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Golden Eagle girls capture Division III state championship

Four Gilford girls earn bids to Meet of Champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Skiing on their home snow, the Gilford alpine girls brought home the Division III championship on Monday, Feb. 10, skiing to the wins in both the morning giant slalom and the afternoon slalom to beat Hopkinton by 18 points. The win for Gilford came after last year's runner-up finish behind the Hawks.

In the morning giant slalom, Mckenna Howard skied to second place overall in a time of 1:22.65 with Lily Bishop in fourth place overall in a time of 1:23.54. Riley Coutts finished sixth overall in a time of 1:23.63 and Emilia Burlock finished out the scoring with a time



The Gilford alpine girls, along with coaches Lyvie Beyrent and Eric Tanner, pose with the Division III state championship plaque after the Golden Eagles won the Division III State Meet last Monday afternoon.

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of 1:26.97 for ninth place overall. Camryn Coutts finished in 15th in a time of 1:31.1 and Ava Lien rounded out the scoring with a 20th place finish in a time of 1:33.65.

Bishop finished in second place in the afternoon slalom, finishing in a time of 1:25.81 for second place overall. Howard finished in third place with a time of 1:28.7 to place third and Riley Coutts was sixth overall in a time of 1:31.25. Lien finished out the scoring with an 18th place in a time of 1:49.69 to round out the scoring. Burlock finished out the field of Golden Eagles finishing the two runs of slalom with a time of 1:49.89 for 33rd place.

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Alton Winter Carnival canceled due to icy weather

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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ALTON — Icy weather resulted in the cancellation of this year's Winter Carnival, but people could still join some of the fun virtually.

The Winter Carnival has become a tradition for the Alton Business Association, and is its main fundraiser. This year's carnival was scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 16. At the same time weather reports predicted around a foot of snow with a few inches of ice.

The event is typically snow or shine, and on Feb. 12, the ABA announced the event was still going on. They said they were working with the town's department heads and the board of selectmen to plan for the event and advised people to use caution when walking or driving.

The prediction of icing, however, led to organizers making the hard decision to cancel this year.

The Alton Business Association announced on its Facebook page on Feb. 17 around 7 p.m. that the carnival was canceled due to the coming storm.

"Snow we can deal

with; freezing rain is a whole other ballgame," the ABA said in its post. "For the safety of everyone involved as well as our town employees we must err on the side of caution and call it. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this causes. Unfortunately, we are unable to reschedule for a later date."

The ABA looked at options for holding some events virtually and later announced some of the activities would take place online.

The ABA was already holding a virtual raffle for its "Snowy Six" prizes on its website. After the cancellation the ABA added the "Not Canceled 9" with nine items being raffled off with tickets sold online. The raffle winners were announced on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The Bob House Decorating Contest also moved virtual. Photos of the different entrants' bob houses were posted on the ABA's Facebook page for people to choose the winners. The winners would also be announced on Feb. 18.

The ABA would also have a video showing its ice sculptures.

Minor injured after crashing snowmobile into tree

ALTON — At about noon Saturday, Feb. 15, a 17 year old Alton minor sustained a lower leg injury after losing control and crashing a snowmobile into a tree.

The snowmobiler was riding with a group of friends on a trail just south of Cedar Mountain

along the Mount Major snowmobile trail system. Alton Police, Fire and EMS, and NH Fish and Game Officers responded to assist and investigate the scene. The group the operator was riding with assisted and relayed the snowmobile and injured person to the intersection of Jesus Val-

ley Road in Alton where they were met by Alton Police, Fire and EMS.

The injured operator was transported by Alton Fire and EMS to Concord Hospital in Laconia for treatment. The operator was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

Golden Gathering celebrates 50th anniversary of GHS

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GILFORD — Current and former teachers, alumni, and current students at Gilford High School had the opportunity to reunite and stories during a student organized event commemorating the 50th anniversary of GHS.

Members of the Reading and Writing in the Workplace class organized the Golden Gathering on Feb. 12. Staff members and students past and present gathered in the cafeteria for food, look over old yearbooks, do tours of the building, and other fun activities.

"We decided on this, we figured we'd get teachers and staff back together," said senior Ryder McKay.

McKay said they wanted to put on an event that brought the retired teachers back to GHS. Principal Anthony Sperazzo then suggested to bring people who had been with the middle school as well and eventually the scope extended to former students.

He said it took around a trimester to get everything together for the occasion.

"I think it really turned out how we it should have so it's great," McKay said.

Teacher Deb Langenheim said this was an event put together by the



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Gilford High School Principal Anthony Sperazzo leads former staff members and students on a tour of the building.

students.

"It is so nice to see so many faces," Langenheim said at the start of the event.

Langenheim said the students always surprise her with how much effort they put into their work.

"They always go above and beyond," she said. "This started as a small project."

Sperazzo gave tours around the building, allowing many alumni and former staff members to see how the building has changed.

"The class did a great job putting this together," Sperazzo said. "They wanted to highlight all the history, they really pulled it together...Gilford and Gilmanton have a lot to be proud of."

He said with all the

different organizations and student activities, the students have a lot of pride in their school.

The Golden Gathering brought people who had been at the school since before it opened in 1974.

Larry Frates was the art teacher when GHS opened, and worked at the school for 13 years.

He said he remembered interviewing for the position at the school as it was under construction.

"There was a big slab of cement, we had hardhats," Frates said.

He said he signed his contract in April of 1974, and was supposed to start at the job in September, though the opening was delayed for another month.

"There was a building, but it wasn't finished,"

Frates said. "We finally moved everything in October. We had the faculty bring chairs in, bring the desks between meetings to try and set up a new school."

The school started as an open concept with no walls and different classes going on in different parts of the building.

"On one hand, it was exciting, and I think more because I was an artist, I was seeing more of a blank canvas," Frates said.

The middle school and the high school were in the same building until Gilford Middle School was built in 2003.

Auditorium director Scott Piddington has been Piddington at GHS since the spring of 1979 and said he remem-

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Beginner Hatha Yoga with Pamela Mott, 500 YTT certified

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Beginner Hatha Yoga: Five-Part Series with Pamela Mott, 500YTT, on Sundays at 9 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center starting Sunday, Feb. 23. Each class will be 60 minutes with an introduction to basic poses, sequences and meditation. Dress in comfortable clothing. If you have been curi-

ous how yoga can fit into your life try this session and bring a friend. Please bring a mat and/or block if you have them. This is a good opportunity for those recovering from injuries or illness to get back into life. \$45 for all five classes or drop in for \$10/class. Pre-registration is preferred, text Pamela Mott at 603-393-0595 for further information. Cash and Venmo accepted.

Weight Training Classes- Mondays

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

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday: Feb. 27 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, drop in and give it a try. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parks-

rec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Pilates classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting March 4 with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Holistic Wellness and Nutrition

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Gilman Library are sponsoring a free workshop on Holistic Wellness and Nutrition with the Cornerstone VNA

Community Care. The workshop will be held at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room, on March 20 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and will focus on discovering a holistic approach to self-care and life balance through activities. Identify imbalances and take steps toward harmony. This program is led by wellness nurse and functional nutritionist, Sandy Powers, RN. Please RSVP to parksrec@alton.nh.gov by March 13 to reserve your seat.

