

Raider boys punch their ticket to Final Four

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

BELMONT — If anyone told Belmont High School boys' soccer head coach Mike Foley that his Raiders would be in the final four after just 11 student-athletes showed up on the opening day, the veteran coach would have just smiled.

"If you knew where we were at when we started," he said after his Raiders punched their ticket to the semifinal round and another clash with unbeaten rival Gilford with a solid 2-0 victory over number five Conant in the NHIAA Division III quarterfinal round here Sunday afternoon.

"We had 11 kids show up that first day with six on vacation and six others committed to work until school started, and that would be four games into the season... so if someone told me back than we'd be in the semifinals I would've pinched myself," continued Foley. "Once we got them up to speed and guys into familiar spots, which was about halfway throughout the year, we started to string together some wins. I told them they'd have to work hard. They've worked insanely hard and they earned it."



Belmont senior Jeff Carrier and Conant's Jordan Nagle battle for position as they chase down a ball during NHIAA Division III tournament action.

And the Raiders needed that approach in the quarterfinal rounds as Conant battled hard to the final whistle. Belmont scored in each half, with Jeff Carrier getting the eventual game winner with 16 minutes remaining in the first half. Alejandro Jimenez added the insurance goal in the second half, helping Belmont advance to Wednesday evening's 6:15 showdown with Gilford.

Both teams had opportunities to jump on top through the first 20

minutes of the clash, with the visitors enjoying the best opportunity when Conant's Thomas Harvey was able to find and opening. Belmont keeper Jacobb Bivens though came up big, diving to his right to make a huge save.

The Raiders finally cashed in one of their pushes up the field. Freshman Brady Jewell was able to get a shot off among a number of players that bounced off the post. Carrier won the race to the rebound and knocked it home for the

1-0 edge.

Conant didn't give in though and had an opportunity to pull even after the hosts committed a foul in the box. Oriole Josh DiPasquale's shot sailed wide to the right, and the missed opportunity appeared to take some of the fight out of the visitors for the remainder of the first half.

"Them missing that PK was a game changer right there," Foley said. "We've now had three PKs against us and haven't given up a goal.

Jacobb stopped the first two and that one missed. Like I've been saying throughout the year, the soccer gods were kind to us today."

The Orioles came out strong in the second half, looking for equalizer, but didn't have much luck getting free against Belmont defenders Manny Mahoney, Jaxson Embree, Jamison Gaudette, and sweeper Owen Waldron.

Belmont got an insurance goal eight minutes into the second frame. After getting banged up, Foley told Jimenez that he had to come out of the game but would go back in and score.

The veteran coach was right on. Moments after re-entering the contest, the sophomore midfielder found some open space and the back of the goal to give Belmont a two-goal edge.

Conant continued to battle, looking to get back into the contest, but never found an opening.

While the defense held the Orioles off the boards, they received plenty of support with solid efforts in the middle of the field by senior Liam Waldron, Jimenez, and senior Will

JOE SOUZA — PARADISE IN FOCUS

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Winnisquam district hosting forum on Career and Technical Education project

TILTON — The Winnisquam Regional School District will be holding a public forum on Monday, Nov. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Winnisquam Regional High School Ag Center to discuss the proposal for the CTE Center and to gather Input from the public.

The forum is hosted by the Winnisquam

Regional School Board and members of the Ag Planning Committee. Please join us for this informational session to learn more about the proposed CTE Center. Invest in our students to improve: Education – Community – Local Industry.

For more information, go to www.wrsd-sau59.org. Babysitting will be provided.

Art Association hosting open house

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other members of the community.

The Lakes Region Art Gallery is located at the Tanger Outlets Tilton, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite 300, Tilton.

Visit our Web site for more information about the gallery: www.LRAANH.org.

Halloween comes to Sanbornton a little early

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

SANBORNTON — The Town of Sanbornton is a rural community with few tightly-knit neighborhoods and little to no sidewalks where children can go Trick or Treating on Halloween but, thinking outside the box, volunteers and town officials developed a way for all to safely enjoy a most popular holiday.

Due to Halloween falling on a school night this year, the town's ever-growing Trunk or Treat festivities in the parking lot at Sanbornton Central School began at 2 p.m. last Sunday. Approximately two dozen cars and trucks lined up with "spooktacular" displays in the rear of their vehicles where plenty of treats and perhaps a few fun tricks awaited all the boys and girls in their costumes.

Adding to the celebration were a few special features this year. The Wicked Witch-



The Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region flew into Sanbornton last Sunday to perform for the families who came out to enjoy the town's annual Trunk or Treat festivities.

es of the Lakes Region made a special appearance at Trunk or Treat this year, dancing and cackling to a number of Halloween favorites.

(Right) "The Beast" was a popular stop for boys and girls who dared to approach his box and ask for candy during Sanbornton's Trunk or Treat celebration last Sunday afternoon.



ites, such as "Thriller" and "Monster Mash." When their performances were done, an ensemble from Moulton's Band provided more music to keep everyone smiling as they enjoyed the unseasonably warm and sunny day.

A spooky story trail led through the woods between the parking lot and Sanbornton Public Library, providing some additional holiday fun. There was also a haunted trailer in another back corner of the lot where some children came out giggling while others were admittedly bit "spooked" by what they found inside. More candy in their bags quickly eased any of that minor Halloween anxiety, however.

There were also a couple of games to enjoy, bubbles floating through the air and, while all the stops were terrific, there was one Trunk or Treat vehicle that stood out from the rest. A large wooden

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Pumpkin Festival makes a triumphant return



Families check out pumpkins carved by local students during the annual New Hampshire Pumpkin festival.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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LACONIA — The New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival was back in downtown Laconia bringing out thousands of visitors for food, music, games, and a lot of fall and Halloween fun.

