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Keenan punches Gilford's ticket to Final Four

Golden Eagle lacrosse girls win overtime semifinal thriller

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

LACONIA — It was a similar script, just with a different ending.

After falling to Bow in overtime just over two weeks ago, the Gilford girls' lacrosse team was able to flip the outcome when the two talented teams squared off in the NHIAA Division III semifinal round here at Bank of New Hampshire Stadium on the Laconia High School campus. Junior Olivia Keenan netted the game-winner, her seventh of the contest as the third-seeded Golden Eagles upended number



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Gilford senior Caroline Guest (5), Makenna Clayton (6), Addison Harris, and Camryn Coutts join the celebration with goalie Lilly Winward (55) and assistant coach Gabby Defregger (hat) after the third-seeded Golden Eagles edged number two Bow, 11-10, in the NHIAA Division III girls' lacrosse semifinal round.

two and defending champion Bow, 11-10, to earn a shot at the program's first state championship.

It was Gilford's first ever win over perennial power Bow, earning their first trip to the finals.

"It's been a dream for these seniors. Literally beating Bow was one of their goals. The regular season game (12-11 overtime loss in Gilford) was the closest we've ever come," Gilford head coach Jen Watson said.

"This group believed they could achieve that,

and they did," added coach Watson. "I'm so proud of all of them."

It looked like the Golden Eagles (14-2) were poised to breeze into the championship game after junior Addison Norman scooped up a loose ball in front and fired it home, giving Gilford a 10-7 lead with 9:19 remaining in the contest.

But the Falcons hung around, getting that goal back less than a minute later.

Gilford had a couple of chances to extend their

lead but couldn't find the back of the goal on a couple quality chances. That opened the door for Bow, and the second seed stormed back. Freshman Charlotte Duncan finished a pass from Olivia Selleck with 5:23 remaining to pull the Falcons within a goal. Duncan netted the equalizer less than two minutes later to pull the Falcons (16-3) even with 3:24 on the clock.

With the momentum clearly with the Falcons, Gilford keeper Lilly Win-

ward (six saves) came up with a big stop on Bow's Kendall Murray with just under three minutes remaining to set the stage for the thrilling finish in overtime.

Moments after being denied in front, sophomore Abigail Watson made a perfect pass to Keenan in front who deposited it into the back of the netting to set off the wild celebration on the turf with 1:28 remaining in the extra session.

"This has been the most cohesive our offense has been in my two years. It's not always the same person every time," coach Watson pointed out. "Abby Watson made that pass to Olivia Keenan... that was textbook."

And the Golden Eagles' confidence never wavered after letting a three-goal edge get away.

"We've never ever been ahead of Bow. It tightened up," pointed out coach Watson. "But we were keeping it positive, thinking positive. The girls kept pushing and pushing. They kept going and going."

"They played together as a team, and they persevered," she added.

That team effort is what it took for the Golden Eagles to win.

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Special meeting to decide on BES project

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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BARNSTEAD — A special school district meeting has been scheduled for June 27 to decide on a project to expand Barnstead Elementary School after the district received notice it is eligible for more than \$12 million in state Building Aid funds.

Belknap County Superior Court allowed the district to hold a special district meeting on the project after an evidentiary hearing on May 28.

Last year, the school district proposed an article that would appropriate \$23,398,200 to create an addition to

the building that will include a gym, additional classroom space, unified arts programs, and science labs. This article was contingent on the school receiving \$10,210,940 in State Building Aid to cover around 45 percent of the cost and bonding the remaining \$13,187,260.

In 2023, the state notified the district that it would not be one of the five districts that were receiving intent to fund letters. Focus then went on a smaller project approved at the district meeting that would renovate the older wings of the school known as A wing, B wing, and the Old Lobby with im-

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Interim Principal hired at BES

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BARNSTEAD — An interim principal has been chosen for Barn-

stead Elementary School, who will serve during the 2024-2025 school year.

Barnstead Elementary School announced

Prospect softball cruises back to semifinals

Bernier tosses no-bitter, gets 600th career strikeout in quarterfinal win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team wasted little time in booking a third trip in a row to the Division III semifinals.

The Timber Wolves scored twice in the bottom of the first and added five in the bottom of the second on the way to a 14-0 win over Raymond in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday, June 1.

Timber Wolf senior pitcher Ella Bernier continued her assault of the Prospect Mountain strikeout record, which she broke during the regular season. With a strikeout of the second batter of the game, Bernier reached the 600 career strikeout mark.

Tori Christie reached on an error to open the game and stole second. One out later, she scored on a Bernier double and a Mariah Gates double pushed another run across. Gwen Christie moved Gates up with a sacrifice groundout, but she was stranded at third



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Taylor Greenwood is greeted by her teammates after homering in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday.

and Prospect had the 2-0 lead.

After a leadoff walk in the top of the second, Bernier struck out the next three batters to put the bats in the Timber Wolves' hands again and they came alive. With one out, Taylor Greenwood reached on an infield hit and came around to score when Eve Roberge's bunt was thrown away, allowing her to get all the way to third. She scored on a passed ball and one out

later, Alexis Wilson doubled and Bernier reached on a catcher's interference call. A Gates base hit drove in one run and a base hit from Gwen Christie plated two more runs for the 7-0 lead. Paige Harding continued the inning with a base hit, but she was stranded as the Timber Wolves took the 7-0 lead to the third inning.

The Rams got a leadoff walk in the top of the third inning and a

sacrifice bunt moved the runner into scoring position. Catcher Olivia Noyes attempted to gun down the runner taking a lead off second and the throw went into the outfield. Harding backed up the play nicely and fired a strike to Roberge at third base to cut the runner down and a Bernier strikeout ended the inning.

Greenwood led off the bottom of the third with

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COURTESY

Howie Drolet has been hired as the interim principal of Barnstead Elementary School starting on July 1.

on May 21 that Michael "Howie" Drolet was appointed as the school's interim principal starting on July 1.

During their April 17 meeting, the Barnstead School Board approved a resignation letter from Kara Robdau. The board also approved a recommendation by Superintendent Tim Broadrick to hire an interim principal for next school year while a search committee will convene at a later time.

Robdau has served as Barnstead Elementary School's principal for two years, Broadrick said Robdau announced she had been hired to an-

other principal position in Tamworth and would leave at the end of the school year.

On May 21, the school announced that Howie Drolet had been hired to the interim position.

According to a statement from BES, Drolet has served as in education for 25 years and has a Bachelors degree in Behavioral Sciences and a Masters in Educational Leadership.

He has worked as a middle school teacher and an administrator in K-8 and the high school level in Milton and Northwood.

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Wright Museum Education Series continues with program on war correspondent B.J. McQuaid

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, June 11, the Wright Museum will welcome Joe McQuaid. This is the second program of the Wright Museum’s 2024 Education Series.

As a World War II newspaper correspondent, B.J. McQuaid covered American and British front lines from the frozen Aleutian Islands of Alaska to the steaming jungles and seas of the South Pacific, at Tarawa and Guadalcanal and then to Europe from D-Day forward in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He interviewed Sir Bernard Law Montgomery during the Battle of the

Bulge and went toe-to-toe with U.S. Third Army General George S. Patton. He was separated from his wife and two small children for three years. He interviewed and got the names of frontline soldiers and sailors, providing a link to their families back home in towns and cities across the United States. His stories ran in more than 80 American newspapers through the Chicago Daily News Service. Peg McQuaid, his wife, was keeping the Home Fires burning back in New Hampshire, providing for herself and their two small children. She dealt with

food, oil, and gasoline rationing while writing faithfully and regularly to her husband overseas. Theirs is a story of love, of sacrifice, and of hope.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on

Tuesday, June 11 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made

online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.

The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000

items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield. For more information about the 2023 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

Registration open for Gilford Got Lunch

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GILFORD — Families that might not know where they will get food over the summer months can get some support thanks to Gilford Got Lunch, an organization that provides food to children outside of school. Registration is now open for Gilford Got Lunch and any family with school age children in Gilford and Gilmanton who faces food insecurity can sign up for the summer-long program.

said many receive free and reduced lunch, but some families are above that threshold and may face crises such as layoffs, medical issues, a death in the family, or other situation.

“We serve to feed people if they tell us they’re hungry,” Jenkins said. “After working here for 30 years, I can tell you if there are those that are maybe perceived as not needing it, there are 10 families that won’t apply because they’re embarrassed to apply. More go unfed than get fed.”

from local farms. Families will also receive vouchers for each child in the home to purchase dairy products that can be used through Sept. 30.

Families will register for the program and Got Lunch will then create delivery routes. Volunteers will procure the food from the NH Food Bank. Food will then be collected in their store-room at the Gilford Youth Center and volunteers will pack the bags. Deliveries are made each Monday morning.

Got Lunch also provides food to kids throughout the school year through each school’s nurse’s office.

giving and February school breaks.

Got Lunch doesn’t do any major fundraisers. Jenkins said they don’t want to pull away donations from any other program in the Lakes Region with greater needs. The program does get a lot of support from people in the community.

At every election, Got Lunch sets up a table in the GYC lobby to take food and monetary donations. Jenkins said those are their biggest collection days. They will also offer informational flyers with QR codes to provide more information on what they do.

Book, Bake and Plant Sale at New Durham Public Library

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library will have a Book, Baked Goods and Plant Sale on the Library grounds on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. until noon. Please stop by at this outdoor/indoor event. There will be many books which have been discarded from the Library collection and some which were donated. Plants are

donated by Pearson’s Greenhouse. There will be many homemade baked goods to purchase.

The Friends of the Library is an organization whose membership is open to all community members. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Chris Hudon at 508-572-5404 or Marjorie Mohr at 603-859-6490.

During a two-month period, volunteers will fill bags of food for each child in a family to have over the week along with vouchers for dairy products.

Got Lunch operates around nine to 10 weeks over the summer months. The program delivers a bag of food for each child in the home on a weekly basis.

For a few years the district offered a weekend program that was facilitated by the school nurses, though it stopped at the onset of the pandemic.

“For some folks, it’s been a very eye-opening experience to learn that there are families with food insecure children, and they often come back with food and money,” Jenkins said.

Jenkins said Gilford Got Lunch, like many organizations, is currently looking for active board members. All the board members will come to the GYC on Monday mornings to pack food and see it off.