DIY- Braiding Beads Charms

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a DIY Braiding Beads class on Thursday, April 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Join instructor Cindee VanDerMeid in making braided bead charms and zipper pulls. Charms make great accents on bags and backpacks. See examples of the charms on the Parks and Rec-

reation Department Face Book Page or photos of examples can be emailed to you. Cost of the class is \$10 per person, and includes materials to make at least two charms. Bring a hand towel to use as a work surface, and scissors. Pre-register by March 21 at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Old Home Week Committee — volunteers needed

The Town of Alton's Annual Old Home Week Celebration is scheduled for Aug. 8-17, and volunteers are needed to form a committee. If you like participating in Alton Old Home Week events please consider being a volunteer. Applications to be a committee member are on the Town of Alton website: www.alton.nh.gov under "Forms and Applications," and can be submitted to the Selectmen's office. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Justin Maynard named to Champlain College Trustees' List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Justin Maynard of Alton was named to the Champlain College Trustees' List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Students on the Trustees' List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters. Maynard is majoring in Integrative Professional Studies.

Making the Trustees' List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a residential undergraduate experience from

its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain. Additionally, Champlain College Online provides an expansive portfolio of online degrees and certificates, reaching students across all 50 states and U.S. territories, while fostering strategic partnerships with forward-thinking workforce organizations. The College is known for its distinctive and innovative approach to career-focused education and its Upside-Down Curriculum, which helps students be ready for work, ready for life, and ready to make a difference. Champlain is ranked as one of the "Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report for 2025, and was named one of the "Best 390 Colleges" by The Princeton Review for 2025, including among its "Best Northeastern colleges." For more information, visit www.champlain.edu.

Grayson Mouradian named to Salve Regina University Dean's List

NEWPORT, R.I. — Grayson Mouradian of New Durham was named to the Dean's List during the Fall 2024 academic semester at Salve Regina University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time stu-

dents completing at least six credits.

Salve Regina University is a Catholic, coeducational institution of higher education founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947. For more than 75 years, Salve has offered rigorous, innovative academic programming in the liberal arts tradition that prepares students to be global citizens and lifelong learners.

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on-going support and training for the matched kids and mentors, through the support of organizations in our New Hampshire communities. The generosity of these organizations ensures that mentorship is available to all youth in need.

This year, the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club has generously donated \$2,500 in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire, and the 36 current mentoring matches here in the Lakes Region. The donation is being made as part of the Lions Club's expanded and ongoing 'Season of Giving' campaign

"The Big Brothers & Sisters organization builds bridges which permit youths to overcome obstacles and reach their life goals," says Matt Soza, Laconia/Gilford Lions Club President. "They have a big direct positive impact in our immediate community and we are glad to be able to assist them in their worthwhile work."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire wishes to extend their utmost gratitude to the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club for their support.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire (BBBSNH)

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more visit, <http://www.bbbsnh.org>, call 603-430-1140 or visit Facebook and Instagram.

Gilford voters to decide on mostly uncontested offices

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GILFORD — Voters will decide on one contested race on town election day while all other town and school district offices are uncontested.

Gilford voters will cast their ballots for own a school district offices and warrant articles during town meeting voting on Tuesday, March 11. Polls will be open at the Gilford Youth Center from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Four candidates are running for three open three-year terms on the budget committee. Hays Fedorchak and Johnna Davis are running for reelection with Robert Binda and Diane Muller also running for the available seats.

The rest of the town offices are uncontested.

Gus Benavides is running for another three-year term on the board of selectmen.

Alexis Jackson and Mike Marshall are

running for reelection to the two open three-year terms on the library trustees.

Peter Allen is running for another three-year term on the cemetery trustees.

Jack Lyman is seeking another three-year term on the board of fire engineers.

No one filed for the open three-year term as trustee of the trust funds and that position will be decided by write-in votes.

For the Gilford School District, all offices are uncontested.

Jessica Jacques and Nicole Hogan are seeking new three-year terms on the Gilford school board.

Sandy McGonagle is running for reelection as school district moderator, a one-year term.

Susan Jensen is running for another one-year term as school district treasurer.

Kimberly Zyla-Salnitro is seeking another one-year term as school district clerk.

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Baby, it's cold outside

Newsflash: it's cold. Our little neck of the woods here has finally hit frigid sub-zero temperatures. Folks may be running low on fuel, or even running empty, causing frozen pipes to burst. Fuel companies are scheduled two weeks out in some cases, and several customers are feeling stressed due to the financial burden this cold weather brings. Our only advice is to hold on tight and think about how toasty things will be when temperatures soar into the teens and low 20s again.

The winter solstice on Dec. 21 has passed, and the days are getting longer... and, we hope, sunnier. One perk to this post-New Year's time is that, well, the holidays are over. The hustle and bustle starts in late November and doesn't calm down until the week following New Year's. Is it overrated? Maybe. We hope you are all able to relax in the days ahead.

When weather hits sub-zero, it's hard to remember why we live here. We live in New England because winter, for the most part, is fun and manageable. We love our snow sports, the smell of wood stoves cranking and the beauty of the snow-capped mountains.

Some of you may think of our ancestors who had to cut chords of wood by hand all year long just to prepare for the harsh New England winters. Houses way back when had no insulation or the walls were stuffed with straw and mud. Common houses were much smaller, therefore easier to keep heated with one wood stove. The fireplace was the focal point of a colonial home and was the place where family members would talk and work on small projects during the evening. The average size of a house according to today's standards is about 2,600 square feet. A home of that size hundreds of years ago was often occupied by the wealthy, who were able to afford to put a wood stove in each room of the house. Children often slept in lofts where the heat would rise and often shared a bed with siblings, using body heat to keep warm.

In days of old, people used thick curtains and down comforters to keep the heat in. Before bedtime, many would use a bed warmer, which was a brass pan with a long handle that was filled with hot rocks. Foot warmers were popular as well. These fancy contraptions were made of a wood framed tin box also with heated rocks that would be placed by the feet under the comforter. This heating method was used for trips in the horse and buggy as well. Church goers would bring their own boxes of heat and blankets to keep warm during a Sunday service.

Important to note is the fact that over the years humans have increasingly adapted to warmer weather as a result of modern technology. Our ancestors were able to withstand much colder temperatures and remain more comfortable in colder temperatures than we do today. All of that aside, we are pretty lucky to have the conveniences we do during these cold blasts.

Since winter is not nearly over, here are a few tips with regard to winter survival. Avoid frost bite and frost nip at all costs. When the water molecules in your skin cells freeze, they die. Once this happens, they can cause damage to your muscular and nervous systems. Exposed skin can develop frostbite within 30 minutes with winds of 10 mph and a temperature of -5 degrees. If you are outside and find your hands freezing, the warmest place for them to go is under your armpits, the warmest part of your body.

Another culprit is hypothermia. When your body hits 95 degrees you're entering the danger zone. When your organs start to drop in temperature they begin to shut down. If you notice yourself shivering or lacking coordination, it's time to get warm fast. Other more severe symptoms include low energy, difficulty speaking, a weak pulse and the cessation of the shivers. It's important to stay well nourished during any time spent outside, as your body needs that energy to stay warm. Always have a Snickers bar or something similar handy just in case. Staying hydrated is a must as you need water to keep your nervous system running properly. One rule of thumb is to never eat snow while trying to survive in frigid temperatures. Your body will be forced to warm it from the inside which wastes energy and can cause hypoglycemia. Try to keep your heart rate up as cold temperatures cause your heart rate to decrease. A higher heart rate will generate heat within your body however be sure not to do so much that you start to sweat, cold and sweat are never a good combination.