Downtown Laconia was packed with activities all day Saturday including live bands, food vendors, an arts and crafts show, bouncy houses, a beer tent, several games, and much more.

The Pumpkin Festival returned after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. This year's festival was almost canceled



Lakes Region Community College held pie eating contests every hour during the NH Pumpkin Festival.

due to a lack of donations and volunteers, but members of the community gave their support, and the event went on as planned.

The festival was put on by the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Executive Di-

rector Karmen Gifford said the day overall went great with great weather and big crowds (including lots of dogs).

"It's phenomenal; we couldn't have asked for a better chamber of commerce day; not a cloud in the sky," Gifford said.



Bouncy houses were set up in the parking lot at Beacon Street East by food stands and craft vendors.



The Weenmobile made an appearance at the Pumpkin Festival.

The layout for this year's festival changed a bit from past festivals. Main Street was kept

open to traffic. Gifford said local venues including the Colonial Theatre, the CAKE Theatre, and Granite State Music Hall all had events going on throughout the day and the days leading up to the festival and traffic was kept flowing.

"We have a really thriving downtown," Gifford said.

There were fewer pumpkins in the festival this year. Gifford said there was no pumpkin tower this year because they couldn't find a place to put it that wouldn't cause issues. Pumpkins from a few local schools were on display by city hall.

"Because it's Halloween weekend the theme seems to be costumes and it's great seeing entire families," Gifford said.

The Children's Costume Parade took place at 1 p.m., with a lot of participants. There was also a Zombie Walk later in the afternoon along with a costume party at The Cake.

She also said every craft vendor seemed happy with how things were

(Left) Children play games in PumpCANALy.

going during the festival.

The cornhole tournament and beer tent by Hector's also drew big crowds.

East Coast Flightcraft detailed a boat to look like a pumpkin and it was put on display.

One of the Oscar Meyer Weinermobiles also made an appearance in the Citizen's Bank parking lot.

Lakes Region Community College hosted a pie eating contest every hour with six contestants vying for an LRCC shirt. All the apple pies were baked by LRCC students at the college's new culinary facilities and given a big dollop of whipped cream before going in front of the contestants.

Students from the Hospitality Club helped with the competition and sat at a table to offer more information on LRCC.

"It's been really fun; it's great to see everybody back," said student Graham Jacques of Coventry, R.I.

Student Keller Grisam comes from Keene and said he went to the original Pumpkin Festival when it took place in Keene.

"As a former citizen of Keene I'm glad to see there's a Pumpkin Festival again," he said.

Grissam said there seemed to be more vendors this year.

Many downtown businesses were open and had special treats for visitors.

Laconia Village Bakery set up a table outside its store selling different pumpkin-flavored sweets such as donuts and whoopie pies, a Thanksgiving casserole, and other treats.

"We try to have lots of pumpkin items," said owner Rachael Marsh.

The store was also open throughout the event with more items inside.

She said she enjoyed seeing so many different people out for the festival and everyone was having a lot of fun.

Several nonprofit organizations from around the state set up tables in PumpkinALLEY on Canal Street including the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. In addition to providing information about the organization, they also had a Laconia High School student doing face painting.

Volunteer Debbie Frawley-Drake said a lot of people came by their table all day.

"We're reminding people that the auction is coming up," Frawley-Drake said.

She said she loved seeing so many people.

"Seeing so many people that I hadn't seen in ages is the best part," Frawley-Drake said.

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BELMONT — Join us for the 41st Annual Greater Lakes Region Childrens Auction, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, Tuesday, Dec. 6-Friday, Dec. 9 live at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont. The Auction airs daily from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Each day will be filled with terrific items up for bid, on-air fun and appearances from friends and neighbors throughout the community. On Friday, Dec. 9, Auction volunteers will come together to announce the total funds raised for children and families in need. Don’t miss it!

The Belknap Marketplace, located on Route 3 in Belmont, is the recent shopping center acquisition of Vernet Properties. People in the Lakes Region knew the property as the Belknap Mall. The new owners have renovated, are signing new tenants, and have changed the name to The Belknap Marketplace to reflect its re-emergence as a multi-use destination in the area. George Vernet, principal and founder of Vernet Properties, is delighted that The Marketplace will be a part of the Auction.

“It is an honor to be associated with such an outstanding organization as the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction,” states Vernet. “They provide so much to the Lakes Region community. The

Belknap Marketplace looks forward to hosting this event that financially supports local children and families in need.”

Jennifer Kelley, GLR-CA Executive Director, is thrilled to hold the Auction at The Belknap Marketplace.

“We are grateful to everyone at The Marketplace for welcoming our hundreds of Auction volunteers into their space,” she states. “The Auction is such a valuable community event. Business leaders throughout the Lakes Region continue to show their generosity to the Auction as we raise funds to financially support local, low-income children and families. Thanks to everyone at Vernet Properties for welcoming the Auction to The Marketplace!”

Come experience the Auction in person at The Marketplace! The week always holds fun surprises. The Marketplace offers plenty of convenient parking, and there will be plenty of in-person viewing on set. Join us Dec. 6-9 to be part of the magic!

Watch, stream or listen

Can’t make it in person? There are so many ways to enjoy the Childrens Auction and bid on fantastic items for your family and friends. Breezeline subscribers can watch us on Channel 12, and LRPA viewers can tune into Channel 25.

