points and Colby had 13 points to lead Sanbornton while Amare Durga, Manny Sosa and Cooper Mousseau each had six points to lead Lou Athanas.

On Sunday in the junior division finals, Sanbornton defeated Lou Athanas 41-37, with Robinson leading Sanbornton with 14 points and Potter pouring in 11.

In the senior girls' division finals, Gilford defeated Lou Athanas 35-22, with Penny Lewis with 12 points to lead Gilford and Marsh adding nine, while Williams had 10 points to lead Lou Athanas.

In the senior boys' division final, Gilford defeated Sanbornton 43-34. Worthen had 16 points and Southworth added 12 to lead Gilford while Owen Poole had 14 points to lead Sanbornton.

Final standings in the junior division had Sanbornton winning, Lou Athanas second, Gilford third and Franklin in fourth. In the senior

girls' division, Gilford was first, Lou Athanas was second, Gilmanton was third and Franklin was fourth. In the senior boys' division, Gilford was first, Sanbornton was second, Lou Athanas was third and Gilmanton was fourth.

The Nathan J. Babcock Volunteer Award was presented to Sidney Bartlett while the Denise Soucy Memorial Coaches Award was presented to Marie Gambale of the Gilmanton senior girls' division team.

The Aaron Francouer All-Tournament Sportsmanship Team Awards are given to one player from each team in each division at the conclusion of the tournament.

Honorees for the coed division were Cole Desjardins of Franklin, Dylan Cook of Gilford, Nate Greeley of Lou Athanas and Alexander Thompson of Sanbornton.

For the senior girls' division, the honorees were Natalie Allen of Franklin, Penny Flanders of Gilford, Samantha Bonnett of Gilmanton and Mia Williams of Lou Athanas.

Honorees for the boys' senior division were David Brooks of Gilford, Owen Phillips of Gilmanton, Cooper Mousseau of Lou Athanas and Owen Poole of Sanbornton.

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Bondaz ties for win at Nordic Meet of Champions

Three other Gilford skiers finish in top six



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Aiden Bondaz skied to the win in the Nordic Meet of Champions last week.



Henry Stow takes off on the course during last week's Meet of Champions.



Carter Forest skis for Gilford during the Meet of Champions at Proctor Academy.



Scott Kulcsar powers toward the finish during the Meet of Champions last Thursday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ANDOVER — The Nordic Meet of Champions brought together skiers from around the state at Proctor Academy on Thursday, March 16, two days later than planned due to last Tuesday's snowstorm.

Aiden Bondaz of Gilford finished tied for the win in the boys' race with Matthew Clarner of Hopkinton, both with a time of 15:25.2.

Gilford's Henry Stow finished in third in 15:26 and teammate Carter Forest was right behind in fourth place with a time of 15:41.

Leo Ebner of Plymouth finished in a time of 15:54 for fifth place overall and Gilford's final skier was Scott Kulcsar, who finished in sixth place with a time of 16:23.

Gabriel Freedman of Kennett finished in eighth place with a time of 18:18 and teammate Willem Badger was 10th in a time of 18:47. Kyle Stearns of Kennett rounded out the local skiers with a 22nd place finish in a time of 21:42.

Moultonborough's Adah Chapman won the girls' race, crossing the line in a time of 17:42.

Carli Krebs of Kennett

skied to third place in 18:03 and Cora Treiss of Berlin finished in 11th place in 22:30.

Kennett's Piper Lopashanski finished in 15th place in 22:52, just ahead of teammate Jocelyn Anzaldi, who finished in 22:52.4 for 16th place. Leah Alkalay of Kennett finished out the field of local skiers with a time of 26:57 for 28th place overall.

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