We hope none of you ever find yourselves in a situation where you need to implement any of the information above, however knowledge is power. Stay warm, summertime is just about six months away, where we will of course crank the air conditioning and complain about the heat and humidity.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Personification

Gazing out my window this morning, my eye was caught by some motion on the stone wall. It was a red squirrel hopping over the snow-covered rocks. All of a sudden it stopped and kind of sat there on its haunches, looked around checking its options. Then quickly it jumped onto a small hemlock branch nearby and disappeared. Moments later reappearing up at the top, then jumped over to a neighboring tree and scampered up its branches and was soon gone from my sight.

It looked like it was actually having fun. I know that that's probably too much personification, but that's what it looked like to me. Don't we all seem to personify all kinds of animals? Dogs, cats, horses. Squirrels? But don't they appear to possess some human traits? They definitely show affection,

and do possess intelligence. Some even smile and seem to laugh. Different qualities for different species.

The days of entertaining animals seem to be past. Mr. Ed, Lassie, Rin Tin Tin and Flipper come to mind. I'm sure there's many more. We all used to watch these on TV. I bet animal advocates had something to do with this. Then there is the world of animation where talking animals perform extensively as humans. Cartoons and Disney capitalized on this. I could easily fill a page with titles.

My dog would wiggle and smile when you scratched his belly. My cat comes running when she hears me come home and hops up on the banister to purr and coo as I pet her. They both understand the words walk and ride. The dog would smile and jump for both,

while the cat will go for a walk with me but run away with the mention of a ride. She complains all the way to and from her yearly visit to the vet. Out and meal calls are recognized too.

Look at whales and elephants and countless other animals videoed doing naturally joyous acts. Being sensitive to situations. Acting gently. We obviously don't have a monopoly on these characteristics. We do have a monopoly on making war though.

Lizards, snakes, turtles and goldfish proved to be much less verbally conversant. All they seemed to react to was food. The worms are completely non-interactive. I know a woman like that. She completely lives in a closed up world. Totally avoids eye contact. Not a word spoken. Strange creature.

My morning classes were totally disrupted by technical difficulties. There were some video things to be shown on the Smart TV. I followed my directions. It didn't load. A few of us tried to get the thing going, no luck. A support teacher texted him and he remotely reassigned something else for them to work on through Google Classroom. Isn't technology great? Without the support teacher I'd have been totally "out to lunch."

Now it is lunch time. The afternoon classes will repeat what should have been done in the morning. Another teacher is trying to figure the technical things out before class starts in about

twenty minutes. If all else fails, there is that new assignment on The Classroom to give them.

The second class has two major disruptors. I feel sorry for the rest of the kids having to put up with these guys antics. They could actually learn something. These guys feed off each other. Work like a tag team. There's power in numbers.

The teacher's solution didn't work so they're back to the new assignment. That's life in the world of the computerized classroom. Learning to interact with a digital world full of broken connections and mis-directions.

The other day, I got to clamp on my skis and go cut some trails out behind my house. I should have time to do that again today as school gets out at three. I'll just need to not get distracted with "other priorities" before the sun goes down. As I'm writing, this I'm thinking of some of the other "could do" alternatives to skiing. There's always something else.

The deer returned to seek bits of broccoli beneath the snow. A bunch of them. I thought that they'd have figured out that there wasn't anything left for them to eat here last time. Having nothing else to do but seek something to eat while avoiding being feed for some predator, they continue to follow their familiar safe pathways. Digging under the snow there is hope.

E.Twaste
Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com



CATHY ALLYN

On the road again

Officer Michael Volpe, new member of the New Durham Police Department, is on duty at school dismissal time, monitoring traffic and ensuring school children cross the road safely. Volpe said the rebuilding of the department is "going well." He reported that he is "settling in" to his new position and is looking forward to serving the community.

Letters to the Editor

Great Waters extends words of thanks and appreciation

To the Editor:

There is nothing more magical in the summer than listening to great music on the beautiful grounds of the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, or at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro. As the new Chairman of the Board of the Great Waters Music Festival, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the businesses, individual donors, area partners, and, most importantly, our ticket buyers for helping us fulfill our mission of presenting outstanding musical performances to those of you who live in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire or spend time here as visitors.

I am truly excited about working with Joan Myers, Executive Director, her staff, all board members, our summer interns, and our outstanding corps of volunteers as we honor all that has been built in the past and continue to build a bright and exciting music-filled future. As we set our sights on our 30th anniversary in 2026, I reflect upon how we have grown so much since 1996. We started with one performance at Kingswood High School, moved on to two performances at the Wright Museum, and our partnership with Brewster Academy started at Anderson Hall. We eventually moved into our acoustic tent on the campus. In 2011, we moved to the new Kingswood Arts Center. When Covid shut down the world, people no longer wanted to be inside. As a result, we entered into a strong partnership with the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough.

Letter submission policy

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With so much support, we could erect a state-of-the-art acoustic tent overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee.

As our organization matured, we added a new component to our overarching mission of giving back to the greater community. We now have a substantial scholarship program where students from around the Lakes Region interested in pursuing a career as a music educator, music performer, or music producer can apply. In 2024, we awarded seven scholarships to Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Gilford, and Alton students. We have built a strong internship program where candidates receive experience in live music venues' day-to-day (and night!) hands-on operations. And who doesn't like listening to a five-year-old making their first attempt at hitting the keys or experienced pianists displaying their talents as they perform a piece by one of the Masters on our Street Pianos? In addition, we are advancing our mission by presenting musical experiences for students, not only at Kingswood Regional High School and Brewster Academy but also in school systems throughout the Lakes Region.

This summer, we will present five performances at the Castle and three at Brewster. Broadway star Abby Mueller, piano phenom Peter Cincotti, and Ted Vigil will perform John Denver's songs. Performances at the Castle will include tributes to Chicago, Earth, Wind, and Fire, Motown, and Tina Turner, plus an entire evening dedicated to the music of the 1980s and 1990s. Our Web site, www.greatwaters.org, has a calendar of our events and the opportunity to purchase tickets.

As we approach our 30th anniversary, we are constantly working to improve and enhance the experience for our patrons, and we welcome any and all feedback. If you are unfamiliar with Great Waters, would like to volunteer, or support us in any way, please call our office at 603-569-7710 or email us at info@greatwaters.org to learn more. Please note that our winter hours are by appointment only.

Whether you are a returning patron or attending Great Waters for the first time, I look forward to welcoming you to one of the most extraordinary evenings you will experience.

See you this summer!

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Going out of Town

A morning spin around the Upper Valley

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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I'm a New Hampshire native and lifelong resident who has traveled around the entire state, but there is one area that's been a black hole to me. I decided to start journey around this area, starting this week with a whirlwind tour through Hanover and Lebanon with a little stopover in Vermont. I found some gorgeous scenery, unique villages, and even some great baked goods.