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You’re holiday shopping anyway — why not buy something for the Children’s Auction? We’re looking for new, unused, unperishable items, big and small. Gifts cards are always a hit with our bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, toys, services — you name it, we need it! Convenient item collection sites are now open throughout our region, including Alton, Ashland, Belmont, Bristol, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth and Tilton. Visit ChildrensAuction.org for details. And on Black Friday, Nov. 25, visit our collection site at the Belknap Marketplace and drop your items off between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 26, items can be dropped there from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. We will also be accepting items Tues-

day through Thursday of Auction Week right at The Marketplace. Stop by and see us in person!

Bid high, bid often

As we always say, it’s for the kids! Bid online at ChildrensAuction.org, or over the phone during Auction week at (603) 527-0999. Your generosity makes all the difference in the lives of local children and families in need.

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You asked and we listened! Starting on Black Friday, Nov. 25, online Auction bidders can bid early on items with a retail value of \$300 and more. Anyone can bid on these featured items and the items will close during the Auction, Dec. 6-9. Want to donate a special item valued at \$300? Drop it off before Nov. 15 and it will be included in our new, online pre-bidding! For more information, visit ChildrensAuction.org or call (603) 527-0999.

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For the most up-to-date info on the Children’s Auction, plus behind-the-scenes insight into the Auction and the amazing nonprofits that we support, follow us:

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Check out our blog on ChildrensAuction.org, where you’ll see events listed on our calendar all year long.

Kick off your holiday season at the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction, Dec. 6-9 at The Belknap Marketplace in Belmont. See you there!

About the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction

The Greater Lakes Region Childrens Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the Community Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7.5 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.org.

Raider runners wrap up season at Division III State Meet



Alyssa Edgren heads to the finish line of Saturday’s Division III State Meet.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — The Belmont cross country team had a solid performance at the Division III State Meet, with the boys coming home in 13th place and the girls finishing in 12th place overall. The Trinity boys and Hopkinton girls took home the titles from Manchester’s Derryfield Park on Saturday.

The Belmont boys were led by freshman Wyatt Divers, who finished in a time of 18:35 for 29th place.

Baidyn Lewis was next in for the Raiders, finishing in 19:28 for 58th place and Brayden Townsend finished in 19:39 for 61st place overall.

Tanner McKim crossed in a time of 19:49 for 67th place and Tyler Durand rounded out the scoring with a time of 21:38 for 115th place.

Evan Christensen was 125th overall in a time of 22:08 to round out the



Brayden Townsend runs for Belmont in the Division III State Meet Saturday.

field of Raiders.

The Raider girls were led by Alyssa Edgren, who placed 41st overall in a time of 23:07.

Rebekah Edgren finished in 46th place in a time of 23:27 and Adeline Takantjas finished in 73rd place in a time of 25:16.



Adeline Takantjas runs during the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Manchester.

Aspen Fillebrown finished in 102th place in a time of 27:36 and Riley Degange finished in 105th place in a time of 28:07 to round out the scoring.

Emilie DeFrancesco finished in 111th place with a time of 29:02 and Hailey Clermont ran to 113th place in a time of



Evan Christensen makes the final turn toward the finish in Saturday’s Division III State Meet.

29:18.

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On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was en route to give a speech in Dallas, Texas. He was assassinated before reaching his destination, but already written was a speech he was to deliver at the event.

Here we are years later reading his words that call for unity and peace. We have taken portions out due to space, however our hope is that this decades old speech will translate into the present. This speech delivers an important message as we head to the polls next week. Remember to vote for the best candidate in any area and try not to fall into the trap of voting along party lines. Local elections should go to the person who is the biggest champion for your area, with the most experience, full stop. Do your due diligence in researching candidates and do not fall prey to smear campaigns. Follow your gut, and most importantly do your civic duty, by voting.

The speech reads as follows:

“This Nation’s strength and security are not easily or cheaply obtained, nor are they quickly and simply explained. There are many kinds of strength and no one kind will suffice.

“Ignorance and misinformation can handicap the progress of a city or a company, but they can, if allowed to prevail in foreign policy, handicap this country’s security. In a world of complex and continuing problems, in a world full of frustrations and irritations, America’s leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason — or else those who confuse rhetoric with reality and the plausible with the possible will gain the popular ascendancy with their seemingly swift and simple solutions to every world problem.

“There will always be dissident voices heard in the land, expressing opposition without alternative, finding fault but never favor; perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility. Those voices are inevitable. But today, other voices are heard in the land — voices preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality, wholly unsuited to the sixties, doctrines which apparently assume that words will suffice without weapons, that vituperation is as good as victory and that peace is a sign of weakness.

“We cannot expect that everyone, to use the phrase of a decade ago, will “talk sense to the American people.” But we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense. And the notion that this Nation is headed for defeat through deficit, or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain nonsense.

“Above all, words alone are not enough. The United States is a peaceful nation. And where our strength and determination are clear, our words need merely to convey conviction, not belligerence. If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help.

“I have spoken of strength largely in terms of the deterrence and resistance of aggression and attack. But in today’s world, freedom can be lost without a shot being fired, by ballots as well as bullets. The success of our leadership is dependent upon respect for our mission in the world as well as our missiles — on a clearer recognition of the virtues of freedom as well as the evils of tyranny.

“Finally, it should be clear by now that a nation can be no stronger abroad than she is at home. Only an America which practices what it preaches about equal rights and social justice will be respected by those whose choice affects our future. Only an America which has fully educated its citizens is fully capable of tackling the complex problems and perceiving the hidden dangers of the world in which we live. And only an America which is growing and prospering economically can sustain the worldwide defenses of freedom, while demonstrating to all concerned the opportunities of our system and society.

