

Local Republicans back Lamontagne for governor Cilley earns support of area democrats

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REGION — Voters in New Hampshire made their way to the polls on Tuesday as Democrats and

Republicans made their choices on which party candidates they wanted to advance to the General Election on Nov. 6.

In the Winnisquam Re-

gion, Jackie Cilley received a grand total of 543 votes to become the region's pick for governor on the democratic ticket, edging out Maggie Hassan,

who received 507 votes, and Bill Kennedy, who drew the support of 118 fellow Democrats; however, statewide, it was Hassan who took the overall win.

On the local Republican ticket, it was Ovide Lamontagne with 1,110 votes, soundly defeating Kevin Smith and Robert Tarr, who received 482 and 25 votes, respectively. Statewide, Lamontagne also won the nod from his party, and will face Hassan off against Hassan in November.

For the U.S. House of Representatives, incumbent Frank Guinta held the lead in not only Tilton, Sanbornton and Belmont, but across the entire New Hampshire First Congressional District, handily topping Republican challengers Rick Parent and Vern Clough. On the Democratic side, Carol Shear Porter ran unopposed, and will match up against Guinta for the General Election.

In Northfield, part of District 2, Ann Kuster ran unopposed for the Democrats, and Republican incumbent Charlie Bass readily beat out challengers for his current seat in Congress.

New Hampshire Executive Council races saw Ray Burton winning the approval of Republican voters in Tilton and Sanbornton's District 1. Beth Punicella ran unopposed on the Democratic side to now challenge Burton for his long-standing seat in Concord.

Michael Tierney also ran unopposed in the Republican race for District 2 in Belmont and Northfield, and although John D. Shea received the most votes on

the local Democratic ticket, district wide, it was Colin Van Ostern who was selected to face Tierney for a spot on the council.

One State Senate race in the region saw no surprises, as both Democrat Robert Lamb, Jr. and Republican incumbent Jeanie Forrester ran unopposed. In Belmont, however, the race between Republicans William Grimm and Joshua Yousef was too close to call by press time, but Andrew Hosmer won his bid for the Democratic ticket.

For the State House of Representatives Sanbornton and Tilton have two seats up for grabs in November. Jane Alden and Ian Raymond were selected by Democrats to vie for those openings, with Alden receiving 253 votes and Raymond 343. The pair beat out fellow Democrat Stanley Robinson who drew 174 of the votes. On the Republican side, current State Representative Dennis Fields and Timothy Lang, Sr. will each advance to the November election. Leigh Webb and Joy Tilton won the Democratic openings in Merrimack District 3 and will next face Republicans Carolyn Virtue and Greg Hill.

Ron Cormier and George Condodemetraky will represent the Republicans in two openings for the Belmont District 6 seats in Concord. The two could be up against Democratic write-in candidates Michael Sylvia and

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It takes a village

Staff of Laconia Early Learning Center, a Lakes Region Child Care Services (LRCCS) program, were the happy recipients of a truck full of clean sand donated by Pike Industries on Aug. 1. Parent volunteers joined LRCCS staff and a volunteer taskforce from Belknap Landscape in spreading the new sand. Laconia Early Learning Center is located at 22 Strafford St. in Laconia, and is open 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., year round. Lakes Region Child Care Services operates child care centers in Laconia, Belmont and Plymouth and before-and-after school care at Laconia and Belmont Elementary Schools. LRCCS was named child care of the year by the Department of Children, youth, and Families.

Black Brook Road residents bring drainage concerns to selectmen

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SANBORNTON — Several residents of Black Brook Road crowded the selectmen's meeting last week to express their concerns about water drainage on their road along Lake Winnisquam, above and beyond the new box culvert for the brook that will be installed in the coming weeks.

Most were property owners of former cottages in the Winnisquam Association who reported that their land is so wet, some of the former cottages have rotted underneath, and had to be replaced.

One resident reported his property receives so much water flow from the uphill side of the road that part of his land can only be used three months out of the year.

"I've thought about putting a ditch through my yard, but it's all flat, so there's nowhere for the water to go," he told the selectmen and Public Works Director Johnny Van Tassel.

Van Tassel said he had been out inspecting the area recently, and noticed there was considerable dirt and leaf build up in ditches along the road that does not allow the runoff

to properly flow, and then causes problems with the road, as well.

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String of incidents keeps local police busy

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SANBORNTON — Officers in several jurisdictions were kept busy over the weekend with the search and apprehension of two suspects involved in a series of late night incidents along Lake Winnisquam waterfront, including the theft of a jet ski, a pick-up truck, and numerous smaller items removed from area boats, as well as some minor damage at locations along the shoreline of neighboring

communities. Sanbornton Police Chief Stephen Hankard said Officer Matt Terry was on duty at 3:31 a.m. on Sept. 8 when a call came in for the theft of a jet ski in progress on Lakeside Drive, just off Lower Bay Road in Sanbornton.