For some reason, the western part of New Hampshire has been one area that has been unexplored. I remember going to Keene with my parents as a kid and later in high school for a band event. Of course, there's that whole area you pass through on the way to Vermont, but you don't see much from the highway. Western New Hampshire has been kind of a mystery to me, so I decided to do some exploring. I've decided to change that and see what the Monadnocks, Sunapee region, Upper Valley, and all those areas look like.

After some web searches I decided to take a run to the Hanover and Lebanon area with a few destinations in mind. One Wednesday, I had an assignment in Gilford in the late afternoon, but the rest of the first half of the day was free. I discovered the Hanover area was about as far away from me as Portsmouth or Salem, so not a huge trip. I woke up a lot earlier than usual and headed out on the road, figuring that would give me plenty of time to explore the area before heading back east.

I left Meredith around 8 a.m. and took off down Route 104 into Bristol, then ventured further west along the Route 4 corridor. I found a series of lovely towns all covered in snow, with views of gorgeous mountains and forests. Then I passed by Mascoma Valley Regional High School and started to take in the general area.

I passed the town line into Hanover before 9:30 a.m., and was soon in the downtown area. I had spent the past hour or so going through small towns and trees and here was a big downtown with shops and larger buildings, it was an interesting contrast. I started my wander around downtown Hanover, but it was around 17 degrees, and I knew this might be a shorter excursion than I wanted it to be.

After passing by a few blocks of shops, I was now looking right at the campus of Dartmouth College. I passed through Dartmouth Green and walked by were plenty of students with backpacks and trudging through the snow to their next class with coffee or phones in hand. I found myself in front of the majestic Baker Library with its big cupola and passing by Sanborn House. This was the first time I was really seeing Dartmouth College and I found its classic buildings absolutely gorgeous.

I continued around the green and saw a lot of whimsical ice sculptures with different dinosaur



A look at Baker Library at Dartmouth College on a winter morning.



Lebanon's zip code in the form of a bike rack in downtown Lebanon. After seeing a few signs and one sign in the form of an ice sculpture these were part of a competition during Dartmouth's Winter Carnival festivities with the theme of "Jurassic Parka."

I returned downtown to hunt down some breakfast. I passed by Nugget Arcade and found a little café called The Nest. I went in and had a delicious egg sandwich on a cheddar herb scone with a coffee. I took my time to eat, then took off back for my car as the meter was about to expire. It had warmed up a little, but not enough to explore more plus I was right on schedule.

I left Hanover and decided to check out neighboring Lebanon. Downtown Lebanon was a few minutes away and I parked by Colburn Park. One of the first things I saw was city hall and Lebanon Opera House, another stately building in a similar design to the Dartmouth Library.

Downtown Lebanon was a little smaller than Hanover, but does have some great walkways and parks. I walked through the Lebanon Pedestrian Mall, where the walkways were painted in bright colors and there were fun metal sculptures around. I also found a bike rack that was in the shape of the city's zip code.

I wished I spent some more time in Lebanon, but the cold and my accel-

erated schedule was making this one trip short. I want to come back when the weather is a lot warmer and I have a lot more time.

As I drove out of Lebanon, I saw the signs for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. I've never been here myself, but I've of course heard a lot about it. I took a detour to get a look at the complex to give me an idea of what this place looked like. Dartmouth-Hitchcock is a massive complex and I could see immediately why it is the leading hospital in the state. It was good point of reference, especially for when hearing about someone needing a Medflight to Dartmouth or just in case I'm ever in a position to come here or be with a loved one for care here.

My next destination as one I stumbled upon



Winter Carnival sculptures on the Dartmouth College campus.



The metal circus display at the Powerhouse Mall in West Lebanon.



The lobby of the King Arthur Bakery flagship store in Norwich, Vermont.

when doing some research on this area. I went to West Lebanon and found an old mill building that has been turned into a shopping mall. The Powerhouse Mall is located right on the Mascoma River and served as a cotton and grist mill in the 18th century. It was turned into a retail space in the 1980's and has many different shops today. The interior is beautiful with wooden architecture of a clas-

sic New England mill in the form of a mall space. There is also a metal sculpture hanging from the ceiling of a circus scene. I walked down the hallways on both floors and took in the atmosphere. There are also lovely views of the river from windows facing the back.

After a quick walk around the mall, I went back to my car and headed for my last destination. This one took me

on I-89 and over the Vermont border to the town of Norwich to the King Arthur Baking Company Flagship Store. I'm an avid baker and I've used a lot of King Arthur flour and found many recipes on their website. When I heard about this complex I just had to stop. The main has a lot of lovely wooden architecture. You pass by a big window for the baking kitchen where they have their baking school.

The company store was huge, and it was so hard to resist buying so many different things. There are shelves of baking kits and mixes here along with a wide range of pans, tools, and other baking supplies. I picked up some popover and scone mixes for something to do on a snowy day. I then went to the café for a delicious sticky bun with a coffee and sat in a ring of seats under a cupola.

I left Norwich around 1 p.m., with plenty of time to get back east for my next assignment. I went back across the state line and back to the roads I traveled on earlier. It was a little warmer but there were still some beautiful winter scenes.

This was a wonderful sampler pack of the Upper Valley and a fun activity for a Wednesday morning. I do want to get back to this area again when it's a lot warmer to properly check out the sights. This is probably going to be the first in a series of jaunts to the western part of the state and I look forward to checking out more of this area that has been a mystery to me for too long.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Feb. 20 – Feb. 27

Thursday, Feb. 20
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m.
Tai Chi, 11:15 a.m.-noon
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Book Discussion: Grey Bees, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
This month's book is "Grey Bees" by Andrey Kurkov. Led by Molly; books are available at the front desk.

Friday, Feb. 21
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Heart 'n Soul Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
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, Feb. 22
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 24
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Family Movie Showing, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Watch a wonderful family movie with friends! light refreshments will be included.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Senior Stretch Yoga, 9-10 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m.
Tai Chi, 11:15 a.m.-noon
Mrs. Hayes' Art Day: Air-Dry Clay Critters, 2-3 p.m.
Let your imagination drive your creativity in making critters with clay!
French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Feb. 3-13.

Yeidasilda D. Lopez, age 35, was arrested on Feb. 3 for driving after revocation or suspension of license.

A 43-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Feb. 6.

Jeffrey Fisher, age 35, was arrested on Feb. 7 in connection with a warrant.

Christopher Paul Coleman, age 38, was arrested on Feb. 7 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.

Mathew Anthony Young, age 18, was arrested on Feb. 7 for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.
Brandon R. Gilbride,

age 30, was arrested on Feb. 7 for Resisting Arrest or Detention, Domestic Violence-Criminal Threatening resulting in Fear of Bodily Injury, Criminal Mischief, and Domestic Violence-False Imprisonment.

Steven Robert Roman, age 62, was arrested on Feb. 9 for Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon.

Austyn J. McClanahan, age 26, was arrested on Feb. 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and operating a motor vehicle after suspension of vehicle registration.

Wayne A. Hicks, age 40, was arrested on Feb. 10 in connection with a warrant.

Dominic Levi Maynard, age 18, was arrested on Feb. 11 for

Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon and Unlawful Discharge of a Gun or Shooting of a Bow.