“My friends and fellow citizens: I cite these facts and figures to make it clear that America today is stronger than ever before. Our adversaries have not abandoned their ambitions, our dangers have not diminished, our vigilance cannot be relaxed. But now we have the military, the scientific, and the economic strength to do whatever must be done for preservation and promotion of freedom.

“The strength will never be used in pursuit of aggressive ambitions — it will always be used in pursuit of peace. It will never be used to promote provocations — it will always be used to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes.

“We, in this country, in this generation, are — by destiny rather than by choice — the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of “peace on earth, good will toward men.” That must always be our goal, and the righteousness of our cause must always underlie our strength. For as was written long ago: “except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain.”

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COURTESY

Spaulding Academy & Family Services celebrates fall

The recent sixth annual Fall Fest at Spaulding Academy & Family Services in Northfield featured craft activities, snacks, and Halloween-themed toys for the children to enjoy. Organized by Community Engagement Specialist Joyce McKenney, the highlight of the event was the student-led pumpkin carving and decorating. Performance Food Group (PFG) of Essex, Vermont, generously donated the pumpkins. For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit SpauldingServices.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrats can’t tell the truth

To the Editor:

Just two years ago, at the end of the Trump Administration, we were not only totally energy sufficient, but the US was an energy exporter. While campaigning, Biden promised to slowly phase out our use of fossil fuels. But then he immediately cancelled the Keystone pipeline, fracking was cut back, and new leases for oil drilling on Federal land virtually disappeared. The result — gas prices doubled, New Hampshire electric rates (heavily dependent on natural gas) doubled, and costs for home heating oil have skyrocketed. Because most of our food is trucked in on diesel trucks, food costs have exploded too. Biden’s response has been to release the emergency oil stores to keep gas prices down. This is

the country’s reserve and should only be used in an emergency such as war. What’s the emergency? The Dems are about to get creamed in the election! So Biden puts politics over national security. And now the Saudis have disclosed that Biden pressured them not to cut oil production until after the November election. So eager to get us all on electric (which we don’t have the grid to support), the Dems are responsible for the greatest inflation rate in over 40 years.

Rush Limbaugh was right. The Dems have to lie in order to get elected. If they told you what they really wanted to do, no one would vote for them. Save America Nov. 8. Vote Republican!

*David Strang
Gilmanton*

What does the left really mean by “reproductive rights?”

To the Editor:

The list for what the Democrat candidates promote includes “reproductive rights.” What is the definition of this “right?” Is there such? We all know it means the right for women to kill their unborn baby: “my body, my choice,” in spite of that other tiny body.

Please note the ballot in Michigan put forth and supported by that very extreme governor, Proposal 3, so dangerous and disturbing an attack on parents’ rights! It will take away parental consent for minors re: abortion, puberty blockers, contraception (another cancer-producing potential),” trans “surgical procedures which mutilate young bodies. All pro life laws

since 1946 will be wiped out!

We must stand up for truth, beauty and goodness and promote the dignity of human life, womb to tomb!

Dr. Bernard Nathanson was the initiator of 1973 unconstitutional Roe vs. Wade decision. Before he died, he said to please tell the American people how he deceived them about the non-personhood of the pre-born child!

May God bless Americans and this election for the good.

Sincerely,

*Carol Seely
Belmont*

Book banning: A dangerous and slippery slope

To the Editor:

I recently read of the efforts of New Hampshire Sen. James Gray (R-District 6), in his role as a Rochester City Councilor, to ban books in the Rochester City Library. Throughout history, banning books has been demonstrated to be a very dangerous and slippery slope – think back to the time in the not-so-distant past in Germany. Nazis worked diligently to ban and burn books which they felt were in opposition to their politics.

Yesterday, I saw signs posted on the edges of highways and front lawns in my rural neighborhood with “Ban Senator Gray, NOT Books” in bold letters. While a bit cryptic, the message is important.

We, the voters, need to be informed and thoughtful about who to support in the upcoming election on Nov. 8. It is key to pause and reflect on the implications of Sen. Gray’s focus on banning books in a local library.

Banning books serves no purpose other than to light and fan the flames of a culture war while removing resources for citizens of our “Live Free or Die” state.

As that wise man, Benjamin Franklin, succinctly stated,” Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.” I implore you to be ever mindful of this quote when considering Sen. Gray’s recent actions – and, remember that once started, the descent on this hateful slope is treacherous for our communities.

Ruth Larson, Sen. Gray’s opponent in the Nov. 8 election, understands that book banning goes against our way of life. She supports access to resources for all. Ruth Larson will work to unite us rather than divide us.

*June Garen
Gilmanton*

Joe Kenney needs another vacation

To the Editor:

Our current District 1 Republican Executive Councilor Joe Kenney once again needs a vacation from office until he learns that he is supposed to represent the wishes of the folks he represents! As I recall Joe once before lost a bid for reelection because he lost touch with the needs of the folks in his district!

In the past, Joe has voted with Sununu to appoint new Public Utility Commissioners who after a short time in office approved outrageous increases in our electric bills many suffered at least a 50 percent increase. Question is who was representing the needs of the folks of New Hampshire in this matter? Big business won again!

He has supported Sununu’s abortion law 100 percent which violates the rights of the women of New Hampshire.

I also recall that he voted with Sununu not to accept various Federal funds for New Hampshire for reasons that didn’t make any sense! He and Sununu also have prevented state funding for the Planned Parenthood organization this year!

So folks it’s time to replace Joe once again this time with Dana Hilliard as our new District 1 Democratic Executive Councilor!

Please vote for Dana Hilliard on Election Day!