“We’re very much a working board we are very well supported by the Gilford community,” Jenkins said.

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Gilford Got Lunch co-chair and Gilford High School nurse Meg Jenkins said Got Lunch started in 2013 as an offshoot of Got Lunch Laconia. She said the Laconia program is much bigger, serving around 10 times the amount of kid served by the Gilford program. She said the Gilford program copied the Laconia program’s format and made some changes.

The program has several community partners who help provide food during the summer and beyond.

“Since the crisis of COVID has passed, we, like many organizations, struggle with volunteers, that part has been halted,” Jenkins said.

To register, make a donation, or get more information, visit <https://www.gilfordgotlunch.com> or email gilfordgotlunch@gmail.com. Donations can also be mailed to Gilford Got Lunch, 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford, NH, 03249.

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Lasell University students named to Dean’s List

NEWTON, Mass. — The Spring 2024 Dean's List includes students who have completed

at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester

GPA of 3.5 or higher. The following local students were named to the Lasell Dean's List.

Atlas Stone of Laconia

Emily Watson of Gil-

ford

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Kingswood students presented with academic awards

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School congratulates the recipients of this year’s academic awards.

Principal’s Award
Haleigh Lindsay, Aaron Desmond

Art Department
Excellence in Art Award: Lucy Edwards

Technology Department
Overall Woods Student Award: Neil Whitcomb

Computer Visual Design I Award: Vanessa Rogers

Computer Visual Design II Award: Hannah Vachon

Photography Technology Award: Stella Lunt

Small Engines Award: Kayden Tyler

Architectural Drafting Award: Ben Livie, Edward Evans

Tech Drawing Award: Carrigan Williams
Technology Department Award: Kallen Malone

Most Deserving Student in Health & Wellness Award: Jennifer Baldwin
Family & Consumer Science Award: Jaylynn Lizotte

Math Department
Four Years of Excellence Award: Aaron Desmond, Emily Matos

Most Improved Award: Samuel Frazier

World Language Department
Academic Excellence in Spanish: Emerson DeNitto

Academic Excellence in French: Anaka Waldron

Seal of Biliteracy: Emerson DeNitto, Emily Matos, Carrigain Williams, Brady Clarke, Will Crane,



Pictured, left to right: Paul Famulari, Principal; Aaron Desmond and Haleigh Lindsay, recipients of this year’s Principal Award; and Grady Charland, Assistant Principal.

Marisole Duran, Elliott Giessler, Ethan Huffman, Charlotte Ling, Megan Ouellette, Brityn Roark, Brooke Tasker, Kat Viands, Kaitlyn Beaulieu, Norah Brown, Izzy Bush, Josh Currul, Lily Duque, Evan Harrington, Sam Keniston, Addie Lawlor, Liam Moore, Sebastian Roberts, Sierra Rose,

Cormack Welch, Jiner Zhuang, Matthew Oliveira, Alex Small, Morgan Sprince, Caden Laing, Bryan Johnson, Lucy Edwards, Anaka Waldron, Avery Gregory, Riley Stevens

Music Department
Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award: Keegan Quinn

John Phillip Sousa Award: Emily Matos

National School Choral Award: Kaitlyn Cooper

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Kurtis Sheffer

Quincy Jones Musicianship Award: Malcolm Clark

Business Department
Business and Information Technology Department Excellence Award: Emerson DeNitto

Outstanding Graphic Design Student: Rylee Booth

English Department
Excellence in English: Kerri Dureau, Cole Murray

St. Lawrence Book Award: Sophia Baca

St. Michaels Book Award: Avery Gregory

Global Perspective AP Award: Landon Young,

Noah Swenson
Outstanding Achievement Award: Aiden Cumber, Branden Bergeron

Science Department

Physics Award: Keegan Kilkelly

Chemistry Award: Jiner Zhuang

Biology Award: Cooper McCourt

Physical Science Award: Kelsie Davis

Anatomy & Physiology 1 Award: Christiana Gardiner

Environmental Science Award: Riley Levesque

Astronomy Award: Nelson Edwards

Overall Science Award: Joshua Nelson

Social Studies Department
Outstanding World History Award: Lexi Baker

Outstanding American Government Student: Jordyn Martineau

Kaiser Award for Excellence in US History: Samuel Keniston

Current Issues/Political Awareness Award: Megan Ouellette

Outstanding Social Studies Student 4 Years: William Crane

Outstanding Effort Award in Social Studies: Adeline King

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Physical Education
Outstanding PE Students Award: Curtis Cloos, Brady Clarke

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NH Boat Museum offers community sailing instruction

WOLFEBORO — Each summer, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) and the Town of Wolfeboro’s Parks and Recreation Department partner to offer an instructional community sailing program for all ages.

“Our program is unique because it offers something for everyone—from a total beginner to an experienced sailor looking to hone their skills for a modest cost,” said Kerry Lynch, Chair of NHBM’s community sailing programs.

These programs include Youth Sailing, Adult Small Boat Sailing, Keelboat Sailing for Adults, and Sport Sailing, the latter of which was introduced just last year.

“Our Sport Sailing program is really fun for people



of all ages with some sailing experience who would like to ‘up their game,’” said Lynch, who is also a NHBM Board Trustee. “The program uses Sunfish and racing sloops with some amount of competition.”

NHBM community sailing programs range in price from \$150 to \$250 per week of instruction. For youth with financial constraints, NHBM offers scholarships.

“We do not want finances to present barriers,” added Lynch. “We want everyone who really wants to learn about sailing to be able to learn.”

Now open for registration, NHBM community sailing programs are guided by US Sailing Certified Level 1 Instructors. To register or for more information about pricing and dates, visit wolfeboro.recdesk.com or nhbm.org.

“Classes are filling up quickly, so sign up now,” added Cummings.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits and engaging programs and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Stark Creative, KW Lakes and Mountains, Taylor Community, Belletetes, and North Water Marine.

Gilford Community Church choir to present Heather Sorenson's Requiem”

GILFORD — On Sunday, June 9 at 10 a.m., the Gilford Community Church Choir will be joined by a 15-piece orchestra and present Heather Sorenson’s “Requiem.” The piece is dedicated to the GCC choir members we have lost. Commissioned in honor of those lost during COVID, Heather Sorenson’s Requiem was written to bring hope and healing to all who have experienced loss.

“I chose the piece because even though it’s a requiem (a mass for the dead) it still has lots of moments of hope and joy to reflect the time we

have in rehearsal, and the friendships we maintain through singing in choir,” said AJ Coppola, GCC’s Music and Choir Director.

The Requiem will be performed as part of the church service, “we’ll be taking over the Sunday so it will mostly be the requiem that day,” added Coppola.

Choir member Doris MacHaffie noted, “Our Sunday service on June 9 will be the fulfillment of many hours of hard work and joyous dedication by our choir. It is truly music for the soul. I hope many will be there to share our joy.”

The choir has been working on the piece since January and will perform as part of our regular Sunday service, therefore, is a free event.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on Facebook and YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more about GCC, or virtually attend service, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.



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Supporting family and friends: A pillar of well-being

The importance of supporting family and friends cannot be overstated. Family and friends serve as our emotional anchors, grounding us during times of turmoil and lifting us during moments of triumph. The presence of a supportive network can make a significant difference in how we cope with life's challenges. For example, the comforting words of a parent or the encouragement from a friend can transform a daunting situation into a manageable one. This emotional support helps build resilience, allowing us to navigate life's ups and downs with greater ease.

Actively supporting our loved ones not only benefits them but also strengthens the bond you have with them. When we invest time and energy in the well-being of our family and friends, we create a reciprocal relationship built on trust and mutual respect. This investment pays off in the form of deeper, more meaningful connections. Celebrating successes, offering a shoulder to cry on, or simply being present during life's mundane moments can all contribute to a stronger, more cohesive network of relationships. When we model supportive behavior, we set a standard for others to follow.

Supporting family and friends can take many forms, from grand gestures to small, everyday acts of kindness. Here are a few practical ways to show support:

Active Listening: Sometimes, the most valuable thing we can offer is our attention. Truly listening to someone's concerns or joys shows that we care about their feelings and experiences.

Acts of Service: Helping with tasks, whether it's running an errand or lending a hand with a project, demonstrates a willingness to share the load and make life easier for others.

Words of Encouragement: Simple words of encouragement can boost someone's confidence and morale. Letting others know we believe in them can have a powerful impact on their outlook.

Quality Time: Spending quality time together, free from distractions, reinforces the importance of the relationship and provides opportunities to deepen connections.

Being There: Sometimes, just being there in times of need, whether in person or virtually, provides immense comfort and reassurance.

It's important to recognize that supporting family and friends is not a one-way street. The act of giving support often brings about a sense of fulfillment and purpose. Knowing that we have made a positive difference in someone's life can enhance our own sense of well-being.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.



COURTESY

ACS students receive prestigious awards

Alton Central School Students Rebekah Thomas and Stockton McKnight were each recipients for the New England League of Middle Schools Distinguished Students Scholar Leader Award on May 30. The students were presented with an award whose criteria includes demonstrating academic initiative and scholarship, providing service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes, and demonstrating leadership in the classroom and school activities. We are so proud of them both, and excited for them as representatives of Alton Central School!

Let's Talk. That Thing.

BY PAMELA MOTT

Alton

That thing called life can have a hell of a sense of humor. We all know those things that happen that you can't even make up. Locals sharing stories with other locals makes a person really see how much of a sense of humor life can have. Each one of us has some sort of story that is more like another than we could even know. I don't know about you but boy am I grateful to

know that I am not alone.

Gratitude for everyday even when life's humor can be a bit gallows. Communication is a part of how self-expression builds the fabric of our community. Speaking of self-expression, creative expression is a great way for those of us that are not so verbal about ourselves.

On Aug. 31 at That Thing in Alton Bay, a local artist will be guiding all of us in a community

art project. Yes, you too could be part of a one-of-a-kind piece of art. Made by locals with a little help from a local. This clever project will be a mosaic. Check it out on the back porch of the community center. All the materials are there. No cost, no need for any concern, each piece will be a part of a whole. Just like the locals, colorful and connected to each other.