Lucia A. Gillen, age 42, was arrested on Feb. 12 for Resisting Arrest or Detention, DUI-Impairment, an Open Container violation, Possession of less than three quarters of an ounce of Marijuana and/or five grams of Hash, and Conduct After an Accident.

A juvenile, age 16, was arrested on Feb. 12 for Possession and/or Use of Tobacco Products By a Minor.

Brittany L. Hanson, age 39, was arrested on Feb. 13 in connection with multiple warrants.

Staci S. French, age 37, was arrested on Feb. 13 for Violation of a Protective Order.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten requests

1. "Paranoia" by James Patterson
2. "The Texas Murders" by James Patterson
3. "Open Season" by Jonathan Kellerman
4. "Holmes is Missing" by James Patterson
5. "The Lions of Winter" by Ty Gagne
6. "Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler
7. "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks
8. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
9. "Onyx Storm" by Rebecca Yarros
10. "James" by Percival Everett



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SPORTS

McLean wins Division III giant slalom championship



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Bode McLean won the Division III giant slalom championship at Gunstock Mountain Resort last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford boys' alpine team finished third in the Division III State Meet at Gunstock Mountain Resort on Tuesday, Feb. 11, though they did bring home an in-

dividual championship on the day. The Golden Eagles finished behind state champion Kearsarge and runner-up Hopkinton.

McLean won the Division III giant slalom championship with a time of 1:18.12 with



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gavin Irons rips through a giant slalom gate at Gunstock Mountain last week in the Division III State Meet.

Wolpin in 13th place in a time of 1:23.47. Irons finished in 16th place with a time of 1:24.61 and Warren finished in 22nd overall with a time of 1:27.56.

In the afternoon slalom, Bode McLean led the way for the Gilford

boys with a second place finish in a time of 1:14.7. Ben Wolpin skied to 14th place in a time of 1:26.38 and Gavin Irons was 17th overall in a time of 1:29.16. Oliver Leandro finished in 40th place in 1:53.52 to finish out



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Elliot Warren skis for Gilford during the Division III State Meet at Gunstock last Tuesday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Oliver Leandro skis during the giant slalom at Gunstock last Tuesday morning.

the scoring and Elliot Warren finished in 2:07.91 to place 44th overall.

With his top 10 finishes, McLean earned a bid to the Meet of Champions, which

took place after deadline on Tuesday.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Mckenna Howard skis in the slalom at Gunstock Mountain Resort last Monday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lily Bishop led the Gilford alpine girls during the Division III State Meet last Monday at Gunstock.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Riley Coutts skis for Gilford during the Division III State Meet at Gunstock last Monday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ava Lien takes a slalom gate during Gilford's run to the Division III state championship last Monday.

ALPINE

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With their top 10 finishes, Bishop, Howard, Riley Coutts and Burlock all earned bids to ski at

the Meet of Champions after deadline on Tuesday at Cannon Mountain.

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GHS 50

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bered when the walls were built in the school in 2003. He said he came back in 2004 to a full project.

"I came back from the Appalachian Trail, (the school) was just packed with pallets of old light fixtures," Piddington said. "I didn't know what to do."

He said when he walks around the second floor, he still sees the dividers and the areas where the middle school was.

Langenheim has been working at GHS for 29 years, and said she remembers when the portable walls were re-



ERIN PLUMMER

Attendees of the Golden gathering look through old yearbooks and talk about their time at GHS.

moved.

"I just think instruction improved," Langenheim said. "Kids who struggled with ADD and sensory issues, they're in a much better environment."

All three said it was fun to come to this par-

ty and see what has changed over the years.

"To see it change from a middle high school to now a middle school and high school, it's a neat thing and you see some of the people I had as students they're teaching here," Frates said.



ERIN PLUMMER

GHS senior Ryder McKay helped organize the event with fellow members of the Reading and Writing in the Workplace class.

Piddington said it has been fun seeing all the people who have come through the school over the years.

"It feels nostalgic," Langenheim said. "When I first came here with the open concept, to see things evolve over the years it's been a pretty cool journey."

She said this is all about community with the communities of Gilford and Gilmanton coming together.

Sperazzo has been with the school district for 20 years and has served as GHS principal for the past 10. He said he has enjoyed learning about history from the past staff members, including how they helped move furniture into the building. He also learned about some past traditions such as Senior Stunt Night and others.

He said this event has been a great opportunity to reconnect with people and recognize those who helped open the school.

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Songwriter Series celebrates two-year anniversary Feb. 26



MEREDITH — The partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) which has brought the monthly music series Songwriter Round-Up to the Lakes Region will be celebrating the second year of the Songwriter Series on Feb. 26.

Held in the region's premier listening room, The Loft, located on the second floor of the Winery, this series has been giving audience members a chance to experience the original music of talented singer-songwriters from the New England area and beyond. At each show three artists share their songs and stories in a unique in-the-round style performance. This intimate series features two different songwriters alongside host performer Katie Dobbins on the last Wednesday of every month.

The series has been steadily gaining in popularity with many sold-out shows and a growing number of area residents attending as many shows as possible to experience the show "magic" that each new lineup creates.

Winery co-founder and owner Bob Manley is thrilled to have his establishment be home to the monthly Songwriter Round-Up Series.

Remarking on the success of the series, Manley reaffirms the valued partnership the Winery has developed with Katie Dobbins Music, expressing, "Working alongside Katie Dobbins and her Songwriter Round-Up Series has been an absolute delight. Katie brings an engaging presence to the stage, effortlessly connecting with our audiences and showcasing incredible talent with each performance."

The two-year anniversary show on Feb. 26 is definitely going to be a celebration of the series focus on original music and the appreciation all involved in the shows have for the audiences that have supported the series since its inception. At this extra-special show, audiences can expect great original music performances, collaboration among the artists on several original songs written by them, and a surprise or two for one or more lucky show attendees. Joining host per-

former Katie Dobbins on stage for this show will be singer-songwriters Pete Downing and Holly Furlone. All three artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. You can learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery Web site.

Dobbins, who previously hosted this series in the Boston area, is grateful to be able to bring it to her New Hampshire community.

Reflecting on the Songwriter Round-Up Series upcoming second-year anniversary at Hermit Woods Winery, she says, "Curating, hosting, and performing in this series has been a true highlight for me over the past couple of years. I get to meet and share the stage with so many incredible songwriters and partnering with the supportive folks at Hermit Woods Winery is the best."

Dobbins adds, "They are really doing something special there with live performances, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to grow this series in their beautiful listening room space."

She encourages every-

one to attend this show to discover what all the excitement is about original music being offered on Main Street in Meredith at a great local venue.

A complimentary

wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6 p.m. for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu

of tasty items available from Chef Kaylon Sweet of Sweet Mercy's Kitchen. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.

SPORTS

Timber Wolf boys race in Division III State Meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The three Prospect Mountain alpine skiing boys took to the slopes at Gunstock on Tuesday, Feb. 11, for the Division III State Meet, coming home in 11th place overall, with Kearsarge and Hopkinton taking the top two spots.

In the morning giant slalom, Evan Fuller finished in 45th place overall in a time of 1:46.65, Charles Bravar finished in 50th in a time of 1:51.39 and Brady Glidden rounded out the scoring for the Timber Wolves in a time of 1:55.64.