*Bill Whalen
Sanbornton*

Tim Lang offers the leadership we need in Concord

To the Editor:

After more than 70 years, having served in the US Marines, the FBI, and an international airline Captain, I’ve come to recognize good leaders. During my six years in the New Hampshire House and additional six years in the New Hampshire Senate, I’ve also come to recognize effective legislators. Tim Lang is both, and that’s why I’ve endorsed and supported Tim as a candidate for our State Senate.

I’m not alone in my endorsement. Tim has also been endorsed by most of the sitting chairmen in the New Hampshire House, the sitting Republican Senators, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Republican Majority Leader, and our Governor.

We’ve seen Tim’s strong, sensible leadership

during the Gunstock debacle, where he and a minority of Belknap County Representatives stayed the course and ultimately reversed a disastrous and destructive course of action.

Tim’s a strong leader, an effective legislator, and a fiscal conservative who will protect our New Hampshire citizens’ rights and our “New Hampshire advantage,” and will block legislation that undermines our New Hampshire “Live Free or Die” spirit.

Please join me in electing a proven and effective leader to the NH Senate. Vote for Tim Lang for State Senator on Nov. 8.

Respectfully,

*Sen. Bob Giuda
Wentworth*

North Country Notebook



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Editor's note: Mr. Harrigan was unable to submit a new North Country Notebook column in time to meet our press deadline for this week's edition. In its place, we present the following column, which originally appeared in print the first week of November 2008.

It snowed here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 28, 29 and 30. This is not all that unusual, since we live at elevation 1554 and just a couple of miles south of the 45th Parallel. The last time I looked at a globe, that's halfway between the Equator and the North Pole. Who should be surprised at snow in late October?

As a matter of fact, by the end of September we'd already had two good, hard frosts, and one day during the first week of October, when I hiked into camp, I wished I'd thought to bring a hat and gloves, because it was a hike through a hail of sleet. My fingers were so numb that I had a struggle to set a fire in the stove. Hardly ever has a wood fire felt so good. Whenever I'm in a situation where I just positively have to get a fire going, with half-frozen fingers, which has happened fairly often in my life, I think of Jack London's "To Build a Fire."

There is inevitable grouching about snow, but I prefer to look it as the returning embrace of an old friend, sort

It snowed (knew it would), and some glad for the firewood

of the way I prefer to welcome the embrace of the night. Both are eventualities, so you might as well enjoy the dance.

We are fortunate to be able to burn our own wood to stay warm for the winter, but there is always a price for everything, and so in all seasons - spring, summer and fall - firewood is on my mind. By winter, it's too late. But it's even more complicated than that. It's best to think an entire year, even better two years, ahead. So my trees for 2009 have been on the ground since last spring, and the trees for 2010 will be on the ground this winter.

In my log landing just up the road are about 80 entire trees, having been given just the barest of haircuts so that most branches of burnable size remain. These I will continue hauling with the tractor, two or three at a time depending on size, down alongside the outdoor furnace to be cut up into three-foot sections and burned, until Dec. 31.

That's my cut-off date for any more hauling. On the First of the New Year, I declare a holiday (and more) from any more dragging, and begin digging into the six cords or more of three-foot wood we've long since stock-piled in the wood shed adjacent to the outdoor furnace. This should get us well into early May, near the end of Mud Season, when the black flies come out.

(Funny how we measure the seasons. There is the time of first green grass to the time of last green grass, in terms of livestock. There is first "kissing frost" and then first hard frost, and then of course first snow, and then first "sticking snow." And

many months later, snow fleas, and corn snow, and then melting snow, and then Mud Season, and then black flies, and then another first green grass. Better than a calendar, and what a way to live.)

In the meantime, just now, we have a few more loads of well-seasoned short

blocks of hardwood to split and haul into the woodshed in the ell for the fireplace and, if we choose, for the stove in the Fish and Game Room. We don't need to run fires in the house, because the outdoor furnace will handle all the heat and hot water we need, but sometimes there's just nothing like a

good fire, especially if you're cold and wet. But as anyone who's handled much firewood knows, this is hard work, the stuff for which good soups and stews are made.

And in the more meantime, there are abundant blocks of clear fir, spruce and cedar stacked up outside my shop, where on a

lowery day I can kindle a fire in the old logging camp box stove, and take my splitting axe by the haft and knock up a bunch of kindling.

"What in the Lord are you going to do with all that kindling?" visitors often ask. But come May, we somehow seem to be almost out.



POINT OF LAW

Why a trust is the best option to avoid probate



BY ORA SCHWARTZBERG
Schwartzberg Law
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Ideally, when someone passes away, the paperwork and material concerns associated with the deceased's passing are so seamlessly handled (thanks to excellent preparation) that they fade into the background, allowing the family and other loved ones to grieve and remember the deceased in peace.

In fact, the whole business of estate planning—or at least a significant piece of it—is concerned with ease. How can money, property, and legacies be transferred to the next generation in a harmonious, stress-free,

fair process? To that end, many people strive to avoid burdening their loved ones with the complications and costs involved with probate.

There are numerous tools of the trade that a qualified attorney can use to keep your money and property out of probate, for example, establishing joint ownership on bank accounts and real estate titles, designating beneficiaries for life insurance policies and certain accounts, and so on. However, setting up a revocable living trust is quite often the best, most comprehensive option for avoiding probate. Let's discuss why this is true.

What is a trust?