That Thing will be a great opportunity to en-

joy a picnic in the park while watching an event unlike anything Alton Bay has seen. All at no cost, no buck to follow. Entertainment and activities will be in kind, for locals by locals. If you are a local who would like to participate in acoustic porch performances feel free to reach out to me. Sponsors will be covering the cost. No one is going to sell you anything. Come on out and spend the day in the Bay.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Paths

Every day, I look out my bedroom window and see nothing but a bird house hanging on the side of the woodshed. I've had the feeling for weeks that something is wrong, but I didn't want to encroach upon the territory that I've given them to use.

I would have expected to see the parents coming and going from the nest as one partner stays sitting on the eggs. Then once the eggs hatch, there would be continuous food deliveries via blue air transport. All the clock work of a family growing up as God intended it to

be. Not this year.

The other day, it was nice weather, and I was puttering around outside. I looked up at the bird house and thought, I really need to check it out.

Grabbing my small step ladder from the shed, I placed it in front of the entrance, climbed up a couple of rungs and unscrewed the clean-out panel. What I found inside was pretty sad. The dad bluebird was dead, had been for a while, and he was laying atop of five little blue eggs, long since cold. I walked them all

out to the woods and deposited them there.

What could have happened? It certainly wasn't the cat. She's not much into birds, and if she did manage to get mother bluebird, I would be the first to see her proud feathery surprise by the front door.

Once the nest is made, you don't see these guys spend much time on the ground. That led me to considering one of the ever-present hawks. They're always looking for something to devour.

The only other thing I could come up with

was that she took off to Acapulco with some fancy feathered fellow. I'm sure that she had been hearing all winter about how motherhood is so de-meaning from the Feathered Feminist Society, and that she really needed to seek out her individuality.

Just think of it, she had spent the last two summers going through the motions of building a nest, sitting on eggs, and then feeding all them little squawking fuzz balls till they finally got feathers enough to fly, then

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Letters to the Editor

BES building aid and school expansion update

To the Editor:

On April 30, members of the School Board and Space Needs Committee got together with representatives from The Turner Group and Milestone Construction to review details of the BES building expansion and renovation project, as well as the timeline for completion of tasks to allow the district to accept building aid funds from the State.

The district received official "intent to fund" notification from the NH DOE and is eligible to receive an estimated \$12,400,788 in school building aid. At the same time, the DOE informed the district that its qualifying expenses will be reimbursed at the rate of 55%, a significant increase from the town's previous 45% eligibility. At its April meeting, the School Board recommended a Warrant Article to be presented to the voters at a special district meeting, and the district's attorney petitioned the Belknap County Superior Court for permission to hold that meeting. An evidentiary hearing on the district's petition was held on May 28, and the Court granted the district authorization to hold the special meeting seeking approval of its warrant article.

The Turner Group is working on finalizing the project plan for submission to the DOE. While the project cannot be drastically modified from the design that was originally included in the building aid application, small changes can be made along the way. The School Board has requested that Turner gather information on adding a generator, and that the preschool classrooms included in the original design be re-designated to serve other educational purposes, thereby making them eligible for reimburse-

ment. The district will continue to house preschool in the Early Learning Center located across the street from BES.

At its May meeting, the School Board appointed Milestone Construction to be the construction manager for the building renovation and expansion project. Milestone is already serving as construction manager for this summer's smaller renovation project, and the Board has been very pleased with their work to date. The Turner Group will assist the Board in the process of procuring and selecting an Owner's Project Manager, which is required for the larger renovation and expansion project.

The next steps toward the building renovation and expansion are:

- The Space Needs Committee will reconvene and plan public information sessions to be held mid-June so voters can learn more about the school renovation & expansion project, and Barnstead's school building aid eligibility.
- The town Budget Committee will post a public hearing to be held on June 11 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall when it review and take action on the School Board's proposed Warrant Article;
- A public hearing on the bond will be held at the School Board's monthly meeting, also on June 11 at 6 p.m. at BES;
- A special district meeting will be held on June 27 at 6 p.m. at BES for the sole purpose of voting on the warrant article.

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The Meetinghouse Committee needs to hear from you!

By Cathy Allyn, Bob Bickford, Ellen Phillips, and Clayton Randall
1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
New Durham

The New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee (MRC) is holding a Public Forum on June 13 at the Community Room at the rear of the Fire Station beginning at 6:30 p.m. for input on the restoration project. What do you think the future of the Meetinghouse should be? We want to know!

After several years of following a plan for the building to become a community center for public events and to be rented inexpensively by residents for private events, the Committee is seeking updated direction from the townspeople who will be using it.

The 1772 Meetinghouse is a rare pre-Revolutionary War meetinghouse, the oldest remaining building of its type in New Durham and an historic landmark integral to Town identity. Located at the original town center, it served as the seat of government/religion for more than a century. An excellent example of frontier construction, it is on the National Register of Historic Places and was designated in 2012 as a Seven to Save resource.

And it's still here after more than 250 years. The MRC was formed in 2006 to assist in the physical and cultural restoration of the Meetinghouse. Come learn the current status of the restoration project and weigh in on how the building should be used in the future.

Because the rehabilitation of the building is a phased project, it can be used in different ways at different stages of completion. We've conduct-

ed several surveys in the past - online and at events - and have found the public overwhelmingly wants the building completed, along with a bathroom and some sort of kitchen facility.

Let's clear up misinformation that's been circulated on social media! We would remind folks that the Facebook page run by the Town appointed MRC is New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Friends, which incorporates the committee and our dedicated volunteers.

If you want to know what events we're sponsoring or if you ever have a question about the project, just go to our page, or email us at newdurhammeetinghouse@gmail.com. Get the facts from the horse's mouth!

The restoration of the building is a Town project, voted on and approved by the townspeople, with a Restoration Capital Reserve Fund voted on and established in 2000, and reviewed annually by the Capital Improvement Programs Committee.

Phased work was suggested originally by the Historic Building Assessment done in 2009, which was partially paid for with an LCHIP grant. After trees close to the building were cleared, then MRC Chairperson George Gale laid out a plan in four phases:

1. Install historically accurate foundation;
2. Effect timber frame repairs and roof replacement;
3. Bring the interior up to code;
4. Add a support building at the rear.

This was presented to the Board of Selectmen on Aug. 13, 2017.

The MRC has kept to that plan. The foundation was completed in 2018, and now we're working on getting Phase 2 funded - it's the

big ticket item. Because of the building's historic significance, though, it is eligible for grants.

Different grants have different criteria - we just recently applied for the last of the ARPA funds, and that grant required the entire project to be finished in one fell swoop. There was special emphasis on energy efficiency and ADA accessibility; and the required match was only 15% of the total needed! Most matches are 50%.

Luckily, we knew what work was needed to fulfill all of the remaining phases, 2-4. Caring and generous local contractors donated their time and expertise to help us. We worked for months and came up with a 300+ page application.

We didn't get that grant because a community center staffed by a part-time employee and volunteers (as New Durham's would be) did not meet the funding agency's threshold; but during the application process, we worked closely with an architectural firm and other local professionals, and developed a productive relationship with the Division of Historic Resources (DHR).

Any contractor working on the historic Meetinghouse has to abide by the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines, and proposed work needs to be given an okay. This grant required a finished building completely ADA accessible. It had been proposed many years ago that a path could cut from the parking area below the Stone Pound and on to the building. As it happened, this would have fit well with ADA accessibility.

We asked DHR about

it and they suggested it would be better to have the pathway come along the driveway to limit disruption of the land. They also preferred that we use solar lighting along the driveway to the building, rather than putting in electricity, as had been proposed.

We also dipped our toes into Phases 3 and 4, speaking to contractors about heating, water, plastering, etc.

Phase 4 - which is a long way off - calls for a septic system (the MRC would prefer composting toilets, and did a lot of research on that kind of system, but the need for regular monitoring and waste removal makes that an unsatisfactory solution). The only possible location due to wetlands, the burial ground, and placement of the well would be between the parking area and the building. Some trees would need to be cut down - those of us here in New Durham are familiar with how septic systems work - but certainly not all. A fact to keep in mind is that during many years in the building's history, trees around the structure were cleared.

To fulfill two requirements of the grant application, we had test pits dug with the help of the Town and the donated services of a septic designer. We had to demonstrate breaking ground within six months of the application, and the drawings that we needed to provide in the application required test pits being dug. It's real progress to have that done at this stage!

To meet the spirit of that particular grant (and to save taxpayers money), solar energy was preferable. If solar power is used (which is

not certain - remember, these proposals stem from the grant application), the ground mounted panels would be only 11.5 feet high, located in the parking area on the inside of the stone wall along the road, with native plantings behind to screen them from the road. The array would not be visible from the building but would be able to be seen from the Town Pound.

Aware that one of the reasons the lot was purchased was to protect the viewshed down the valley, we spoke at length with the solar power representative regarding placement. Again, installing solar power is not a "definite" by any means when the time comes, but it would be cost efficient.

We also found a variety of groups that would love to meet at the Meetinghouse, once it is completed. Many people are willing to volunteer their time to oversee activities there, too. Having the building used in different ways is what we've been working toward since the very beginning.

Our members have deep ties to the community. Meet them!

Clayton Randall is a descendant of Elder Benjamin Randal, founder of the Free Will Baptist church and minister at the Meetinghouse beginning in 1778. Bob Bickford's family goes back 12 generations as natives to NH and at least six generations in the family's home. Ellen Phillips has lived in New Durham for 46 years and taught at the school for 27 years; her children were born and raised here. Robin Bickford grew up in Milton, as did several generations of her family, and has lived in New

Durham since 2006 when she and Bob moved back to his childhood home. Cathy Allyn has lived here since 1995 and has been on the MRC since its inception.

If you ride a snowmobile trail, thank Bob. If your child can read better, thank Ellen. If you had fun at a class at the library, thank Cathy. If you received good care at the hospital, thank Robin. If your business needed a communications system, thank Clayton.

Among us, in addition to the MRC, we have also served on the Conservation Commission, the Budget Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Powder Mill Snowmobile Club, the New Durham Charitable Fund, and the Merry-meeting Merry-makers, a theatrical group that presented musicals to raise money for the school. We're committed to our town and to rehabilitating the Meetinghouse so it can be used by residents, as it was in the past.

The project takes money - our principal fundraisers are "purchasing" a shingle for \$10, noted in a notebook; tiered donations of higher amounts, listed on a plaque; and commemorative granite stones for a reflective space on the far side of the original Meetinghouse lot. The concept of this area has been approved by LCHIP and the DHR.