Fuller also led the way for Prospect Mountain in the afternoon slalom with a time of 2:07.79 for 43rd place, with Bravar in 45th place in a time of 2:07.98 and Glidden finishing in 53rd place in a time of 2:16.44.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) Brady Glidden skis for Prospect Mountain during the Division III State Meet last week at Gunstock.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Evan Fuller led the Prospect Mountain alpine boys at the Division III State Meet last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Charles Bravar races through the giant slalom course at Gunstock Mountain Resort last Tuesday.



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James R. "Jim" Mafera

James R. "Jim" Mafera passed away peacefully with his loving wife by his side on February 11, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born November 22, 1947, oldest son of Richard and Lillian (Orfield) Mafera in Waltham, MA.



cluded as a superintendent of Bridge Maintenance.

Jim graduated Manchester West High School in 1965. Jim proudly served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS NANTAHALA from 1966-1970 achieving rank 2nd class, serving in the Mediterranean. He then went on to serve in the Army National Guard.

Jim was a loving husband, father, brother and friend to all that crossed paths with this wonderful man. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers Donnie and David. Jim leaves behind his loving wife Christine (Roy), son Mathew Mafera, daughter Jamie Siemer (Steven), sister Jeanne Loranger (Leo), brothers Rick Mafera (Dee) and Tom Mafera (Deb). Jim also leaves behind three stepchildren, Cicely Gedacht (Andrew), Olivia Walton (Ryan) and Cody Davenport (Kiley) as well as three step grandchildren, Anna, Ben and Pilot.

Jim played softball, loved his classic cars and took great pride in his meticulous landscaping and perennial gardens. Jim was proud to have made it through life with a flip phone.

He retired from the State of New Hampshire in 2009. In a career starting at Fish and Game, then con-

Jim also leaves behind the mother of his children Mary Ann Mafera.

A gathering of remembrance will take place at The Cremation Society of NH, 243 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH on Monday, February 24th from 12PM to 1PM. A sit-down service will begin at 1PM. Friends and family are encouraged to tell a story or a memory they have shared with Jimmy.

Burial with military honors will take place on Monday, June 2nd at 10AM at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Boscawen NH.

In lieu of flowers, make your donations to the New Hampshire Food Bank. The Cremation Society of NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, visit www.csnh.com.

Jack (Jake) Baggaley, 88



CONCORD – On January 26, 2025, Jack (Jake) Baggaley of Concord passed away peacefully on his 88th birthday.

The youngest of four, Jake was born to Elmer and Laura Baggaley of Hamilton, N.J. in 1937 where he grew up to love sports and the great outdoors. In between hunting and fishing adventures on the lake across from the family home, he went on to become a pitching star of the Hamilton High School West baseball team, capturing records as well as the eye of professional scouts.

While in high school, Jake's dad also became part of an organization that founded the "Little Bigger League" for older boys who had outgrown Little League. A year later that organization received permission from Babe Ruth's family to rename it the Babe Ruth League and a long-standing opportunity for youth began. Jake was honored twice by throwing out the first pitch for the start of both the Little Bigger League and the Babe Ruth League.

Upon graduation from high school he went on to play for a season in Minor League baseball within the Braves organization before returning home to marry his high school sweetheart, Barbara Forrester in 1955.

Together they raised three children, which inspired him to continue his love for both sports and youth activities.

Jake became a coach and umpire for the Hamilton Little Lads, a Little League organization in his hometown. Neighborhood boys participating in the league could expect him to pull up with his pick-up truck, honk the horn and drive them all to practices and games.

His love for sports

extended to the winter months as well. His church in Trenton had an indoor basketball court so it wasn't long before he created the Christian Youth Basketball League. It brought together youth from other churches in Central New Jersey for many years. Girls also formed cheerleader squads in order to be part of the fun.

Perhaps one of Jake's greatest youth missions however took place when he retired as the N.J. State Forestry superintendent. After 15 years of growing millions of trees to help keep N.J. green, and receiving awards for his initiatives, he and Barbara joined their children who had all moved to New Hampshire. After building their dream log home in Alton, Jake had an idea on how to involve more youth in baseball. He and his son-in-law Jeff Moulton transformed a baseball field on Letter S Road in Alton into one of the very first Little Fenway Parks. The ballpark included a Citgo sign and all the details that make Fenway Park so special. It was recently renamed Baggaley-Moulton Field in their honor.

A few years later, Jake and Barbara retired to the Delaware Bay in Heislerville, New Jersey where he farmed, fished and hunted. After 20 years, the couple then returned to Concord, New Hampshire to be with their children, grandchildren and the new great-grandchildren who were joining the growing family.

As Jake headed off to join his beloved wife, who passed away on April 1, 2024, he left behind their children Donna (Baggaley) Rhodes of Bristol, Dan Baggaley and his partner Donna Deyo of Canterbury and Pittsburg, and Diane (Baggaley) and Jeff Moulton of Bow. He will also be greatly missed by his beloved grandchildren Carly (Rhodes) and Kevin Bournival of Goffstown; Craig and Samantha Rhodes of Laconia; Nick Moulton and his fiancée Mary Peace of Manchester; Kate (Moulton) and Joe Marcel of Dunbarton; Sam and Allison (Brown) Baggaley of Epping, and Jacob Baggaley and his partner Gillian Gould of Bow.

Great-grandchildren include Holden, Emerson, Finley and Emilia; Carter and Ada; the newest family member Avery; Beckham and Beckham's new sibling, due in July. Each has been presented with some of his many beautifully hand-carved ducks and shore birds.

Jake will also be missed by his brother-in-law Roger McMahon of New Jersey; sister-in-law Phyllis Bixby of North Carolina; dear friends Fran and Mel Guttormsen of Alton, Percy Bryant of South Jersey and cousin Bobby Measels of Arkansas, along with many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Jake will be held in the spring at Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord.

In lieu of flowers, friends and loved ones are requested to honor his memory by taking a child fishing, planting a tree or making a donation in his name to Alton Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 659 Alton, NH 03809.

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Laura Ball named to Kennesaw State's President's List

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Majoring in Geospatial Sciences, Ball is among more than 6,400 undergraduate students recognized

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Church Service SCHEDULE

<p>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.</p> <p>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER Sundays throughout the summer 10 am & 7 pm. 875-6161.</p> <p>BEEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.</p> <p>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Worship Service 10:00am Bible Study 11:15am Rte 126 next to Town Hall Call or Text (603) 269-8831 centerbarnsteadcc.org</p> <p>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF PRAISE C.O.P. PRAISE GATHERING Gathering Saturdays at 4:00pm The Gilmanston Community Church 1803 NH Route 140, Gilmanston, NH ccopraisegathering@gmail.com</p> <p>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON Pastor Jared Cassidy 10am Worship service Sunday 20 Church St Alton (603) 875-5561 www.ccaalton.com</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD, UCC Sunday School and Worship Services Rev. Kate Kennedy 603-776-1820 Our services are in person at 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH and live-streamed on Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m., ccnorthernbarnstead.com</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FARMINGTON Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday School: 10:15 AM Sept. To June 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 05855 www.farmingtonncc.org</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW DURHAM NH Sun. School 9:30am; Church 10:30am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor Ryan Blackard</p> <p>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H. on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2846</p> <p>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert F. Cole, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p> <p>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Miriam Acevedo with Rev. Stephen Ekerberg www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rt. 171 at Tugboatton Corner Sunday services 10:30 am. Church 603-539-8058</p> <p>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524 6488 • usd.org</p> <p>MAPLE STREET CHURCH Sunday Service 11am 96 Maple Street, Center Barnstead NH 03225</p>
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Dr. Bhaumik

I was invited to a Super Bowl party in LA, so I figured—why not? I flew out, rented a car, and as I wound my way up the hills of Bel Air, I realized this wasn't just any party. The address led me to an opulent mansion owned by Dr. Mani Bhaumik—a scientist, entrepreneur, and someone whose life story made the Super Bowl seem like just another event.