Often touted as an alternative to a will, a trust is a legal structure that owns your accounts and property or is named as the beneficiary of certain accounts and property (like a retirement account) and is managed by a trusted decision

maker, also known as a trustee, on your and your beneficiaries' behalf. A living trust is established while you are still alive, as opposed to being created upon your death. You can be the trustee for your own living trust until you are no longer able to manage your financial affairs or you pass away, at which point your chosen backup trustee, also known as a successor trustee, steps up and assumes the responsibility for managing the trust on your or your beneficiaries' behalf.

How does a trust help you avoid probate?

The purpose of probate is to transfer property ownership for all accounts and property that are owned in your sole name and that do not have a beneficiary, pay-on-death, or transfer-on-death designation when you pass away. A trust can bypass this process

completely because your accounts and property are either transferred to the trust while you are alive, or the trust is named as the beneficiary at your death. Therefore, when you die, there is nothing that needs to be transferred by the probate court (everything is already in your trust or was transferred to the trust automatically at your death). Furthermore, a trust can cover virtually any type of account or property, from real estate to heirlooms to stock to bank accounts. When a trust is structured correctly with the help of an experienced estate planning attorney, your affairs can stay out of probate court entirely. This process not only limits court costs but also maintains the privacy of your financial records while enabling your beneficiaries to enjoy the benefits of the trust without disruption or delay.

HALLOWEEN

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box with "Beware" in blood red letters had curious children lining up behind it. A mysterious voice from inside, from someone known only as "The Beast," would then ask them one by one what their preference would be for candy. Once The Beast knew if they liked sweet or sour candies a ghoulish hand poked out from the box and they hesitantly reached out to grab their treat.

"This has got to be the most popular stop here this year," one dad laughed as his children anxiously waited for their turn

at the box.

The fun didn't end that afternoon though. From 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Trick or Treat was officially underway in Sanbornton. Because of the difficulty in finding places to walk from house to house, volunteers put together a town wide map of places where parents could take them to knock on doors, show off their costumes and get more treats.

Once darkness fell over the town, happy children returned home to get ready for classes in the morning and perhaps a bit more Halloween fun on the official date of Oct. 31.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Avoid becoming 'burden' on grown children

Here's an interesting statistic: Some 72% of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to a 2021 survey by Age Wave and Edward Jones. Both before and during retirement, what steps can you take to avoid burdening your loved ones in the future?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Build your retirement savings.** The greater your financial resources, the less likely it becomes that you'd ever have to count on your grown children for financial support. You may have access to a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, so take advantage of it. Even with an employer-sponsored plan, you also may be eligible to contribute to an IRA. In addition to offering a variety of investment options, a 401(k) and IRA provide potential tax advantages. And once you do retire, be

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careful about how much you withdraw each year from your retirement plans and other investments.

- **Plan for health care costs.** Once you are retired, health care costs will be a significant expense. You may have Medicare, but you'll also want to consider your need for supplemental health insurance to cover traditional medical costs. And you'll want to consider another potential health-related expense: long-term care. You may never need the services of a home health aide or a stay in the nursing home, but no one can predict the future. Medicare does not cover most costs for long-term care, which can be quite high. In 2021, the annual national median cost for a private room in a nursing home was over \$108,000, while the median cost for a full-time home health aide was nearly \$62,000, according to a survey by Genworth, an insurance

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company. You may want to consult with a financial professional on strategies for protecting yourself from these costs.

- **Create necessary legal documents.** If something were to happen to you, and you didn't have the appropriate legal documents in place, your loved ones could be placed in a bind, both financially and emotionally. That's why it's a good idea to create documents such as a durable financial power of attorney, which lets you name someone to manage your finances if you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions on your behalf if you can't make them yourself. You'll want to work with a legal professional to develop the documents appropriate for your needs.

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- **Evaluate your housing needs.** As you enter retirement, you may want to evaluate your living situation. Could you downsize to a smaller home, or perhaps a condominium or apartment? Not only might you save money with such a move, but you could also end up relieving your grown children of the responsibilities and hassles involved in clearing out and selling your home should you become unable to do so yourself during the later years of your retirement.

By taking these measures, along with others, you can go a long way toward maintaining your independence and putting yourself in a place where you won't burden your grown children. And that's a good place to be.

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Audubon Center presents Arctic science adventure program

MOULTONBOROUGH — The Lakes Region Chapter of NH Audubon is pleased to present a program with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute senior scientist Carin Ashjian, who participated in the MOSAiC Expedition aboard the icebreaker Polarstern in 2020, which was the largest Arctic science expedition ever attempted. The goal of the MOSAiC (Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate) expedition was to take the closest look ever at the Arctic as the epicenter of global warming and to gain fundamental insights that are key to better understand global climate change. Hundreds of researchers from 20 countries were involved in this exceptional endeavour. Following in the footsteps of Fridtjof Nansen's ground-breaking expedition with his wooden sailing ship Fram in 1893-1896, the MOSAiC expedition brought a modern research icebreaker close to the North Pole for a full year including for the



first time in polar winter. The data gathered will be used by scientists around the globe to take climate research to a completely new level.

The Polarstern was already frozen in the ice when Carin and the 60-plus members of the third team to travel to the ship left Tromsø, Norway, in late January, 2020. After 24 days of icebreaking aboard the Russian icebreaker Kapitan Dranitsyn, they reached the Polarstern, planning to

stay and do science in their various disciplines, including atmospheric, ecosystem, sea ice, and biogeochemistry, until the end of April, when they would be replaced by the team of Leg 4. Due to the outbreak of the pandemic, Carin's team remained on the ship

until the beginning of June, arriving back in Norway mid-June to a world of mask-wearing and quarantines. Carin was a part of Team Ecosystem, and her specialty is the study of copepods, tiny aquatic crustaceans that form the basis of the Arctic food chain. Carin's program

will be presented at the Loon Center on Lee's Mills Road in Moultonborough on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public, and the Loon Center is handicapped accessible. For more information, please call the Loon Center at 603-4765666.

