

BELKNAP STATEHOUSE RACE

Priscilla Bean

By BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — Local rental property owner Priscilla Bean may not have political experience, but she knows the Statehouse like the back of her hand, as she was often there with her late husband, Harry Bean.

Bean is making a push for a seat serving Gilford, Gilmanton and Laconia Ward 2. But first, she needs

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Lois Kessin

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LACONIA — Lois Kessin, longtime community activist and women's soccer pioneer, is running for a seat in the Statehouse with a focus on housing affordability, restorative justice, and protecting the environment.

Kessin is seeking public office for the

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Colleen Harkey

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GILMANTON — Colleen Harkey believes strongly in constituent services, and she's running for a seat in the Statehouse with the drive to be transparent and respectable, while listening and doing her homework.

The Gilmanton resident is running in the Republican primary on Tuesday, Sept. 8, taking

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25 years later, LCHIP celebrates preserving 600 historic, natural resources statewide

Gregg, Shaheen honored for longstanding commitment to helping communities retain their own sense of place

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CANTEBURY — Nearly 200 supporters

of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program gathered at the Shaker Village Thursday, to celebrate 25 years of work on projects across the state, preserving historic buildings and properties.

Former Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) and current Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) accepted LCHIP Legacy Awards for their continued support of the program, which has funded more than 600 projects in the Granite State.

Introducing the award winners were two founding board members of

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Brenda Paquette, left, member of the Save Our Gale School Committee, gifts Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) with a picture of the old Gale School in Belmont, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school's reopening on Aug. 18. Shaheen was instrumental in securing funding for the project, supported by the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. (Delaney Nickerson/The Laconia Daily Sun file photo)

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