We need your help by letting us know what you think the future of the Meetinghouse should be. Join us at the Public Forum on June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. You can also send us your thoughts by email at newdurhammeetinghouse@gmail.com.

EDWIN

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when they got that down, showing them how to fend for themselves. And doing that twice each summer. Maybe she just had enough? Maybe a nice holiday down south sounded like a good idea? So off they headed. South. Away from the mundane motherly madness of New Hampshire, to the excitement, fantasies, and fun, hidden in the world of the unknown. It was spring, they were in love and free to go anywhere they desired.

They chased each other through cherry blossom country, peach blossom land, and orchards of apple blossoms. They felt young again. The world was full of flowers and wonderful scents. The glorious days seemed endless.

This kind of thing does happen. At least to us humans. There used to be a local guy who would take care of my road work, plowing and such. The story I heard after he sort of disappeared from the planet was that he met a nice woman, and they are now enjoying each other's company somewhere down in the Caribbean. Well, good for him.

If I were free as a bird, I too might consider just

upping myself from my roots here and doing a life revamp. But where would I go? I have no desire to be elsewhere, at the moment. I'm pretty content. I don't like not having much snow anymore, but then again, I don't mind not having to scoop so much. My neighbor has discovered the light switch for the outside flood lights that used to illuminate the whole area nightly. Nighttime darkness has returned.

Things do keep changing though. Me along with it. Lots of things are getting dropped from my "can do" list. Things that I never got around to I'll need to pass off to someone who can. Or just let them go.

We all seem to continue on our paths till something jars us off. My friend Mister Bluebird was on a mission. To keep those eggs warm till his replacement arrived. Unfortunately for him, that never happened. I don't think I could have helped him if I tried. Our planes of existence and communication never cross.

We all walk a path from our first to our last breath before, by faith, God takes us home.

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Moon Tree planted at BES

BARNSTEAD — On a recent Friday afternoon, fourth grade students and staff gathered on Barnstead Elementary School’s playground to plant a “Moon Tree,” so named because it grew from one of the seeds carried on the Artemis I Moon Mission in 2022. It flew aboard the Orion spacecraft, and traveled 275,000 miles in space and orbited the Moon several times. After returning to Earth, it was cared for by NASA and the USDA Forest Service.

This is the second generation of Moon Trees. The original Moon Tree generation was from the Apollo 14 project in 1971. NASA is using the Artemis program, like the one

with the Moon Tree seeds and saplings, to get people excited about space exploration again.

Fourth grade teacher Brittany Sylvain applied for the tree back in August because she knew this would be a great opportunity to promote STEM at Barnstead Elementary School, foster excitement about space, and involve the community in a unique experience. Currently, this is the only Moon Tree in New Hampshire, and although that might change with different planting cycles from other Moon Trees, or other future NASA projects, Brittany and her students are honored to be the first New Hampshire recipients.



LAX
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en Eagles to overcome Bow in an up-and-down, back-and-forth contest.

The experienced Falcons, coming off two straight title game appearances, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first two minutes of the contest. Gilford settled into the flow of the game and answered back. Down 4-2, Gilford got goals from Lean Davignon and Olivia Keenan, both assisted by Addison Normandin, in the final 1:20 of the first quarter to pull even at 4 after one.

Avery Hennig gave the Golden Eagles their first lead just 32 seconds into the second period. Bow would pull ever at the 6:47 mark only to have Gilford take the lead back less than a minute later on a goal from Abigail Watson.

Winward came up with another key stop with 2:23 remaining in the second period, and the Golden Eagles took a 6-5 edge into the halftime break.

Bow was able to pull even early in the third frame, but the Golden Eagles speed and skill started to take control of the contest. Keenan would finish off a perfect feed from Calia Blackey to put Gilford back up 7-6 with 7:28 on the third quarter clock.

Keenan then appeared to put the Golden Eagles in complete control with two goals 35 seconds apart. After the Gilford defense held up under pressure by Bow, the junior midfield scooped up a loose ball and eluded a couple of Bow defenders as she raced the



Gilford junior midfielder Olivia Keenan raises her arms after scoring the game-winning goal with 1:28 left in overtime, lifting the Golden Eagles to a thrilling 11-10 win over number two Bow in the NHIAA Division III semifinal round at Laconia High School.



Gilford senior Madelyn Guest (7) looks to break out of the defensive end through a swarm of Bow players during the NHIAA Division III girls' lacrosse semifinal contest at Laconia High School.



Gilford junior Addison Harris moves the ball around a Bow player and out of the defensive end during the Golden Eagles thrilling 11-10 overtime win in the NHIAA Division III girls' lacrosse semifinals.

length of the field and fired home a hard shot for an 8-6 edge. Gilford controlled the ensuing draw and Keenan quickly found the back of the goal again, making it 9-6 Gilford.

Duncan pulled Bow back within striking distance with a tally in

New Hampshire has a long history of supporting the space program and science opportunities: Alan Shepard, who was the first American in space in 1961; Christa McAuliffe, the teacher from the 1986 Challenger mission, and Lee Morin, who flew aboard a mission to the International Space Station in 2002. Although Ms. Sylvain and her students are not going to space, they are truly honored to bring a piece of space, Arty, the Moon Tree, home here to BES.

Arty is an American Sycamore tree. It is al-

ready more than three feet tall. American Sycamore trees are some of the fastest growing trees in the Eastern United States, so it will be amazing to watch the school and community grow as Arty grows. Sycamores have a life expectancy of around 200 years, so this is an excellent legacy for Barnstead to have. This tree would not have been possible without the support from Ms. Sylvain’s fellow teachers and administrators at BES, as well as the excitement from our students, families, and community members.

Alton Garden Club meets Tuesday



ALTON — Spring is busting out all over! Warm weather and color-popping plants are the medicine gardeners wait for. The spring rains have caused plants to look even brighter than usual. Forsythia was spectacular this year. Come June, the rhododendrons will be putting on spectacular displays everywhere you turn.

Our June Garden Club meeting will be a treat for all to witness. It will be held at the lakeside home of one of our longtime Garden Club members. The date is Tuesday, June 11, rain or shine, with hours from: 1:30 to 3 p.m. A presentation will be followed by a garden tour. The gardens were created by landscape architect Leon Pearson, who founded the N.H. Landscaping Association in the '70's.

Pearson specialized in water management and created two waterfalls with water pumped from the lake and an irrigation system as well.

He completed massive amounts of granite work for steps and walkways and arranged seven benches to view different areas of the design. His elaborate rock work features planters on a rock cliff. Leon completed the gardens using indigenous trees, bushes and perennials, incorporating unusual plants that can live in our zone. He also planted to provide blooming throughout the seasons. Many rhododendrons were planted and are expected to be in bloom on June 11. Our host welcomes us to walk the yard to the lake and look up at the blooming rhododendrons. All colors of rhodies will be blooming, especially on the bank facing the lake.

Please check out our Web site at Altongardencub.com. If you're interested in becoming a member, you will find all of the necessary information. For questions or further information regarding this meeting, please call Peggy McKinney at 603-776-6032.

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June 6 - June 13

Thursday, June 6
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation!, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
If you're currently a 1,000 Book Before Kindergarten participant join us for a celebration that can't be missed! All participants will be recognized along with celebrating our 2024 graduates!
French, 4-5 p.m.
Civil War Soldier's Quilts, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Quilts made for use by soldiers during the Civil War are very rare-only twenty are known to exist, and Pam Weeks has studied most of them in person. This illustrated lecture outlines the origins of the U. S. Sanitary Commission at the beginning of the Civil War and

examines the roles women played on the home front, and as nurses. The stories of fourteen actual Civil War soldiers' quilts will be highlighted in this program.
Friday, June 7
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
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, June 8
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 10
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Geri Fit, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Discover Live: London, England, 11 a.m.-noon
London is many things to many people: grand, royal, full of tradition, yet there is a cozy pub on every corner (or maybe two or three!) It is big, noisy, and crowded, but around every corner there is always a bit of peace in the form of a gorgeous park or garden. It's been home to many for 2,000 years, and we will cover all those years in just one hour! This tour will be held at the Gilford

Community Church in the Fellowship Hall with lunch following the tour created by Dan Barnhart. He will be serving Cottage Pie, an English favorite along with a special dessert! The cost for the luncheon is \$10. Sign up for the tour and luncheon with Gilford Parks and Recreation by calling the office at 603-527-4722.
Dungeons and Dragons Club, 3-4:30 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Long Lost Elephants of New England, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Discover the long-lost lives of New England's forgotten elephants with Harris Center naturalist and woolly mammoth lover Susie Spikol! Learn how to tell a mammoth

from a mastodon, who these ancient relatives of modern-day elephants were, and what happened to them. Find out if we might really see the return of this animal from extinction and what is motivating this Jurassic Park kind of science!
Wednesday, June 12
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.
Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.
T(w)een After-School Club, 3-4 p.m.
Thursday, June 13
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Learn How to Fish, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
This class covers the skills and equipment you need to become an angler. Topics include basic rods and reels, safety, knot tying, fish identification, ethics, rules and regulations, and aquatic ecology. After the classroom session, you'll head out to a local pond to fish! Age Restrictions: eight and over; individuals 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Classroom Time: two hours. Fieldtrip: two hours on June 15. Location will be announced at the class. You must sign up with the NH Fish and Game. Only 18 participants.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 20-28.
Robert Landry, age 69, of Gilford was arrested on May 20 for Criminal Threatening-Conduct and Resisting Arrest or Detention.
Hallie Suzanne Hodgson, age 26, of Concord was arrested on May 22 for Suspension of Vehicle Registration.
Kyle Brandon Kimball, age 25, of South Portland, Maine was arrested on May 24 for

Suspension of Vehicle Registration.
Three juveniles were arrested on May 24 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.
Thomas Philip Bouley, Jr., age 54, of Lowell, Mass. was arrested on May 25 for DUI-Impairment.
Christine C. Anderson, age 60, of Fremont was arrested on May 25 for DUI-Impairment and an Open Container violation.
A 25-year-old male from Somersworth was taken into protective

custody for intoxication on May 25.
A 24-year-old male from Dover was taken into protective custody for intoxication on May 25.
Anna Doherty, age 25, of Franklin was arrested on May 25 for DUI-Impairment.
Kyle S. Williams, age 31, of Windham, Maine was arrested on May 25 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury.
Paul J. Slee, age 27, of Farmington was arrested on May 25 for DUI-Im-

pairment.
Velvet Elaine Weeks, age 53, current address unknown, was arrested on May 26 in connection with a warrant.
Kristina M. Eddy, age 47, of Northfield was arrested on May 26 for DUI-Impairment.
Gary Brian Morel, age 45, of Laconia was arrested on May 28 for Abandoning a Vehicle.
Christopher M. Bittle, age 51, of Gilmanton was arrested on May 28 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.