Medicare open enrollment is here!

REGION — Open Enrollment is officially here! From Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is another time of change – the Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period (AEP). During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can review and change their Prescription drug plans (PDP) and Medicare Advantage plans (HMO/PPO) for the best coverage and cost options. Coverage for any plan changes made during AEP begins on Jan. 1. Are you unsure of what plans are available to you, or need help navigating coverage options? ServiceLink provides free and unbiased counseling related to Medicare coverage options. Se-

riveLink services are available across New Hampshire. To be connected to a center near you, please call 1-866-634-9412. Local options include Lori Raymond with Servicelink of Belknap (603-528-6945) as well as Janet Lavertue of Carroll County (603-323-2043). Appointments fill up fast and are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. This article was published by the Partnership for Public Health, your Lakes Region Public Health agency, working to improve the health and wellbeing of our region through collaboration and community improvement activities.

Second Annual Jake Deware Kindness Project Golf Tournament a success

CANTERBURY — The second annual Jake Deware Kindness Project Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Canterbury Woods Golf Course with 124 golfers and many friends and family to make for an unforgettable day. An amazing \$25,360 was raised for the Jake Deware Kindness Project and it would not have been made possible without the following: Rowell's Services (Presenting Sponsor), Pipe Connections (gold and longest drive spon-

sors), Boston Beer company (gold sponsor), Nick Harriman-State Farm (silver sponsor), and bronze sponsors PENCO Plumbing & Heating, Wood & Clay Inc., Angelview Realty LLC, American Natural, and an anonymous bronze sponsor: the beverage cart sponsorships from Kyle Minery and ALTA Equipment, as well as 20 different green/tee sponsorships and monetary donations including a mystery sponsor made for a fun-filled event. Jake Deware of Bel-

mont was 20 years young when he passed away from injuries sustained in a dirt bike accident in November 2020. Loved ones of Jake quickly founded the Jake Deware Kindness Project to continue his legacy of giving, his big heart, and random acts of kindness. His giving spirit touched many and this project has helped those close to him heal and feel connected as a community. To date, the Jake Deware Kindness Project has sponsored:

- Belmont High School Robotics and Outdoor Environmental Clubs
- Children's Fishing Derby
- Christmas trees for families in Belmont & Canterbury
- Best Buddies Program
- Comfort Critters to Shaker Regional School

District for students having a bad day

- Funded an annual scholarship for a graduating senior going into the trades, as well as 2 book or tool grants to Belmont High School seniors
- Mary's Dogs (rescue foundation)
- 90 children through the Hunter Safety Course
- 7 children to different programs at Highland Mountain Bike Park
- Belmont High School Boys' basketball and hockey teams

To learn more about the incredible man that Jake was and his legacy, please join the Jake Deware Kindness Project Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/226318382426429> and remember — "Live your life, be kind along the way."

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LRPA-TV gives thanks for classic films this November

LACONIA—Let’s be grateful for the bounty of classic cinema all month long on LRPA After Dark! Throughout November, join us each Friday and Saturday night at 10:00 PM for wonderful movies from different genres. This weekend (Nov. 4 & 5) we start with a classic Western, 1947’s “Angel and the Badman,” starring The Duke himself, John Wayne, as well as Gail Russell and Harry Carey.

“Angel and the Badman” tells the tale of Quirt Evans (Wayne), an infamous gunslinger who’s been wounded and is on the run. He winds up at a farm run by a Quaker fami-

ly, where he collapses from fatigue. Quirt is taken in and nursed by the family, particularly their lovely daughter Penelope (Russell). As Quirt regains his strength, he is slowly drawn to the family’s peaceable ways, and he and Penelope begin to fall in love. Men from Quirt’s troubled past come seeking vengeance against him; will he choose violence, or will he find another way to confront them?

John Wayne was not only the star of “Angel and the Badman” -- he was also its producer. After having been a contract player at Republic Studios for eight years, he flexed

his desire to have more artistic control over his films and roles, and “Angel and the Badman” was the result. Although not wildly popular with audiences of its day, it was a hit with the critics. Variety called it “...solid entertainment way above what might be expected from its western locale and characters and loaded with sharp performances.” The years have been kind to this film, and many Wayne fans consider it to be one of his finest performances. Will you agree? Grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this wonderful romantic western.

Mark your calendars as LRPA After Dark gives thanks to classic film all November:

Nov. 4 & 5: 1947’s “Angel and the Badman”

Nov. 11 & 12: 1952’s “The Snows of Kilimanjaro”

Nov. 18 & 19: 1946’s “The Strange Love of Martha Ivers”

Nov. 25 & 26: 1940’s “His Girl Friday”

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Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA streams via the web at live.lrpa.org, and broadcasts locally on Breezeline Channel 24 (educational programming), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to 11,000 viewers in our member communities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. Programming is pro-

duced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA’s mission is to empower our community members to produce content that

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Lights, camera, actio... oh, no!

BY HUNTER PERKINS
One Light Theatre

LACONIA — One Light Theatre of Laconia proudly presents “The Play That Goes Wrong,” a hysterical show within a show. Partnered with Laconia High School at 345 Union Ave, Laconia, performances will be on Nov. 4, 5, and 11 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 12 at 2:30 and 7 p.m.

Every actor knows when they’re in a show, no matter how prepared they may be, something will go wrong. Especially on opening night. Between forgotten lines, missed cues, or failed costume changes, that’s the magic of live theater. It’s a terrifying truth all actors have to come to terms with. The bottom line is: the show must go



on, and that’s what this play is all about.