The game was on, the food was great, and the energy in the room was electric—but being someone who is fascinated by those who have accomplished great things, I was more interested in getting to know Dr. Bhaumik than in

watching the game. As I spoke with him, I realized his life's journey was extraordinary. He was born into abject poverty in a remote village in India, so poor his family had trouble meeting basic needs. He didn't receive his first pair of shoes until he was a teenager, but he made up for his lack of resources with an unstoppable hunger for knowledge.

Opportunities were scarce, and success was predetermined. Still, as destiny would have it, he lived with Mahatma Gandhi for a time, absorbing the wisdom of one of history's most outstanding leaders, not knowing that he, too, would one day

leave a profound mark on the world. Through sheer determination, he earned a place at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, where he pursued physics and eventually became the institution's first doctoral graduate. In 1959, he set his sights on the United States to pursue post-doctoral research at UCLA. Arriving in the U.S. with almost nothing, he faced an entirely new set of challenges. He was an immigrant scientist in a time when opportunities for foreign researchers were not easily handed out. But failure wasn't

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in Dr. Bhaumik's nature. His relentless curiosity and determination eventually led him to breakthrough research in laser technology. In 1968, he secured a position as the director of the laser technology lab at Northrop Corporation, where he played a pivotal role in the development of the excimer laser. This technology would later revolutionize vision correction, leading to the LASIK surgery that millions rely on today. Yet, his success wasn't limited to science alone. Dr. Bhaumik had an entrepreneurial spirit that allowed him to expand his work beyond research labs and into the world of business. His ventures in technology and industry earned him a fortune, enabling him to become a philanthropist. Adding a touch of Hollywood glamour to his rags-to-riches story, He dated Eva Ga-

bor and was featured in an episode of "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" with Robin Leach! Despite reaching the pinnacle of both scientific and financial achievement, he sought something even more significant. The fundamental questions of existence. How does science intersect with spirituality? Could quantum physics explain the mysteries of consciousness? Was there a higher power woven into the fabric of the universe? These questions led him to write "Code Name God," a book exploring the intersection of cutting-edge physics and the search for meaning. He wrote, "There is a grand design in nature, and that grand design is the reflection of a grand intelligence." Dr. Bhaumik didn't frame this as religious doctrine—he wasn't preaching faith in a traditional sense. Instead, he proposed that science itself, through the discoveries of

quantum mechanics, points toward a unifying intelligence behind the cosmos. Dr. Bhaumik's journey isn't over. Even now, he stays up late writing research papers, speaking at conferences around the world, and funding initiatives that promote education and science. While many might have retired to enjoy the fruits of their labor, Dr. Bhaumik remains as driven as ever, not for more success, but for deeper understanding; he's still asking questions, exploring, and giving back. I finally turned my attention back to the game. But as I watched the players fight for victory, I couldn't shake the thought—here we were, celebrating champions on the field, and yet I was in the presence of a different kind of champion. If there's one lesson to take from Dr. Mani Bhaumik's story, it's this: whether you're on the field, in a lab, or just navigating life, never stop learning, never stop striving.

Graton represents Golden Eagles at state swimming championships

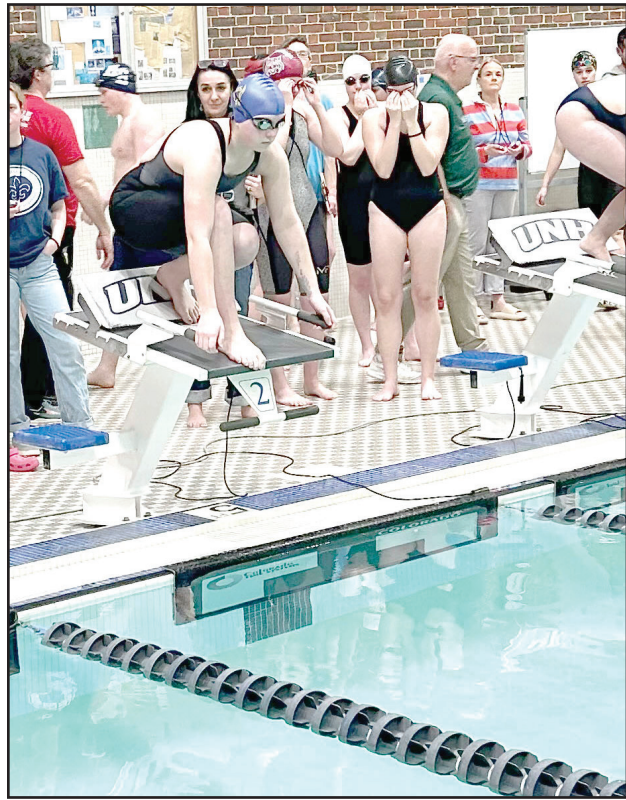
BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

DURHAM — A quartet of local swimmers took part in the Division II swimming championships at the University of New Hampshire's Swasey Pool. The meet was originally slated for Saturday but was moved to Friday night in anticipation of the Saturday evening storm.

The top performer among the four local swimmers was Belmont's Kyle Dumais, who won the 50 Freestyle championship in a time of 22.13 seconds. Dumais also skied to second place in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 49.24 seconds.

Teammate Maddie Wineriter skied to fifth overall in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:16.87 and also skied to sixth in the 500 Freestyle with a time of 6:03.74

Gilford was represented by Elise Graton, who qualified for the 500 Freestyle with a seed time of 28.97, which was her personal best from this year and the fastest time she's



COURTESY PHOTO

Elise Graton prepares to leave the blocks during the 50 Freestyle at the Division II State Meet at UNH last week.

ever swam. She swam hard, picked up an 11th place finish and dropped almost one second off her time with a time of 28.13 seconds.

Plymouth was represented by sophomore Xindi Thomas, who competed in a pair of events.

In the 50 Freestyle she placed 13th overall in a time of 28.64 and in the 100 Freestyle she placed 16th overall in a time of 1:04.53.

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He dated Eva Ga-

Big second quarter pushes Golden Eagles past Bears

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound hoop boys welcomed Gilford to Bristol on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and led after one quarter of action. However, the Golden Eagles had a solid second quarter to turn the game around and despite a rally from the Bears in the second half, came away with the 64-56 win.

Newfound led by a 12-10 score at the end of one quarter of play before the Golden Eagles outscored the Bears 21-8 in the sec-

ond quarter to take a 31-20 lead at the half-time break. The two teams were even in the third quarter, with both scoring 16 points for the 47-36 Gilford lead after three quarters. The Bears outscored the visitors 20-17 in the final quarter to close the lead but Gilford took the 64-56 win.