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Gilman Library will use these funds to support library operations. Thank you, once again, Alton Hannaford, and thank you to the Alton community members and Gilman Library patrons who purchased the bags. See you at the library!

Wright Museum to host Veterans Social Muster meetings

WOLFEBORO – Calling all veterans and your families: The Veterans Social Muster (VSM) is an opportunity for veterans to meet and socialize with fellow veterans and receive interesting and valuable veteran-related information. VSM meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month in the DuQuoin Education Center at the Wright Museum of World War II, 77 Center St., Wolfeboro.
Please join Wolfeboro's American Legion Harri-man-Hale Post 18 at the Wright Museum on June 12, 4:30-5:45 p.m., for our second VSM. The special topic for this meeting will be VA Services and Benefits. Michael Hartt, American Legion State Service

Officer, will discuss how veterans can navigate through the Veterans Affairs Department to receive the services legally due to them. Acquiring medical and educational benefits can be complicated and daunting. Michael Hartt can help provide veterans with pointers and assist in this process.
The first VSM was held on May 8, and was well attended by an energetic and vocal group of life-experienced veterans. The special topic, Veterans ID Cards, elicited much discussion and information exchange among the attendees. A general conversation of far-ranging veteran-related topics ensued. This informal exchange of personal experiences, enhanced by life-

long wisdom, is one of the key objectives of the VSM. Veterans of all services, including female and recent veterans, are encouraged to join us and participate. Family members are welcome. No RSVP required- just show up!
If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss the VSM Meeting project, please contact Tom Southern, Commander, American Legion Post 18, (317) 432-1517.
Summary Information:
Who: The American Legion, Post 18, Wolfeboro NH
What: Veterans Social Muster
When: 4:30-5:45, June 12, 2024
Where: The Wright Museum of World War II, 77 Center St, Wolfeboro, NH 03894
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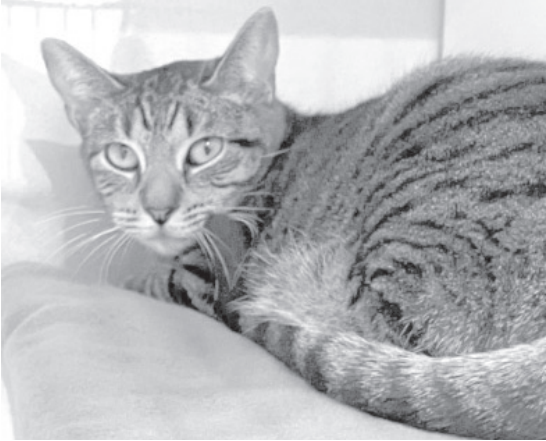
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GHS recognizes athletes at special breakfast



ERIN PLUMMER
A record number of Gilford High School seniors received the NHIAA’s Three-Sport Athlete Awards and/or Gilford Senior Athletic Awards.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — A record number of students were invited to Gilford High School’s annual Athletic Breakfast, with special recognitions given to seniors who have played three sports each year.

The athletic department held the annual Athletic Breakfast on Thursday morning, May 23. Students who played three sports in one year were invited to come down, eat, and receive recognitions from the department.

The Athletic Breakfast has been a tradition at GHS where students who play three sports in a year are recognized.

Athletic Director Rick Acquilano said the school looked at why students have been so successful with athletics at GHS.

“I really think a large part of our success comes from a large number of students able to commit to three sports,” Acquilano said. “I think that helps you to kind of understand a perspective on what it is to be a team-

mate and a willingness to give to something greater than yourself.”

He said these students find balance in their lives that they can manage their various commitments.

This year, the school had 70 three-sport athletes, which Acquilano said was the largest amount they ever had.

“It’s the willingness if participating and certainly we encourage that,” Acquilano said.

Acquilano gave special recognition to the seniors. He presented the NHIAA Three-Sport Athlete Awards for seniors who have been three sport athletes for a least three years. This year that recognition went to 12 students: Aidan Bondaz, Madeline Burlock, Millicent Caldon, Carter Forest, Caroline Guest, Madeline Guest, Megan Hughes, Aidan Townsend, and Dylan Wright.

“It’s fantastic that our students are so involved in our co-curricular activities,” said GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo. “It just shows the richness of offerings we have here at Gilford High School that our coaches and staff are able to provide.”

He said this shows how student involvement is a part of GHS’ tradition.

Madelyn Guest, Megan Hughes, Chloe Romprey, Henry Stow, and Aidan Townsend.

The Gilford Senior Athletic Award was given to nine seniors who played three varsity sports a year for at least three years. This award went to Aidan Bondaz, Madeline Burlock, Millicent Caldon, Carter Forest, Caroline Guest, Madeline Guest, Megan Hughes, Aidan Townsend, and Dylan Wright.

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KRHS band travels to New York City

WOLFEBORO — From May 16 - 19, seventy KRHS students from the Concert Chorus and Concert Band, embarked on a fun educational adventure to New York City with their Director, Mr. Robert Burns and 9 parent chaperones. The four-day, five-state trip required two motor coaches, and lots of room for instruments.

The highlights of the trip included seeing Wicked, at the Gershwin Theatre, 9/11 Memorial, taking a ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In addition, they went 10 pin bowling one evening and spent an afternoon at Six Flags, where they were rewarded for their dedication to their music performances earlier in the day at Grice Middle School in Hamilton, New Jersey.

At the Music In the Parks Festival, Saturday morning, the Kingswood Concert Band and Chorus performed three pieces each. In attendance for these performances were adjudicators, ranking all the ensembles they would hear that day. Both Kingswood Band and Chorus earned 2nd in their division, among bands from all over the northeast.

The Kingswood music department has a history of providing



quality free concerts for the community as well as participating in parades. They provide a pep band for the home football games, and their Jazz Band is pretty good, too!

“The trip was a great way to cap off the amazing dedication and hard work these kids are putting into music this year,” says Music Director Robert Burns. “Being told by other music professionals from around the country that they sound excellent, is a great thing for them to hear.”

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Golden Eagles fall to undefeated defending champs in semifinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LITTLETON — While it was a holiday, there was still work to be done for the Littleton and Gilford girls' tennis teams, as they battled in the Division III semifinals on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, in Littleton.

At Remich Park, Littleton's Kaitlyn Ilacqua came through with an 8-2 win over Gilford's Leann Levenson, Crusader Lauryn Corrigan got an 8-2 win over Jade Nicolas of



Natalie Clay fires a shot over the net during semifinal action in Littleton last week.

Gilford in the second spot and Addison Hadlock of Littleton won 8-5 over Gil-

ford's Liz Albert at number three. Hannah Whitcomb of Littleton won



Liz Albert keeps her eye on the ball during action in Littleton in the Division III semifinals.



Leann Levenson prepares to put the ball back over the net during semifinal action last week.

8-2 over Natalie Clay of Gilford in the fourth spot. At Aphorp Commons, Littleton's Kierra Cha-

rest picked up an 8-6 win over Gilford's Allyson Onos at number five and Crusader Ella Horsch rallied for an 8-6 win over Isabelle Walton of Gilford at number six.

In doubles Ilacqua and Hadlock got the win at number one over Levenson and Albert, while Corrigan and Whitcomb won 8-4 in the second spot over Nicolas and Clay. Charest and Horsch won 8-2 at number three over Onos and Walton to finish out the 9-0 sweep.

Littleton finished the regular season at 14-0 while Gilford went from 3-11 last season to 11-3 this year to earn the fifth seed, upsetting St. Thomas in the quarterfinals.

The win propelled the Crusaders back to the Division III finals, where they faced off with Lebanon (see separate story).

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Golden Eagles edge past rival Belmont in first round of tournament

Gilford softball advances to semifinals with win over Bishop Brady



BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The first time the Gilford and Belmont softball girls met during the regular season, they played 13 innings before the Golden Eagles emerged with the victory.

While the first round of the Division III tournament wasn't quite as dramatic, host Gilford made a two-run first inning stand up, picking up the 2-0 win over the Raiders on Wednesday, May 29, to advance to the Division III quarterfinals.

Gilford pitcher Belle Dow went all seven innings in the circle, giving up just three hits and striking out 10 while her counterpart, Madi Smith gave up those two first inning runs and then settled in and kept Gilford off the board the rest of the way, giving up a total of six hits while striking out seven.

Dow also led the Gilford offense with a pair of hits and an RBI, while Kendal Heyman had a double and scored a run, Maddie McKenna had a hit and scored a run and Millie Caldon and Mia Macaione each had a hit.

Rylie Cotnoir led off the seventh inning with a double for the Raiders and moved to third on a fielder's choice, but Belmont could not get her across the plate. Falyn Sicard and Maddie MacDonald each had hits for the Raiders.

Gilford finished the regular season at 14-2 to finish as the fourth seed while Belmont finished the regular season at

Gilford's Rainey Hinds takes a throw as Belmont's Maddie MacDonald dives back into first in playoff action last week.



Grace Kelly connects with a pitch during action against Belmont in the Division III tournament.



Belle Dow fires a pitch in action against Belmont last Wednesday afternoon.

7-11 and earned the 13th seed in the tournament. Gilford moved on to face Bishop Brady in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

In Saturday's quarterfinal battle, the Golden Eagles scored three times in the bottom of the fifth inning to overtake the Giants and came away with a 4-3 win to advance to the semifinals for the second time in as many years.

Each team scored once in the first inning and after the Giants scored

in the top of the fourth, Gilford came back with three in the fifth to take the 4-2 lead. Brady added one more run in the top of the sixth inning, but the Golden Eagles held tight.

Dow continued her strong season by going the distance in the circle, giving up just three hits and striking out 10.