The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society finally has the perfect amount of cast members to put on a thrilling whodunnit, “The Murder at Haversham Manor.” Set in the early 1920’s, Charles Haversham (Cody Perkins) is holding an engagement party for he and his fiancé, Florence Colley Moore (Anna Cook).

Romiglio) find a dead Charles Haversham on a chaise lounge. Frantic, Robert calls Inspector Carter (Joelle Del Signore) while Perkins calls Florence and Cecil Haversham (Hunter Perkins) down to the living room. Once everyone gathered in the living room, Inspector Carter begins her investigation. But while she is interrogating each individual, more and more things go wrong. So much so that stage manager Annie (Hillary Ayers), and stagehand Trevor (Ethan Nowack) make their acting debuts!

“This show is truly one of the most hysterical scripts I have ever read. It’s a great blend of slapstick comedy mixed with intelligent writing,” says director Jason Roy.

Watch the madness unfold at Laconia High School next weekend! Some tickets will be available at the door, but buying ahead is encouraged. Visit onelighttheatre.nh.org to purchase your tickets online.

Franklin Savings Bank announces employee promotions

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Jim DuBois to EVP, Senior Loan Officer, and Joe Thornton to EVP, Chief Administrative Officer.

“This is a wonderful honor for Jim and Joe, and I am pleased to recognize them both for their contributions to the bank over the years,” noted Brian Bozak, President & COO. “They are truly dedicated to our customers and communities, and I wish them continued success in their elevated roles.”

DuBois has been with

the bank since 2014 in the role of SVP, Senior Loan Officer. He has oversight of the commercial lending, residential lending and credit departments. A veteran banker with over 40 years of industry experience, he has a BS in business administration from Plymouth State University. DuBois is a former member of the board of directors for Franklin Business & Industrial Development Corporation, Capital Regional Development Council, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, and the Salvation Army of Nashua. Further, he

coached youth sports in Franklin for many years where he resides with his wife of more than 50 years.

Thornton began his career with FSB in 1992 as a Teller Supervisor before transitioning into other key positions in retail and human resources over a career spanning more than 30 years. In his elevated role, he will have oversight of administrative operations for retail, human resources, deposit operations, risk management and facilities. Thornton has a BS in business administration from Southern NH

University in Manchester. He also serves on the board of directors for the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool. He resides in Sanbornton with his wife.

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Belknap EDC awarded 2022 micro-enterprise grant to support small businesses

LACONIA — Belknap EDC will be allocating more than \$200,000 to support small business development in the region. Working with the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Belknap EDC will be able to directly support businesses

with accessing technical assistance, business plan development, direct grant, financing and other resources.

The Community Development Block Grant, administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) is for

low- to moderate-income (LMI) microenterprises (those with fewer than five employees) and start-ups to provide a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services.

“We are pleased to partner with CDFA, SBDC, WEDCO and our

strategic partners to provide this much needed one on one support to our small business community,” said Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC’s Executive Director.

A qualifying business must be classified as a for-profit entity with five or fewer employees, be in

current operation or in start-up mode, be located within Belknap County and meet specific income requirements. More details can be found at belknapedc.org.

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Raiders win muddy first-round battle

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — Alejandro Jimenez scored a pair of goals on a muddy pitch as the Belmont boys' soccer team knocked off Derryfield 2-0 in the opening round of the Division III tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The fourth-seeded Raiders could not score in the first half, with Jimenez scoring the first of his two goals four minutes into the second half, finishing off a corner kick from Will Riley for the 1-0 lead.

Four minutes later, Jimenez took a ball off a deflection from the keeper and volleyed it off the post and in for the 2-0



RC GREENWOOD
Alejandro Jimenez scored a pair of goals during action against Derryfield last week.



RC GREENWOOD
(Left) Brady Jewell pushes the ball through the rain in action last week against Derryfield.

lead.

"Conditions of the field were less than stellar," said Belmont coach Mike Foley. "Very slick and muddy."

He noted that keeper Jacobb Bivens had a strong game in net with five saves and the defensive unit of Owen Wal-

dron, Jaxson Embree, Jamison Gaudette and Manny Mahoney had a strong showing, shutting down Derryfield's offense.

The Raiders moved on to the Division III quarterfinals, where they faced Conant on Sunday (see separate story).

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Riley.

"We knew it was going to be a physical battle and it was. We knew who their go-to players were in (DiPasquale, Harvey,



JOE SOUZA — PARADISE IN FOCUS
Belmont sophomore midfielder Alejandro Jimenez heads the ball away from Conant's Thomas Harvey during the NHIAA Division III boys' soccer quarterfinal contest in Belmont. Also in on the play are Belmont's Sam Slayton and Conant's Kaden Colby.

and Jacob Sawyer)," said Foley. "We had to pay attention to them, and 25 (Jordan Nagle) was a phenomenal strong player on defense."

"You have to tip your cap to Conant. They were



JOE SOUZA — PARADISE IN FOCUS
Belmont's Manny Mahoney keeps an eye on the ball after colliding with Conant's Ben Sawyer during the NHIAA Division III tournament contest won by the Raiders. Also in on the play are Belmont's Ronan Taylor and Conant's Drey Seppala.

tough and physical," he added. "We earned it today. As they say we punched our ticket to the final four. We literally did."

And now the Raiders will look to go toe-to-toe with rival Gilford for a berth in the champion-

ship game. The Golden Eagles won the two regular season contests, 4-1 and 3-0.

The semifinal game took place after deadline, with the finals set for Sunday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. at Manchester Memorial High School.

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