As Terry approached the scene, two male suspects attempted to flee in a stolen silver pick-up truck, which was driving in reverse at a high rate of speed. The pair ultimately backed it into a tree along the narrow road, then fled on foot. Terry immediately called for backup to initiate a search for the men.

"Officer Terry did an excellent job coordinating all the different agencies to assist in the search and apprehension of the suspects," said Hankard.

Initially responding to the scene were officers from Belmont and Meredith, along with New Hampshire State Police and Marine Patrol. Later, Northfield police and a canine unit from Gilford joined in

the hunt.

The canine, Agbar, located the 17-year-old driver of the stolen vehicle in the nearby woods.

Two hours later, an officer from Northfield found the second suspect, 20-year-old Zackarie Farrell of Gilmanton, on Warrens Barn Road, also in the vicinity of Lower Bay Road in Sanbornton.

Hankard reported on Monday that the driver, who is a minor and therefore remains unidentified, was initially charged with resisting arrest and loitering/prowling. Farrell has so far only been charged with unlawful possession of alcohol, and the two are both scheduled to appear in Franklin District Court on Oct. 9.

In the days since the incident, Officer Terry and Sgt. Justin Howe were able to determine the pick-up truck was stolen from Lakeside Drive and that a Jet Ski and boat were also stolen by the pair over the course of

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A haven from the heat

"How do you spell relief?" If one-year-old Rider Hicks and his puppy could spell, they would say "P-U-D-D-L-E" as their way to cool off on a hot summer day.

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Church Street Bridge could re-open by Thanksgiving

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BELMONT — Selectmen in Belmont met on Sept. 4, and heard the good news that traffic could be flowing once more over the Church Street Bridge in the downtown village district by Thanksgiving.

Reopening of the bridge over the Tiooga River could, however, hinge on whether

or not the Department of Environmental Services is able to work with the town to expedite the permitting process due to the recent closure of the bridge, and therefore prevent a snow removal "nightmare" this winter.

"We won't be able to use the emergency permit process, but we should be able to get them to expedite the permits for the work to

be done so the bridge can be opened by Thanksgiving," said Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin.

The announcement came after the Department of Transportation sent the town a notice in March that despite a December interim inspection, which cited some deficiencies, there was no need to close

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Charles Fink, who were selected over Jessica Ellis-Hopkins...

For District 9 in Belmont, Democrat Beth Arenault will face Harry Accornero...

Sheriff Craig Wiggin. Tuesday's primary elections marked the first time New Hampshire voters were asked to present a photo I.D. before receiving their ballots and most towns reported there was little opposition to the new law.

Goss said things ran smoothly in her town and many people were glad to present their identification in order to cast their votes.

While the requirement was somewhat relaxed for its debut, in November, those without the proper identification will be asked to sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit before being handed their ballots.

ment of Motor Vehicle location where identifications are issued. Those who need more information on the Voter I.D. Law can find an explanatory document on most town web sites or may contact their local town clerk for assistance.

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"The problem is, the ditches hold water in them too long with that build up, and that keeps the road soft, like in the spring, when we have a six ton limit on the road," he said.

lier this year, said he would ask people to be patient as he tries to correct past neglect and begins to change things to a maintenance program versus the reconstruction phase people are now seeing.

the once low-populated area of the town. "These days, you can't just run around willy-nilly and run water off wherever you want to," Van Tassel said.

their property. Carmine Cioffi complained that changes to a ditch by his home and property have created problems he hadn't seen in years.

ate future problems when the road gets a new base coat this fall. "That is all going to be fixed after the road is done. We'll clear the ditch, lay fabric down, and then replace the stone," he said.

made arrangements to see first hand what was happening with the water drainage the following day. "I really do care about what happens to you all," he said.

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the bridge at that time. In August, however, notice came that it was not safe after all due to "critical deficiencies."

Once that notice was received, the board held an emergency meeting and ordered the immediate closure of the bridge.

the future. The board deferred to Public Works director Jim Fortin for the details of the repair. "We need to get another 10-15 years out of the bridge," Fortin told them.

Engineering for the repairs will cost the town \$14,000, and that cost will include the \$5,000 permit for work along a waterway. Estimates for the repair work itself is estimated to be somewhere in the vicinity of \$50,000-\$75,000.

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the evening, Hankard said. The investigation is ongoing, and now includes officers from Sanbornton, Laconia and Tilton, along with the New Hampshire Marine Patrol.

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In the meantime, the chief was grateful for the efforts of his officers and the responding departments in bringing a stop to the crimes.

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