She also chipped in at the plate, as both she and Heyman had homers in the fifth inning to lead the offense. Dow had a homer and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Heyman had a homer, scored a run and drove in two runs while McKenna had a double and a single and scored a run and Rainey Hinds had a hit.

Gilford moved on to face top-ranked Newport in the Division III semifinals after deadline on Wednesday at Plymouth State. The Division III championship is set for Saturday, June 8, at 4:30 p.m. at Plymouth State.

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BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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GILFORD — The Gilford baseball team scored four times in the bottom of the first inning and kept neighboring Prospect Mountain to just one run as the Golden Eagles took the 11-1 win in the opening round of the Division III tournament on Thursday, May 30.

After scoring four times in the first, Gilford added another in the bottom of the third before Prospect answered with one in the top of the fourth. Gilford added another in the fourth and then closed out the game with five runs in the sixth inning.

Gavin Clark went the full six innings on the mound, giving up just three hits and no earned runs while striking out eight. Nate Leavitt pitched into the sixth inning for the Timber Wolves, giving up eight hits and striking out eight.

The Gilford offense was led by a homer from Drew Smith, who drove in three runs, while Clark had a double and a single, scored two runs and drove in a run. Will Wallace had three hits, scored three runs and drove in three runs, Caleb Giovanditto had a pair of hits, drove in a run and scored a run, Ryan Folan had two hits and drove in two runs and Brendan Folan had a hit and scored a run.

Leavitt led the Prospect Mountain offense with a double and drove in a run while Knyte Neathery and Spencer Therrien each added hits



Drew Smith was stellar on the mound for the Gilford baseball team in Saturday's quarterfinal battle in Jaffrey.



Ryan Folan looks to get a tag on a Conant runner during the quarterfinal battle on Saturday.



Brendan Folan watches from the dugout during Gilford's quarterfinal loss to top-ranked Conant.

for the Timber Wolves.

Gilford finished the regular season at 10-6 and earned the eighth seed in the tournament and the Timber Wolves finished the season at 10-7 and earned the ninth seed. Gilford advanced to play top-ranked Conant on Saturday afternoon in Jaffrey.

On Saturday afternoon, the Orioles broke open a scoreless game in the bottom of the fifth inning with three runs and then held Gilford to just one run in the top of the sixth to pick up the 3-1 win.

Smith was stellar on

the mound for the Golden Eagles, giving up just four hits and three earned runs while striking out 13, pitching into the sixth inning. Ryan Folan finished things out on the mound, striking out the only batter he faced.

Gilford managed just four hits on the day, two off the bat of Clark, while Smith and Haukur Karlsson also added hits, with Karlsson scoring the game's lone run for Gilford.

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Undefeated Bobcats knock off Timber Wolves in semifinals



Antoine Grenier returns a shot during action last week in Plymouth.



Brett McKeown prepares to return a shot during semifinal action in Plymouth last week.



Shaun McAneney keeps his eye on the ball during semifinal action last week in Plymouth.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — For the undefeated Plymouth boys’ tennis team, loaded with nine seniors, last Tuesday’s semifinal match with Prospect Mountain was simply another step toward what the team hopes is its second title in three years.

For the fifth-seeded Timber Wolves, making the playoffs and then upsetting White Mountains to earn the berth in the semifinal match was an accomplishment to be proud of with a group that will return all but one senior and one exchange student to next

year’s team.

The host Bobcats took care of business with a 9-0 win over the Timber Wolves on Tuesday, May 28.

Plymouth’s Leo Ebner won 8-0 over Brett McKeown of Prospect Mountain while Chance Twomey got an 8-1 win at number two for the Bobcats over Shaun McAneney of Prospect Mountain. Plymouth’s Charlie Cushing won 8-2 in the third spot over Prospect Mountain’s Antoine Grenier and Jack Swanson of Plymouth won 8-2 over Prospect’s Cameron Morrill at number four. Plymouth’s

Grady Marunowski won 8-1 over Rylan Clifford of Prospect Mountain at number five and Max Levin of Plymouth got an 8-3 win over Wyatt Varney of Prospect Mountain

at number six.

In doubles play, Brennan Johnson and Declan Ulricson of Plymouth got an 8-1 win over Kaleb Kennedy and Wyatt Bubar of Prospect Mountain

at number one, Connor Johnson and Andrew Frazeur of Plymouth won 8-0 over Noah Gagnon and Chance Troendle in the second spot and JD Doherty and Xander Tir-

rell of Plymouth defeated Wyatt Yewdall and Owen Smith at number three.

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Kenyon sets personal best, moves on to New England

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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DURHAM — Local athletes put on an impressive show at the track and field Meet of Champions on Sunday at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Bringing together the top athletes from each of the three state championship meets the previous week, the Meet of Champions pitted Division I, Division II and Division III stars against each other.

The top local performance came from Kennett senior Aida Wheat, who won the 200 meters in a time of 25.16 seconds, with Newfound’s Elle MacDonald in fourth in 25.87 seconds, Ava Lacasse of Belmont in ninth in 26.42 seconds and Macy Sawyer of Gilford in 11th in 26.58 seconds.

White Mountains freshman Olivia Lorenz finished in second in the 400 meters in a time of 57.73 seconds, with Kylie Rapoza of Kingswood in third in 58.57 seconds, Hailey Watts of Moultonborough in ninth in 60.06 seconds and Piper Lopashanski of Kennett in 12th in 61.49 seconds.

Plymouth’s Sydney Valenti also picked up a second place finish, reaching 34 feet, 10.5 inches in the triple jump, with Adeline Takantjas of Belmont in sixth at 34 feet, 5.25 inches.

Winnisquam’s Lauren MacDonald finished in second place in the shot put with a toss of 36 feet, 1.25 inches

Abby Kenyon of Gilford threw a personal best of 109 feet, seven inches in the discus to place third overall, with Isa LaPlume of Newfound in eighth at 98 feet, two inches and MacDonald in ninth at 95 feet, seven inches.

Wheat finished second in the preliminaries in the 100 meters in a time of 12.44 seconds and took third in the finals in 12.32 seconds. MacDonald was 10th overall in 12.73 seconds and Rapoza was 14th in 12.97 seconds.

Elli Englund of Plymouth finished in fourth in the 3,200 meters in a time of 11:32.44, with Emerald Briggs of Newfound in 13th in 12:31.42. Lorenz added a 16th place finish in the 800 meters in 2:37.69.

Kennett’s 4X100-meter relay team of Gabriella Cubero, Shannon Fay, Lopashanski and Wheat was sixth overall in 49.72 seconds, while in the 4X400-meter relay, the Gilford team of Riley Coutts, Maria Tilley, Maddy Burlock and Sawyer was 12th overall in 4:22.52.

The Plymouth team of Elli Englund, Reagan Sutherland, Addison Englund and Valenti finished in fifth in the 4X800-meter relay in 10:00.32, with Tilley, Alana Sawyer, Burlock and Georgia Eckhardt broke their own school record in a time of 10:19.35 for 11th place overall.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Takantjas was 13th in 18.65 seconds, while Plymouth’s Anelie Fly-



Abby Kenyon finished third in the discus at the Meet of Champions on Sunday at UNH.

nn was eighth in the high jump at four feet, 10 inches. Victoria Kelly of Winnisquam was 12th in the javelin at 95 feet, nine inches and Moultonborough’s Sadey Sherkanowski was 13th at 95 feet, two inches.

For the boys, the top performance came from Profile’s Wyatt Lawton, who placed second in the 400 meters in a time of 49.47 seconds. Brendan Goodwin of Winnisquam was ninth in 51.41 seconds and Landon Richards of Inter-Lakes was 12th in 53.24 seconds.

David Walker of Inter-Lakes finished fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 43 feet, 10.75 inches, with Garrett Emery of Woodsville in fifth at 43 feet, 5.5 inches and Nash Harrigan of Kennett in

10th at 41 feet, 10.25 inches. Walker was also sixth in the long jump with a distance of 21 feet, two inches and Emery was 12th at 20 feet, 2.5 inches.

Kingswood’s Emerson DeNitto jumped to fifth overall in the high jump, clearing six feet, while in the 110-meter hurdles, Eli Beaulieu of White Mountains was 14th in a time of 16.65 seconds and in the 800 meters, Isaac Nudd-Homeyer of Inter-Lakes was 10th in 2:03.42.

The Kennett 4X100-meter team of Logan Troon, Ross Stephens, Quintin Plourdee and Tyler Walcott finished in sixth place in 43.3 seconds, while the Profile 4X800-meter team of Noah Francis, Isaac Reeder, Emery Young and Lawton finished in

seventh in 8:19.82 and Winnisquam’s Noah Bassett, Philipp Rompf, Henry Osmer and Goodwin was 10th in 8:41.42.

In the 100 meters, Gabe Kean of Plymouth was 10th in 11.16 seconds and Plourde was 13th in 11.19 seconds. Plourde was also 10th in the 200 meters in 22.99 seconds while in the 1,600 meters, Tate Hayman of Plymouth was 12th in 4:32.6 and Colin Foster of Newfound was 14th in 4:35.15.

In the shot put, Kennett’s Owen Arias was 10th at 42 feet, 2.25 inches and Parker Wood of Prospect Mountain was 11th at 41 feet, eight inches. Brady Filteau of Belmont was ninth in the discus at 127 feet, five inches and Malachi Plociennik of Berlin was 12th at 119 feet. Kean finished in 15th place in the javelin with a toss of 127 feet, 10 inches.

All athletes finishing in the top six earned a qualification to the New England Track and Field Championships, which take place on Saturday, June 8, at 10 a.m. back at the University of New Hampshire.

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Timber Wolves battle past Spartans and into semifinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LANCASTER — The Division III boys’ tennis tournament quarterfinals took place on Friday, May 24, after the early deadlines for the holiday week.

The White Mountains Spartans earned the fourth seed in the tournament and welcomed the fifth-seeded Prospect Mountain Timber Wolves to Colonel Town for the playoff battle.

The Spartans won the top two matches, with Robert Southworth defeating Brett McKeown in the top spot by an 8-0 score while Jude Percey got an 8-5 win over Shaun McAneney. However, the Timber Wolves swept the bottom four in the lineup to take a 4-2 lead after singles. Antoine Grenier beat Eric Wright by an 8-3 score at number three, Cameron Morrill won 8-3 in the fourth spot over Clayton Kipp, Ry-

lan Clifford won 8-4 in the fifth spot over Devon Mailhot and Wyatt Varney got an 8-3 win at number six over Jackson Stanford.