The Golden Eagles were led by 23 points from Henry Sleeper while Brendan Baldi and Cooper Perkins each scored 11 points and Mark Uicker added 10 points. The Bears

were led by 15 points each from Ty Belyea and Jayden Belyea.

The Division III regular season wrapped up last week and the Division III tournament kicked off after deadline Tuesday and continues on Friday, Feb. 21, both at the home of the higher seed. The Division III semifinals are Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Bow High School.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Feb. 20
KENNETT
Boys' Hoops vs. Laconia; 6
Girls' Hoops at Laconia; 6
Friday, Feb. 21
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Hoops at Souhegan; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Souhegan; 6
Saturday, Feb. 22
KENNETT
Boys' Hockey vs. John Stark-Hopkinton; 5

Girls' Hockey at Bishop Brady; 3:30
KINGSWOOD-PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Girls' Hockey vs. Salem; 7
Monday, Feb. 24
KENNETT
Boys' Hockey vs. Monadnock; 5:10
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Hockey vs. Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes; 6:40
Tuesday, Feb. 25
KENNETT

Boys' Hoops at Lebanon; 6:30
Girls' Hoops vs. Lebanon; 6
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Hoops at Laconia; 6
Girls' Hoops vs. Laconia; 6
Wednesday, Feb. 26
KINGSWOOD-PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Girls' Hockey at Souhegan; 8:10
All schedules are subject to change.

Timber Wolf girls fall in season finale battle in Whitefield

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WHITEFIELD — A huge second quarter was the difference on Friday night as the Prospect Mountain hoop girls paid a visit to Whitefield to take on White Mountains Regional in the final game of the regular season.

The Spartans edged the Timber Wolves 11-10 in the first quarter before the hosts outscored the visitors 23-5 in the sec-

ond quarter to take the 34-15 lead at the halftime break. Prospect Mountain won the third quarter by a 10-8 score before the Spartans won the fourth quarter by a 13-7 advantage to close out the regular season with the 55-32 win.

The Spartans were led by 16 points from Mackie Foss while Emma Simpson finished with 15 points and Olivia Lorenz added 11 points. The Timber Wolves were led by 11

points from Ava Foster.

The The Division III girls' hoop tournament started after deadline Wednesday, Feb. 19, and continues on Saturday, Feb. 22, both at the home of the higher seed. The Division III semifinals are Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Sanborn Regional High School.

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The dinner will sup-

port Kathy Quindley, who will be running in the Boston Marathon with the Boston Bulldogs Running Club in support of their fund-

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Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$419,933	Linda A. Trudel	Harold N., Jr. and Mindy L. Coates
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Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$2,850,000	Loch Eireann LLC	Christopher Quirk
Gilmanton	32 Bunker Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$410,000	Silas M. and Kelsey E. St.-James	Samuel and Allison Cochrane
Gilmanton	Crystal Lake Road	N/A	\$200,000	David W. and Bruce E. Johnston	David W. and Josephine Johnston
Gilmanton	63 Heath Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$438,200	Christopher M. Cote	Michael J. and Maureen E. Ward

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Emma Savoie of Gilford graduated from University of Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. — Emma Savoie, of Gilford graduated from University of Tampa on Dec. 13. Savoie received a Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice BS.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM COMMUNITY ROOM
Charles and Nancy McKay

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Community Room. The hearing is regarding an Excavation Permit within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District and the Aquifer Protection Overlay District submitted by Anthony Jones of Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Charles and Nancy McKay for property at Map 102, Lots 005 and 006, on Pine Point Road, New Durham, New Hampshire. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov or the Planning Board.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM COMMUNITY ROOM
Jeanne E. & Scott A. Clark, Trustees of the Jeanne Clark Revocable Trust

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Community Room. The hearing is regarding a Stormwater Conditional Use Permit within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District, the Steep Slopes Conservation District, and the Shore Front Conservation Area submitted by Thomas W. Varney, of Varney Engineering, LLC., on behalf of Jeanne E. and Scott A. Clark, Trustees of the Jeanne Clark Revocable Trust for property at Map 101, Lot 018, at 237 North Shore Road, New Durham, New Hampshire. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov or the Planning Board.

Scholarship Foundation to host Benefit Night at Fratello's

LACONIA — Mark your calendars! Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Annual Benefit Night at Fratello's Restaurant is fast approaching.

LRSF is looking forward to holding their annual benefit night, again this year, at Fratello's Restaurant in Laconia, courtesy of the McDonough family. The annual event will take place on Tuesday, March 4, from 4 p.m. to closing. Twenty-five percent of



Fratello's staff (left to right) Alyssa, Charlize, Belona, Chef Jeremy, Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Executive Director Chris Guilmett, Fratello's Manager Danielle Carroll, and Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Director Karen Switzer.

the food portion of every order will go directly to benefit the LRSF Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund – FOFOF, whether customers eat in or take out.

Executive Director Chris Guilmett commented, "It is a win-win for people in the area. Those who attend get a delicious meal in addition to helping out LRSF, which has been awarding scholarships to residents for the past 69 years. All you need to

do, when placing your order, is mention that you are there to support Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. We hope that many diners who have supported us in the past, as well as many new patrons will join us for a festive evening at Fratello's!"

LRSF Director Karen Switzer added, "Prizes for our annual Winter Blues Raffle fundraiser will be on display that evening, as we will be drawing the winners of our Winter Blues Raffle that same night."

Along with being able to purchase raffle tickets that evening, raffle tickets can also be purchased ahead of time directly through Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's Web site at: www.lrscholarship.org. Stay current by following Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation on Facebook or Instagram.

Powerhouse offers improv class for all levels



COURTESY

Amanda Wagner

LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre in Laconia is proud to announce a new opportunity for community members interested in improv comedy to participate in an eight-week Improv Workshop.

Appropriately beginning on April 1, instructor Amanda Wagner, who has been seen in several Powerhouse productions, including as Romeo in "Romeo and Juliet" and Abigail Williams in "The Crucible," will use the skills she acquired in classes with the renowned Groundlings and Second City comedy troupes to create a welcoming and fun experience for participants.

According to Wagner, "Improvisation is a fantastic way to build skills as an actor and to build confidence overall! This workshop will be a great chance to step outside of your comfort zone in a welcoming and fun-loving environment. Worried you won't be any good? There are literally no wrong answers, it's improv after all!"

The course will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Woodside

Building of the Taylor Community on Union Avenue in Laconia and over the eight-week course participants will be exposed to various long and short form improv techniques and exercises with an ending showcase for family and friends on May 27 (there is no class April 29).

The workshop is for adults 18 and up, and is appropriate for both beginners as well as people with improv experience. The cost for the workshop is \$80, if this presents a hardship there are some scholarship opportunities. Space is limited to 12 participants and will be granted on a first

come, first serve basis to those registering at <https://www.powerhouseh.org/workshops>.

And for those interested in comedy there is still time to get tickets to John Cariani's "un"romantic comedy "LOVE/SICK," playing Feb. 14-16 at the Colonial Theatre.

For all the details on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, auditions, and other events in the 2025 season check out powerhouseh.org or email info@powerhouseh.org. There are still opportunities available for businesses to sponsor events in the 2025 season.

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