In doubles play, Southworth and Percey teamed up at the number one position to defeated McKeown and Grenier by an 8-0 score. In the second spot, Morrill and McAneney picked up an 8-4 win over Kipp and Mailhot and at number three, Clifford and Varney came through with an 8-1 win over Stanford and Wright by an 8-1 score.

White Mountains finished the regular season at 10-4 and Prospect Mountain finished at 9-5. The Timber Wolves moved on to play undefeated Plymouth in the semifinals.

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Sawyer blasts to 200-meter Division III title

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Gilford track team took to the track at Winnisquam Regional High School on Thursday, May 23, for the Division III State Meet.

The Gilford girls scored 29 points on the afternoon/evening to finish in 11th place overall, with Hopkinton taking the cover of darkness as the meet drew to a close after 8 p.m.

Freshman Macy Sawyer brought home the Division II title in the 200 meters, finishing in a time of 26.11 seconds. She also placed fifth in the 100 meters, finishing



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Macy Sawyer, seen in the 100 meters, won the 200 meters Division III championship at Winnisquam on May 23.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Aiden Bondaz runs in the 4X800-meter relay at the Division III State Meet on May 23.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Abby Kenyon fires the discus during the Division III State Meet in Tilton.

Throwers lead Prospect Mountain at Division III State Meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — Members of the Prospect Mountain track team traveled to Tilton on Thursday, May 23, for the Division III State Meet, hosted by Winnisquam Regional High School.

The top Timber Wolf performances came in the shot put, where Parker Wood finished in third place at 41 feet, seven inches and Robert Prescott finished in fifth place at 41 feet, three inches.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sergio Duarte clears a hurdle during the Division III State Meet on May 23 in Tilton.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Mary Hupper fires the javelin during action on May 23 at the Division III State Meet.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Robert Prescott tosses the shot put during the Division III State Meet at Winnisquam on May 23.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Layla Baker ran in both the 1,600 meters and the 3,200 meters at the Division III State Meet.

Sergio Duarte ran to eighth in the 110-meter hurdles preliminaries in 16.67 seconds and finished sixth in the finals in a time of 16.36 seconds. Joseph DeFruscio finished in 14th place in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 45.46 seconds.

The Timber Wolf team of Micah Swenson, Brenden Francis, Blake Snell and Wood finished in 14th place in the 4X100-meter relay in a time of 48.08 seconds while in the high jump, Michael Barnes cleared five feet, six inches to place ninth overall.

For the Timber Wolf girls, the 4X800-meter team of Layla Baker, Maddy Howlett, Alexis Briggs and Jazmine Witham finished in 12th place with a time of 13:15.06.

Mary Hupper finished in 15th place in the javelin with a toss of 67 feet while Baker ran to 16th place in the 1,600 meters with a time of 6:32.2 and

The Gilford 4X400-meter team of Riley Coutts, Maria Tilley, Maddy Burlock and Sawyer, running in the waning daylight at the end of the meet, took home the title with a time of 4:18.01, while the 4X800-meter team of Tilley, Alana Sawyer, Burlock and Georgia Eckhardt finished in third place with a time of 10:29.12. The Golden Eagle 4X100-meter team of Emily Aguiar, Addy Wernig, Brook Kimball and Macy Sawyer placed 10th in 54.98 seconds.

Senior Sydney Eastman added a point to the team's total, finishing in sixth place in the 3,200 meters in a time of 12:45.05. Coutts added a 13th place finish in the 400 meters in 65.48 seconds while Burlock was 14th in the 800 meters in a time of 2:43.72.

Aguiar finished in 11th place in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing in a time of 18.57 seconds and



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Jaimen Sawyer clears a hurdle during action in the Division III championships on May 23.

finished in seventh in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 53.69 seconds. Kimball finished in ninth place in the pole vault, clearing six feet, six inches.

In the shot put, Abby Kenyon was eighth at 29 feet, 2.25 inches and she threw her way to eighth in the discus as well with a distance of 97 feet, six inches. Kenyon added an 11th place in the javelin with a best throw of 75 feet, four inches.

The top individual performance for the Golden Eagle boys came from Ben Wolpin, who finished in seventh place in the pole vault at nine feet, six inches, with Aiden Bondaz clearing nine feet for 10th place overall.

The Golden Eagle 4X800-meter team of Bondaz, Ben Suranyi, Gunnar Marvel and Carter Forest finished in seventh place with a time of 8:52.08 while the 4X400-meter team of Bondaz, Forest, Suranyi and Marvel finished in 11th in a time of 3:45.02.

Jaimen Sawyer ran to 13th place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.44 seconds, with Mark Uicker in 16th in 46.27 seconds. Henry Stow finished in 16th place in the 800 meters with a time of 2:20.01.

For her efforts, Macy Sawyer was named to the Division III All-State team.

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Townsend qualifies for singles tournament

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — Gilford senior and team captain Alden Townsend earned a bid to the NHIAA singles tournament over the weekend, where the top players from around

the state gathered to crown the top players in both singles and doubles.

Townsend met up with Chance Twomey of the Division III state champion Plymouth Bobcats in the first round and dropped an 8-3 decision.

“Both players displayed excellent tennis skills and sportsmanship,” Gilford coach Terry Wilson commented.

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USA Today joins NHMS as NASCAR Cup Series race sponsor

LOUDON — New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) announced that USA Today will serve as the title sponsor of the USA Today 301 NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) race on Sunday, June 23.

The USA Today 301 NCS race is the grand finale of New England's only NASCAR weekend that also features the SciAps 200 NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) race and the Mohegan Sun 100 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT) race on Doubleheader Saturday, June 22.

“We are thrilled to partner with New Hampshire Motor Speedway and Speedway Motorsports for the USA Today 301 NASCAR Cup Series race,” said Gannett | USA Today Network Vice President of Sports Revenue Strategy Nate Scott. “Racing ranks high among our 50 million engaged sports audience, and we can't wait to share the excitement and incredible content with our loyal fans.”

The USA Today 301 is NHMS's 53rd NCS

race. Martin Truex Jr. is the defending NCS race champion at “The Magic Mile.”

“We are proud to welcome USA Today to New England's only NASCAR weekend,” said New Hampshire Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath. “USA Today is a highly recognizable and respected name in the media landscape committed to providing high-quality and trusted content to their readers, just as the New Hampshire Motor Speedway team provides an unforgettable experience for our race fans each year. We can't wait to work with USA Today to give our fans the best NASCAR experience in the country next month!”

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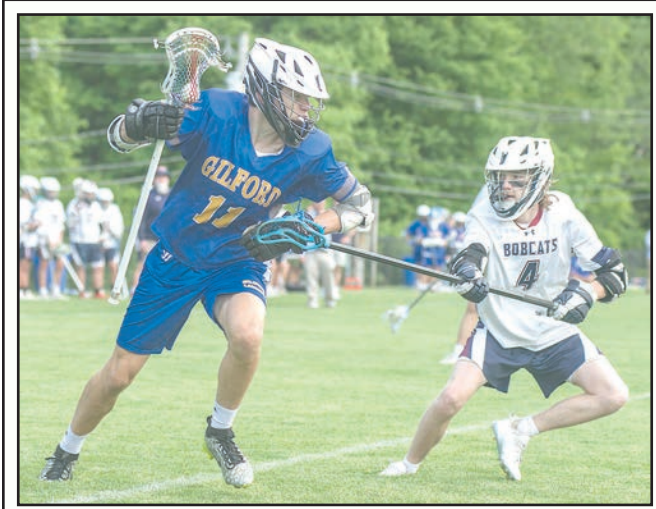
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Saturday, June 22 | 6:40 p.m.: Mohegan Sun 100 NWMT race (Monday, June 24, on FloRacing (Time TBD))

Log on to NHMS.com for tickets and more information on the weekend's lineup of action-packed racing. Tickets for Sig Sauer Academy Dirt Duels start at just \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. Tickets for Doubleheader Saturday, featuring the SciAps 200 NXS race and the Mohegan Sun 100 NWMT race, start at just \$49 for adults while kids 12 and under are free. Sunday's USA Today 301 NCS race tickets start at just \$64 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. Further details can be found on the NHMS website or by calling 833-4LOUDON.

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Playoff battle
Emmett Hughes drives forward with the ball during Gilford's first round playoff game against Plymouth last Thursday afternoon. The Golden Eagles dropped a 12-2 decision to the Bobcats to finish the season. Gilford finished the regular season at 6-8 to earn the ninth seed in the Division III tournament.



COURTESY
William Cafmeyer and Erolisa Agramonte won the After School All Stars for excellence and dedication in Track and Field at Kingswood Regional Middle School.

MVSB's Gilford office to host 25th anniversary celebration June 21

GILFORD — This year marks the 25th anniversary of MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) serving the Gilford community at its office at 1383 Lake Shore Rd. To say ‘thank you,’ the Bank is inviting local community members to stop by throughout the day June 21 for treats, prizes and a meet-and-greet with the Gilford team.

“As we get ready to celebrate 25 years in Gilford, we are reminded of the incredible support and loyalty of the local community and how our success has been so tied to the trust and collaboration we have shared over the years,” said Marcus Weeks, MVSB President. “We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Gilford community and we look forward to continuing to do so for many



COURTESY

Becky Reposa, MVSB AVP Branch & Business Development Manager (right), and Justin Smith, MVSB Universal Banker, hold balloons outside the Gilford Branch Office at 1383 Lake Shore Road. The branch will celebrate 25 years in the community with a celebration open to the public throughout the day Friday, June 21.

years to come.” MVSB’s Gilford office, which opened in 1999, was the Bank’s sixth location. Since then, MVSB has grown to 13 offices throughout the Greater Lakes Region and Seacoast with two new offices in Exeter and North Conway opening later this year. Becky Reposa, Assistant Vice President, Branch & Business Development Officer at the

Gilford Office, celebrates her 25th anniversary with MVSB in June as well. “I remember starting my first day at the bank and all the excitement that we were opening the new branch,” said Reposa. “I am honored to help lead this office every day and to be a part of this wonderful community. We are excited for our customers and community members to join us as we celebrate later this month.”

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Volunteers needed for Gilmanton Old Home Day



GILMANTON — The Gilmanton Old Home Day Association is preparing for the 126th Gilmanton Old Home Day on Saturday, Aug. 17. This is a “call out” for volunteers to help with preparations the week before and on the day of the event.

The Association is a volunteer-based organization. Its mission is to continue the Old Home Day tradition which began in 1898. Old Home Day brings the community together and is a local, family-friendly event held on the Smith Meeting House grounds in Gilmanton, NH.

The Traditional Bean-Hole Bean dinner will have two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets will be available at the event. Learn about the bean pits by visiting our Facebook page – Gilmanton Old Home Day.

There will be entertainment by the Southern Rail Band, Lindsay and her Puppet Pals, an antique auto show, exhibit by the Gilmanton Historical Society, art show, local artisans, crafts per-

sons, and organization vendors, and much more! There is no admission fee. Donations are appreciated.

“We value and want to preserve this tradition. There is a need for new volunteers. It makes for lighter work, and more enjoyable for all of us,” says Sarah Welcome Baldwin, Event Coordinator.

“It is extremely re-

warding to see community members return each year and meet new community members and their families who attend this event. A volunteer who gives an hour or two will make an enormous difference!” says Baldwin.

Please email GILMANTONOLDHOME- DAY@GMAIL.COM to learn more about volunteer opportunities.



COURTESY

Last week, with help from crews from the Gilford Department of Public Works and Fay’s Boat Yard, the Gilford Parks & Recreation Department was able to move the swim raft from where it sat all winter back in to the water at Gilford Beach for the summer season. The Parks & Recreation Department is extremely grateful for the help from both the Public Work’s Department and Fay’s Boat Yard, as this would not have been possible without their assistance.



COURTESY

Jayda-Lynn Carter of Gilford came up with the Caring Bag Project a few years ago. With the help of her mother Krystie Sullivan, she made her first donation of six bags for women to the Carey House in Laconia. Each Caring Bag is filled with daily essential toiletries, socks, a water bottle, journal, coloring book, and a sweatshirt. In March, Carter and her mom attended a character book ball which benefited Voices Against Violence in Plymouth. They were moved by what this organization does and wanted to help. With many of their friends and family donating items from a list, they were able to make 12 Caring Bags. “We were thrilled that this time we were able to make bags for boys and girls too ranging from four to teens!” said Carter. Donations towards the Caring Bag Project can be made at <http://spot.fund/526szce>.

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(Right) Eve Roberge gets the tag on a Raymond runner during action on Saturday in Alton.

a homer over the fence in left-center field, upping the lead to 8-0. One out later Tori Christie walked and moved up on a wild pitch. After a groundout she stole third and Bernier walked. Layla Hillsgrove took over on the bases and a wild pitch plated Tori Christie with the ninth run. A Gates base hit drove in another run and after Gwen Christie walked, another wild pitch made it 11-0. Harding worked a walk and Noyes was hit by a pitch before another wild pitch gave the Timber Wolves the 12-0 lead before the inning came to a close.

Bernier retired the side in order in the top of

JOSHUA SPAULDING

(Right) Ella Bernier picked up her 600th strikeout during quarterfinal action on Saturday morning.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Tori Christie rounds third on her way to scoring a run in the Division III quarterfinals Saturday morning.



DROLET

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He currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Northwood School, a K-8 school.

He and his wife Andrea, who works in public school administration herself, are longtime Barnstead residents. Drolet also volunteers in youth leagues and has been a supporter of student activities and the Parent Teacher Organi-

zation.

"Mr. Drolet impressed members of the interview team with his ties to the community and his commitment to making BES the best it can be," Broadrick said in the statement. "This will be his first appointment as a principal, but he has been working toward this moment for a quarter-century, and it may be the perfect time and place for him to get this

opportunity."

Drolet will serve in Northwood until starting at BES on July 1 and will serve as BES' principal for one year. A search process will convene for a permanent principal starting in the 2025-2026 school year, likely starting in January of 2025. Drolet will be able to re-apply for the position at the end of the search year to be considered for a permanent position.

the fourth, including another strikeout and Prospect added to the lead in the bottom of the inning. Tori Christie blasted a homer to left and Wilson and Bernier followed with consecutive singles. Wilson scored on a sacrifice fly by Gates before

BES

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provements such as new flooring for a multipurpose room and HVAC improvements.

Days before the district meeting, however, the school received notice from the state that it was in fact eligible for funding for the full expansion project. The school is now eligible for 55 percent state reimbursement on the project, an increase from the original 45 percent they were eligible for. The district is now eligible for an estimated \$12,400,788 in building aid.

Since then, the school district has been working to get an updated design and going through the process of petitioning for a special school district meeting.

School district officials and members of the public attended an evidentiary hearing in Belknap County Superior Court on May 28 to see if there was cause to hold a special school district meeting on this project. The court determined under the circumstances that there was sufficient cause to hold the meet-

the inning came to a close with Prospect up 14-0.

Bernier closed out the no-hitter with three strikeouts in the top of the fifth inning, sending Prospect back to the semifinals with the 14-0 win.

The Timber Wolves took on St. Thomas in the

ing.

The special meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 27, at 6 p.m. at BES with the only warrant article the one for the project.

The Barnstead Budget Committee and the Barnstead School Board will also hold their own public hearings on the meeting on June 11. The Budget Committee's meeting will take place at 5 p.m. at town hall. The School Board's hearing will be at 6 p.m. at BES.

School Board Chair Lyla Duncan said the Space Needs Committee will plan public information sessions in mid June leading up to the special district meeting.

Duncan said that the school board and the Space Needs Committee met with H.L. Turner Group to review the details and timeline of the project. The Turner Group is now finalizing its project plan to be submitted to the Department of Education.

"While the project cannot be drastically modified from the design that was originally included in the building aid application, small

Division III semifinals after deadline Wednesday at Plymouth State. The finals are set for Plymouth State on Saturday, June 8, at 4:30 p.m.

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changes can be made along the way," Duncan said. "The School Board has requested that Turner gather information on adding a generator, and that the preschool classrooms included in the original design be re-designated to serve other educational purposes, thereby making them eligible for reimbursement. The district will continue to house preschool in the Early Learning Center located across the street from BES."

During its meeting on May 15, the schoolboard voted unanimously in favor of appointing Milestone Construction as construction manager for the renovation and expansion project.

"Milestone is already serving as construction manager for this summer's smaller renovation project, and the Board has been very pleased with their work to date," Duncan said. "The Turner Group will assist the Board in the process of procuring and selecting an Owner's Project Manager, which is required for the larger renovation and expansion project."



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Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$127,533	Edward III and Marie A. Matthews	Karen Connelly
Gilmanton	17 Grape Ave.	Single-Family Residence	\$550,000	John M. and Maryalice Pasquale	Michael P. Maier IV and Sylvia K. Romero
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New Durham	35 Birch Hill Rd.	N/A	\$515,000	Tuckor Re & Dev. Co. Inc.	Amanda F. Howard and Christopher S. Wareing
New Durham	Valley Road	N/A	\$105,000	Eamon J. Cahall	Lily A. Parshley

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Summer Vacation-Boston Zoo Trip
The Alton and New Durham Parks and Recreation Departments are sponsoring a trip to the

Franklin Park Zoo in Boston on Tuesday, June 25. Alton Students in grades 2-8 are invited to join Alton Parks and Recreation Staff in exploring this fun zoo which includes a playground, carousel, animal exhibits like the red panda, sloth, giraffe and much more. Adults of all ages are invited to join in the fun too, and explore the zoo on their own. Bus leaves New Durham Elementary School at 8:30 a.m. sharp, please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to check in. Bus returns to New Durham Elementary School at 5 p.m. \$21 per person, includes zoo admission and student supervision. Bring a bag lunch and be ready for a great day. Register at alton.nh.gov. Space is limited, sign up early to guarantee a place. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov for more information.

Line Dancing Lessons

Line Dancing with Jane Corbett is scheduled on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. from June 6-Oct. 31 at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$10/season. Register on site.

Learn To Play Pickleball- Free Clinic

Join the Learn to Play Pickleball Free Clinic on Tuesday, June 11 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Liberty Tree Park Courts located on Route 140 for ages 13 and up. The Clinic is hosted by Alton and New Durham Parks and Recreation Departments. A limited amount of equipment will be available to use if needed. Space is limited, register early at alton.nh.gov or ndpark-sandrec.com.

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. 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.

Weight Training Classes- Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes in June on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises and build strong mus-

cles 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. Class will be held May 27.

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Kharitonov

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursdays: June 6, 13, and 27 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Stop in and experience the positive state of meditation. Chairs will be available; bring a pillow/cushion/mat if desired. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities. For more

information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2024 Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay

July 3- "Thursday Afternoon Band"- Classic and Modern Rock-Fireworks to follow at 9:20p.m.; July 6- Saxx Roxx- Classic Rock with brass; July 13- The Visitors- Oldies, Classic Rock, Country Rock; July 20- TBD; July 27- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues; Aug. 3- Echo Tones- Rock and Roll; Aug. 10- Bittersweet- Classic Rock-Fireworks to follow at 9 p.m; Aug. 17- EZ Band- Classic and those destined to be; Aug. 24- Saxx Roxx is back by popular demand; Aug. 31- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs.



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Crews fight second alarm fire outside Gilford Recycling Center

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — Firefighters extinguished a second alarm fire outside the town's transfer station. On Saturday, June 1, fire crews received a call

for an outside fire at the Gilford Recycling Center with a second alarm requested. According to a statement from Gilford Firefighters Local 3517, Crews from the Gilford and Laconia Fire Depart-

ment immediately responded to the scene. The fire was quickly advancing due to winds. Gilford tankers and Laconia's fire tower ladder arrived at the scene and stopped the fire by



PHOTO COURTESY — GILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT
Firefighters from Gilford and Laconia work to extinguish a second alarm brush fire at the Gilford Recycling Center. Photos from the scene show fire crews spraying water into mulch piles and nearby brush. At the same time con-

certgoers were arriving at nearby Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion for the Cole Swindell show. According to the statement by Gilford Fire, firefighters received assistance from police officers who were directing traffic into Bank NH Pavilion. The fire was extinguished, and crews returned to the scene on Sunday morning to put out the hot spots left after the fire.



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